



Refugee Family Reunification: Case Profile

Farhan (5 years) and Azlan (3 years) haven't seen their father for two years. Their young sister, Manha, has never seen him – she was born shortly after he was forced to flee his home. In June 2018, their father made a refugee claim in Canada. His case was so clear and straightforward that he was quickly accepted as a refugee (in December 2018).

The family was overjoyed when he was accepted, thinking that they would be reunited within a year.

But more than a year and a half later, they only know their immigration files are “in process”.

The children ask their father when they will see him and, feeling guilty, he gives them false hopes.

The father left behind a good job working with an international humanitarian agency – without permanent residence, he can't get back to work in his professional field. He is constantly worrying that something might happen to his wife and kids, aware that they are suffering because of him and his situation. He said: “For the last year I have had a depression and a feeling of loneliness. Canada is a beautiful and amazing country but I feel nothing but sorrow and disappointment.”

[Names are changed to protect the family.]

