



Change a refugee's life this New Year with a donation to HKRAC

"I don't think about the past. It is still there, but now I think about the future. This is because of the wonderful work you did," refugee Esther told us.

Esther spent her first few nights in Hong Kong sleeping in the Star Ferry terminal. Forced to leave her children behind, she traveled for days with a man who demanded sex for travel assistance.

Esther came to Hong Kong desperate for safety. Back in her home country in Western Africa, she was brutally beaten and sexually attacked by security forces searching for her missing husband. She is a resilient and courageous woman so she survived. However, she was finally forced to flee the country fearing for her life when threatened again for taking part in peaceful protests.

After a few days sleeping rough in Hong Kong, Esther registered her case at the UN Refugee Agency. Sadly, her application was refused due to a lack of evidence.

Fortunately, she was introduced by a friend to HKRAC where we gathered crucial evidence to appeal the decision. Through an interpreter, Esther was finally able to communicate what had happened to her and we were able to submit translated papers from a doctor who treated her after the attack.

With HKRAC's help, Esther was eventually granted refugee status. Today she is reunited with her children and safely resettled outside of Hong Kong.

What did we do with your support in 2011?

- 34** HKRAC refugees granted refugee status by the UN Refugee Agency
- 54** Refugees & their families provided full legal services throughout their asylum application
- 107** Refugees equipped with self-help advice to assert their rights at the UN Refugee Agency
- 130** Volunteers recruited to carry out legal research, casework & interpretation

Why do we need your support in 2012?

Incredibly, we are the **only** dedicated provider of free legal services to refugees in Hong Kong. Due to limited resources, we are currently able to assist less than one third of Hong Kong's vulnerable refugee population. With your help we can change this.

Our goal is to increase capacity to assist a further 15 refugee families in 2012. To achieve this, we aim to raise HK\$700,000 in order to:

- Recruit 80 more volunteer refugee advisors
- Build a resource library for our interpreters
- Provide uninterrupted interpretation services so we can communicate with the most isolated of our refugee clients
- Continue to prioritise assistance for the most vulnerable of refugee clients, yet help every refugee who walks through our doors

Please donate today to give refugees like Esther a fighting chance at a new life.

Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre is a registered charity (Inland Revenue number 91/9790)

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Find out 2011 donations helped Esther & see how your donation could change lives in 2012

- HK\$500** enabled us to meet with Esther and brief her on the UN refugee process
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- HK\$1000** gave Esther a voice by paying an interpreter to translate her reasons for fleeing her country
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- HK\$2500** strengthened Esther's UN legal claim by translating critical evidence into English
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- HK\$7000** covered the costs of preparing Esther's legal testimony & argument
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- HK\$21,000** provided full legal services to Esther until she was granted protection
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- HK\$700,000** enables us to support 35 refugees like Esther for six months, ensuring every refugee who walks through our doors is given the best possible chance at asylum protection and a safe future
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- I would like to donate HK\$_____ to be used where it is most needed

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Ways to donate

Donate by credit card

Credit card donations are made online via PayPal.

Visit: www.hkrac.org/what-you-can-do/donate

Donate by cheque

HK\$ cheques should be made payable to "Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre Ltd." US\$ cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc".

Please send cheques to:

Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre
Flat B, 10th Floor, Comfort Building
86 – 88A Nathan Road, Hong Kong

Donate by bank transfer

Hong Kong residents may transfer donations to HKRAC via ATM in HK\$ or US\$:

HSBC account number: **808340434838**

Please email a copy of your pay-in slip so we know the donation is from you.

Employer match programs

Please ask your HR Department if your company has an employer match program that which match or exceed your donation.

Official receipt for tax deduction

All donations over HK\$100 are tax deductible in both Hong Kong and the US. We will issue you with an official tax receipt within one month of your donation.

Many thanks for your generous support.

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