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# MIGRANT AND REFUGEE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION PROJECT FACT SHEET

## WHAT IS THE MIGRANT AND REFUGEE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION PROJECT?

The USAID Migrant and Refugee Human Rights Protection Project is a three-year activity to support the implementation of international human rights standards and the refugee law in North Macedonia.

## WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?

- 228 representatives of government institutions and civil society organizations (CSOs) have been trained on standard operating procedures to provide assistance to vulnerable categories of migrants and refugees.
- Mechanisms for cross-border cooperation among CSOs working on migrant- and refugee-related issues from five Balkan countries have been established.
- 226 citizens of North Macedonia from 12 towns attended 15 storytelling events – *Coffee with Migrants* – and had the opportunity to directly interact with refugees and learn about their personal experiences on their way to and in North Macedonia.
- Through art therapy workshops, 139 migrants have been assisted with coping with the trauma experienced on their journeys.
- 40 lawyers have been trained on providing free legal assistance in immigration cases.
- 680 migrants received free legal aid and counsel.
- 3 videos have been developed to raise public awareness about refugee issues.
- 3 animated videos have been developed to educate migrants and refugees about their rights and responsibilities and the risks of illegal transit through countries.