

A note from the Executive Director

Asylum Access celebrated its 10th anniversary this year in the face of the greatest refugee crisis the world has seen since WWII.

We need a bold new solution.

Asylum Access has a vision for this solution. In Africa, Asia, and Latin America, we've proven we can put refugees back in control of their lives and give them the power to contribute to their host communities.

Now we're looking for partners -- people and organizations who are ready to share, replicate, and adapt our successful model to achieve change for nearly 20 million refugees worldwide.

Over the next 10 years, we'll invite other NGOs, UN agencies, development banks, and funders to join us in moving beyond aid to eliminate barriers to refugee autonomy, to catalyze refugees' power to positively transform their own lives and the lives of their new homes. We'll share tools and catalyze action to achieve a world where refugees can live safely, move freely, work, attend school and rebuild their lives in safe new homes.

We invite you to join us on this journey.







All refugees deserve a fair chance at a new life.

Globally, we challenge barriers that keep refugees from living safely,
moving freely,
working and attending school --

because when refugees can rebuild their lives,

communities thrive.

These are the tools we use.

20,000+

refugees received legal information, advice and representation



refugees joined together to build collective strategies to address critical needs

10,000

refugees received Know Your Rights training



COMMUNITY LEGAL EMPOWERMENT



STRATEGIC LITIGATION

POLICY

ADVOCACY



1,000,000+

refugees impacted by changes Asylum Access has secured in government and UN policies and practices.



REFUGEE RIGHTS TOOLKIT

Open-access, online platform with practical advice and capacity development for global refugee rights leaders.

We provide personalized legal assistance and help refugee communities organize to assert their human rights.





We also work with governments and the UN to develop and promote lasting solutions so refugees can live safely, move freely, work, send children to school and rebuild their lives.





OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

new regional office for Latin America based in Fcuador

new country operations, in Mexico, Panama and Malaysia

TANZANIA

Worked with the Tanzanian government on a forthcoming urban refugee policy that will make it possible for refugees to rebuild their lives outside refugee camps

MALAYSIA

Successfully advocated to Members of Parliament for the rescue and protection of Rohingyas stranded offshore.

LATIN AMERICA

Led civil society participation in the Cartagena+30 process to improve conditions for thousands of refugees across Latin America

PANAMA

Successfully advocated for refugees to legally engage in small-scale entrepreneurial activities, creating an avenue for income-generation and self-sufficiency

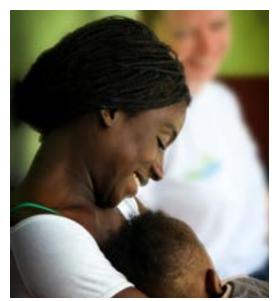
MEXICO

Established Mexico's first "hospitality route," along which migrating refugees can access safety and rights instead of facing arrest and deportation

"The day I left my country, I was filled with sorrow. I was abandoning my land and the farms I depended upon. Thanks to Asylum Access Ecuador I am no longer the same [person]. My life has taken off."

"The Women's Empowerment Group was good for me because I had so many things bottled up. I was able to relieve myself of them and from all the stress. I had the possibility to speak to other people and I lost my shyness. I usually don't go anywhere, but when I am at the group, I feel as if I am in a different place, in a different life."

Maribel, Colombian refugee Asylum Access Ecuador





Credit Sandra ten Zijthoff

Credit Carlos Tobón



Credit Joshua Partlow/The Washington Post

Originally from Honduras, 17-year old Pedro became the target of one of Tegucigalpa's most feared gangs. Following weeks of verbal harassment, he was stabbed twice while walking home.

He recovered, but the threats continued. Fearing for his life, Pedro paid a smuggler to take him to the US where he would reunite with his mother. At the southern Mexican border, the smuggler abandoned Pedro.

Fortunately, Pedro found his way to a migrant shelter where the Asylum Access Mexico team informed him of his rights and took on his case. In October, Pedro was granted refugee status and is no longer at constant risk of detention, arrest, or deportation. With refugee status, Pedro can rebuild his life in Mexico.

"We had a very good life in Pakistan. Suddenly everything went wrong and we lost each and every thing we had. There was no option for me [and my family] to stay in my country. We left our memories, our stories, our customs, our culture.

Thailand was the easiest way to leave Pakistan, but the reality of refugees in Bangkok is very strange. We are still facing persecution, but in a different way. It's hard to find food or a safe place to live. The greatest danger is that if you're found by the immigration police they will arrest and detain you.

Two years ago, I came to Asylum Access Thailand (AAT). I'm really grateful to AAT who is the only legal services provider for refugees in Bangkok. Without them, the refugee status determination process would be quite difficult for refugees. Most refugees have never had these kinds of issues and such interviews. Because of their help, we had an idea of how to work with an interpreter and how to respond to the UNHCR eligibility officer's questions.

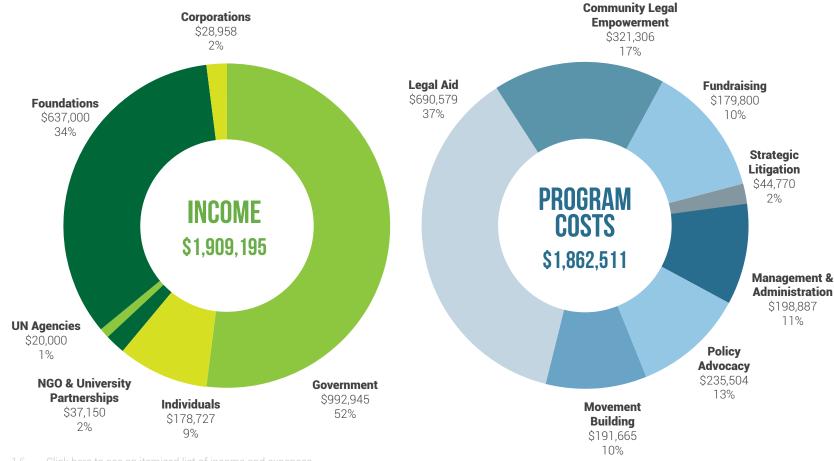
I really appreciate that, though they are working with passion, they treat refugees in a very good manner because they know how the people suffer."

Azali, Pakistani refugee Asylum Access Thailand





Credit Sandra ten Zijthoff



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