Refugees in Naestved - from reception to integration

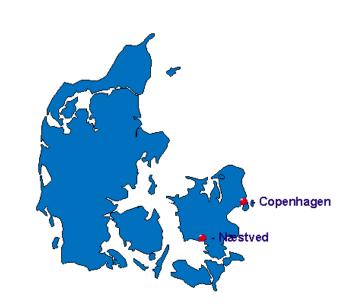
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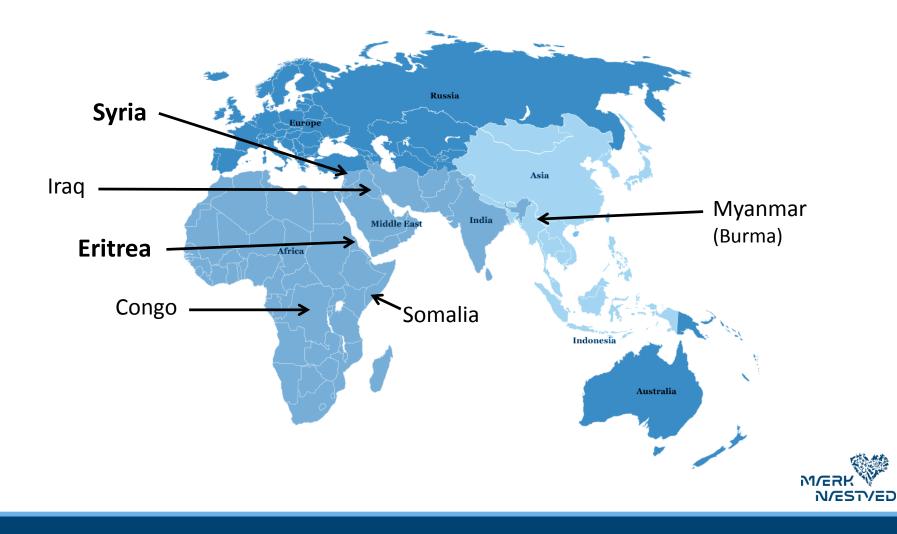
- 82,000 inhabitants

 Half in the city centre
 Half in the countryside
- 1 hour from Copenhagen
- Average city





Where from?



How many?

- Numbers of refugees:
 - 2014: 77
 - 2015: 225
 - 2016: 302



 In addition, we also receive families due to family reunifications



Where to stay?

- 1. Reception Centre
 - Recently arrived refugees
- 2. Temporary accommodation
 - Refugees whose asylum aplication is approved
 - Rooms with furniture. Shared kitchen and bath
 - 250 around the municipality
- 3. Permanent accommodation
 - Houses, appartements, etc.



How much?

- Living at home (>30) 2,560
- Single with no children 5,945
- Couple with no children 11,890
- Single with children 11,880
- Couple with children 16,638

(in DKK – before tax)



Integration process

- Asylum phase
 - Quick case work
- Reception at the municipality
 - Housing
 - Skills and experiences
- Active start
 - Individual contract/action plan
 - Introduction to the Danish society and the labour market
 - Danish language course
- Quickly into jobs
 - Guidance and upgrading
 - Internship
- Full integration (labour market)
 - Ordinary employment

Challenges

- Lack of housing
- Economy
- Enter the job force
- Managing organization changes
- Ressources



Good Practices

- Local meetings before establishing temporary accomodations
- Network families
- Volunteers



Thank you