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A Report to Survivors

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Lamp Lifeboat Ladder is a special program that supports survivors of trauma and violence in rebuilding their lives. Our team of lawyers, field coordinators and other experts are here to work with you to develop your legal cases as well as your resettlement goals of safety, independence and self-reliance. We aim to walk alongside and accompany you and your families on your journeys to independence and healing.

Our teams in Jordan, Greece, the United Kingdom and Canada are guided by you, the survivors, to identify your needs and coordinate support, including medical and psychological care, housing, access to education, psychosocial support, vocational training and other services. You define, guide and lead the program, telling us what you need and want to heal and rebuild your lives. This survivor-led and -guided approach is a unique element of our program.

The name Lamp Lifeboat Ladder comes from a Rumi poem: 'Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Help someone's soul heal.' The name is important as it was chosen by survivors in our program.

Our program began many years ago in **2004**, supported by international law firm Reed Smith. Since then, we have represented and supported hundreds of survivors as they resettle in different countries. Now, through an agreement with the Canadian government, Lamp Lifeboat Ladder is providing a new pathway for **90** survivors – and their families – to resettle in Canada. During this time, we have been learning from survivors how to build our survivor-led and survivor-guided approach.

## BECAUSE YOU ARE KEY PARTICIPANTS AND TEACHERS IN THE PROGRAM, WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE JANUARY 2021.

- We submitted **22** legal cases under the Greece-Jordan-Canada program. To date, every survivor's case has been approved.
- So far, **17** survivors and their families have resettled to Canada giving **48** people a chance to heal and rebuild their lives.
- We represent survivors from Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Iran, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen, Cameroon, Togo, Iraq, Guinea, Gabon and Sierra Leone.
- We have built more than **40** cases in Greece and Jordan for survivors of torture, trauma and sexual violence.
- We have provided medical care, safe housing, legal and financial support to more than **300** men, women and children in Greece and Jordan. We believe that providing holistic support that is guided by survivors helps to ensure protection.
- We established a Survivor's Council and several other groups made up of survivors in our program who teach and guide us about how to design and run Lamp Lifeboat Ladder.



- We started a Lamp Lifeboat Ladder Running Team for anyone in our program who wants to start training. If you are interested please join our **Facebook Group**.
- We have developed and strengthened partnerships with other organizations and individuals who provide care and support to survivors and their families who arrive in Canada.
- We are developing an English language support program for survivors anywhere in the world who want to learn or improve their English.
- We have built a dedicated and growing team of lawyers, doctors, field coordinators, advocates and experts who speak **11** languages and who live all over the world – all committed to walking alongside survivors in our program.
- We have recruited more than **70** volunteer allies in Canada who work together in small groups to accompany survivors and their families once they reach their new homes.
- We provided comprehensive training sessions to allies in Canada where survivors in the project provided insight and guidance to allies based on their own experience and expertise.

- We are developing a monitoring and evaluation system which enables everyone in the program – particularly survivors – to give feedback, helping us to improve our program and ensuring it is survivor-guided.
- We have established a **blog** page on our **website** that showcases the expertise, opinions, ambitions and dreams of survivors in our project. Please follow us on Facebook or get in touch with **Sophie McCann** if you would like to write something for the blog.

We are grateful for the expertise and guidance you have given us and we are proud of the work we have achieved together. We have a lot more to learn from your expertise and experience and are excited about what this next phase will bring.

With gratitude,

**LAMP LIFEBOAT LADDER TEAM**

