



## HIAS SERVICES IN ISRAEL

### Legal Services

For many of the asylum seekers in Israel the stakes are high — they face government proceedings that could deprive them of liberty and protection or leave them separated from their families. Being represented in these proceedings by legal service providers can significantly improve the outcome. Securing legal status is vital to refugees being able to heal and rebuild. It provides freedom from detention, access to services and public benefits, the ability to seek employment and important legal rights. In addition to help with asylum claims, HIAS provides other forms of legal aid to asylum seekers including legal assistance regarding family reunification, domestic violence humanitarian requests and other proceedings.



In 2014, HIAS launched a program to train and mentor young Israeli professionals in the legal field who recognize the plight of asylum seekers in Israel by providing pro bono legal representation. Through the Rukin Fellows program, HIAS has built a cadre of outstanding lawyers and law students dedicated to providing legal services to those most in need. This network has grown rapidly and today spans over 100 law fellows and volunteers.

The project's objective is to increase access to high quality and free legal representation. We believe that increasing judicial review in a critical mass of proceedings can change the system, make it more fair and more in line with Israel's obligations under international refugee law.

### Scholarship Program

For the last three decades HIAS Israel has been running a [scholarship program for students who have immigrated to Israel \(olim\)](#). The HIAS Scholarship Program has awarded funds for higher education tuition to student olim based on academic achievement, financial need and community service.

## PARTNERS

- African Refugee Development Center (ARDC)**
- ASSAF (Refugee Aid Organization)**
- Eritrean Women's Community Center (EWCC)**
- The Geshar Mental Health Clinic**
- The Hotline for Refugees and Migrants**
- Jerusalem African Community Center (JACC)**
- The Migration Clinic at the Ramat Gan Center for Law and Business**
- Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)**
- The Tel Aviv Municipality Aid and Information center for Migrants (MESILA)**
- Tel Aviv University Refugee Rights Program**
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**