

# ARE YOU AN ASYLUM SEEKER? DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR CASE?

## WHAT IS LEGAL REPRESENTATION?

- UNCHR allows a person applying for refugee status to have a lawyer to help with their case.
- This option is available at all stages of the case, including first instance and appeal.
- It is not mandatory to have a lawyer in your case.

## MIGRATION & ASYLUM PROJECT (M.A.P)

- M.A.P is an NGO that provides legal assistance to asylum seekers of all nationalities.
- M.A.P is the only organisation allowed by UNHCR to provide legal representation.
- M.A.P is completely independent of UNHCR or any government agency.
- All information provided to M.A.P will be kept strictly confidential.
- All services provided by M.A.P are free of cost.
- M.A.P does not provide assistance with resettlement.



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# Migration & Asylum Project (M.A.P)

Centre for Refugee Law & Forced Migration

## Are you an asylum-seeker? Do you need help with your case?

1. Every person applying to UNHCR for refugee status has a right under refugee law to seek a lawyer's assistance. Having a lawyer for your case is completely your choice – it is not compulsory.
2. Migration and Asylum Project (M.A.P) is an organization which provides legal advice and representation to asylum-seekers of all nationalities approaching UNHCR.
3. M.A.P is the only organization having an agreement with UNHCR India to provide legal representation to asylum-seekers.
4. M.A.P has a team of lawyers who have experience in working with refugees for many years, and are well aware of the law and UNHCR procedures which are applicable.
5. M.A.P welcomes everyone to seek our assistance during asylum process, especially women, children, elderly and other vulnerable people.
6. M.A.P helps with cases before UNHCR at all stages, including first instance and appeal.
7. M.A.P is a non-profit organization and all our services are free of charge.
8. M.A.P is completely independent of UNHCR and any government agency.
9. All information provided to M.A.P will be kept strictly confidential and will be shared with UNHCR / SLIC / Bosco only with your consent.
10. After meeting with you, M.A.P will tell you if we can assist or not. Unfortunately, not all cases that approach M.A.P can be assisted.
11. If M.A.P helps with cases, it provides the following services: (a) assistance during registration, first instance or appeal process; (b) accompanying clients to UNHCR interviews; (c) drafting the claim and legal arguments for the case and submitting it to UNHCR; (d) corresponding / following-up with UNHCR on the client's behalf; and (e) general legal counseling about the situation in India.
12. M.A.P cannot guarantee a positive outcome and can only assist you in making an effective claim before UNHCR.
13. M.A.P only provides assistance until the final decision is made on your case by UNHCR.
14. M.A.P does NOT provide help with resettlement.
15. You can call us at +91-9711128603/ 011-41325408 (between 10 am to 5 pm) or email us at [cases@aratrust.in](mailto:cases@aratrust.in). Our website is [www.migrationandasylumproject.org](http://www.migrationandasylumproject.org).

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