



THRIVE PROGRESS UPDATE - MARCH 2021 -

Helping Australian refugees make headway in their careers



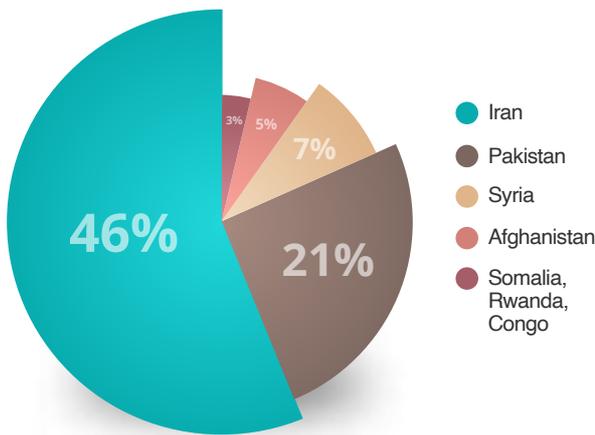
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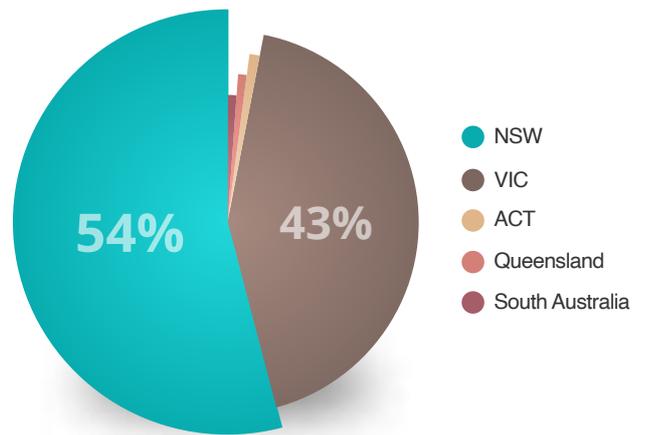
HOW HAS 2021 BEEN SO FAR?

REFUGEES WERE LOANED 3.7M TO KICKSTART THEIR BUSINESSES

Since we have quite a number of people who require our services and guidance, we are considering slowly expanding our organization.

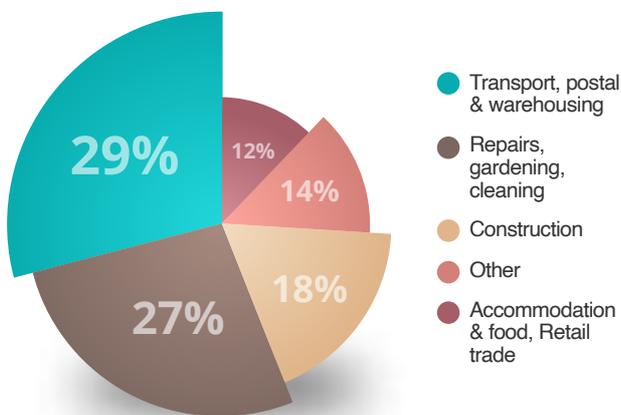


Compared to the previous quarter, the number of refugees coming from Afghanistan and Syria has increased. Iran is still on top with **46%** of refugees looking to rebuild their lives.



Similar to the previous quarter, a majority of our clients (**97%**) have settled in New South Wales and Victoria. Some of them reached out to us from different parts of the ACT, Queensland, and South Australia.

INDUSTRIES THAT OUR CLIENTS ARE THRIVING IN



The services that take the top spots when it comes to our client's industries are Transport, Postal, and Warehousing, closely followed by services like Repairs, Gardening, Cleaning, and Construction.

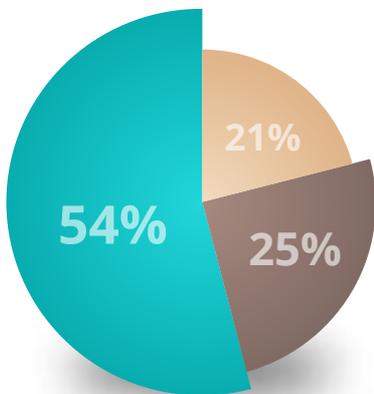
CELEBRATING THE SMALL VICTORIES



On Valentine’s Day, Thrive decided to share the love with the help of our clients who came to showcase their talent and celebrate February 14th. From beautiful paintings and art tutorials to tasty Zoolabia and cupcakes, our clients had an incredible and productive time trading and meeting new customers. Saeed Zarinkob from Dark Blue Café and Pastry joined Thrive to sell delicious Persian sweets while Elham, of Elham Behin Photography, captured the moments and engaged with the people passing by. Thrive also featured Atefeh Hekmat of AtiArt who came to offer the window-shoppers a creative tutorial on painting, by creating a piece from start-to-finish. We were privileged to be able to spend the day with our clients and celebrate their businesses on such a special holiday. Our next markets in collaboration with Stocklands will be held sometime in May. Stay tuned for more!

VOLUNTEERS OF THRIVE

There is a **3%** rise in the number of Business Volunteers at Thrive. Thrive’s aim of giving refugees financial support along with mentorship has helped several refugees become entrepreneurs.



● Business Volunteer ● Mentor ● Office Volunteer

BIG WINS

We are expanding to South Australia with a big launch event happening on the 6th of May 2021. Thrive is looking forward to introducing new members of our team including **Jane Carnegie** who joins us in South Australia to celebrate a momentous occasion as our Business Development Manager in SA.



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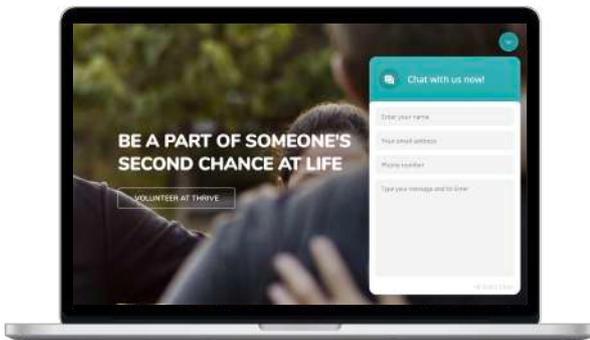
THRIVE CONNECT — FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2021

Dr. Michael Lwin, a professor from Western Sydney University, joined us for Thrive Connect in February to share his inputs about Digital Marketing for small businesses.

Shirlene Nehme, a qualified accountant, joined us for Thrive Connect in March for a session on Economics, Finances and Taxation that was helpful to several business owners.

BEN SHAVALI'S IMPERIAL JOINERY

From Western Iran to Australia, Ben's love for building things and his passion for honing the craft and owning a business led him to Thrive.



MEET OUR NEW: THRIVE CHATBOT

Specially created for owners, volunteers, and potential applicants, this chatbot makes things a lot easier with its inclusive design. If you know someone who is interested in starting a business or has any queries, ask them to pop by our website and talk to our chatbot.

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