



New Zealand
Programme

Small Grants Fund Recipient 2006

Refugees As Survivors New Zealand, Mangere, Auckland

Grant: \$4000.00 (plus GST).

Refugees As Survivors (RAS) provides vital services for refugees who are selected to enter New Zealand for the opportunity to build new lives. Under the the United Nations quota treaty system, New Zealand accepts 750 refugees for settlement each year plus 300 family reunification cases. All those formally referred by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and approved for entry go to the national refugee reception complex at Mangere for assessment, treatment and preparation for settlement. As a key part of this 'one-stop-shop' RAS works closely with NZ Immigration, Public Health, Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and Migrant and Refugee Services (RMS). Although RAS is based in Auckland where most refugees are resettled, they have a national scope in supporting refugee communities throughout the North and South Islands with capacity building and community development.

Funding from the Small Grants Fund will enable Refugees As Survivors to establish a play therapy programme for children traumatised by war and conflict, up skill clinical staff and provide appropriately translated printed materials on parenting and child health for the newly arrived families.