

# Social inclusion of refugees and immigrants in Swedish Rural areas.

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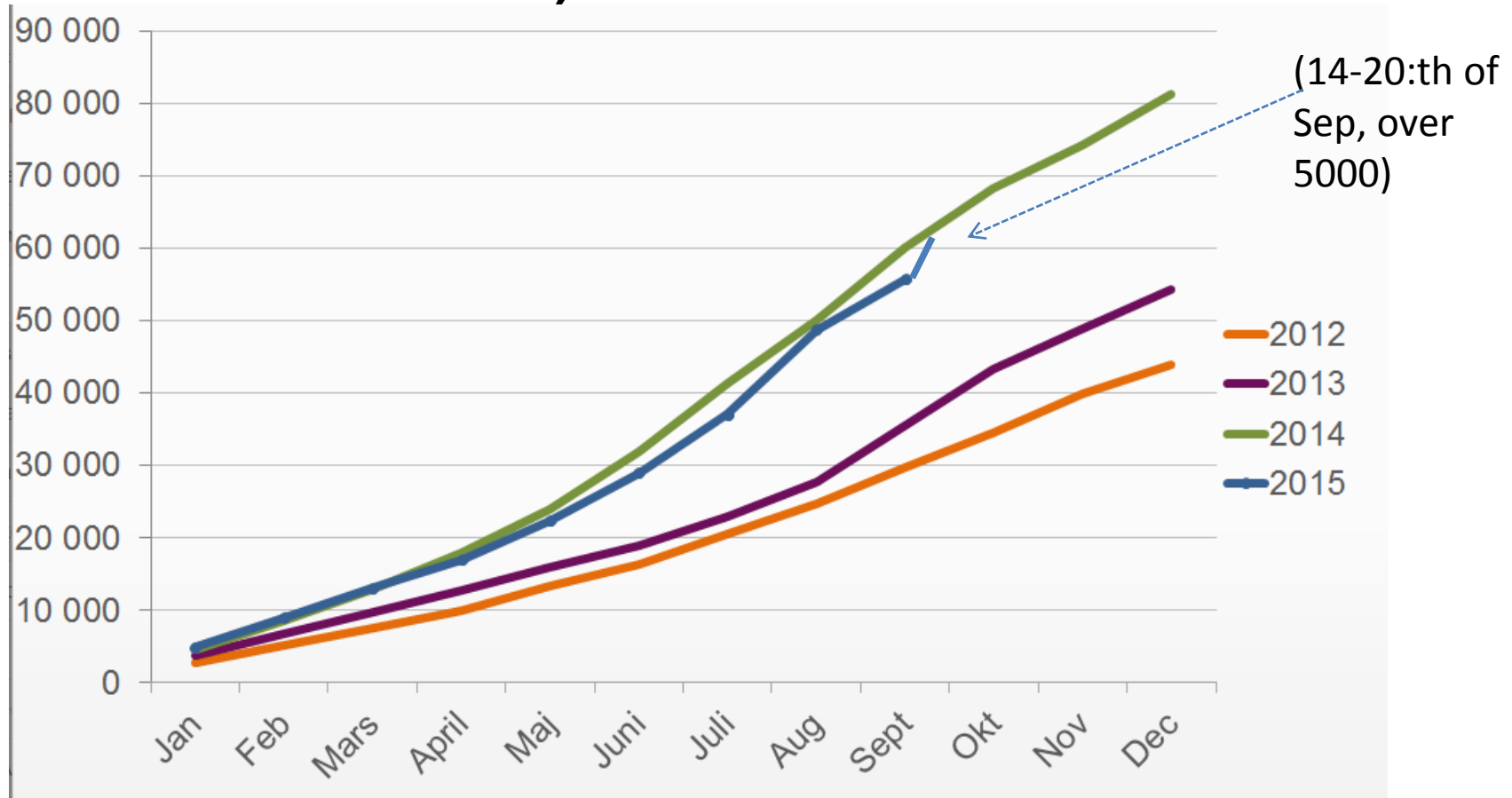


# Rural areas are loosing population

- 60% of Swedish municipalities have decreased in population 1990-2011
- Not all rural areas are decreasing
- But most are struggling to keep local schools, shops, health care, other services
- A challenge for LAGs



# Asylum seekers in Sweden 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015



# Small rural villages receive many



Undrom, Sollefteå:	85 inhabitants.	200 refugees.
Trensum, Karlshamn:	106 inhabitants.	300 refugees.
Långträsk, Piteå:	109 inhabitants.	52 refugees.
Byxelkrok, Borgholm:	129 inhabitants.	133 refugees.
Dalskog, Mellerud:	133 inhabitants.	124 refugees.
Blackstad, Västervik:	145 inhabitants.	120 refugees.
Gysinge, Sandviken:	149 inhabitants.	200 refugees.
Virestad, Älmhult:	155 inhabitants.	81 refugees.
Trehörningsjö, Örnsköldsvik:	160 inhabitants.	50 refugees.
Rätan, Berg:	195 inhabitants.	84 refugees.
Stavsjö, Nyköping:	212 inhabitants.	150 refugees.
Liden, Sundsvall:	254 inhabitants.	110 refugees.
Ramsberg, Lindesberg:	257 inhabitants.	55 refugees.
Hällnäs, Vindeln:	259 inhabitants.	500 refugees.
Åsarna, Berg:	268 inhabitants.	148 refugees.

# Social inclusion in rural areas-how?

- Comittment, involvement and engagement of:
  - Inhabitants
  - NGO:s
  - Business sector
  - Municipalities
  - becoming friends
  - social life, training etc
  - internship, job, matching
  - education, health care, housing
- Did you read LEADER?

# Stavsjö - Accept or reject?



- 212 inhabitants
- 150 asylum seekers
- Collecting clothes, toys, sports equipment.....
- Language café in the village hall
- Starting a company offering language courses
- Organising basic health care
- Dance performance tour
- Pre study through Leader





# Building relationships, Brålanda



# Building relationships, Orust





# Swedish NRN Thematic Working Group

## Social Inclusion of Refugees and Immigrants

- The Agriculture and Rural Economy Society
- The Swedish Football Association
- The County Administration Board
- The Swedish Village Action Movement
- Private Expert with own experience
- The Federation of Swedish Farmers
- The Swedish Board of Agriculture
- LEADER
- SIOS, The Cooperation Group for Ethnical Associations in Sweden
- The Swedish public employment service
- The Migration Agency
- The Federation of Business Owners,



# Working group action plan

## Supporting local civil society, LAGs and NGOs for social inclusion

- Mapping:
  - Overview
  - Finding good examples
  - Finding areas with potential
- Handbook, checklists, web
- [Disseminating good examples](#)      [More links](#)
- Seminars
- Assisting ethnic organisations in rural areas
- Meeting decision makers, MPs etc



# It is possible - but not easy

Thank you for your attention!

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[Our monthley review in English](#)

[German TV about refugees in Skellefteå](#)

