

"Dear mom, أمي, مامان, مور, hooyo, maman,  
I wanted to tell you that you've raised a beautiful son.



He is gentle and kind. He treats me with respect and with an incredible tenderness I know he learned from your nurturing hands."





"He can cook fantastic food, gather us around a table, light a fire, start a dance, and keep your culture and legacy alive with story after story of the land he had to leave behind."

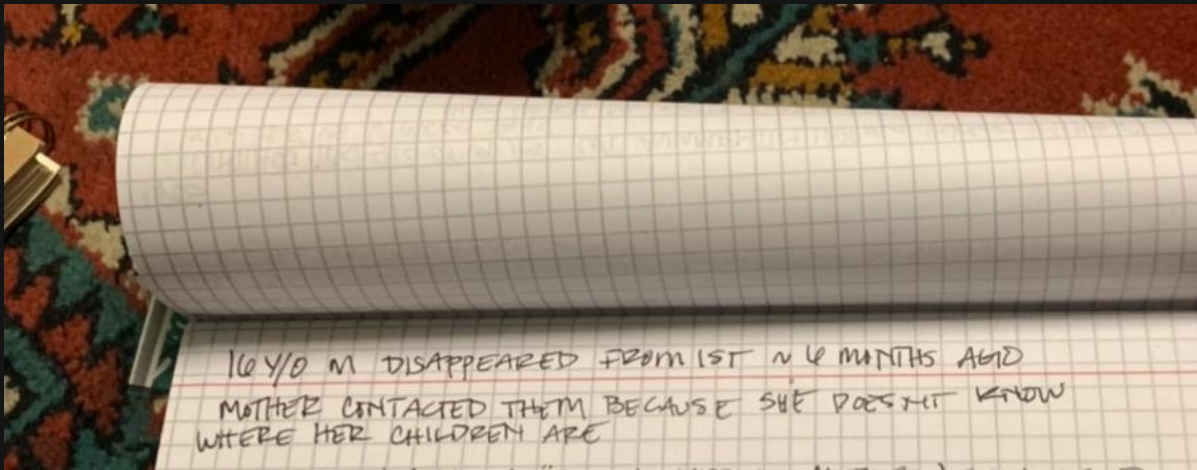


"I am always well-fed, protected, and with my brother at my side, I am the safest person in the world."

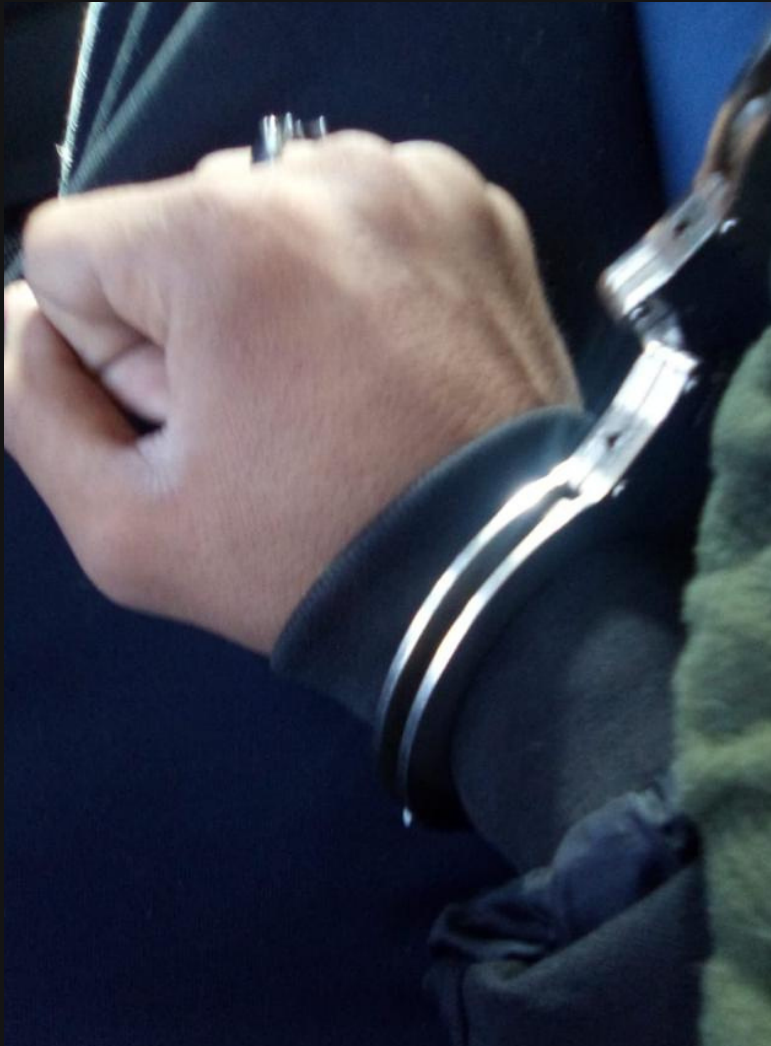




"But the world is a deceitful and cruel place for our beautiful boys."



"Mainstream society paints them as dangerous beasts and leaves no place for their pain."



"He is not given a shoulder to cry on or an army of loud-mouthed advocates screaming for his humanity. He must navigate a system that has been built to work against him."



**"Men are associated with violence and often suspected to be culprits rather than victims of war... they don't solicit feelings of sympathy because they are considered strong and capable of managing their own survival. Or worse, they are considered fortune seekers instead of bare survivors of war."**

**- Dortehea Hillhorst**




With nearly 80 million people facing displacement by the end of 2019 according to UNHCR, the sectors adapting to support those forced to flee has made great strides thanks to technological advancement and growing innovations in the sector. Unfortunately, in many humanitarian crises, our brothers - the men - are often underserved at best, even completely neglected and left behind.

Not only has our work in the refugee sector shown us that the men are under supported and stigmatized, but we also witness high levels of brutality and exploitation at the hands of authorities and the need for gender-specific health care and education for men and boys.

In addition to providing physical aid delivery, we also try to advocate for more resources specific to displaced men and their needs.





"My brother is behind bars. His hands were cuffed, his jewelry was stripped from his wrists, and now he clings to the cold iron cell in defeat. He fled his home seeking safety. Every day his life hung in the balance. He has fought for his life; his knuckles are rough and scarred, but they are as graceful and tender as his heart when they reach through the bars to wipe the tears streaming down my face.

'No, sister, no... don't cry. Please don't cry.'"

**18,204**

According to Global Detention Project, 18,204 **asylum seekers** were in detention in 2018. With no access to the outside world, we quickly realized that there is an entire population of people falling through the gaps and needing legal support and advocacy.

In practice, we have seen police brutality and detention disproportionately impact displaced males.



"Dear mom, أمي, مامان, مور, hooyo, maman,

Do not worry too much. I have seen him survive - even thrive - and when he's reached admirable new heights I see him stop and humbly turn around to help those around him and those coming after him."







**"He has a network of sisters who are infuriated by his exclusion and who have the same fierce loyalty to him that he does to us. We enter the arena every day, waging invisible wars to gather funds, lawyers, advocates, and other necessities to try to make his journey to safety a seamless and successful one."**





"It doesn't always work, but I promise you, mama, we are trying. With all of the love we have. We will not stop fighting until we see justice or until we die trying."



**'But what about the women?'**

Yes, and what about the boys they love? What about the husbands, the brothers, the sons? Are they not human, too?





# The Brothers Campaign

**Our fathers. Our sons. Our brothers.**



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