



DRC and integration of refugees in Denmark

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DRC DANISH
REFUGEE
COUNCIL

Danish Refugee Council (Dansk Flygtningehjælp)

- Founded in 1956 – Hungarian refugees
- Largest Danish NGO with programs in 40 countries – emergency aid, protection, reconstruction etc.
- 8,000 employees
- In Denmark:
 - > Counselling of asylum applicants
 - > Integration
 - > Advocacy



Asylum applicants and refugees in DK

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Asylum applicants	14,792	21,316	6,266	3,500	3,523	2,716	1,515	2,095
Residence permits	6,104	10,849	7,494	2,750	1,652	1,777	601	1,357

	Nationality of asylum applicants	2021
1	Afghanistan	554
2	Eritrea	381
3	Syria	330
4	Iran	67
5	Morocco	67



The Danish Integration Act

- Quota system dispersing refugees to (almost) all municipalities
- Programme for integration – up to 5 years
- Responsibility of municipalities – individual plans



Entitlements:

- Affordable housing
- Free Danish language tuition
- Help finding employment
- Social security / unemployment benefit
- Health care, mental and social care (trauma rehabilitation etc.)

Obligations – 37 hours per week:

- Attend language training and pass test
- Actively participate in employment promoting schemes

DRC Integration (appr. 80 employees and 6,500 volunteers)

- Employment
- Children & Family
- Volunteer
- Knowledge & Development
 - > *Knowledge Center for Vulnerable Refugees*
- DFUNK

<https://drc.ngo/our-work/what-we-do/integration/>

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Integration

DRC's Integration Circle



- **A dignified life** as a vision for integration activities: Support and enable refugees and migrants to be part of a community and to enjoy equal rights and opportunities in Denmark.
- Language proficiency, employment, participation in civil society, and an inclusive society are pivotal for the quality of life, empowerment and future possibilities of refugees and migrants.
- Meeting the individual with a focus on resources.

Engaging volunteers

Infrastructure

- 25.000+ refugees and immigrants engage in activities with appr. 6,500 volunteers on a yearly basis
- Volunteers are organised in 145+ groups across the country and supported by 30 employees

Activities

- Language training, mentoring, job search, network families/-persons, social events, and counselling
- Projects: MindSpring-groups, maternity groups, play groups for children, leisure, groups for elderly, etc.





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