

## **Media Backgrounder**

*At the request of the Nauruan government, UNHCR agreed to conduct refugee status determination (RSD) for asylum seekers rescued at sea by the Norwegian freighter MV Tampa and then taken to Nauru by the Australian navy ship HMAS Manoora in September 2001. This backgrounder gives a breakdown of where these people have gone since. There are no asylum-seekers from the Tampa remaining on Nauru.*

### **Asylum seekers from the TAMPA – where did they go?**

433 asylum seekers were picked up by the Tampa

424 were Afghans  
3 were Pakistanis  
6 were Sri Lankans

Where did they go?

3 Pakistanis returned to Pakistan voluntarily  
4 Sri Lankans returned voluntarily, 2 were resettled to Sweden

Afghans

179 returned voluntarily to Afghanistan (following negative decisions on their refugee status in 2002)

1 died

Of those who were recognised as refugees and were resettled in third countries:

208 went to New Zealand

(this includes: 131 who went straight to New Zealand from the Tampa, 14 who went straight from Nauru, 42 who went following first round of Refugee Status Determination (RSD), and 21 went in September 2004 following a review of cases.)

29 went to Australia (including 1 case assessed by the DIMIA)

5 to Sweden

2 to Norway