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Everyone needs money to buy food, pay rent and pay for medical help when they need it.

Until recently most of these people have been denied the right to work. While these people want to be independent and give back to the community by finding work, they often have difficulty getting secure work, because of they don't have permanent visas.

You can help.

We are calling on the government to immediately restore SRSS support to all people seeking asylum, including families, until they are able to support themselves in secure paid employment.

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- Encourage your family and friends to take action too!

Want to find out more?

More information:

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or email:

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