



## Who is a refugee ?

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of war or persecution.

Refugees may not be able to or may be afraid to return home because they a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Also, refugees may also be unable or unwilling to return home owing to serious and indiscriminate threats to life, physical integrity or freedom resulting from generalized violence or events seriously disturbing public order.

The rights of refugees are defined in international law and they are protected by it. Refugees shall not be deported or returned to territories where their life freedom was threatened. Refugees shall not be criminalised on account of their irregular entry or presence.



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Refugee Rights Association

# Who are we ?

Refugee Rights Association(RRA) was established in 2007 to work against the shortcomings and violations regarding the right to asylum in the northern part of Cyprus and to provide legal and social support for refugees. Over time we extended our activities to include efforts to combat trafficking and racism.



## What do we do ?

- Raising awareness on rights of refugees in northern Cyprus, to conduct trainings and research and reporting to this end;
- Advocacy for legal change;
- Providing legal and social assistance to refugees and victims of trafficking;
- Ensuring solidarity between Turkish Cypriot Community and the refugees, collecting and distributing financial and material donations to this end;
- Conducting activities to combat racism and human trafficking.



When you show solidarity with refugees through RRA, this is what we do:

- Rental Subsidy
- Language and Vocational Training
- Emergency Cash Assistance
- Emergency Accommodation
- Food and Non-food Items
- Menstrual Hygiene Materials
- Special Assistance for Children;
  - Diapers and supplementary dietary products
  - Access to primary and secondary education and assistance in school related expenses
  - After school activities and study groups
- Medical Assistance
  - Medical treatment: assistance in registration in public hospitals; referral to private clinics whenever needed
  - Psychological and psychiatric support: referral and assistance in accessing public and private mental health services whenever needed
  - Medication/pharmaceuticals: financial assistance for medication prescribed by a medical doctor or medication obtained from pharmacies that do pro-bono work
- Assistance for Persons with Special Needs
  - Mobility assistance devices, adaptive aids and medication needed to ensure participation in household or community activities

Priority is given to persons that meet below vulnerability criteria:

1. Older person (60 years of age or older) without family support and in poverty or who has under his/her care minor grandchildren;
2. Adult or child who is mentally or physically impaired by illness, injury or wounds which hinders the normal day to day activity;
3. Women who face protection risks particular to their gender;
4. LGBTI+ who face protection risks particular to their sexual orientation and gender identity or expression;
5. Children at risk (does not attend school, child with special educational needs, etc);
6. Unaccompanied or separated children;
7. Persons suffering from an on-going, debilitating medical condition;
8. Persons suffering from psychological trauma resulting from past torture, human trafficking or other causes; and
9. Persons living with HIV/AIDS.