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# **APBI's Impact**

Since March 2022, Afghan Pro Bono Initiative (**APBI**) has operated as a collaboration between Refugee Legal Support, Safe Passage International, 14 leading law firms, and Afghan communities to address the pressing need for Afghan nationals and their families to access crucial legal information, advice, and representation concerning safe routes to the UK, particularly after the Taliban takeover.

#### Since APBI's inception:



218 Afghans have benefitted from legal representation



44% are children



42% are women and girls

#### From August 2023 to August 2024:



20 individuals have been granted visas to come to the UK



900+ Afghan individuals were supported with their inquiries

## 220+

Afghan individuals benefited from one-off advice at 6 national clinic sessions

36% are women and girls

28% children



Almost 300 individuals received information via online information sessions



12 electronic monthly newsletters have been uniquely opened over 4,800 times



7,800+ hours donated by volunteers to the project

APBI has provided legal support in the forms of direct legal representation, one-off legal advice and up-to-date legal information to Afghans and their family members in Afghanistan, neighbouring countries and in the UK.

In connection with its work offering legal representation, APBI is now able to offer publicly funded legal aid to eligible clients through Refugee Legal Support's Immigration and Public Legal Aid Contracts. This enables the project to provide continuity in legal representation for its clients beyond just the initial application, ensuring meaningful protection and family reunification for those in need. This enables the project to assist with higher-impact and more legally complex work.

"You know, usually when a service is free the quality of the service is really bad, but with your [APBI] project I found it the opposite. You help people for free and give them the best service. I am very grateful for your help with my legal case."

Belal, an APBI client (not their real name).

We are inviting you to read the full report, "<u>Still Waiting:</u> <u>The Afghans Abandoned by the UK</u>" which is accessible through the QR Code below or click <u>here</u>.

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