



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

Humanitarian settlement initiatives – Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma – additional funding

Why is this important?

- It is estimated that 70 per cent of people entering Australia under the humanitarian program have previously experienced torture or trauma.
- While current funding provides longer term counselling and assistance to more than 1,500 people, this new funding allows an additional 1,800 people to receive specialised torture and trauma services each year.
- This funding will increase counselling and support services available to people who have settled in Australia and who have suffered torture and human rights abuse.

Who will benefit?

- Each year an estimated additional 1,800 survivors of torture and trauma will be able to access these specialised torture and trauma services as a result of this measure.
- In addition, this measure will broaden the reach of services into regional Australia and support our existing health services to better meet the needs of new entrants in a timely manner.

What funding is the Government committing to the initiative?

- The Government will provide \$12.2 million in new funding over the next four years under the Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (PASTT).

What have we done in the past?

- This funding is additional to the \$7.0 million that the Government has already allocated over four years under the PASTT for direct support services, community development and education and training activities.

When will the initiative conclude?

- This initiative is ongoing.