



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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Girl jumping rope among children
PHOTO: Ahmed Akacha via Pexels

acronyms

CAF	Canadian Armed Forces
CUAET	Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel
DND	Department of National Defence
EFPP	Extended Family of Afghan Interpreters
GAC	Global Affairs Canada
GoC	Government of Canada
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IRCC	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
ITA	Invitation to Apply
JHR	Journalists for Human Rights
LCAs	Language and Cultural Advisors
LGBTQIA+	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning, intersex. The + sign after the acronym is meant to acknowledge that there are many more sexual orientations and gender identities than the ones highlighted in the acronym
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
PHAC	Public Health Agency of Canada
PSOP	Peace and Stabilization Operations Program
SHP	Special Humanitarian Program
SIM	Special Immigration Measures

message from our executive director

In reflecting upon the past year, I am filled with immense pride and profound gratitude for the remarkable journey we have embarked upon together. Aman Lara, born out of necessity during the harrowing crisis in Afghanistan, has not just met but exceeded our expectations in its maiden year.

Our mission began with the urgent evacuation of Afghan nationals, a testament to our foundational commitment: offering safe passage and new beginnings to those in dire need. This year, we also witnessed the extension of our services in response to the Ukrainian crisis, demonstrating our organization's adaptability and dedication to global humanitarian aid.

Our approach, rooted in collaboration and meticulous planning, has been our cornerstone. We have consolidated essential partnerships, communicated effectively, designed tailored evacuation plans, and connected newcomers to welcoming communities. These efforts have been a beacon of hope and safety for thousands.

Our operational excellence, underscored by comprehensive planning and a deep understanding of complex environments, has enabled us to navigate challenges with

resilience and determination. We have fostered relationships, built trust, and managed partnerships that have been crucial to our success.

The numbers speak for themselves – over 4,000 individuals evacuated, with a significant number finding refuge in Canada. These figures, however, only partly convey our impact. Behind every number is a story of courage, a life transformed, and a future secured.

As we look ahead, our vision remains clear: to be a leading force in humanitarian efforts, ensuring those at risk find safety, dignity, and a new beginning. Our journey continues, driven by compassion, transparency, and cultural sensitivity.

Thank you for standing with us in this mission. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the world.



Jon Feltham
Executive Director, Aman Lara

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our story

Evacuating eligible people at risk from nations in crises. Helping them find safety, dignity, and a new beginning in welcoming communities

Established on August 16th, 2021, as a federally incorporated Canadian non-profit and non-governmental organization, Aman Lara emerged in response to the escalating security and humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. The organization was founded with a distinct purpose — to aid vulnerable Afghans who supported Canadian missions in evacuating and finding refuge in Canada and other safe jurisdictions.

Since then, we have evolved into a key advocate for Afghans who risked their lives in support of Canadian missions while also demonstrating resilience and adaptability to address emerging crises within the changing landscape of global refugee needs.

Aman Lara stands as a testament to the collaboration between serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Veterans, ex-Locally Employed Staff, and dedicated Canadian volunteers. This unique alliance underscores our commitment to a shared mission: to enable the evacuation of eligible people at risk, from nations in crises, for the purpose of resettlement in Canada and other safe resettlement jurisdictions helping them find safety, dignity, and a new beginning in welcoming communities.

From navigating the complexities of evacuating vulnerable Afghans amidst the deteriorating security situation in August 2021 to responding swiftly and flexibly to the outbreak of war in Ukraine in February 2022, Aman Lara serves as a *vital lifeline* for those in dire circumstances, providing pathways for safe resettlement.

how we work

We've established a well-crafted five-step approach that underpins our work and bolsters our capacity to assist individuals in crisis while ensuring a seamless and safe end-to-end journey:



Consolidate | We bring together the right people, build essential partnerships, establish seamless procedures, and mobilize vital resources. This sets the stage for our mission's success



Communicate | We prioritize effective and timely communication to ensure that our clients can safely and successfully leave their home countries and embark on their resettlement journey



Manifest | We design tailored plans for clients ready to travel, coordinating all aspects to make sure successful evacuations



Evacuate | Safety, dignity, and success are at the core of our evacuation efforts. We focus on safely moving our clients from their danger zones to secure locations, increasing their chances of successful arrival and eventual resettlement



Connect | Beyond physical relocation, we aid in the integration of newcomers into their new communities, serving as a connector to resources, services, education, networks and economic opportunities for a fresh start

These efforts align with the broader societal goal of fostering inclusivity and support for individuals seeking refuge. Aman Lara's initiatives contribute to meeting the public need for humanitarian assistance and global refugee support, especially given ongoing crises.

our operational excellence

At Aman Lara, our operational excellence is the foundation of our commitment to facilitating the safety, dignity, and new beginnings of vulnerable individuals in crisis. Our team brings this excellence to every facet of our mission. Together, we've honed a set of core capabilities that set us apart, including:

Developing and Implementing Comprehensive Plans

We excel in crafting detailed, end-to-end plans that ensure the safety and successful journey of our client populations. From application to evacuation and resettlement, we leave no stone unturned.

Building a Common Operating Picture

We possess exceptional knowledge of the operational environment, not only in crisis zones but also in transit and resettlement countries. This depth of understanding enhances our credibility with applicants, partners, stakeholders, prospective donors, and the general public.

Coordinating the Evacuation Process

We are dedicated to overseeing the entire evacuation process, ensuring eligible individuals are safely moved from crisis zones to resettlement destinations. This includes initiation, thorough follow-through (applicant care), meticulous movement planning, life support, medical assistance, education, and necessary training.

Fostering Applicant Relationships

We prioritize open and effective communication, offering tailored support to our client and applicant populations throughout every step of the process. Building trust and understanding is at the core of our approach.

Forming and Managing Partnerships

We excel in establishing and managing partnerships to address operational needs, both in crisis zones and domestically in Canada. Collaboration is at the heart of our approach.

Data Management and Analysis

Our commitment to exceptional data management and analysis guarantees we have accurate statistics, up-to-date data, and a comprehensive understanding of applicant populations at risk. We continuously refresh our data picture and perform comparative analysis with other relevant sources.

our vision

We are committed to not only providing immediate aid and safe passage to those in need but also to assisting them in establishing *a secure and sustainable new beginning.*

Through our extensive network, we connect refugees to professional resettlement agencies across Canada. These agencies offer temporary accommodations, critical healthcare, education, language and skills training, and other social services to ensure that refugees are welcomed into their new communities with open arms and given the best possible start to their new lives. In so doing, our vision is to be a leading force in the humanitarian effort of relocating at-risk refugees, ensuring they find safety, dignity, and a new beginning. Our commitment to our vision drives us to be the catalyst for meaningful and enduring impact on the lives of those we serve.

our value + impact

Operating as the sole entity in its field, we have achieved remarkable success, demonstrating unparalleled effectiveness in operating amidst conflict zones and leading large-scale logistical operations.

Despite the uncertainties inherent in such endeavours, our organization has evacuated thousands of Afghans from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan from Afghanistan into Pakistan and some onwards to Canada, overcoming the challenges posed by the Taliban's presence all while navigating the intricate administrative landscape involving three governments: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Canada. Concurrently, we've also provided assistance to Ukrainian citizens seeking refuge including the evacuation of pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Operating in seamless collaboration with the Government of Canada (GoC), our robust partnerships are fortified through weekly consultations with key stakeholders such as Global Affairs Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), and active engagement with the Office of the Minister of IRCC. This steadfast commitment ensures the harmonization of our efforts with national priorities.

With strategic teams and service providers strategically positioned on the ground in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Poland and Ukraine, Aman Lara leveraged an extensive network and profound expertise. Our proven track record speaks volumes about our ability to deliver impactful results, establishing us as a reliable and effective force in global humanitarian efforts and resettlement initiatives.



afghanistan crisis

In August 2021, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan witnessed the collapse of its government and security forces, leading to widespread panic in the streets of Kabul. The Taliban, known for their repressive rule in the late 1990s and for harboring Al Qaeda terrorists responsible for the September 11th, 2001 attacks, regained control through military force. The collapse of the Republic sent shockwaves through Afghanistan and across the globe, marking the abrupt end of a nearly 20-year effort.

The Taliban's control fundamentally altered conditions in Afghanistan, leading to a severe humanitarian crisis affecting a significant portion of the population. The human rights situation deteriorated, with women, girls, and ethnic and religious minorities facing systemic discrimination and rights violations. Afghanistan, once again, became a safe haven for transnational terrorists.

As the security situation rapidly worsened, the Canadian government launched Operation AEGIS, entrusting the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) with the responsibility of overseeing evacuations at Kabul airport. In coordination with international allies, the CAF successfully evacuated more than 3,700 people, including Canadian citizens and permanent residents, citizens of allied countries, Afghan nationals with links to Canada, and other vulnerable

Afghans.¹ Despite the rescue of many amid dangerous conditions, the final evacuation flight in August 2021 left behind Afghans who had endeavored—with encouragement from the coalition—to promote security, freedom, opportunity, and dignity in their country.

As part of its response to the crisis, the GoC committed to welcoming at least 40,000 Afghan refugees, including women leaders, human rights defenders, members of religious and ethnic minorities, LGBTQI+² individuals, journalists, and extended family members of previously resettled interpreters. This commitment is one of the largest in the world.

¹<https://www.international.gc.ca/country-pays/afghanistan/relations.aspx?lang=eng>

² Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning, intersex. The + sign after the acronym is meant to acknowledge that there are many more sexual orientations and gender identities than the ones highlighted in the acronym

Several resettlement pathways were established by the GoC to support Afghan refugees, catering to specific criteria and groups, including:

Special Immigration Measures (SIM) Program

This program focuses on Afghan nationals (and their families) who assisted the GoC's efforts in Afghanistan. To be eligible, individuals must meet all the requirements below:

- Be an Afghan national
- Employment entailed a significant and/or enduring relationship with the GoC. This includes but is not limited to interpreters who worked with the CAF and local staff who currently or used to work at the Embassy of Canada to Afghanistan
- Eligible family members or individuals must have been in Afghanistan on or after July 22, 2021 (Program's initiation date). If they left Afghanistan before July 22, 2021, they are not eligible.
- They must not be inadmissible to Canada.

There is no requirement for individuals to be currently in Afghanistan to qualify. Furthermore, there is no obligation for them to return to Afghanistan to finalize applications, provide biometrics, or undergo a medical exam.

One of the key components of the Program is the receipt of an Invitation to Apply (ITA) from

IRCC. Expressing interest or sending an email is not considered an application. The ITA comes directly from IRCC, providing instructions on completing and submitting the application form and documents for eligible family members.

Special Humanitarian Program (SHP)

Launched on 13 August 2021, SHP resettles Afghan nationals outside Afghanistan who lack a durable solution in a third country. To be eligible for the SHP, individuals must meet all of the following requirements:

- They're an Afghan national;
- They're outside of Afghanistan;
- They do not have a durable solution in a third country; and
- They're part of one of the following groups: women leaders, human rights defenders, persecuted religious or ethnic minorities, LGBTQI+ individuals, journalists and those who helped Canadian journalists

additional pathways

Extended Family of Afghan Interpreters (EFPP)

Extended Family of Former Language and Cultural Advisors (LCAs)

our work

how we responded to the call for action

peace and stabilization operations program (PSOP)

In response to the need to aid vulnerable Afghans, Aman Lara initiated its Peace and Stabilization Operations Program in collaboration with Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) with funding support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC). This core program was designed to support efforts aimed at safeguarding the lives and upholding the human rights and dignity of Afghan nationals and their families, particularly those with a significant and/or enduring relationship with the GoC. The program encompasses application form filing, security, logistics, and training tailored for vulnerable Afghans undergoing the resettlement process in Canada. Throughout this program we actively engage in communication with GAC, IRCC and other pertinent GoC ministries/departments, advocating tirelessly for the rights and well-being of at-risk Afghans.

key activities

Operating within Afghanistan, Aman Lara acted as a comprehensive support network for those seeking relocation to a third country (Canada or other safe resettlement jurisdictions), facilitating entry into an application process by actively identifying and screening eligible clients in Afghanistan. The primary beneficiaries or clients of PSOP are Afghans with a designated pathway to Canada, primarily the SIM Program and SHP, as evidenced by file numbers and ongoing application processing by IRCC.

immigration pathway challenges

Canada's involvement in Afghanistan relied heavily on local support, particularly interpreters and other local contractors. Instead of directly hiring these individuals, Canada entered into contracts via the U.S. Department of State with the following companies: International Management Services, Mission Essential Personnel, and Tundra SCA. While these contracts helped streamline processes, they also gave rise to the challenges currently faced in substantiating individual cases. Many of these local workers were not included on referral lists provided by either GAC or the Department of National Defence (DND), leaving them without support and at risk of detainment, torture, and even being killed after coalition forces withdrew.

Similarly, staff from Afghan/international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) contracted by the GoC to provide services in support of Canada's mission were not included on GAC referral lists to IRCC, primarily because the contracts were made with the organizations and not individual workers. Some of these organizations include: CARE Afghanistan; the International Rescue Committee; Building Markets; and the Afghanistan Human Rights Organization, to name a few. The hiring practices of DND (approx. 2002-2010) and GAC have left many individuals without ITAs.

wrap-around evacuation supports

Operating as a comprehensive support network within Afghanistan, project activities undertaken to assess well-being before, during, and after programming include:

As a leading service provider for Afghan clients, Aman Lara receives hundreds of applicant requests weekly. To manage client engagement and communication, a dedicated Communication Network, overseen by a Program Director and composed of three committed individuals, focuses on interacting with the client/applicant population.

This approach allows for the ongoing monitoring of applicant well-being, progress and status through IRCC channels and programs. Moreover, this network verifies the claims and personal circumstances of all clients being considered for the Afghan Safe Passage project along with essential documents to identify those eligible for, and in need of, an ITA from IRCC.

Client data is housed within a comprehensive database of over 20,000 cases of individuals with a significant and enduring relationship with the GoC. This platform, developed in collaboration with several Canadian entities and IBM Canada, enables clients to upload personal information and documents securely from any location with internet access, 24/7.

Utilizing this database and leveraging their extensive Veteran network, Aman Lara plays a vital role in identifying and screening clients eligible for support in Afghanistan. Once clients meet the eligibility criteria, they are manifested and assigned a "board" or "no board" status by IRCC. This process involves submitting cases to IRCC for weekly approval and utilizing manifests to support evacuation options.

Simultaneously, the Communications network diligently tracks individuals, updating their files, addressing queries and concerns, preparing client files for evacuation approval, and ensuring they are informed of their status regarding travel documentation - all while maintaining a calming presence to reassure clients throughout the process.

These logistical operations are conducted in collaboration with our trusted field partner, CanAid Logistics. This collaborative approach ensures the safe intra-Afghanistan movement of at-risk individuals by ground, providing transit accommodation, ensuring security, and offering support in navigating complex border processes.

Following the evacuation, Afghanistan-based staff work in collaboration with the Canadian High Commission and International Organization for Migration (IOM) to secure temporary accommodations so that individuals can undergo a thorough vetting by GoC officials along with the necessary biometric, medical, and interview assessments as part of the clients' further processing outside of Afghanistan.

During this time clients are supported by Aman Lara in learning about Canada through various training options and provided with instructions on next steps in selecting their resettlement city/community in coordination with resettlement agencies. After completing these processes, clients are relocated to Canada, where one of the many resettlement agencies will support them.

post-evacuation resettlement support across canada

While Aman Lara does not provide direct resettlement services like the government-assisted resettlement agencies, Aman Lara's connecting role ensures that refugees continue to have access to a comprehensive support network

Upon arrival in Canada, Aman Lara extends its impact by collaborating with resettlement agencies across the country. In this collaborative effort, Aman Lara guides newcomers and facilitates connections to a diverse array of resettlement resources and opportunities. This approach is instrumental in ensuring a seamless integration of refugees into communities nationwide. By acting as a bridge between refugees and these resources, Aman Lara contributes significantly to the successful establishment and adaptation of newcomers in their new Canadian homes.

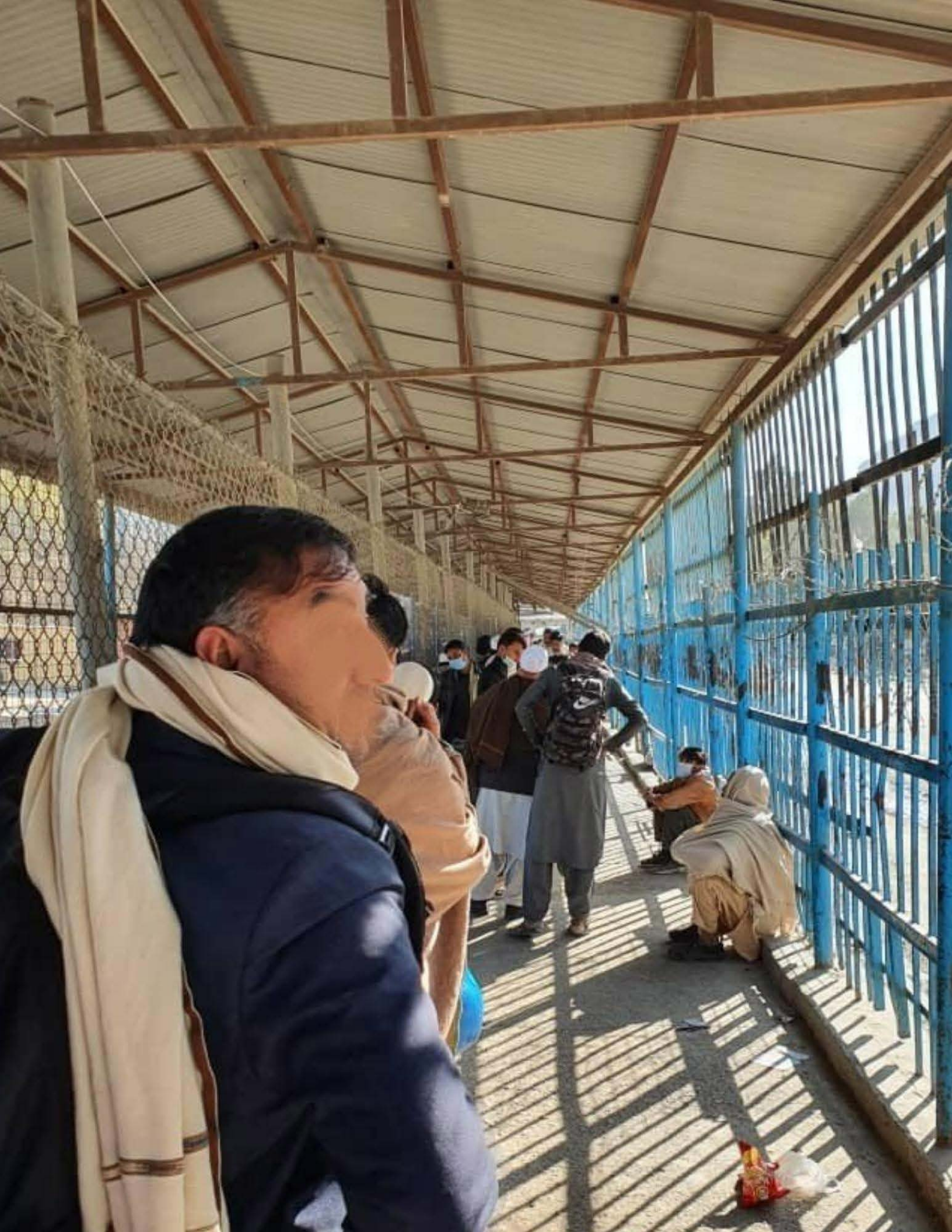
In addition to our collaboration with resettlement agencies we actively participate in national and provincial resettlement conferences, as well as regular meetings with the national steering committee on Afghans and IRCC, Aman Lara ensures clients gain access to essential resources and information.

These networks serve as conduits for timely and accurate updates on resettlement processes, policies, and available resources. Moreover, they provide a platform where the voices of our Afghan clients can be heard in policy discussions.

our impact by the numbers

Between August 16, 2021, when the organization was established and July 31, 2022, Aman Lara successfully evacuated 4055 individuals, of which 1861 arrived and have resettled in Canada.





success stories

Escaping threats from the Taliban

Fazli, aged 33, dedicated three years of service as a logistic contractor for the Canadian Armed Forces in Kandahar province from 2008 to 2011. Following this, he continued his commitment by working as a contractor for the US Army for an additional two years. Unfortunately, his service in the line of duty made him a target for the Taliban, exposing him to numerous threats. In 2013, his life took a drastic turn when he was shot and severely injured.

Determined to provide a safer environment for his family, Fazli relocated from Kandahar to Kabul. However, even in this new location, he continued to face threats from the Taliban. A night raid by the Taliban on his Kabul home highlighted the persistent danger he and his family faced. Although he went unrecognized, sparing him from immediate harm, he began to take decisive steps to ensure his family's safety. He spent eight months obtaining passports, followed by applying for Pakistan E-Visas. Upon receiving the visas, he sought Aman Lara's assistance for relocation.

On May 19th Aman Lara successfully moved Fazli, along with his wife and three young children, to Islamabad, Pakistan with onward movement to Canada. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, Fazli applied under Special Immigration Measures for fifteen de facto family members, including parents, siblings, nephews, and nieces, totalling twenty individuals. In an impressive feat, all twenty completed the immigration process within a month and a half, arriving in Vancouver, BC, Canada, on July 17th.

Presently, Fazli has obtained all his Canadian ID cards and eagerly awaits a rental home. His parents have already secured a residence. With the immediate threat now over, Fazli is joyous, relieved of constant worry for his children's future, and excited about starting a new chapter of life in Canada.



Destroyed Residential Building Under Grey Sky
PHOTO: Алесь Усцінаў, Pexels

ukraine crisis

On February 24, 2022, Ukraine witnessed a significant upheaval as Russia initiated an invasion, leading to a substantial exodus of Ukrainian refugees heading towards Europe. Between this time and the end of 2022, the Ukrainian government estimated that the conflict had resulted in the loss of between 9,000 and 16,000 civilian lives. Over 13 million people were displaced, with eight million fleeing to neighboring countries or abroad. Approximately 90% of this displaced population were women, children, and the elderly, as men stayed behind to participate in the defence.

The intense conflict during this time severely damaged critical infrastructure, depriving hundreds of thousands of people of access to basic amenities such as electricity and water. The affected population faced urgent and pressing needs for basic necessities such as food, clean water, and shelter. Beyond these immediate needs, there arose a critical demand for essential medicines, basic healthcare, mental health and psychosocial support, education, and protective measures, particularly for vulnerable groups such as women and children.

In response to the Russian invasion, the Canadian Government established the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) measures. These measures were designed to expeditiously aid Ukrainians and their accompanying family members in relocating to Canada while also affording them the opportunity to engage in work and educational pursuits within the Canadian context.

our work

how we responded to the call for action

Aman Lara established its Ukraine Operations in March 2022 to support at-risk Ukrainian citizens seeking refuge amid the ongoing conflict. Our teams in Ukraine and Poland identified candidates for evacuation and supported them through the CUAET application process, which included translation support. Direct collaboration with GAC and IRCC ensured a secure and seamless evacuation process for all beneficiaries. Aman Lara further led the coordination of logistics, including all travel (charter flights) from the point of evacuation to onward destinations.

key activities

Between March 15 and July 2022, the Aman Lara Ukraine Operations Team directed its efforts towards three key initiatives:

assisted and self-extraction of at-risk individuals

Efforts under this initiative involved identifying evacuation candidates, facilitating the CUAET application process, and coordinating with GAC and IRCC to ensure a safe and seamless evacuation process. Aman Lara led logistics coordination, including all travel from the points of evacuation to Canada.

Between March and June 2022, Aman Lara engaged the services of the non-profit Peace of Mind to coordinate the extraction of at-risk Ukrainians from their homeland to Poland, with the ultimate destination being Canada. Efforts included both assisted extractions and supporting individuals to carry out self-evacuations.

Peace of Mind, entrusted with this responsibility, took proactive measures by establishing a safe house near the Ukrainian border in Lechów, Poland. This strategic location served as a vital point of contact with at-risk Ukrainians, enabling Peace of Mind to meticulously plan, coordinate, and execute various options for their safe evacuation.

In close collaboration with Aman Lara, Peace of Mind played a crucial role in the successful self-evacuation of 180 at-risk Ukrainians from Ukraine to Poland. Additionally, through a partnership with CanAid Logistics, Peace of Mind directly assisted in the evacuation of 7 individuals facing imminent risks in Ukraine. This collaborative effort not only exemplified effective coordination between Aman Lara, Peace of Mind and CanAid Logistics but also showcased the power of strategic partnerships in humanitarian initiatives.

The establishment of a safe house and the successful extraction of these individuals underscore the commitment of Aman Lara and its partners to providing tangible support to those in need, demonstrating a profound impact on the lives of at-risk Ukrainians during a critical period.

evacuation of pediatric cancer patients and families

In partnership with Sick Kids, the Unicorn Clinic in Poland, IRCC, Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw and CanAid Logistics, Aman Lara's Ukraine Operations Team planned, coordinated and managed the air evacuation of Ukrainian pediatric cancer patients and their families. The primary objective was to transport them from the Unicorn Clinic in Warsaw, Poland to the Sick Kids hospital in Toronto

Sick Kids, in consultation with the Unicorn Clinic, identified patients deemed fit for commercial air travel to Toronto, providing the Ukraine Operations Team with the necessary patient and family details. The Ukraine

Operations Team, in coordination with the Sick Kids, the Unicorn Clinic and key partners, then orchestrated the transportation of patients and their families. This involved the acquisition of essential Canadian travel documents and the booking of transatlantic air flights for patients, mothers, and siblings destined for Pearson Airport in Toronto, ensuring their access to vital medical care and facilitating their safe passage to Canadian hospitals via multiple countries.

Upon arrival in Toronto, hospital representatives greeted the patients and ensured their seamless admission, while family

members were accommodated in facilities provided by Sick Kids. Between March and June 2022, a total of 9 pediatric patients and 17 family members were successfully evacuated. However, by June, the Hospital for Sick Children reached full capacity for cancer patients, necessitating a temporary halt in accepting additional patients.

This initiative, undertaken with precision and compassion, not only highlights Aman Lara's commitment to impactful humanitarian efforts but also showcases the collaborative strength of the involved organizations in the service of vulnerable pediatric cancer patients and their families during a challenging time.

provincially sponsored re-settlement charter flights

In a collaborative effort with provincial government representatives from Newfoundland and New Brunswick, along with key stakeholders such as IRCC, PHAC, Canada Border Services Agency, PAL Airlines, and CanAid Logistics, Aman Lara played a pivotal role in facilitating provincially sponsored re-settlement charter flights to these provinces during the period of May to June 2022.

This work includes providing support for those seeking to come to Canada by receiving advice on the immigration pathways established by IRCC and supporting essential steps before, during, and after their temporary or permanent resettlement in Canada.

For the Newfoundland Charter in May, Aman Lara seamlessly coordinated with IRCC, PHAC, and the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw to secure the necessary passenger travel documents. This involved intricate planning and communication to ensure a smooth process for the beneficiaries.

In preparation for the New Brunswick Charter in June, Aman Lara took proactive measures by conducting daily Zoom coordination meetings with all partners during the planning phase.

Additionally, a dedicated team was deployed to Warsaw to efficiently manage passenger manifesting and acquire the required travel documentation before the flight departure. This hands-on approach reflected Aman Lara's commitment to meticulous planning and execution.

Thanks to the support provided by Aman Lara, a total of 150 at-risk Ukrainians found re-settlement in Newfoundland in May, while 170 individuals successfully re-settled in New Brunswick in June. The success of these endeavours underscored the effectiveness of collaborative efforts in addressing the urgent needs of vulnerable populations.

impact by the numbers

Between March and July 31, 2022, we facilitated the evacuation of 533 clients out of Ukraine. Of these, 7 clients were physically evacuated directly by Aman Lara, while an additional 180 clients successfully carried out self-evacuation with our assistance. Notably, there were 9 pediatric patient evacuations by Air, along with 17 Air evacuations for patient families. Furthermore, Aman Lara coordinated 320 provincially sponsored evacuations by Air (Charter Flights). Overall, our efforts resulted in 346 clients arriving in Canada and 187 clients safely reaching other jurisdictions.





success stories

Sophia's Journey of Resilience and Hope

Sophia, a 10-year-old girl, suffered shrapnel injuries to her head during a bombing raid, leaving her terrified and critically wounded.

Following the incident, Sophia received essential care and secure transportation from a CanAid Logistics operations officer based in Ukraine, an on-the-ground operational partner to Aman Lara. This officer not only met with the family but also facilitated their safe transport to the Netherlands, a journey sponsored and supported by Aman Lara.

Despite the precarious nature of the trip, there were early signs of improvement in Sophia's fragile state. *"Her eyes were so full of fear, and they became brighter as we travelled,"* says Tetiana, CanAid Logistics Operations Officer.

In the Netherlands, under the specialized care of medical professionals, Sophia not only healed but flourished. Now 11 years old, Sophia and her mother celebrate her recovery and look forward to returning to Ukraine once the war concludes. In the meantime, they plan to embrace their new life within a supportive community in the Netherlands.

"Humans are at the heart of our [Aman Lara and CanAid Logistics] humanitarian mission, and our organizations share a unique and remarkable partnership that deserves recognition."

— Jon Feltham,
Executive Director

Aman Lara and CanAid Logistics remain committed to their partnership, consistently providing aid to the people of Ukraine.

our supporters + partners

At Aman Lara, our unparalleled strength lies in the power of collaboration. We unite Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans, ex-Locally Employed Staff, volunteers, and various governmental, operational, charitable partners, and service providers for a singular mission. We are grateful to our supporters and partners and look forward to expanding these collaborations.



Aman Lara's services are aligned with its charitable purposes and contribute to the achievement of its mission, which is to: enable the safe journey of eligible people at-risk, from nations in crises, for the purpose of resettlement in Canada and other safe locations. Aman Lara delivers its service while abiding by its guiding principles and values of compassion, transparency, diversity and inclusion, and cultural sensitivity.

financial statements

statement of financial position

As at July 31, 2022

	2022
Assets	
Current	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 164,005
Accounts receivable	233,539
Prepaid expenses	1,307
	398,851
Capital Assets	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	-
	\$ 401,497
Liabilities	
Current	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 397,710
Deferred revenues	-
	\$ 397,710
Net assets	
Unrestricted net assets	3,787
	\$ 401,497

statement of operations and changes in net assets

For the Year Ended July 31, 2022

	2022
Revenues	
Funding	\$ 1,791,280
Direct donations	155,267
Interest income	-
	1,946,547
Expenditures	
Project:	
Transportation and security	\$ 329,631
Accommodations and meals	701,330
Marketing and communications	11,884
Travel	8,732
Personnel:	
Salaries and benefits	294,351
Contracted services	495,624
General expenses:	
Accounting and legal	6,875
Technology	5,992
Rent	45,333
Travel	6,895
General	31,988
Insurance	3,121
Amortization	1,004
	1,942,760
Excess of expenditures over revenues	3,787
Net assets, beginning of year	
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,787



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