



# 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](http://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.



## 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](http://www.rutadehospitalidad.org)

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

→ [www.refugeeworkrights.org](http://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.

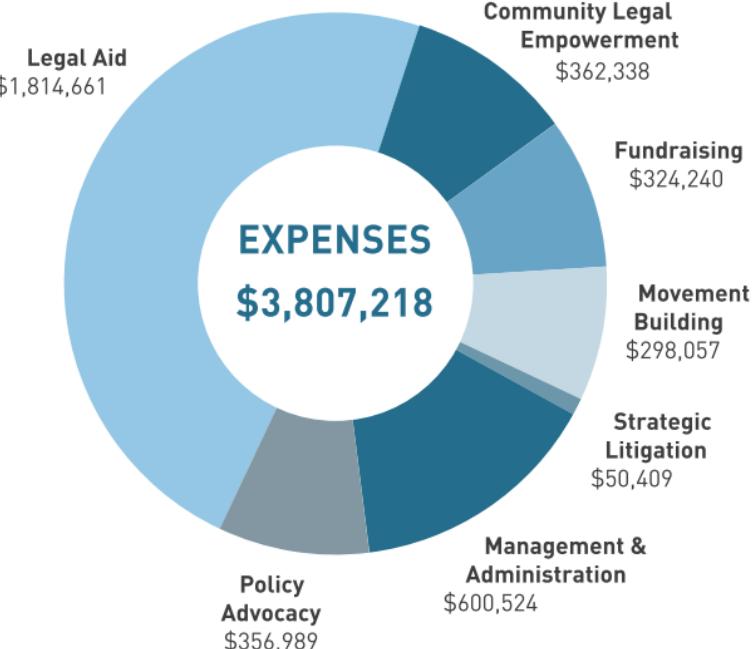
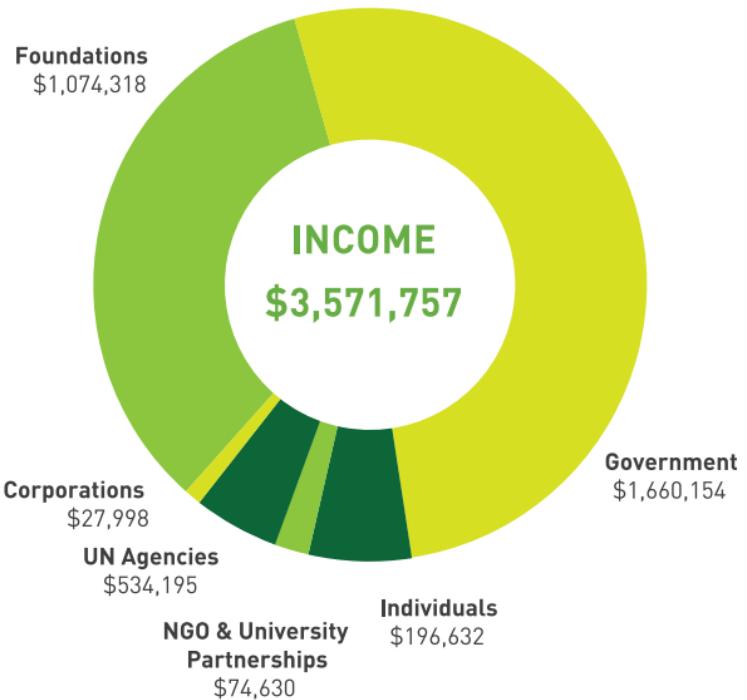
When one of Pablo's friends loaned him enough money to start his own barbershop, competing businesses began to threaten him and sent authorities his way. Fortunately, his work with Asylum Access gave him the legal standing he needed to defend his right to operate a business.

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





[www.asylumaccess.org](http://www.asylumaccess.org)