



ASAP

2023-2024 Annual Report





Our Mission

The Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) believes that asylum seekers can make great change by standing together. We work with our members—over 645,000 asylum seekers—to build a more welcoming United States.



Letter from the Executive Directors

Dear friends,

We're excited to share all that ASAP and our 645,000+ members have achieved over these past 12 months.

This year, ASAP helped lead the movement to welcome new asylum seekers in cities and towns across the country—and get them access to work permits. Members accessed our how-to legal resources and personalized support millions of times to get a better understanding of the immigration system. And we launched a new member portal, designed to meet the needs of our mobile and multilingual membership.

Members took center stage in the press, making sure millions of Americans know that asylum seekers help their local communities thrive, especially once they can work legally. And ASAP members won transformational victories—enabling hundreds of thousands of immigrants to access the authorized workforce and securing justice for separated families!

We close this year on the precipice of a major milestone: reaching 1 million asylum seekers nationwide, including ASAP members and their children. We're honored to be in community with so many individuals who have taken brave journeys for a better life, and we know that we can trust in their collective wisdom and vision in the year to come.

Sincerely,



Conchita Cruz



Swapna Reddy

ASAP Co-Executive Directors

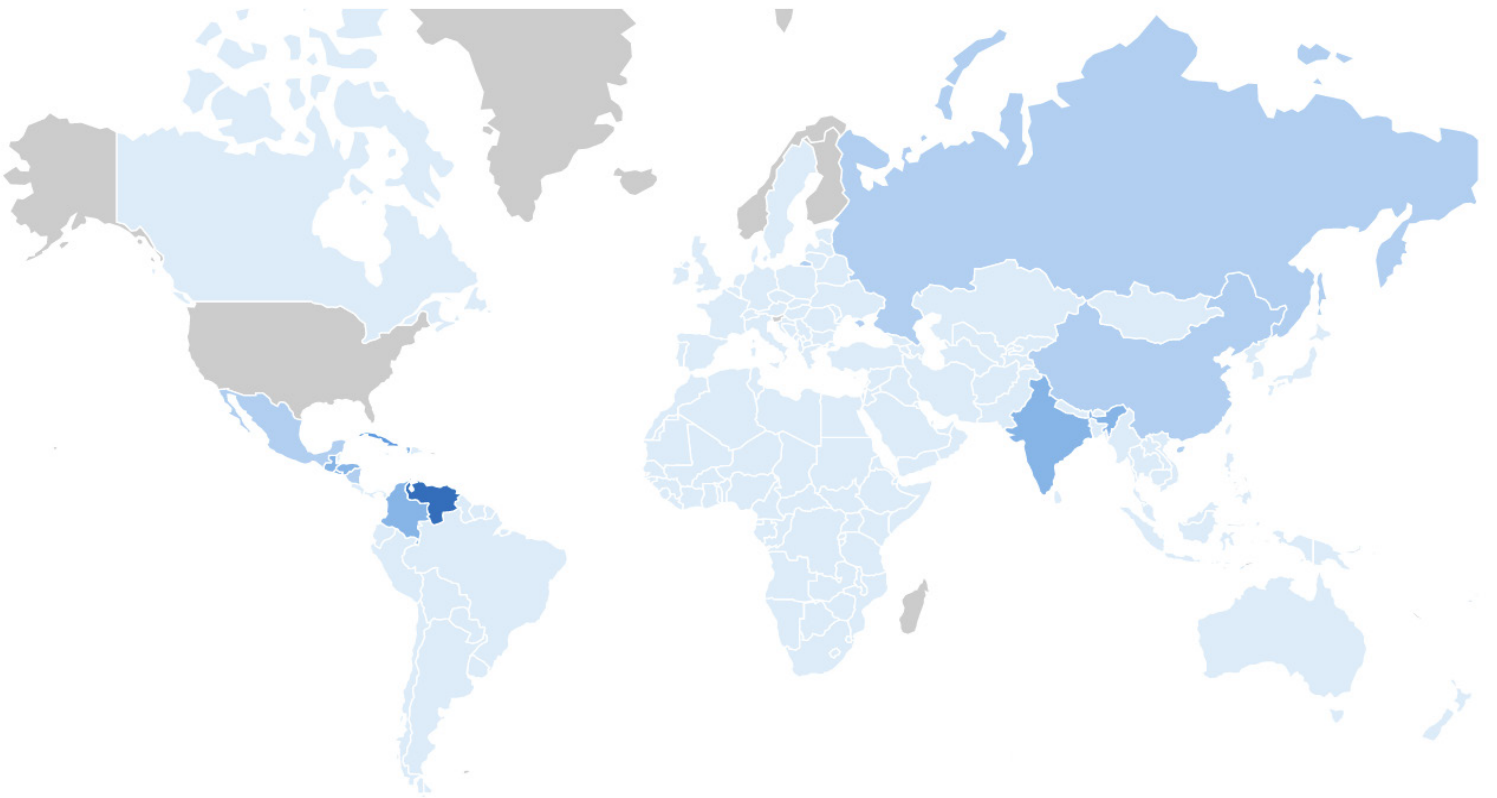
“ Your incredibly detailed instructions have been an immense help. Among all the advice I’ve ever received regarding this issue, ASAP’s has proven to be the most valuable. ”

ASAP member from **Russia**. Asylum seekers accessed ASAP’s self-help resources more than 4.5 million times this year.

ASAP's members are

645,000 asylum seekers

from **175** countries.



D.'s Story

It was through YouTube that D., a psychologist and human-rights defender from Nicaragua, first heard about ASAP.

Her husband had fled to the United States before her, and he had been looking for a lawyer for his asylum case for months. Still in Nicaragua, D. discovered ASAP's how-to legal resource videos, and sent them to her husband.

Guided by ASAP, he filed his asylum application and his work permit application—a crucial first step in getting the whole family to safety.

Earlier this year, D. and her two children reunited with their father and husband in the United States. At the time, D. said, "we had no attorney and didn't know what to do." Local immigration legal services were too expensive for her family to use.

So, she left a comment on an ASAP video, asking for help.

"ASAP responded almost immediately," she remembered. With ASAP's videos and one-on-one email assistance, D. said, "everything has turned out well for us."

Now, D. is helping other asylum seekers figure out how to submit their asylum applications, by directing them to ASAP. And her family continues to work toward a safe, stable life in their new home.

"ASAP is a light in the middle of nowhere," she said. "Many of us just need a guide, trust, and good treatment to continue fighting."

“ This Friday, after one year, I received the letter extending my work permit for 5 years! What great joy and peace I felt when I saw the expiration date was 2029! ”

ASAP member from **Venezuela**.
Thanks to ASAP members' advocacy, the government lengthened work permits for asylum seekers from 2 to 5 years, and took action to prevent 800,000 immigrants from losing their work permits and jobs.

ASAP is thankful to the publications that featured our work this year, including:



**Bloomberg
Law**

**Block Club
Chicago**

BORDERLESS
MAGAZINE

THE CHRONICLE
OF PHILANTHROPY

THE  **CITY**

**The
Guardian**

THE HILL

 **The Marshall Project**

The New York Times



**The
Washington
Post**

workflow

“ I am so glad and proud to be a member of ASAP. One of the best sentences I read from ASAP was ‘you are not alone.’ And really, I have this feeling now. ”

ASAP member from **Egypt**. ASAP is the largest organized collective of asylum seekers in history. Your support makes our continued growth possible.

Staff and Board

ASAP is a woman-of-color led organization with a dedicated team of 22 lawyers, technologists, and other experts. Our staff and Board of Directors are majority people of color, majority women, and majority immigrants and children of immigrants.

Financials

ASAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, whose EIN number is 83-3011862. Our 990 for this fiscal year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) will be available upon request at info@asylumadvocacy.org.

All donations made to ASAP are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. To give to ASAP and support thousands of asylum-seeking families, please visit:

<https://asylumadvocacy.org/donate/>

You can also make checks out to “ASAP” and mail to ASAP, 228 Park Ave. S. #84810, New York, NY 10003.



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