



ASYLUM ACCESS ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 2017



At Asylum Access, we believe all refugees
deserve a fair chance at a new life.

All over the world, we challenge the barriers that keep refugees
from living safely, moving freely, working and attending school -
because when refugees can rebuild their lives, nations thrive.

Find out more:
www.asylumaccess.org

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

2016-2017

THROUGH LEGAL AID AND
COMMUNITY LEGAL
EMPOWERMENT,
WE REACHED

29,089

REFUGEES ACROSS 5 COUNTRIES.

WE'VE IMPACTED

+2,000,000

REFUGEES OVER 12 YEARS
THROUGH POLICY ADVOCACY

8,204

REFUGEES RECEIVED
KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS TRAINING

24,971

REFUGEES RECEIVED
LEGAL INFORMATION, ADVICE
AND REPRESENTATION

364

REFUGEE WOMEN
INCREASED THEIR CONFIDENCE
AND EMOTIONAL SECURITY
THROUGH WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GROUPS.

ON AVERAGE,
A REFUGEE SPENDS
26 YEARS
IN A PROTRACTED
REFUGEE SITUATION

THROUGH
LEGAL EMPOWERMENT,
POLICY REFORM &
GLOBAL SYSTEMS CHANGE,
WE'RE MAKING
HUMAN RIGHTS
A REALITY
FOR REFUGEES.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Mexico and Ecuador, we created pathways for refugees to achieve self sufficiency and access their rights through the hospitality route and the employability roadmap:

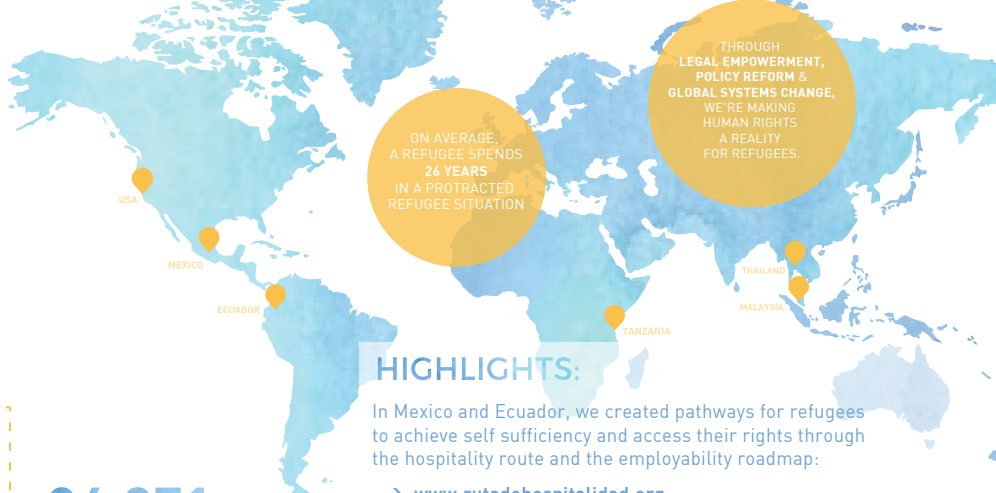
→ www.rutadehospitalidad.org

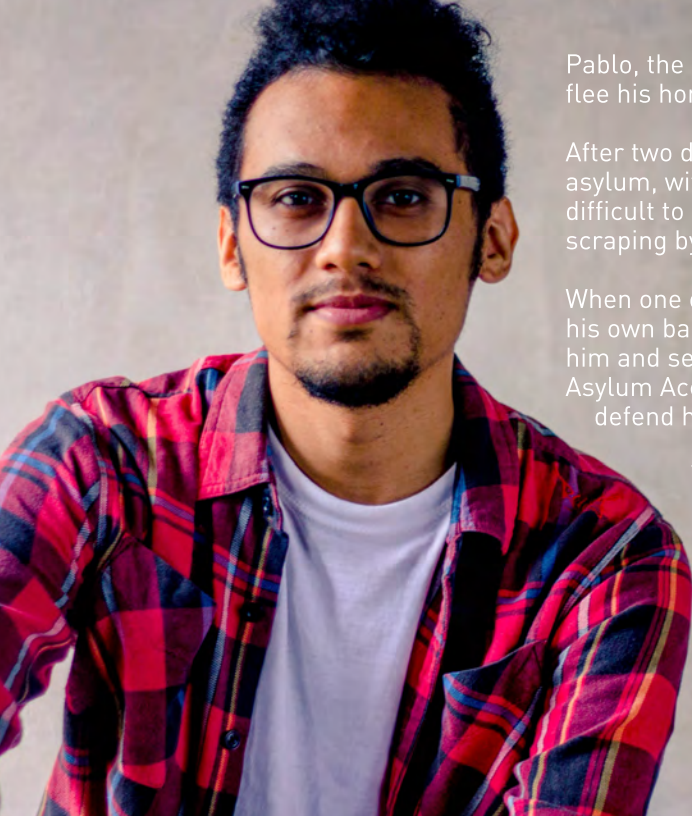
We generated global support for refugees' work rights, published a Middle East-focused report and an interactive website:

→ www.refugeeworkrights.org

Through our advocacy, the Tanzanian government agreed to document its reasons for denying refugee status to an asylum seeker, allowing us to mount more effective appeals.

In Southeast Asia, our advocacy led to improved procedural standards and due process for asylum seekers, and alternatives to detention, respectively.





Pablo, the owner of a barbershop in Honduras, was forced to flee his home when gangmembers threatened to kill him.

After two difficult journeys to Mexico, he finally applied for asylum, with Asylum Access's help. Yet life wasn't easy. It was difficult to find a job due to discrimination and he was barely scraping by.

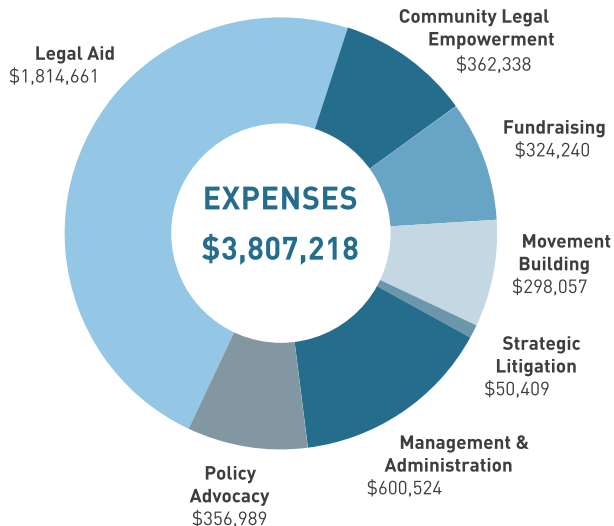
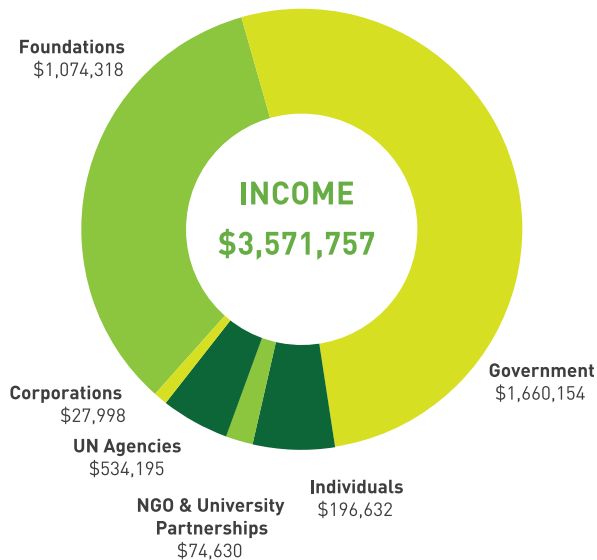
When one of Pablo's friends loaned him enough money to start his own barbershop, competing businesses began to threaten him and sent authorities his way. Fortunately, his work with Asylum Access gave him the legal standing he needed to defend his right to operate a business.

Today, Pablo's business is thriving. He's paid off his debt and plans to bring the rest of his family to Mexico.

"It's hard to arrive in a new country, to not know anyone. I've always believed that when someone is dedicated to what they want to achieve, they can achieve it. It was hard at first...but I feel blessed and am thankful to Asylum Access for their constant support."

FINANCIALS

JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017





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