

3. The extent to which many of the women's concerns are in fact family issues should be emphasised. Their efforts to develop more effective strategies to cope with their experiences should be supported. This will result in increased benefit to them and their children. The women should not be expected to respond alone to the implications for intervention from the assessment. In this regard it is important also that the men are not alienated by falling into the trap of "beating" them with the assessment results.
4. The process of the Focus Group Discussion, the questionnaire survey, and the feedback of the survey results has enhanced the development of the women's groups and activities. This momentum should be used to initiate more self-help groups and further promote women's participation in the camp decision making.
5. The networks of women that were established during the focus group discussions should be maintained and supported as sources of assistance and information. They have provided much needed medium through which the women have been able to express their concerns in a constructive manner.
6. The women's anxieties about repatriation should and can be addressed by providing them with information from sources that they trust. The women themselves with the assistance of agencies working in the camps are best placed to determine these "reliable" sources, and to ensure that the information is widely disseminated and available for discussion. ■

Notes

1. Report prepared by: Community and Family Service International, Hong Kong, and International Catholic Child Bureau, Geneva. For a complete version of the report, contact Dr. Maryanne Loughry, CFSI, MCC - P.O. Box 2733, Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines.
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Immigration and Refugee Board Convention Refugee Determination Division Claims Process Period: January 1, 1993 - June 30, 1993							
Regional Summary							
	Atlantic	Ottawa	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	B.C.	National
Claims heard to completion (includes cases before 1993)	232	577	4,311	7,853	266	617	13,856
Decisions rendered	193	574	4,241	7,312	285	640	13,245
Claims rejected	82	127	1,924	2,954	106	445	5,638
Claims upheld	111	447	2,317	4,358	179	195	7,607
Decisions pending*	46	134	639	2,000	25	151	2,995
Withdrawn/abandoned	10	42	509	1,212	19	136	1,928
Claims pending**	550	1,171	5,548	12,973	294	1,845	22,381
(—Regional share)	2%	5%	25%	58%	1%	6%	

* Decisions pending include all claims heard to completion for which no decision had been rendered by the end of the reporting period.

** Claims pending include all claims referred to the Convention Refugee Determination Division that have not been finalized (i.e. by a positive or negative decision or by withdrawal or abandonment) as of the end of the reporting period.

Statistical Summary by Major Source Countries							
Country of Alleged Persecution	Claims			Convention Refugee Status			Accept. Rate %
	Heard to Completion	Withdrawn/Abandoned	Decided	Yes	No		
1 Sri Lanka	2,548	85	2,413	1,944	469	80.6	
2 Somalia	1,559	64	1,563	1,516	49	96.9	
3 Pakistan	695	148	601	200	401	33.3	
4 Iran	611	54	555	395	160	71.2	
5 Lebanon	496	69	489	176	313	36.0	
6 China	448	49	556	103	453	18.5	
7 India	448	94	438	111	327	25.3	
8 Russia	369	48	328	213	107	66.6	
9 Israel	379	106	235	77	158	32.8	
10 El Salvador	354	64	418	87	331	20.8	
11 USSR	347	121	317	150	167	47.3	
12 Peru	314	13	294	220	74	74.8	
13 Guatemala	312	67	331	185	146	55.9	
14 Romania	305	25	278	140	138	50.9	
15 Haiti	269	13	274	179	95	65.3	
16 Ghana	258	134	256	38	220	14.7	
17 Bangladesh	241	35	237	101	136	42.6	
18 Zaire	223	8	240	142	98	59.2	
19 Nigeria	207	49	201	38	163	18.9	
20 Sudan	204	4	206	194	12	94.2	
21 Ukraine	186	26	156	103	53	66.0	
22 Argentina	170	53	140	26	114	18.6	
23 Cuba	166	20	135	101	34	74.8	
24 Uruguay	133	33	149	13	136	8.7	
25 Ethiopia	133	6	132	79	53	59.8	
Top-25 countries	11,380	1,387	10,933	6,331	4,602	58.7	
Total	13,856	1,928	13,245	7,607	5,638	57.4	

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