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Dear IRAP Community,

This Report comes at a pivotal moment in history, not only for refugees, but also for defenders of liberty, the rule of law, and human rights. Humanitarian assistance for refugees, long a cornerstone of the foreign policy of democratic nations, has been politicized nearly into extinction. As I write this, the United States has pledged to accept historically low numbers of refugees in the coming year; Southern European countries are lending military support to Libya to “curb migrant flows;” and the United Nations, under severe resource constraints, may be forced to shrink their operational footprint.

Two years ago, IRAP evolved from the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project to the International Refugee Assistance Project. Our goal was to scale up the successful model we had developed to provide life-saving legal assistance to Iraqi refugees, and leverage our virtual public interest law firm of pro bono partnerships and law school chapters to serve refugees around the globe. I am proud to share that our network of more than 2,000 lawyers and law students currently represents more than 2,016 refugees from 21 different countries of origin as they seek a legal path to safety. In addition, in the past year we have provided legal assistance to more refugees than in any previous year in our organization’s history.

When Donald Trump was elected President of the United States on a platform that, among other things, promised to end the resettlement of Syrian refugees and severely curtail immigration in all forms, we began to brainstorm: how could we best utilize our army of lawyers to fight back? On January 27, 2017, when the first travel ban came down, we had our answer.

We immediately mobilized lawyers all over the country to travel to airports and other ports of entry to prevent them from being turned into prisons or black sites. When we heard that two of our clients were being held, handcuffed, and threatened with deportation at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, we filed a lawsuit demanding freedom for them and the more than 2,000 other travelers imprisoned at airports around the country, simply because they were traveling from Muslim-majority countries. In total, it took only 27 hours from the signing of the Executive Order to the emergency court decision demanding that these thousands of people not be deported.

That weekend, we created a movement. No scholar or media outlet mentions the first travel ban without discussing the chaos that resulted at the airports. If it had not been for IRAP and our network of law students and lawyers, no one would have known of the chaos taking place behind closed doors.

But the Executive Order is merely the tip of the iceberg. We cannot allow refugees and other forcibly displaced persons to become political pawns in a game of international scapegoating. IRAP is leveraging our volunteers, resources, and the attention we have received to fight back and ensure that we continue to uphold our humanitarian tradition of welcoming those who seek refuge on our shores. We plan to do this in a number of ways, including:

• Building out our own in-house litigation shop to challenge unconstitutional and discriminatory policies toward refugees in court;
• Creating data tracking and rapid response mechanisms, in cooperation with local governments, to know when people are being illegally harassed and detained at airports;
• Expanding our policy advocacy and communications work to bring non-traditional voices to the forefront of the fight for refugee rights; and
• Advocating for alternative legal pathways to safety in Europe, Canada, and elsewhere, for persecuted individuals for whom existing resettlement programs may no longer be an option.

This is what we need to do in order to continue serving the world’s most vulnerable refugees, including interpreters who assisted U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, LGBTI individuals, survivors of trafficking or torture, and children with medical emergencies.

We live in challenging times, and over the next few years, our work will only grow more difficult. I feel deeply privileged to have such a meaningful role to play in the struggle for basic human dignity that lies ahead. Dominant political and media narratives tend to paint refugees either as terrorists or as hapless victims of terrorists. In fact, refugees are neither. They are stalwart, entrepreneurial, brave, and tenacious individuals. They have suffered horrors we cannot imagine, but miraculously emerged on the other side of borders, often giving up everything they have for a chance to start their lives over in peace and security. IRAP will continue to give everything we have to empower our refugee clients to take that chance. Thank you for joining us.

Sincerely,

Becca Heller
Director, International Refugee Assistance Project
Our Mission and Values

MISSION
The International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) organizes law students and lawyers to develop and enforce a set of legal and human rights for refugees and displaced persons. Mobilizing direct legal aid, litigation, and systemic advocacy, IRAP serves the world’s most persecuted individuals and empowers the next generation of human rights leaders.

VALUES
IRAP believes in action, accountability, innovation, and candor. We are nimble, collaborative, and nonpartisan. We believe in the power of individuals to change their own circumstances. And we believe in results.
Our Impact

IRAP is the first organization to provide comprehensive legal representation to refugees throughout the registration, protection, and resettlement processes. Since our establishment, we have provided legal assistance to thousands of refugees and helped pass legislation to benefit thousands more. To date, IRAP has built pro bono partnerships with 29 law schools and over 75 international law firms and multinational corporations, and operates in three cities: New York, Beirut, and Amman.

IRAP led the fight against the President’s harmful Executive Order, which seeks to block refugees, immigrants, and other travelers from coming to the U.S., by organizing an emergency legal task force at airports around the country, maintaining an emergency hotline, and successfully litigating against the Executive Order to block its implementation.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED BY IRAP’S LEGAL AND POLICY WORK

- 3,822 number of people resettled with their families
- 21,025 number of people provided with legal advice through our hotline info@refugeerights.org
- 169,195 number of lives impacted through IRAP’s legal and policy work

IRAP’S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE TRAVEL BAN

- 359 number of requests received through our emergency hotline airport@refugeerights.org
- 8,350 number of volunteers who signed up to help at airports around the country
- 21,000+ number of refugees who arrived in the U.S. after the Executive Order was blocked by the courts
Our Field Offices

IRAP’s field offices in Amman, Jordan and Beirut, Lebanon are an essential part of IRAP’s holistic and international strategy. Jordan and Lebanon host a vast number of refugees from Syria and Iraq, and having a team of lawyers and caseworkers on the ground allows us, in cooperation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international governmental organizations (IGOs), and governmental partners, to swiftly identify refugees in dire need of assistance and help them with resettlement to a safe, third country.

Our field staff in Amman and Beirut are responsible for the intake and screening processes of prospective clients, representation of clients before the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), emergency response programming, and the expansion of IRAP’s geographical scope to work with the most at-risk refugee populations. Our overseas teams have also been on the frontline of identifying and expanding alternative and complementary pathways for resettlement across the globe.

Having built solid reputations among the local refugee communities, our field offices reach even the most vulnerable populations and individuals who may otherwise be hesitant to reveal themselves to an aid agency.

IRAP’s field offices also play a crucial role in relationship-building with partner organizations including UNHCR, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and others in the humanitarian protection space. Our field teams’ relationships with other NGOs on the ground create a referral network, so that even in situations in which IRAP is unable to provide legal assistance, we can facilitate contact with social workers, domestic legal counsel, protection officers, and mental health professionals, as well as access to housing and medical care.
Bader* is a transgender Jordanian man who faced years of persecution and discrimination because of his gender identity. He fled to Lebanon to register as a refugee with UNHCR in hopes of finding safety. However, as a transgender man living in Beirut with an ID that did not match his gender expression, Bader was highly vulnerable with an urgent need for resettlement to a safe, third country. Yet, because he had not been displaced from Syria or Iraq, Bader’s case was not considered high priority and UNHCR warned him that his chances of being resettled were low. Faced with this life-threatening obstacle, IRAP helped to secure safe housing for Bader in Beirut while his legal team worked to pursue an alternative pathway to resettlement. With IRAP’s help, and after two long years in limbo, Bader was finally resettled through a private sponsorship program in Canada, where he is now able to live freely and without fear.

“IRAP was with me even before coming to Lebanon. I had to flee Jordan and the local IRAP office connected me with a lawyer from the IRAP office in Lebanon. The next day, she personally went with me to UNHCR and waited with me there for hours until I got an appointment. She went with me to the UNHCR registration interview and helped me get financial help for rent.”

“The resettlement process took a long time, but the IRAP staff didn’t stop thinking about ways to help me and referred me to other programs. With IRAP’s help, I was able to find people who were willing to sponsor me in Canada, and that’s where I live now.”

“IRAP was with me all the way in everything and I often dropped by the office to consult with the lawyer at IRAP about the threatening situations that I faced. I never once felt pressured during my interviews with IRAP and always knew they were listening to me. That was my journey with IRAP for two years.”

*real name withheld to protect client’s privacy
Our Model

IRAP’s innovative model saves refugees’ lives, assures their passage to safe destination countries, and shapes thought and practice in the United States and around the globe to ensure fair and humane treatment of refugees.

IRAP’s approach is grounded in three distinct but interrelated strategies:

1. IRAP has created a “virtual public interest law firm” that defies geographical boundaries and provides high quality representation to refugees by a cadre of 1,200 law students and over 800 pro bono attorneys. This model is scalable and allows IRAP to take on an increasing number of urgent refugee cases, as well as respond to immediate crises such as the chaos at airports following the implementation of the travel ban signed by President Trump.

2. Through extensive litigation and systemic advocacy, IRAP is bringing legal challenges to refugee rights violations in the courts, creating solutions to overcoming the legal and bureaucratic impediments in the resettlement process, and developing an enforceable system of legal and procedural rights for refugees and displaced persons worldwide. As the only organization that guides refugees through every step of the resettlement labyrinth, IRAP is often able to identify obstacles of which other institutional players are unaware. Our unique model utilizes lessons learned in individual casework to advocate for systemic changes that benefit broader refugee populations.

3. Finally, a crucial prong of IRAP’s approach is to train the next generation of international human rights advocates through our law school chapters. These advocates are essential to assuring fairness, decency, and adherence to the rule of law throughout the refugee resettlement process and promoting pro-refugee policies throughout the country.
Where We Work

Locations of clients where IRAP provided legal representation or advice

Pro Bono Partner Locations

IRAP Office Locations
Training the Next Generation of Human Rights Leaders

Through our unique student-centered model, IRAP has trained more than 1,200 law students in 29 law school chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada, providing these students with hands-on legal experience and creating a direct pipeline of legal talent from top law schools to renowned law firms and public service.

Every year, IRAP hosts a Student Summit in New York City to bring together chapter members for two days of training, organizing, and networking with high-level representatives from government, international organizations, and academia. Students are also offered the opportunity to participate in annual student trips to IRAP field offices in Jordan and Lebanon, where they conduct intake interviews with potential clients and meet with local NGOs, government officials, and community organizations.

What’s more, our policy team increasingly engages our chapters in IRAP’s advocacy work, encouraging and guiding them to organize around refugee issues in their communities.

IRAP provided me with the opportunity to manage a case, solve real-world, complex problems, and interview clients and witnesses. I discovered that I have a passion for pro bono work and that it was important for me to work for a firm that had a strong pro bono commitment.

— Alexis Federico, Litigation Associate at Irell & Manella LLP and former Director of the IRAP Chapter at the University of California Irvine School of Law

In January 2017, I joined IRAP for the law student trip to the Amman, Jordan field office. As I reflect on my brief trip to Amman, my mind is flooded by the stories that families told me and the enthusiasm that my colleagues and I shared in helping move their resettlement cases but one step forward. I feel strength in knowing that my IRAP colleagues (and our allies) are fighting stronger than ever to honor the families who have put their trust in us.

— Myriah J. Heddens, CUNY Chapter member
Client Testimony: Layla’s Story

Layla is an Ethiopian woman who was safely resettled to the United States with her two children through IRAP’s assistance. Her husband and brother-in-law were targeted because of their ethnicity and wrongly accused of organizing against the Ethiopian government. Because of this, their family began receiving death threats and threats of imprisonment. In fear for their lives, they eventually fled to Saudi Arabia.

One day, however, Layla’s husband was arrested by the Saudi police and sent to prison on the grounds that they were living in the country illegally. Soon, he was deported back to Ethiopia where he was still wanted by the government. Unfortunately, as a woman living without a male guardian, Layla and her children had to leave Saudi Arabia because it wasn’t safe for them to remain in Riyadh without her husband.

In 2010, she and her children first arrived to Damascus, Syria, where they officially registered as refugees with UNHCR. There, she received word that her husband had been imprisoned in Ethiopia and decided it was in her family’s best interest to stay in Damascus. After the Syrian civil war erupted, Layla got in touch with IRAP. We provided legal advice and quickly referred her case to UNHCR for protection and resettlement. Ultimately, after the surge of violence became too dangerous, Layla and her children fled to Turkey in 2013, walking for two days and three nights to the Turkish border.

In Turkey, IRAP helped Layla navigate the resettlement process and, after one year, UNHCR referred her to the U.S. Finally, after two and a half years of waiting in Turkey, Layla and her children were safely resettled to the United States in late 2015.

“When I got to the USA, it was a dream for my family. Since I came here, thanks to God, I have a life, I have a future. My kids can now have an education. I take classes and was given the opportunity to serve as an AmeriCorps member at Catholic Charities. It is my way of showing appreciation to my new home, the United States of America.”

Image by Wondros
Our Response to the Travel and Refugee Ban

On January 27, 2017, an Executive Order (EO) temporarily freezing the refugee program and banning people from seven majority-Muslim countries from entering the United States was signed into action. Amidst global disbelief, uncertainty, and fear, the staff and volunteers at IRAP immediately sprung into action.

The result: a historic movement that energized thousands around the world to stand up for refugees and established a blueprint for how to effectively and strategically fight back against unchecked executive power.

IRAP continues to fight this discriminatory ban—through the courts, civic action, the media, allies on both sides of the aisle, and a self-organized volunteer network—in order to continue to deliver legal solutions for the world’s most vulnerable refugees.
In anticipation of the President’s EO, IRAP sends out an urgent call to action for lawyers to deploy to airports across the country, should the EO go into effect. Over 1,600 individuals sign up to volunteer within 24 hours.

“The subject: URGENT: Protect refugees arriving at airports
We are seeking attorneys, immediately, who can go to the airports at which refugees are scheduled to enter the United States to support arriving refugees in credible fear interviews.”

IRAP’s Director calls a staff meeting in advance of the imminent signing of the EO to discuss the emergency response.

President Trump signs the EO, which goes into effect immediately.

IRAP client, Hameed Darweesh, and his family land at JFK Airport in New York. His legal team is there to meet him. His wife and child emerge from customs and inform the team that he has been handcuffed and detained.

Haider Alshawi, another IRAP client, lands at JFK Airport. He is also detained by Customs and Border Protection (CBP), as confirmed by his wife in Texas.

The Lawyers Arrive

After an emergency brainstorming session between IRAP and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), we pair up with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Yale Law School’s Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC) to begin drafting a habeas petition.

IRAP lawyers head to the airport, hoping to contact their detained clients. We are denied access and told to “call Donald Trump.”

Hundreds of lawyers start showing up at over a dozen airports. They carry signs offering their services, ask family members of affected travelers if they need help, and file habeas petitions across the country. Others begin protesting the ban. Meanwhile, IRAP is organizing the airport teams behind the scenes.

IRAP, NILC, ACLU, and WIRAC file the habeas petition and Darweesh v. Trump lawsuit at the federal court in Brooklyn.

The New York Times breaks the story:

On way to JFK airport where refugees from Iraq are being detained under new Executive Order. These unconscionable actions cannot stand!

11:28 AM - 28 Jan 2017

Congressman Nadler and Congresswoman Velazquez arrive at JFK Airport to put pressure on CBP.

IRAP sends a second email blast to everyone who signed up to the first call to action; over 8,300 individuals sign up to help.

Hundreds of lawyers start showing up at over a dozen airports.
After 18 hours in detention, Hameed Darweesh is released and speaks at an emotional press conference:

“This is the soul of America. This is what pushed me to move, leave my country, and come here. I’m very, very thankful to all the people who come to support me.”

Haider Alshawi is released.

A judge in Brooklyn hears an emergency motion and subsequently grants a nationwide stay of removals, preventing detained travelers from being deported.

We want to thank everyone who came out to support the detained and the lawyers fighting for them this past weekend.

IRAP Challenges the Ban in the Courts

IRAP v. Trump, the first lawsuit challenging the Muslim ban in its entirety, is filed in Maryland.

President Trump signs the revised EO and rescinds the original one.

Plaintiffs in IRAP v. Trump file an amended complaint encompassing the revised order.

The revised EO is supposed to go into effect, but two judges block the implementation at the final hour. The government appeals the decisions.

After a hearing in IRAP v. Trump, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals rules in favor of IRAP and upholds the blocking of the ban. The Trump administration appeals the case to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court agrees to hear the government’s appeal and partially lifts the injunction on the travel and refugee ban, excluding travelers with “bona fide relationships” to the U.S.

The plaintiffs seek clarification of “bona fide relationships” in the courts. Meanwhile, travelers from the six banned countries and refugees with ties to family in the U.S. or U.S. entities continue to travel.

The government settles in Darweesh v. Trump.

The administration issues an updated version of the Executive Order. The fight against the travel and refugee ban continues.

Hameed Darweesh in a Washington Post op-ed: “I can never thank IRAP, Reps. Nydia M. Velázquez and Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), and the people who came to JFK to support me enough. Because of their compassion, I know that my hard work and risks were appreciated.”

Haider Alshawi, a few weeks after being released from detention at JFK Airport: “I am with my family now and that’s what’s important. It’s a dream come true. Sometimes I don’t believe it’s real.”
Sometimes IRAP’s mission to protect the rights of refugees has to go beyond providing individual legal aid. When we identified egregious delays in the Special Immigrant Visa program for those who risked their lives to work alongside U.S. troops, we sued the government in 2015—and won! In January of this year, we once again saw the rights of our clients and other refugees and immigrants being violated. With the help of a coalition of lawyers and students, we went back to court. Since then, our litigation work has resulted in relief for thousands of refugees and others affected by the Executive Order. These are two of the lawsuits that we were involved in this year:

IRAP v. Trump
IRAP is the named plaintiff in IRAP v. Trump, the first lawsuit to challenge both President Trump’s original and revised Executive Orders in their entirety. The complaint states that the order discriminates against Muslims because of their religion and is thus unconstitutional. The lawsuit was filed by IRAP, HIAS, the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), and individual plaintiffs, with NILC and the ACLU acting as co-counsel.

A federal judge in Maryland ruled in the plaintiffs’ favor, blocking the order’s travel and visa ban on six majority-Muslim countries. The ruling was upheld by an en banc panel of judges in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, and then partially lifted by the Supreme Court. The case is still ongoing.

Darweesh v. Trump
Darweesh v. Trump was the very first lawsuit filed in response to the Executive Order. The same day it was filed, a federal judge in New York blocked the unlawful deportation of refugees and other travelers who had valid documents to enter the United States.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of two Iraqi IRAP clients who had been unjustly detained at JFK Airport for nearly 20 hours each and threatened with deportation. They were represented by IRAP, the ACLU, NILC, the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic at Yale Law School, and Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP.

Through the lawsuit, the government revealed a list of hundreds of individuals that had been detained or deported over the course of several days, directly contradicting the President’s statement that about 100 people had been “inconvenienced.” In the final settlement, the government agreed to reach out to every single person who was denied entry or deported under the first Executive Order and who had not yet reapplied for a visa or returned to the United States.
Our Policy Advocacy

IRAP has an extensive track record of successfully advocating for the rights of refugees. By building non-traditional, non-partisan coalitions—from veterans to religious groups to corporate attorneys, and on Capitol Hill—IRAP’s policy team has proven effective in bringing tangible change for vulnerable groups of displaced persons.

In Fiscal Year 2017 alone, IRAP’s advocacy efforts resulted in Congress renewing the life-saving Afghan Special Immigrant Visa program for four more years and providing 4,000 additional visas to Afghans who worked with the U.S. government and are therefore threatened by militias. In addition, FY17 saw more SIV recipients arrive in the U.S. than in any previous fiscal year, with over 15,000 Iraqi and Afghan arrivals.

In the aftermath of the Executive Orders targeting refugee resettlement, IRAP has worked to protect the rights of vulnerable refugees and displaced persons. IRAP coordinated with members of Congress to support the lawyers at airports immediately following the January 27 anti-refugee Executive Order and held dozens of print, radio, and television interviews to explain the significance of the Order for IRAP’s clients. IRAP continues to advocate for improved access to counsel for travelers in airports and to challenge anti-refugee legislation and regulation.

“We started working as an interpreter with the U.S. soldiers, I was called “traitor” and threatened. Going to the U.S. on a Special Immigrant Visa was my only way out because it was very dangerous for me to stay in Iraq.

When I received the email that said I was going to make it to the U.S., it was the best day ever in my life. I packed 27 years of my life in two suitcases.

I want this opportunity to be given to everyone in need to come here and start their life all over again.”

— Sham
Client Testimony: Zane’s Story

Zane is a transgender man and trans rights activist from the Middle East. After his friends and family learned of his transgender identity, he lived in a constant state of fear for his life and eventually was forced to become housebound because of the perpetual threats. When his mother was diagnosed with a terminal illness and witnessed the ridicule experienced by her son, she insisted to not seek treatment until she died. Desperate to live as his authentic self, Zane began taking unregulated hormones when doctors refused to give him a prescription. Unfortunately, the hormones made him extremely sick and caused him to seek emergency medical care.

Due to his situation and repeated persecution, Zane founded the first online Arab Trans group and met someone who successfully resettled to the United States a few years ago with IRAP’s help.

After this former client referred him, IRAP immediately began assisting Zane with an exceptional in-country refugee application, with help from Microsoft lawyers and Yale law students. The legal team even facilitated the emergency medical care he needed to survive. IRAP was able to directly and successfully refer his case to the U.S. embassy in his home country, where his application was expedited and he was finally able to escape his grave circumstances. In 2016, Zane was safely resettled to the United States. Shortly after arriving, he was able to legally change his name and gender to suit his identity.
IRAP in the Media

We have been leveraging the media to fight back against anti-refugee rhetoric and activities and continue to control the narrative on the Muslim ban.
What’s Next for IRAP?

In response to the Trump administration’s efforts to suspend and severely curtail the U.S. refugee resettlement program, IRAP swiftly sprung into action to protect the rights of refugees. Not only have we increased our operations to provide legal help to more clients, we are also significantly expanding the scope of our work to protect and expand legal avenues to safety for refugees:

“See You In Court!”
The blocking of the Muslim bans has shown the effectiveness of the courts in preventing unchecked executive power. In order to be able to quickly respond to executive overreach, IRAP has created a litigation shop and will continue to sue whenever we see attacks on the rights of refugees and immigrants.

International Outlook
IRAP is developing new partnerships with countries in Europe and elsewhere to provide alternative pathways to safety for refugees. While we will continue to fight for the resettlement program in the United States, we will also increasingly work with foreign NGOs and government officials to ensure safe passage for the most vulnerable refugees.

Emergency Response
The emergency response at airports proved crucial in the immediate aftermath of the signing of the travel ban. IRAP will mobilize its vast networks of pro bono lawyers and law students to provide oversight and emergency legal services at ports of entry across the country.

Organizational Growth
We will continue to responsibly grow our staff, while expanding our pro bono network. Between August 2015 and August 2017, we nearly doubled our staff, from 18 to 35 full-time employees, and increased our active pro bono attorneys and student volunteers from 264 to 816 attorneys and from 495 to 848 students.
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