

# ASAP ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23



**ASAP**

ASYLUM  
SUPPORT  
APPEALS  
PROJECT

DEFENDING ASYLUM SEEKERS

LEGAL RIGHTS TO FOOD AND SHELTER

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# ABOUT ASAP

**ASAP is a national charity which reduces destitution amongst asylum seekers by protecting their legal rights to food and shelter.**

We work with people, and the organisations supporting them, who have been forced to flee their home countries, denied the right to work in the UK and prevented from accessing support. Most come from conflict zones or countries with a well-documented record of human rights abuses. Yet they can find themselves street homeless in the UK, surviving on charitable donations.

We are a team of eleven paid staff and 41 volunteer solicitor and barrister advocates. Our offices are based in East London close to the Asylum Support Tribunal.

## WHAT WE DO

- Provide free legal representation and advice to people seeking asylum who are appealing against Home Office decisions to refuse or withdraw their asylum support, via pro bono representation (the duty scheme) at the Asylum Support (First-Tier) Tribunal in East London.
- Deliver training, run an advice line and an online network for frontline organisations, advice agencies and legal practitioners working with people in the asylum system.
- Engage in policy, lobbying and litigation to address the systemic causes of destitution, improving policies and procedures on asylum support.

## OUR VISION AND VALUES

### **We believe in:**

- Human rights and the rights of all people seeking asylum in the UK to have shelter, food and support and not to live in destitution.
- Access to justice, holding the Home Office and Tribunal to account.
- Dignity and equality for the people we serve.
- Independence.
- Collaboration with other organisations.
- Openness and transparency.

## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

**ASAPs work is guided by its four goals as identified in our five year Strategic plan 2019- 2024:**

- 1** Increasing quality representation and dignity at the Asylum Support Tribunal for all people seeking asylum.
- 2** Building the asylum support skills of other organisations to ensure people seeking asylum across the UK have access to quality advice and information about their legal rights to food and shelter.
- 3** Tackling the root causes of destitution through policy, lobbying and litigation.
- 4** Maintaining a well-resourced and purposeful organisation to assist people seeking asylum and the organisations supporting them.



## CHAIR'S REPORT

**Mike Spencer**

This was yet another tough year for asylum seekers in the UK and another challenging period for ASAP's dedicated staff and volunteers. Once again, they rose to the challenge and have continued to provide excellent quality legal advice and representation at the First-tier Tribunal (Asylum Support). The policy and training teams have also made significant progress in advocating on behalf of destitute people claiming asylum at the national level and in building capacity in the asylum advice sector. On the Management Committee, we recruited three new trustees: Imogen Greener, our new deputy treasurer, Zain Hafeez who brings

significant comms expertise as well as lived experience of the asylum support system and Mahdi Saki, a refugee advocate with extensive experience at board level in Scotland. Our aim in 2023/2024 is to increase the voices of those with lived experience of asylum support across the organisation, working together to improve our services and the broader system, to ensure that people can access the support to which they are entitled. People claiming asylum should not be blamed for Government inefficiency, and no one should have to suffer destitution while waiting for their immigration case to be determined.



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Kat Lorenz**

2022/23 saw significant legislative and policy changes. From the Nationality and Borders Act, to the Illegal Migration Act and attacks on human rights legislation, the mood music was of increasing hostility towards people in the UK who had been forced to flee their country. This was compounded by the UK government's plan to transfer responsibility for processing asylum applicants to Rwanda, a plan which undermines the Refugee Convention and the UK's responsibilities on an international level. The political approach stood in stark contrast to the kindness with which many families opened their homes to those forced to flee the war in Ukraine.

Unfortunately the time involved in trying to implement these unworkable and inhumane policies meant that civil servants had little capacity left to implement changes to the system that were both cost efficient and humane. Despite the onslaught of detrimental policies, we had some success in achieving positive change. For example we and others persuaded the Home Office that people impacted by the raft of legislative changes should not be left destitute. In response to reports that women were so malnourished they could not

breastfeed and children had stunted growth due to poor quality food in some hotels, we supported a legal case which led to weekly nutritional payments, an equivalent to healthy start vouchers.

Thanks to our committed and skilled volunteer lawyers, we represented 79% of people at the Asylum Support Tribunal where we were in a position to help. 70% of people we assisted accessed support and accommodation. We saw demand for our training courses peak, with 1500 people from more than 200 organisations accessing training during the year. This is indicative of the pressure that such significant changes to policy and practice put on smaller organisations. We are so grateful for the support of our Asylum Support Advisor Network (ASAN) members, and the insight they give us into what is happening across the UK. We would also like to thank our network of lawyers in partner organisations who have so bravely fought against injustice this year. And finally, thank you to our funders for responding so generously to the cost of living crisis, which enabled us to continue our services for people who would otherwise be homeless.

# OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS 2022-23

**79%**

of appellants assisted where ASAP was permitted to do so



**278**

with their appeal  
(**356** including family)



**206** represented  
and **72** advised

**70%**

of those we assisted accessed accommodation and support



**97%**

reported increase in knowledge of asylum support after training

**639**

calls to advice line from **172** different organisations



**1,512**

people trained from **208** organisations



**629** webinar,  
**863** e-learning,  
**20** face-to-face

**443**

referrals received –  
**34%** self-referrals

**1,059**

members of our asylum support advisors network (ASAN)



**8** training sessions

**6** e-learning courses

**1** recorded webinar



# ACCESS TO JUSTICE

**ASAP's duty scheme at the First Tier Tribunal (Asylum Support) offers free legal representation to people in the asylum system who are appealing decisions by the Home Office to refuse or discontinue their application for financial support or accommodation.** Although there is a right to appeal, there is no legal aid outside Scotland, and destitute appellants cannot afford solicitors. We are the only organisation providing this service to people from across the UK.

Without us, people within the asylum system would have to navigate the court system on their own, explaining their case to a judge without in-depth knowledge of asylum support law. Meanwhile, the Home Office is often represented in the hearing. This imbalance tips the scales, making it very difficult to access justice. The court setting can be intimidating, especially for those already suffering from mental health issues. Independent research showed that ASAP's assistance increases chances of success by 32%.<sup>1</sup>

Our 41 volunteer duty scheme advocates are made up of experienced barristers and solicitors, who represent people on a rota basis roughly every six weeks.

Our duty scheme team receives and processes referrals from over 200 agencies around the UK who are looking for assistance for their clients with asylum support appeals. The team provides expert advice and assistance to our volunteer advocates as they prepare the case in the days running up to the appeal and represent on the day of the hearing itself.



**I would like to thank [the volunteer] for his efforts of going through all the documents thoroughly to make sure that we don't miss out anything at the hearing. I was utterly dazzled by his communication skills and courage at the Tribunal hearing, you worked tirelessly to ensure the best possible outcome on my behalf, and I can't thank you enough."**

## ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE DUTY SCHEME IN 2022/23:

- We represented and advised 278 appellants (356 including family members).
- 70% of those we assisted accessed or remained on support.
- We represented 79% of appeals where we had permission to assist.<sup>2</sup>
- We received 443 referrals – 66% from organisations and 34% from appellants.

## KEY FACTS ABOUT THE DUTY SCHEME IN 2022/23:

- 73% of those we assisted were male and 25% female.
- 11% were families with children.
- 60% had mental or physical health problems.

1. [stillhumanstillhere.files.wordpress.com/2009/01/evidence\\_briefing\\_supporting\\_justice.pdf](https://stillhumanstillhere.files.wordpress.com/2009/01/evidence_briefing_supporting_justice.pdf)

2. Excludes cases that were withdrawn/ adjourned/ where ASAP was not permitted to assist because another solicitor was involved/ where the appellant did not want our assistance.

## QUOTES FROM THOSE WE REPRESENTED IN 2022/23

23% of those we represented gave us feedback. 98% was positive, with quotes including:

“I appreciate the support I’ve received. I’ve been helped quickly and efficient and due to that I won the appeal and I was accepted support under section 95 of the Immigration act as I am struggling and have no place to live.”

“We don’t know how the Law is managed in this country, and the ASAP Team make me feel safe.”

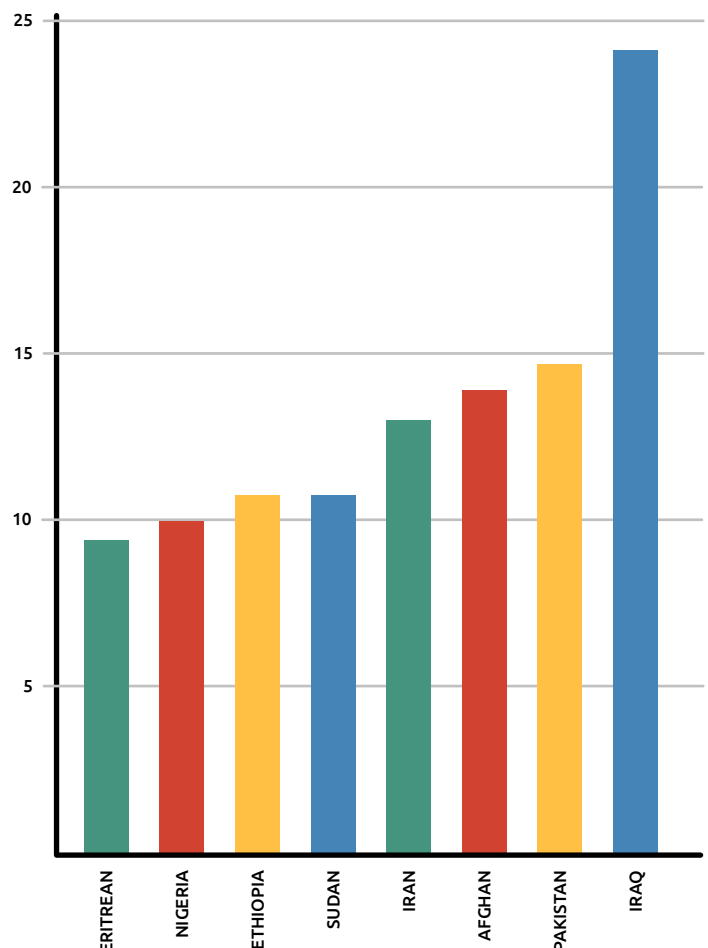
“They helped me with my appeal for my asylum support and I cannot thank them enough they help me with everything from preparing me prior to my hearing to representing me in the same day, they did such an amazing work and they were very professional and knowledgeable.”

“The ASAP advocate helped a great deal. The way (she) structured the representation she presented to the Tribunal with the argument points raised was just amazing. She was able to see that there was something not adding up in what Home Office sent her and after hearing my version and also received some documents from me to that effect, she was again able to see that I should have been on section 95 and not on section 4, the current accommodation type they had me on since June 2020. (The administrator) was swift in responses to every communication made to ASAP. Everyone there is kind and helpful. The treatment I got was somewhat the treatment given to those that pay thousands or even millions in fees to their legal representative. I was definitely represented proper.”

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATION



## TOP NATIONALITIES ASAP REPRESENTED AT THE TRIBUNAL





## DUTY SCHEME ADVOCATE



### Interview with Olga Dementyeva, ASAP Duty Scheme Volunteer.

I have been a duty scheme advocate since December 2021. I still recall the

stories of my colleagues at Herbert Smith Freehills, which they shared with me before I joined the scheme, about how rewarding their ASAP experience had been. This is exactly how I feel now, after around two years of doing advocacy at the AST.

Thanks to ASAP, I have become not only a better advocate (or so I hope), but also a passionate advocate of the scheme itself and of pro bono work more generally. I enjoy using my (commercial lawyer) skillset to assist vulnerable clients. After you take on the appeal, there is a short period of time to decide how to make your case with the evidence you've managed to collect and to think strategically while being an attentive listener of your clients' needs and concerns. Every win makes me almost as joyous as my clients are. Every loss is a lesson on how to do better next time, but - more importantly - is an opportunity for me and ASAP to advise the client on how to improve their potential future application for asylum support.

In September this year, I completed a two-week secondment with ASAP, which was everything I could have hoped for. I picked up several appeals, representing and advising clients on a range of matters. I got involved in ASAP's policy work which gave me a (very helpful) glimpse into how the sector works. I also got to know the amazing ASAP staff (all of whom go above and beyond to assist the duty scheme advocates) a bit better. This was a truly amazing experience, and I couldn't recommend it more.

Deciding to join ASAP was one of the best decisions in my career so far. I hope that it has made me a better lawyer, and I am grateful that it has been possible for me to supplement my day job as an international arbitration lawyer at HSF with this truly rewarding pro bono practice.

## CASE STUDY OF OUR WORK AT THE TRIBUNAL

ASAP represented a single mother with 3 young children, including one with a serious heart condition being treated at a specialist children's hospital. One of her daughters had died of a heart condition a few years ago. The mother was accommodated by the Home Office and was also receiving assistance from a social worker in relation to the needs of the children. The mother had been granted settlement under the European Union Settlement Scheme some months previously but she had not received good advice about how to transition from Home Office to mainstream support and, in any case, had been completely overwhelmed by caring for her children. The Home Office became aware that she had been granted settlement status and decided to stop her Home Office support as a result. They gave her just under a month to sort out alternative accommodation and support – a time frame which was completely inadequate for her to make the transition.

An ASAP advocate represented her in a telephone appeal and made the case for her to be given more time on Home Office support while she applied for alternative mainstream accommodation and support, including taking the crucial step of getting a residence document which is required for benefit and housing applications. The judge allowed the appeal and stated that her Home Office support must continue until 28 days after she had received her residence card, allowing for her and her children to make a planned transition to mainstream support which did not endanger the well-being of the family and especially the medically vulnerable child.





# ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

“

It's a brilliant service and at times do not know what we would do without the excellent advice and support we get from the team.”

In May-June 2022 we reviewed our support to second tier organisations and were pleased to find it is still very much valued. Comments included:

“

I think advice and training are very important resources, especially for new caseworkers. ASAP is the only organisation who provide training and advice on asylum support which is so important to so many caseworkers around the UK who might be working with little support on asylum support.”

## ASYLUM SUPPORT ADVICE NETWORK

We sent 66 updates on asylum support policy and practice to our online network of asylum support advisors which grew to 1059 across the UK. We held two meetings, sharing best practice on a range of issues, from legal challenges on room searches, to the overlap between the right to work and asylum support, the impact of the Nationality and Borders Act on asylum support, and how to access support while awaiting a delayed asylum screening appointment.

Advisors commented on the value of the group:

“

I find the group really useful for asking questions to other caseworkers in the area of asylum support and seeing the questions others are asking which might be useful for me down the road. Everyone is very willing to offer tips and advice and it helps connecting with others working in what is often a disheartening area of casework.”

“

it's a great network of knowledgeable professionals who always take the time to offer help/advice in many areas. It's a network I use regularly.”



## TRAINING

ASAP provides specialist training on various topics relating to asylum support. We offer a variety of different training models for agencies providing advice and support to asylum seekers, from a basic online introduction to asylum support to tailor made, in-house training or more specialised technical legal training. In 2022/23 we delivered training via webinars, e-learning, online forums and face to face sessions.

ASAP's 6 e-learning modules, which can be accessed free online by busy caseworkers, increase accessibility for smaller organisations with fewer paid staff, or more transient volunteers. This year we developed a new e-learning module on 'How to prove destitution' within applications for asylum support. A record 863 advisors completed e-learning courses this year.

### ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022/23:

- 1512 people trained from 208 organisations
- 629 trained via webinars/online meetings
- 863 trained via our 6 e-learning modules
- 20 face to face training

### FEEDBACK ON TRAINING:

97% of trainees reported an increase in knowledge of asylum support following our training. Comments included:

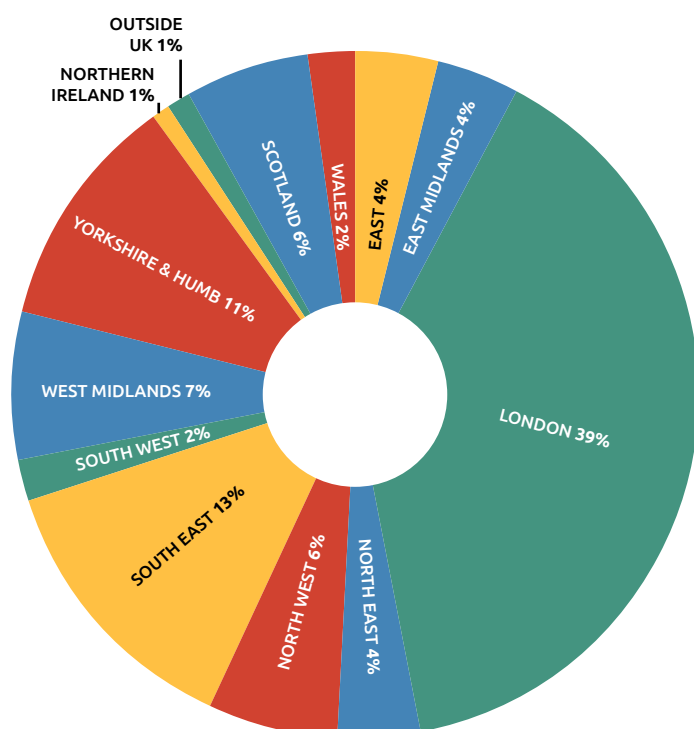
“Very skilled trainer... Good balance of presentation and break out discussion. The slides will be a useful resource to keep for future.”

“The criteria of receiving asylum support was presented in an excellent way. Case studies were good.”

“Having learning followed by case studies so that you can see how the different eligibility criteria are put into practice by judges was useful.”

“The eligibility differences for S95, S98 and S4 can be challenging to navigate, so it was very interesting learning more about the eligibility criteria for each. I also really appreciated hearing about the types of evidence that should be gathered to support applications for each type of support in different circumstances.”

## LOCATION OF E-LEARNING TRAINEES



# ADVICE LINE

ASAP's free second tier advice line runs three days a week. It is operated by our expert legal team who are available to answer other organisations' queries relating to asylum support.

## ADVICE LINE FACTS 2022/23:

- We received 639 calls to our advice line, an 8% increase on the previous year.
- These calls came from 229 different organisations, mainly voluntary sector agencies but also solicitors, statutory providers, and 56 individuals within the asylum system.
- The top three callers were Red Cross, Scottish Refugee Council and St Mungos.
- 33% related to section 95 support, 20% section 4 support and 9% Schedule 10 support.
- 54% of clients were in formal support at the time of the call, the remaining 46% were either on insecure support (eg charitable/ friends/family) or street homeless.
- 34% related to a woman seeking asylum, much higher than the 25% of women we help at asylum support appeal, confirming the importance of the advice line in supporting destitute women seeking asylum support.



A great source of information and help and it is a fantastic resource to be able to speak to an expert about asylum support cases."

# WOMEN'S PROJECT

The Women's Project at ASAP exists to reduce destitution and its associated risks amongst asylum seeking women.

## KEY FACTS IN 2022/23

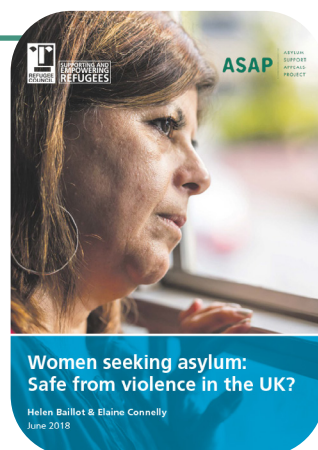
### Representation:

- ASAP assisted 63 women attending the asylum support tribunal in 2022/23.
- 25% of overall appellants were women; 32% of whom had children.
- 83% had additional vulnerabilities (such as mental and physical health problems, domestic violence and trafficking) – this is a 23% rise from 2020/21 and reflects the increased challenges people are facing within the asylum system now, housed in more isolated locations, with less access to community support, and a reduction in legal advice.

### Advice line:

- ASAP assisted in the cases of 223 women through our second tier advice line
- 40% of women had children.
- 68% of women had additional vulnerabilities (physical/mental health issues, domestic abuse, trafficking)
- 13% were experiencing domestic abuse.

In December 2022 we recruited a new Women's Legal Advisor. Our focus this year was to ensure that people within the asylum support system who experience domestic abuse can access refuges. Having persuaded the Home Office in previous years to fund refuge spaces, this year we began the process of persuading the Home Office's safeguarding hub to develop guidance for their staff on how, and how quickly, to process refuge booking requests.





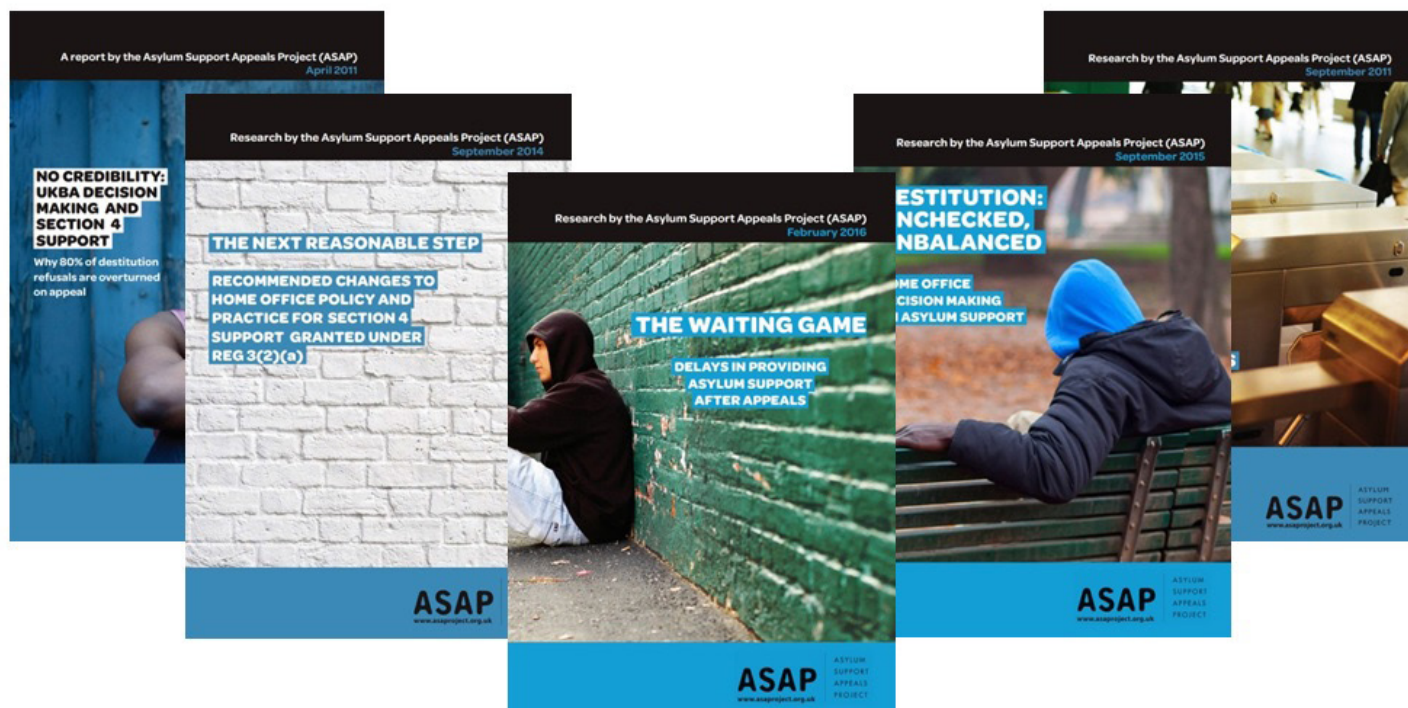
# TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF DESTITUTION

ASAP uses our unique body of evidence gathered when representing people at the Tribunal, and works in partnership with advice organisations across the UK to advocate for positive change to asylum support policy and law. As the leading experts in asylum support law we are the NGO co-chairs for the Home Office's stakeholder forum on asylum support.

As part of ASAP's policy and advocacy strategy we identified four key areas to direct our policy work for 2022-23:

- **Ensuring that appellants have access to quality legal advice prior to their appeals**
- **Ensuring that appeals are run in a fair way**
- **Holding the Home Office to high decision-making standards and highlighting when the asylum support system is run in an unlawful way**
- **Influencing constitutional reform and the Government's new plan for immigration**

2022/23 was a year of significant legislative change, from the Nationality and Borders Act 2022, to the Illegal Migration Act 2023, and the government's plans to transfer responsibility for processing UK asylum claims to Rwanda. Civil servants were subsumed with responding to these unworkable proposals, and it was clear that there was no likelihood of Ministerial approval for proposals that were both humane and workable. Despite this context, we were able to achieve a range of operational changes that were of real benefit to individuals going through the asylum support system.



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022/23



### **Nutritional payments for pregnant women and babies in hotels:**

The Home Office refused to give £3/£5 per week payments to women and babies in hotels, saying hotel providers should be giving additional snacks and fruit. We knew this was not happening, and that it was having a severe impact. ASAN members told us women were so malnourished they could not breastfeed and some children had stunted growth due to poor quality food. We supported a legal challenge which led, the following year, to the Home Office changing their policy.



### **Access to support for those affected by the Illegal Migration Act 2023:**

Under the Illegal Migration Act 2023, people are denied the right to claim asylum in the UK if they arrive through 'irregular routes' and are subject to a new 'duty to remove' them to another country (eg Rwanda) to have their claims processed there. This is even where there are no alternative safe routes through which they could have fled their country. ASAP strongly opposes this denial of the UK's international human rights duties. On asylum support, there was a risk the Home Office would leave people destitute where they were subject to the 'duty to remove'. We advocated for support to be provided to this group. In the following year, senior civil servants agreed that they had a duty to provide support. This has since been confirmed by Ministers and in parliament.



### **Complaints about accommodation standards:**

Some housing officers told people that complaining about accommodation standards (infestations, harassment from staff, mould, broken boiler etc) would lead to their asylum claim being refused. We persuaded the Home Office to investigate housing providers making this claim, and to amend their translated induction briefings, so that people knew that complaints would not impact their asylum claim.



### **Incorrect addresses:**

Different Home Office teams have different spreadsheets which do not link up, so when an address is updated by one team, the others remain out of date. Wrong addresses mean people do not receive vital information – the date of their asylum interview, asylum decisions, dispersal notifications, payment cards. We were seeing people evicted for 'failure to travel' because the Home Office had sent the letter telling them they were being moved, to the wrong address. We raised this and senior civil servants agreed both to review their failure to travel policy, and to bring in funding to develop one consolidated database.



### **Right to work:**

As the shortage occupation list expanded, more people within the asylum system were entitled to the right to work. However, the impact of working on asylum support entitlements was unclear. ASAP persuaded the Home Office to improve their internal guidance on the right to work, and developed briefing materials for other advice organisations, working with the Lift the Ban coalition to coordinate our approach.



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## For the year ended 31 March 2023

The financial statements shown are a summarised version of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The full statutory report can be accessed via the Charity Commission website.

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2023	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
<b>INCOMING FROM:</b>				
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>				
A. ASAP projects	362,217	292,022	655,489	579,345
B. ASAP sub grants	-	-	-	27,112
Investment income	720	-	720	41
Income from Charitable Activities	397	-	397	853
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>363,334</b>	<b>292,022</b>	<b>655,356</b>	<b>607,351</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities				
A. ASAP projects	323,757	292,022	615,779	544,553
B. ASAP sub grants	-	-	-	43,641
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>323,757</b>	<b>292,022</b>	<b>615,779</b>	<b>588,194</b>
Net income (expenditure) before transfer	39,577	-	39,577	19,157
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Net income (expenditure) after transfer	39,577	-	39,577	19,157
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>39,577</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,577</b>	<b>19,157</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR	357,286	-	357,286	338,130
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>396,863</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>396,863</b>	<b>357,286</b>

The charitable Company's income and expenses all relate to continuing activities. Movements in reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

**Asylum Support Appeals Project (company limited by guarantee no. 04763838)**

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**Thank you to our funders, supporters, partner organisations and to all those who have supported our work during 2022/23.**

## FUNDERS

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First-tier Tribunal (Asylum Support)  
Hannah Tye and Paul Yates at  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
Lara Nassif at Herbert Smith Freehills  
Asylum Support Advice Network  
(ASAN) members

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustees who held office during the year:

### Chair

Michael Spencer

### Vice Chair

Dave Garratt

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Mahdi Saki

Sarah Taal

## STAFF

**who were in post during the year:**

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Holly Hepburn

### Women's Legal Advisor

Lily Moghadam

## DUTY SCHEME VOLUNTEERS 2022/23

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*The Competition and Markets Authority*

Catherine Gilfedder

*Dentons UK*

Chris Spiller

*Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

Christina Guazzi

*Wilmer Hale*

Cole Sedgwick

*Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

Connor Johnston

*Garden Court Chambers*

Felix Schaaf

*Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

Georgia Nickson

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Georgina Colegate-Stone

*Deighton Pierce Glynn*

Gimhani Eriyagolla

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*Herbert Smith Freehills LLP*

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Philip Henderson

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Ramya Arnold

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Rebecca Butt

*Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

Rebecca Withey

*Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

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LEGAL RIGHTS TO FOOD AND SHELTER

