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Emphasizing Fairness and Effectiveness: Best Practices for Ensuring Additionality and Fostering Refugee Agency in Complementary Pathways for Refugees in Canada and Beyond

This infographic explores complementary pathways for refugees in Canada, focusing on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) and Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP).



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Key Findings

ADDITIONALITY

Complementary pathways should be additional to existing state-led resettlement programs. They should not replace or substitute those programs.



REFUGEE AGENCY

Refugees should have the opportunity to exercise their agency and autonomy throughout the resettlement process.



FAIRNESS

The selection process for complementary pathways should be fair and transparent. All applicants should have equal access to the program.



EFFICACY

Complementary pathways to be effective people must be provided with timely and robust access to recourse, access to rights, access to socio-economic inclusion, and the effective ability to exercise agency.



Policy Recommendations

RECOGNIZING DIVERSE FORMS OF FAMILY

Expanding the definition of family for reunification programs can help reunite refugees with extended family members in Canada.



FAIR SELECTION

Implementing clear guidelines and oversight can ensure fair and equitable selection processes for refugee candidates eliminating eligibility criteria that instigate the creation of 'ideal candidate profiles'.



PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS

Implementing appeal mechanisms and oversight for refugee resettlement programs can enhance procedural fairness.

Creating of a broader complementary pathway oversight authority in addition to the in-built appeal mechanisms would be beneficial



AGENCY SUPPORT

Connecting refugees with state support systems can empower them to integrate and thrive in their new environment.

