



Migrant Voice's response to UK government freezing asylum applications from Syria

We have seen the impact which being left in limbo has on people seeking asylum first hand.

The situation in Syria is still uncertain, and people still need to be provided with protection, as we have seen following events in Libya and Iraq previously. There are more than 6,000 Syrians still waiting on their asylum applications to be processed in the UK. Many of these people have already been waiting for months. The fear which caused them to leave Syria in the first place doesn't disappear overnight.

Freezing the processing of asylum claims just leaves them in a state of uncertainty for their future. Behind each application is an individual, with their individual fears and reasons for seeking safety in the UK. That safety has to be the priority.

We urge the government to continue processing claims, and ensure that those people in fear of the future can be given the opportunity to feel a sense of safety and stability in the present.