



Border Rights Project

Helping Refugees Seek Safety in the United States and Mexico

OVERVIEW

The Border Rights Project works with asylum seekers in Tijuana, Mexico, who wish to present themselves to U.S. officials at the port-of-entry. The project provides legal orientation to educate asylum seekers about their rights in the asylum process, as well as how state actors may seek to violate those rights. The project provides accompaniment for asylum seekers to the port-of-entry to ensure that U.S. border officials do not illegally turn them away. We assist detained clients by providing legal representation and helping them secure their release. In addition, Al Otro Lado documents human rights violations by state actors, engages legislators and media to expose these violations, and files complaints to demand accountability for rights violations, including the recently filed federal lawsuit, [Al Otro Lado v. Kelly](#).

The Need

The right to seek refuge from persecution is under attack worldwide, and the United States is no different. At the U.S.-Mexico border, U.S. officials systematically refuse to process asylum seekers in violation of both federal and international law, placing asylum seekers in grave danger. Under the Trump Administration, asylum seekers are now also subject to prolonged and inhumane detention with limited opportunities for release, resulting in increased family separation and individual abuses against detained asylum seekers. More often than not, asylum seekers are housed in for-profit detention centers and cut off from legal counsel, with little knowledge of the asylum process or the ability to gather evidence to support their claims. This inability to mount a proper defense results in hundreds of asylum seekers being deported back to their death each week. Such a system cannot stand, and it is through individual and broader policy-based advocacy that the Border Rights Project works to address the urgent needs of individuals and families fleeing persecution.

What Your Contribution Will Accomplish

\$500 Al Otro Lado will provide individual Legal Orientation for five detained asylum seekers

\$5,000 Pays for one Refugee Clinic, providing legal orientation for up to 50 refugee families

\$30,000 Pays for one full-time Legal Assistant, drastically increasing program capacity

\$80,000 Salary + benefits for one full-time Attorney representing dozens of refugees in court

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