

Stuck here

No money

No work-permit

Any hope?

An **asylum seeker** is someone who has claimed to be a refugee and who is waiting for a decision on his/her asylum claim.

A **refused asylum seeker** is someone who has had a final decision on his/her claim stating that he/she does not meet the refugee definition criteria.

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Jesuit Refugee Service UK
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If charity runs out, how does one survive?



You can help us make a difference in these people's life by supporting our hardship fund.

Please complete the tear-off slip provided.

Details of the cost for grants:

Type of grant	Costs Details for 1 person
Subsistence – food	£20 a week for a maximum of 10 weeks (£200 maximum).
Hygiene packs	Given monthly and has a value of £5.
Travel	From £3 (a day bus pass) to £13 (a week bus pass) depending on the needs of the person.
Telephone cards	£10 a month.
Special needs	From £6.85 for a prescription fee or £20 for an eye test or £98 for a school uniform.
Education	A one-off payment of £100.

These grants are distributed during our open days. On average we give £1,700 a week in grants. We are open twice a week. We see around 145 people a day. On top of the grants we need to pay for the cost of a day centre (rent of the room, simple shared lunch, 6 volunteers expenses, JRS staff costs), which for a single day is £394.

Total Cost summary for our hardship fund:

Grants	£1,700 x 52 weeks	£88,400
Day Centre	£394 x 52 weeks x 2 days a week	£ 40,976
Total for 1 year		£129,376

YES, I would like to help by making a donation to the hardship fund (please make cheques payable to Jesuit Refugee Service)

- £5.00 for a hygiene pack for 1 person
- £10 for a phone card for 1 person
- £40 for 2 weeks of food subsistence grant for 1 person
- £100 for 5 weeks of food subsistence grants for 1 person
- Other amount: £ _____

I am a UK taxpayer and would like to gift aid my donation to Jesuit Refugee Service (worth a further 28p for every £1 given)

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

JRS will not share your details with other organisations. However, we keep your information for our newsletter mailing list and so that we can process your donations. Occasionally we may need to contact you with a specific query. If you do not wish to be contacted please tick here

Many asylum seekers come to the UK hoping for peace and security. Unfortunately many of them find destitution waits for them here. There are tens of thousands of people in the UK who have been left in limbo – with no status, no permission to work, no right to benefits or accommodation – but who also cannot return to their country of origin as they are undocumented or it is too unsafe to return them. They are often left destitute and become dependant on charity to survive.



"I had been tortured, my house was burnt and I never heard about my wife and three children. I felt that I had no choice anymore; if I wanted to stay alive I had to flee from Uganda. When I arrived in 2003 I was full of hope and in a good spirit. I am now making my third claim following administrative mistakes by the government."
Musisi

How would you feel if you had to ask for everything you need to survive?

In order to assist completely destitute asylum seekers with their basic needs JRS has set-up a hardship fund. Each grant is given according to the person's need following an assessment of his/her request.



This fund allows us to provide:



Subsistence grants for food: given to someone who receives no benefits and who is not supported by friends or family.

"I had been raped and tortured and I felt so afraid for my 2 children that the only way to protect them was to flee. We arrived in 2001 and since then my case is still pending. We have no more support at all. This JRS food grant is the only way for me to feed my children."
Masani



Hygiene packs: containing basic items such as shampoo, toothpaste, soap, body lotion, sanitary towels and a toothbrush.



"I unexpectedly came across a woman crying on her first visit to JRS. She was crying because she had been given a hygiene pack and some nappies for her baby. She was so grateful and so overwhelmed that she cried. It is humbling to know something so simple can make such a difference."
Claire

Telephone cards: given to detainees so that they can maintain contact with their solicitors, family, friends and agencies that might be able to help.



Education grants: towards the cost of books for people who are studying.

"I came to this country in May 2002 and claimed asylum immediately. I have not been given any support for the last 3 years. JRS helps me with food and textbooks to be able to complete my studies for a BTEC national Diploma in Applied Science."
Tasha



One-off grants for special needs: given to an individual to buy school uniforms, pay for eye tests or buy medicines.

Travel grants: to help people to attend court hearings, medical and legal appointments, to fulfil reporting requirements with the immigration authorities, and to attend drop in centres for the homeless for hot meals.



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