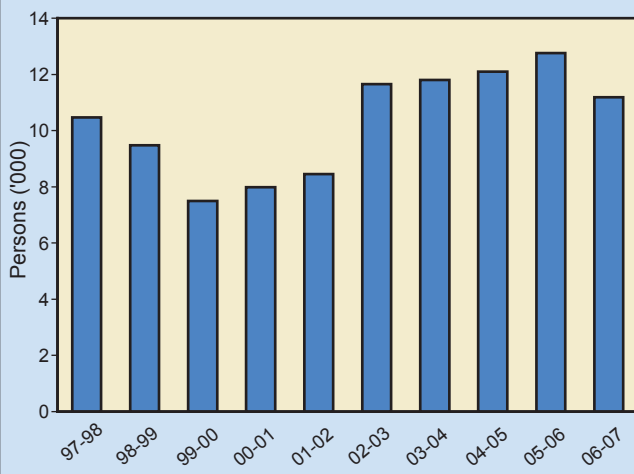


Humanitarian Program (offshore)

Fig. 4-4: Offshore humanitarian visa grants



Source Data: MPMS and ICSE

Offshore Humanitarian Program performance

In 2006-07, 11 186 resettlement visas were granted under the offshore component comprising:

- 6003 Refugee visas and
- 5183 SHP visas.

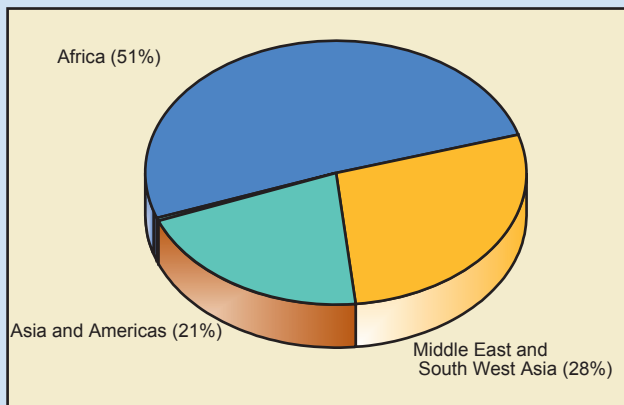
Source regions

In line with regional priorities as recommended by the UNHCR, priority was given to resettlement of people from Africa, the Middle East and South West Asia.

2006-07 visa grants by source regions are as follows:

- Africa – 50.9 per cent of total offshore grants (a decrease of 4.8 percentage points compared to the 2005-06 offshore outcome);
- Middle East and South West Asia – 28.0 per cent of total offshore grants (a decrease of six percentage points of the total offshore program in comparison with 2005-06);
- Asia and America – 20.7 per cent of total offshore grants (an increase of 10.8 percentage points compared to the 2005-06 offshore outcomes); and
- Europe – 0.4 per cent of total offshore grants (the same percentage of offshore grants in comparison with 2005-06).

Fig. 4-5: Offshore humanitarian visa grants by region



Source Data: MPMS and ICSE

Processing times

Finalisation times in 2006-07 continued to improve, with 75 per cent of applications being finalised within 21 weeks compared to 32 weeks in 2005-06.

On average, offshore visa grants during 2006-07 took 49 weeks. The average visa grant time over the past five years has fluctuated between 38 and 52 weeks, primarily due to external factors outside the control of the department. There were 86 757 applications finalised during 2006-07, compared to 90 678 applications finalised in 2005-06 (a difference of 4.3 per cent).

Fig. 4-6: Offshore humanitarian visa grants by country of birth 2006-07

Sudan	2276
Burma	2030
Iraq	1444
Afghanistan	1410
Burundi	703
Congo (DRC)	670
Liberia	608
Sierra Leone	460
Eritrea	253
Iran	197
Others	1135
Total	11 186

Source Data: MPMS and ICSE