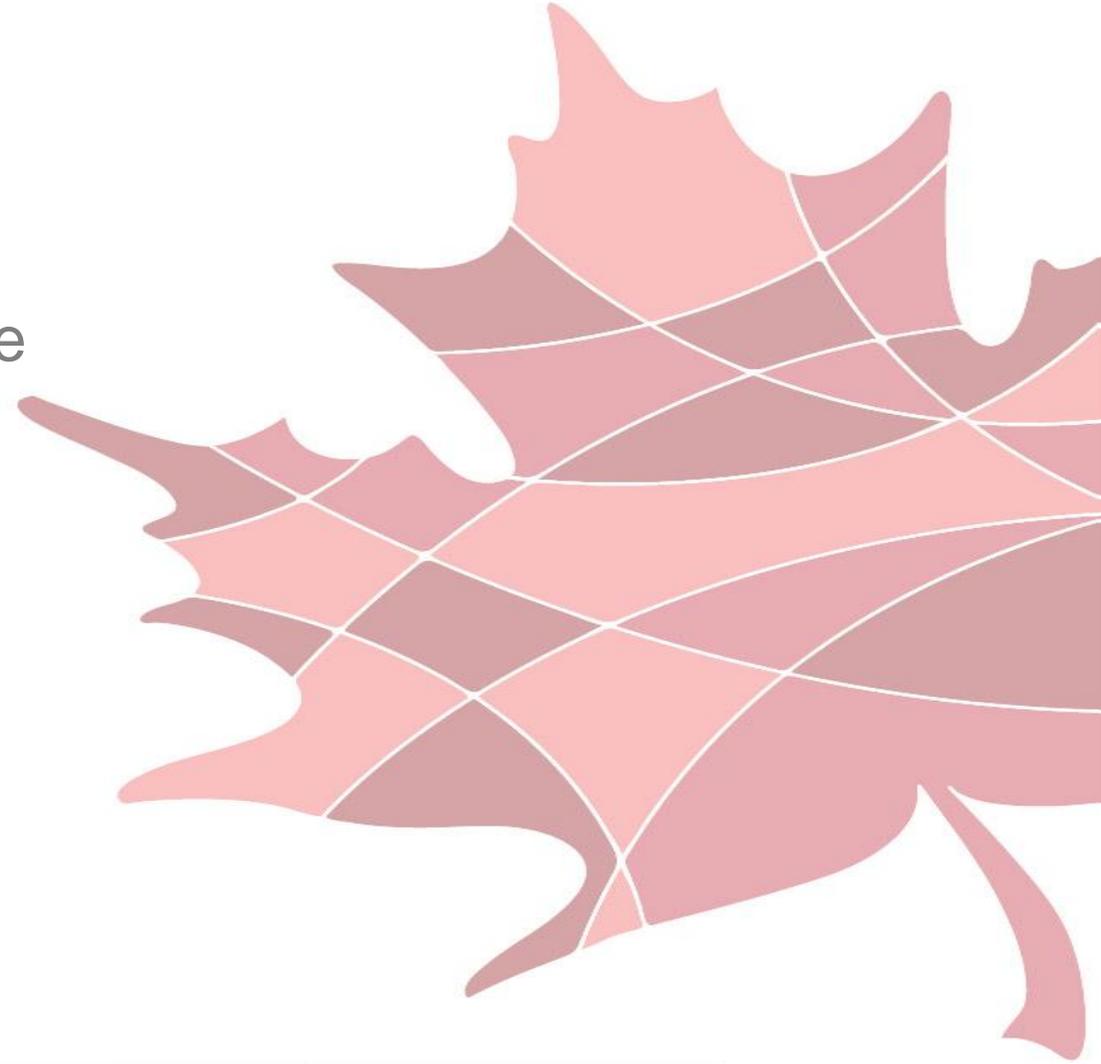


# Updates on the Settlement Language Program in Canada

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# Presentation outline



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A closer look: profile of clients



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Key findings from the Evaluation of Language Training Services



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# The Immigration Levels Plan: what is it?

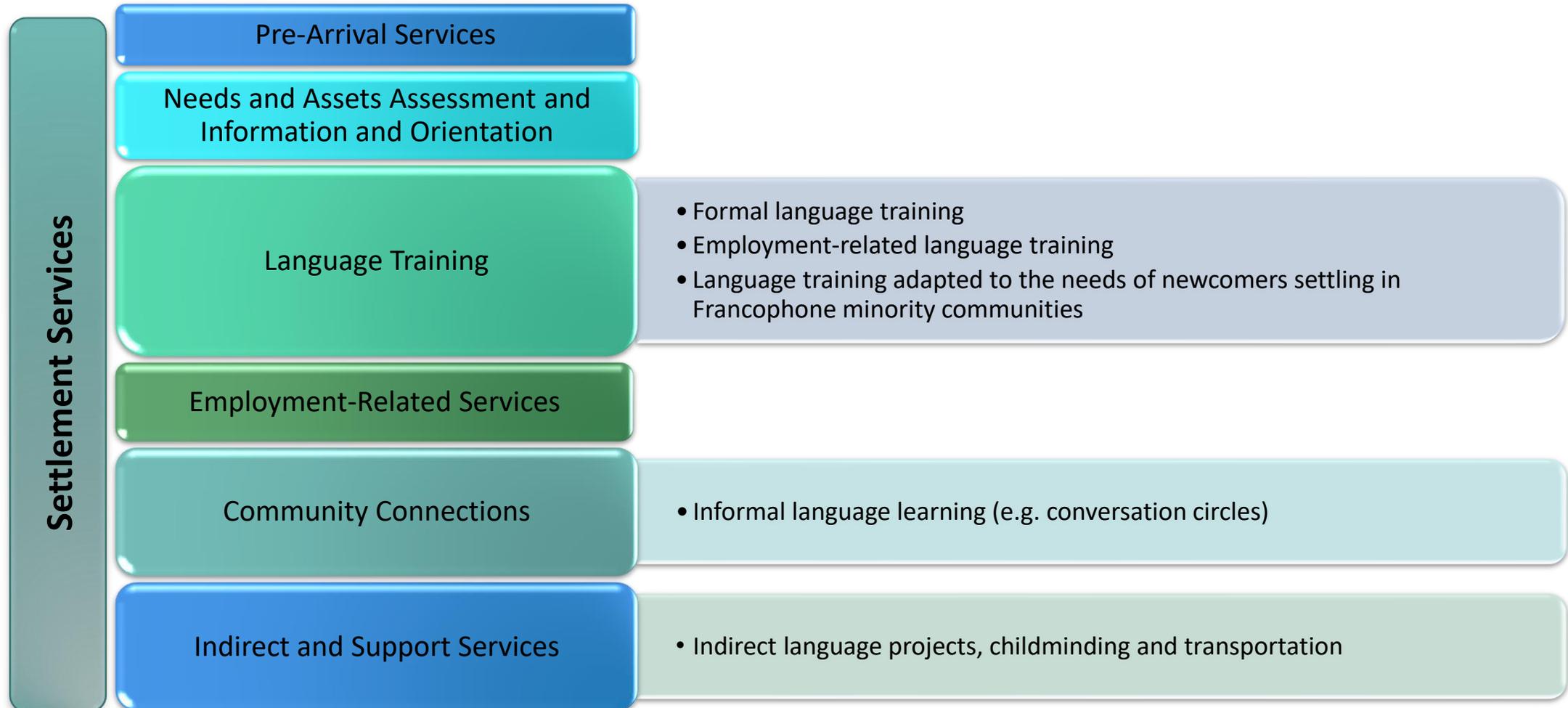
The *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) requires that a projection of permanent resident admissions for the next calendar year be tabled in Parliament each year, by November 1.

The levels plan is the foundation of Canada's managed migration system.

- In 2017, the Government of Canada adopted a **multi-year levels plan**.
- The 2021-23 plan **seeks to increase immigration levels to admit 421,000 permanent residents in 2023** – 1.08% of Canada's population. This will help address demographic challenges of Canada's aging and diminishing population.
- **Adjusts previous targets:** This most recent ambitious immigration plan also aims to offset the COVID-related shortfall in admissions due to border closures.
- **Overall targets** are of 401,000 in 2021; 411,000 in 2022; and 421,000 in 2023, with parallel investments in security and settlement.
- The Levels Plan also highlights a **target for French-speaking admissions** necessary to meet the 4.4% objective of French-speaking newcomers, as part of the Francophone Immigration Strategy.

# The Settlement Program today

- Settlement is a hallmark of Canada's approach to managed migration and involves complex delivery and partnerships.
- The funding envelope has grown with rises in immigration levels and the department carefully monitors client outcomes.



# The Settlement Program is vital to newcomer integration

## The Program represents most of IRCC's Grants and Contributions budget



In 2021-22:

- Outside of Quebec: anticipated \$886M in Settlement Program funding
- Annual grant to Quebec: anticipated \$650.3M

## Settlement in Canada is a whole-of-society endeavour



- Over 500 IRCC-funded service providers across Canada (outside Quebec) provide supports to newcomers
- Provincial/territorial and municipal governments and civil society actors also provide services

## Eligible clients may access a full suite of high quality services to:



- Improve official language ability
- Learn about living and working in Canada
- Integrate into the labour market
- Form a sense of belonging

## Targeted services available under the Resettlement Assistance Program



- Immediate and essential services upon arrival in Canada and income supports are critical in meeting the distinct needs of refugees

*The successful settlement of newcomers promotes **economic growth** and **social cohesion**, both key to maintaining public support for immigration.*

# A closer look: profile of clients

## Unique Clients by Program Components<sup>i</sup>



Data from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

# Settlement language priorities are evolving and responsive to needs

Through continued engagement with language sector stakeholders, service providers and partners, we have ensured that we are providing quality services to our language clients.



Direct service delivery to newcomers



Projects to improve infrastructure and national consistency

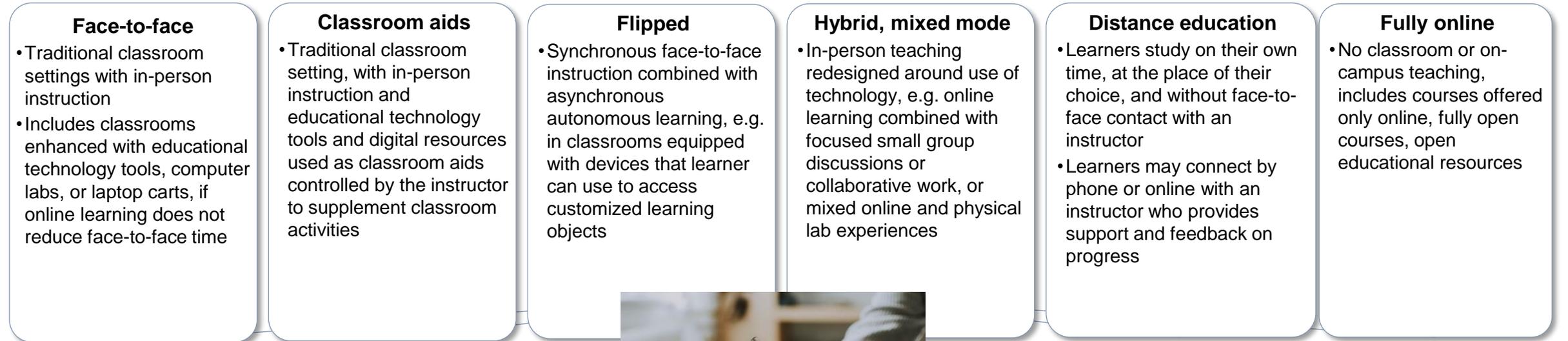
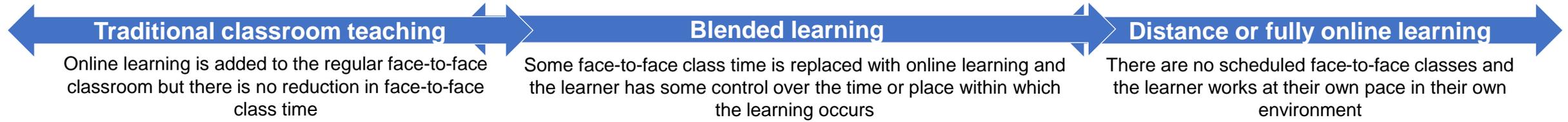


Innovative service delivery approaches



Official Languages Action Plan 2018-2023

# Delivered through a variety of modes along the e-learning continuum



## 1. Learning management system (Avenue)

- Online open-source national system adaptable and scalable supporting all modes of delivery that allows for the integration of third party tools.

## 3. Content Development

- National curriculum guidelines
- PBLA online curriculum and ready-made modules



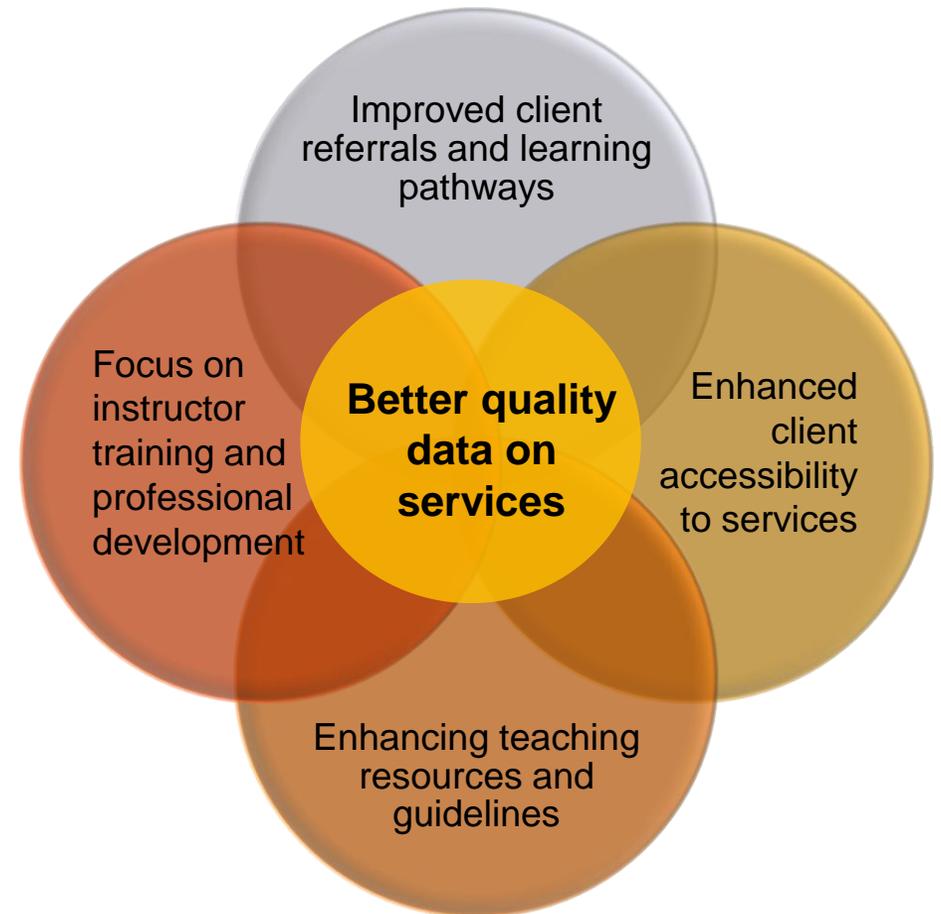
## 2. Community of practice for second language professionals (Tutela)

- National online repository of CLB and NCLC-based resources
- Community for English and French as second language professionals across Canada



# What's coming for the language training program?

- Revamping the program and implementing the **Management Response and Action Plan** to the Evaluation of Language Training Services
- Preparing for next national **Call for Proposals** in 2024
- Examining how we can incorporate history of **Indigenous Peoples** into our curriculum
- Adding curriculum content on **anti-racism** and inclusion
- Building on the mandate and continue to work with provinces/territories to support **French-language training**
- Working with Canadian Heritage on the modernization of the **Official Languages Act**
- Developing the priorities related to newcomer language training for the Government of Canada's next **Official Languages Action Plan**



# Annex A: Immigration Levels Plan 2021 - 2023

| Immigrant Category   |  | 2021                                   |           |            | 2022                    |           |            | 2023                            |           |            |
|--|--|--|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|
|  |  | Target                                 | Low Range | High Range | Target                  | Low Range | High Range | Target                          | Low Range | High Range |
| Economic   | Overall Planned Permanent Resident Admissions  | <b>401,000</b>                         | 300,000   | 410,000    | <b>411,000</b>          | 320,000   | 420,000    | <b>421,000</b>                  | 330,000   | 430,000    |
|  | Federal High Skilled   | <b>108,500</b>                         | 81,000    | 110,250    | <b>110,500</b>          | 96,250    | 112,900    | <b>113,750</b>                  | 100,000   | 114,500    |
|  | Federal Business   | <b>1,000</b>                           | 400       | 1,250      | <b>1,000</b>            | 250       | 1,250      | <b>1,000</b>                    | 500       | 1,250      |
|  | Economic Pilots:<br><i>Caregivers; Agri-Food Pilot;<br/>Rural and Northern<br/>Immigration Pilot</i> | <b>8,500</b>                           | 4,900     | 9,250      | <b>10,000</b>           | 4,500     | 10,500     | <b>10,250</b>                   | 4,500     | 11,000     |
|  | Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program   | <b>6,000</b>                           | 3,300     | 6,250      | <b>6,250</b>            | 3,000     | 6,750      | <b>6,500</b>                    | 3,500     | 6,750      |
|  | Provincial Nominee Program   | <b>80,800</b>                          | 64,000    | 81,500     | <b>81,500</b>           | 63,600    | 82,500     | <b>83,000</b>                   | 65,000    | 84,000     |
|  | Quebec Skilled Workers and Business  | <i>See the Quebec immigration plan</i> |           |            | <i>To be determined</i> |           |            | <i>To be determined</i>         |           |            |
|  | Total Economic   | <b>232,500</b>                         | 180,500   | 237,000    | <b>241,500</b>          | 199,000   | 247,000    | <b>249,500</b>                  | 207,000   | 253,500    |
| Family   | Spouses, Partners and Children   | <b>80,000</b>                          | 61,000    | 81,000     | <b>80,000</b>           | 60,000    | 81,000     | <b>81,000</b>                   | 60,000    | 82,000     |
|  | Parents and Grandparents   | <b>23,500</b>                          | 15,000    | 24,000     | <b>23,500</b>           | 14,000    | 24,000     | <b>23,500</b>                   | 14,000    | 24,000     |
|  | Total Family   | <b>103,500</b>                         | 76,000    | 105,000    | <b>103,500</b>          | 74,000    | 105,000    | <b>104,500</b>                  | 74,000    | 106,000    |
| Refugees and Protected Persons   | Protected Persons in Canada and Dependents Abroad  | <b>23,500</b>                          | 17,000    | 25,000     | <b>24,500</b>           | 19,000    | 25,000     | <b>25,000</b>                   | 19,500    | 25,500     |
|  | Resettled Refugees - Government-Assisted   | <b>12,500</b>                          | 7,500     | 13,000     | <b>12,500</b>           | 7,500     | 13,000     | <b>12,500</b>                   | 8,400     | 13,000     |
|  | Resettled Refugees - Privately Sponsored   | <b>22,500</b>                          | 14,900    | 23,000     | <b>22,500</b>           | 15,400    | 23,000     | <b>22,500</b>                   | 15,500    | 23,000     |
|  | Resettled Refugees - Blended Visa Office-Referral  | <b>1,000</b>                           | 100       | 1,000      | <b>1,000</b>            | 100       | 1,000      | <b>1,000</b>                    | 100       | 1,000      |
|  | Total Refugees and Protected Persons   | <b>59,500</b>                          | 39,500    | 62,000     | <b>60,500</b>           | 42,000    | 62,000     | <b>61,000</b>                   | 43,500    | 62,500     |
| Humanitarian and Other   | Total Humanitarian & Compassionate and Other   | <b>5,500</b>                           | 4,000     | 6,000      | <b>5,500</b>            | 5,000     | 6,000      | <b>6,000</b>                    | 5,500     | 8,000      |
| French-speaking immigration admissions necessary to meet objective in <a href="#">Francophone Immigration Strategy</a> |  |  |           |            |                         |           |            | <b>4.4% of total admissions</b> | 12,144    | 16,544     |

# Annex B: Management Response Action Plan

| Measuring Outcomes   |
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| Clarify and confirm language training program <b>outcomes</b>  |
| Consider the appropriateness of the future use of the <b>Milestones Test</b>   |
| Develop and implement an approach to better identify <b>employment-related language training</b> and monitor its uptake and outcomes.  |
| Program Improvements for Fostering Success   |
| Develop and implement a plan to ensure that <b>instructors</b> are adequately resourced.   |
| Implement a plan to enhance language training provision for clients with <b>literacy needs</b> , namely addressing challenges related to use of PBLA with literacy clients.    |
| Implement a plan to address the challenges associated with <b>continuous intake</b> for clients and instructors.   |
| Develop <b>content guidelines</b> for employment-related language training and informal language training.   |
| Develop a plan to leverage and optimize the <b>benefits of informal language training</b> for formal language training clients.  |
| Examine ways and develop a plan to meet the needs of clients in terms of providing <b>care for children</b> with the view of facilitating access to language training.         |
| Implement a strategy to ensure effective and timely <b>dissemination of information</b> on policy changes and priorities between policy, operations and external stakeholders. |



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