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Refugee Survival Trust
Co-op Bank, Skelmersdale
Sort Code 08-92-99
Account No. 65153756

Donation

I would like to make a one-off donation of £ _____
I enclose a cheque/postal order payable
to Refugee Survival Trust for £ _____

Gift Aid

I am a UK Taxpayer and at no extra cost to me,
I would like Refugee Survival Trust to reclaim
tax on my monthly donation and all donations
I make hereafter. (Please tick)

N.B. This only applies if you currently pay tax on income or
any savings you have. You must pay an amount of income
tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim
on your donations in the tax year.

I consent to RST holding and processing my
information for the purposes of my membership.
I understand that it will be held in confidence
and in keeping with the requirements of the Data
Protection Act 1998 and will not be disclosed to
3rd parties without my prior consent.

Signature _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

"It was a hard time. When you've left your country because of some political circumstances or humanitarian issues, when you need help, if you don't get that help it's like the end of the world for you."

Ahmed (not his real name) fled persecution in his native Sudan to seek sanctuary in Scotland. Instead, he was refused asylum at every stage of the process and left with no financial support or accommodation even though it was not safe for him to return home.

After two years of terrible uncertainty, and six months of destitution, the Government changed its policy position on non-Arabs from Sudan and allowed Ahmed to submit a new asylum claim. Within a few weeks he was finally recognised as a refugee and allowed to remain in Scotland.

"I was destitute and I've had a lot of difficult things put in my way, but somehow I knew I was going to succeed with my status and I was going to stay in Scotland. I feel like I am home, somehow."

Join RST today

For just £2 a month you can help prevent people like Ahmed being left hungry and homeless and enable us to lobby to make our asylum system fairer and more efficient.

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Destitution

People fleeing persecution have to leave behind their home, friends and family. Many spend their life savings to get to Scotland and arrive here with nothing.

They are not allowed to work and cannot access mainstream benefits or homelessness services until they have been granted the right to stay. They have no choice but to apply for basic financial support from the Home Office.

Delays and errors in accessing this asylum support and restrictive government policies leave people at all stages of the asylum process destitute. They are often very vulnerable with no family or friends to turn to.

"You have no income. It's possible they'll take you out of your house. I got support from the Refugee Survival Trust and it gave me hope, but if I did not have any income or any support that would affect us really badly."

Rafiq, a 20 year-old asylum seeker from Iraq



How we help

Refugee Survival Trust provides lifeline grants to people seeking asylum who have no other means of support and often nowhere to live.

We also work to prevent more people becoming destitute in the future by lobbying the government to make the asylum system fairer and more efficient.

- ➔ Since we were established in 1996 we have supported over 8,000 destitute refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland with small emergency grants (usually of £35-40).
- ➔ In 2010/11 alone our grants prevented the destitution of 644 adults and 37 children, ensuring that they could eat, make essential journeys and have a roof over their heads.
- ➔ We also provide grants of up to £150 to help refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland to access work and employment opportunities. In 2010/11 we gave over £8,000 in grants to help 36 refugees into employment and 22 asylum seekers into training.

"It is so important to keep supporting people with limited income in order to help them to achieve something that really matters in their future."

Amir, an Iraqi asylum seeker who received an RST study grant



Join us!

We are a small charity, but we make a big difference to the lives of vulnerable people. We only exist thanks to the generosity, help and support of people like you. Please become a member or make a donation to support our vital work. Either...

- ➔ online: www.rst.org.uk/support_us/membership
- ➔ or by filling in the form below and returning it to:

Refugee Survival Trust
The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PR

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other) _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please tick here to receive our e-newsletter and updates about our work.

Membership

Monthly

I would like to be a member / renew my membership of Refugee Survival Trust with a monthly donation of:

£2 £5 £10 Other £ _____

Annual

I/My organisation would like to become a member with an annual donation of:

- £2 (concession rate for asylum seekers and refugees)
- £12 (concession rate for unwaged/students/unemployed)
- £24 (minimum for individuals and small/community organisations*)
- £40 (minimum for medium organisations*)
- £80 (minimum for large organisations*)

(* Organisation sizes: Small – annual income up to £50,000; medium – £50,000 to £100,000; large organisation over £100,000.)

Please start payments on _____ / _____ / _____

(At least one month after today's date)

See other side to complete the form ➔