



**Peter Tatchell Foundation**  
Speaking out for Human Rights

# Case work Report

## 2015

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## Foreword



It is with great pleasure that I present the Peter Tatchell Foundation's case work report for 2015.

It documents our work giving advice, support and practical aid to individuals who are victims of injustices, such as discrimination and hate crime. We are particularly proud of our success in helping to win asylum in the UK for refugees fleeing persecution by repressive regimes.

Despite our limited size and funding, the Peter Tatchell Foundation still manages to make a positive difference to the lives of many people every year. Special thanks to our case work staff member, Pliny Soocoormanee.

Please consider making, or increasing, a regular donation, so that we can carry on the life-changing work that we do. To all of you who have or will donate, our sincere appreciation.

**Jeremy N. Hooke DipFa MILFB**  
**Chairman, Peter Tatchell Foundation**

## 1. About us

The Peter Tatchell Foundation (PTF) seeks to promote and protect the human rights of individuals, communities and nations, in the UK and internationally, in accordance with established national and international human rights law.

The aims and objectives of the PTF are to raise awareness, understanding, protection and implementation of human rights, in the UK and worldwide. This involves research, education, advice, case work, publicity, lobbying and advocacy for the enforcement and furtherance of humanitarian statutes and values.

## 2. Requests

The Peter Tatchell Foundation receives requests for help from all over the UK and around the world.

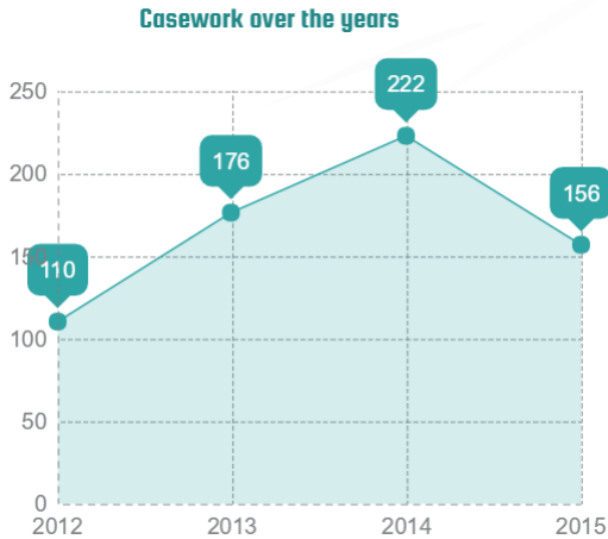
Very often people contacting us are depressed, harassed and are emotionally drained. The PTF is a very small organisation with very limited resources, despite this we assist people in a number of ways by:

- Listening to their concerns
- Providing moral support & hope
- Guiding them with information and advice
- Referring them to appropriate specialist agencies

This case work service is provided free of charge.

### 3. Key Facts

## Case work 2015



**We assisted 156 people in 2015**

**Since 2012 we have helped over 600 people**



**We helped people from 36 different countries**

**Asylum 83**

**Non Asylum 73**

**36% of people we helped are from Africa**



**57% of cases are about Asylum and Immigration**



**15% of the people we helped are from Uganda and Nigeria**



**24% of people we helped are from the UK**



## 4. Why do people come to us?

Peter Tatchell is a nationally and internationally renowned human rights defender for over 49 years. Because of his high profile, many people see the Peter Tatchell Foundation as a first point of contact for help on issues such as discrimination, asylum, harassment and hate crime. A high proportion of the people who contact the PTF for assistance don't know anyone else.

## 5. Case work in brief

In 2015, we dealt with 156 individuals who requested assistance. Many of these individuals required extensive multiple correspondence and support. This is illustrated in Fig 1. Case work over the years

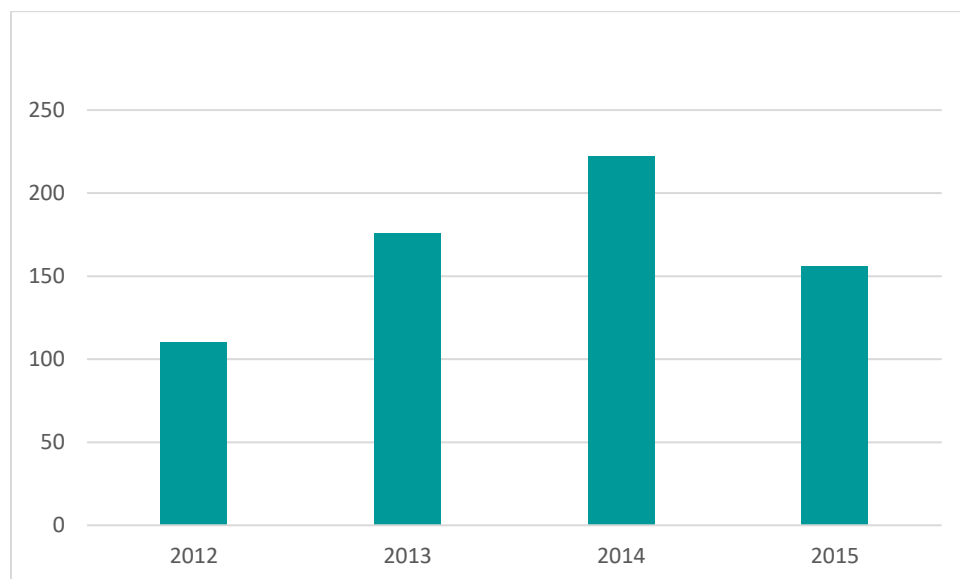


Fig 1. Case work over the years

The number of cases dealt has increased over the years. From 2012 to 2015, we assisted 654 individuals.

### 5.1. Case work: international reach

Around a quarter of requests for help comes from the UK but increasingly from around the globe. This depicted below in Fig 2.

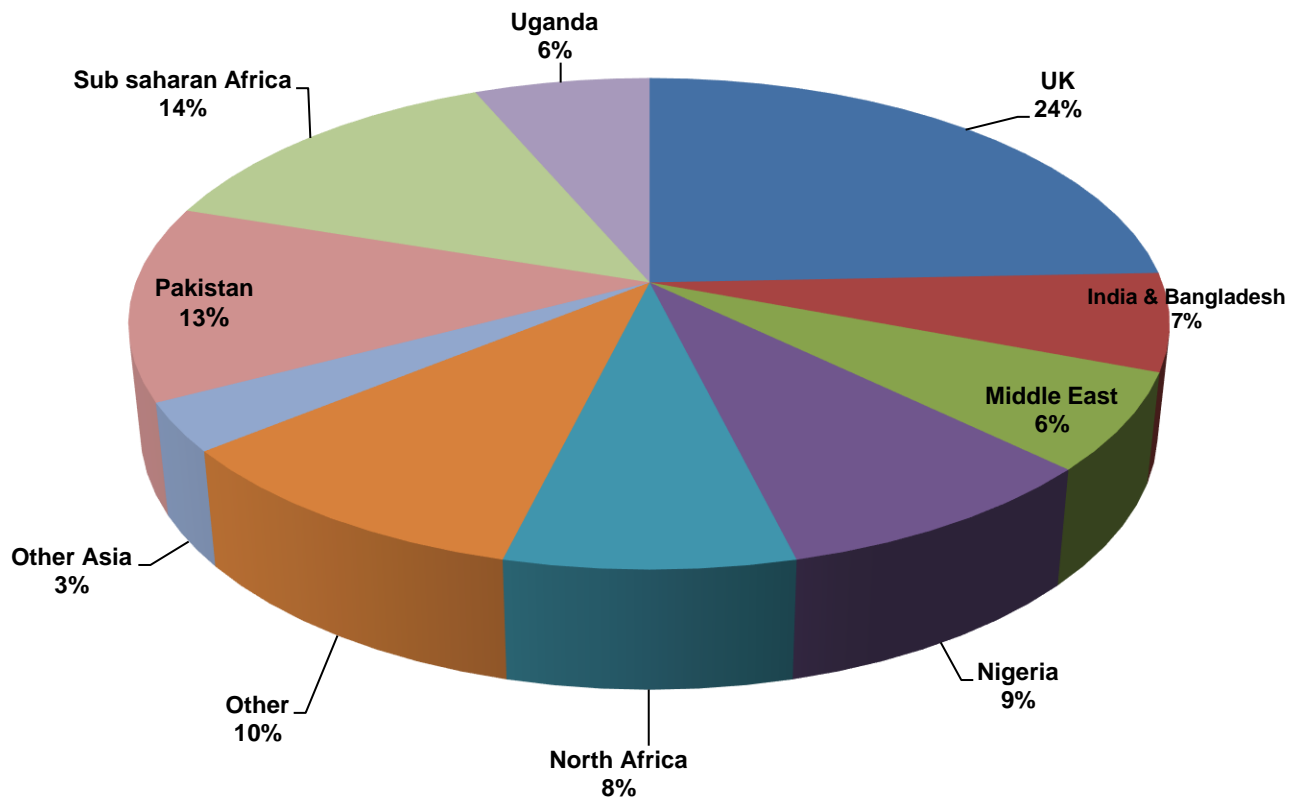


Fig 2. Case work: request for help by country of origin

36% of the calls for help are from people originating from Africa whilst 20% originated from the Indian subcontinent.

15% of the people we helped comes from Uganda and Nigeria.



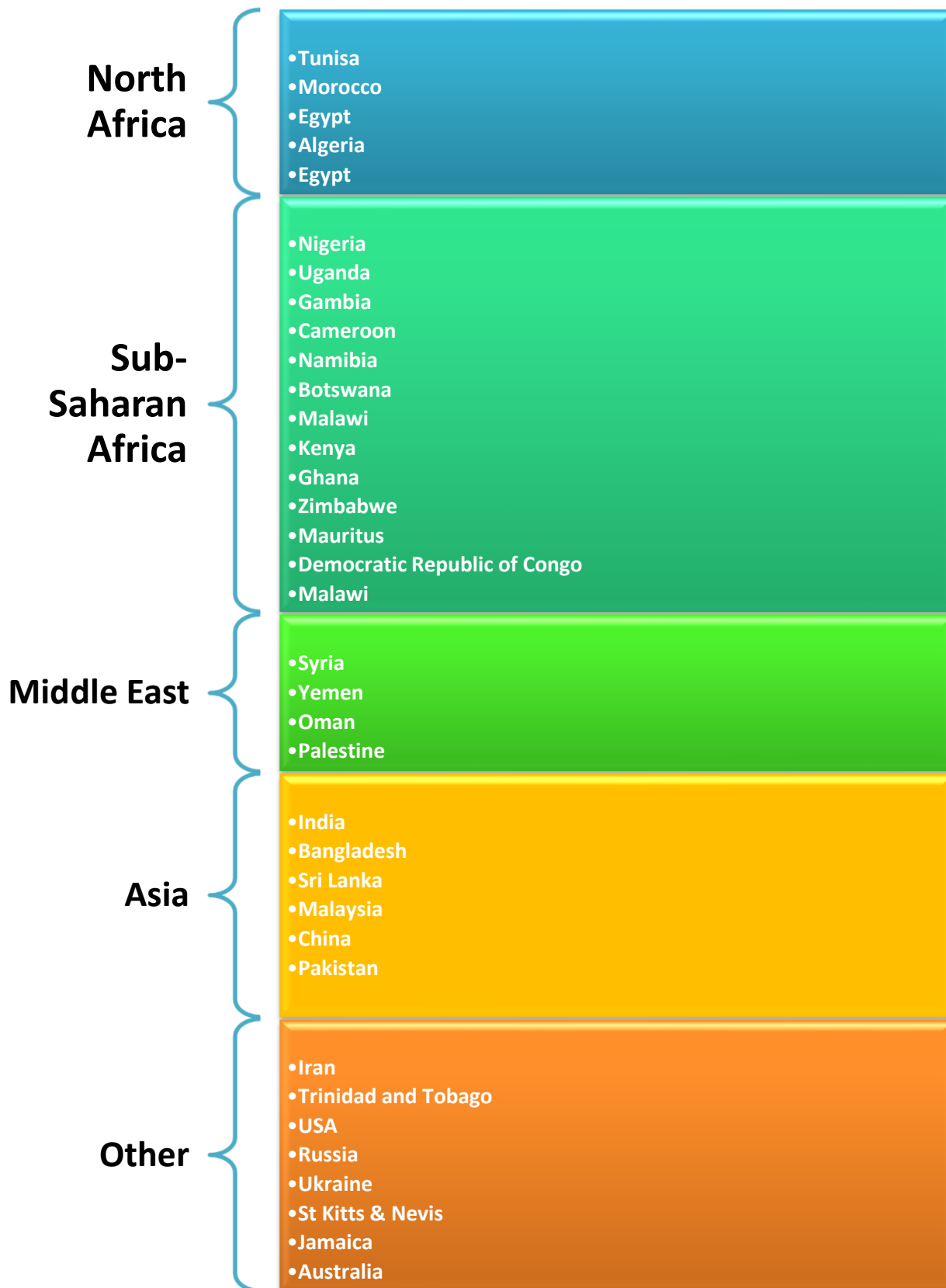


Fig 3. List of countries



## 5.2. Case work by issues

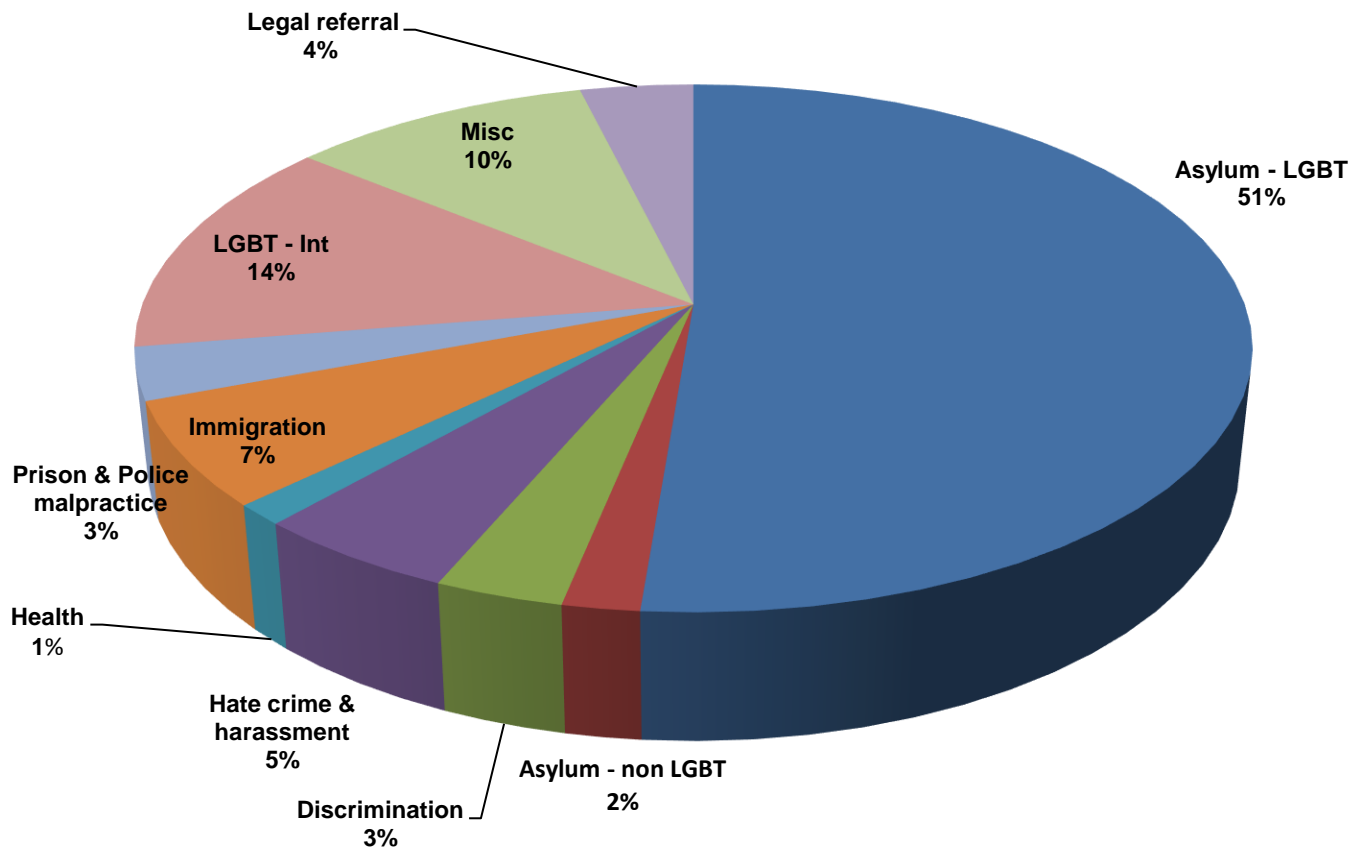


Fig 4. Case work by issues



The nature of the individual requests from the PTF is detailed in Fig 4. The category LGBT Int consists of calls for help which are not related to asylum or immigration from people outside of the UK. It can clearly be seen from the pie chart that Asylum & Immigration represents the most sizeable issue for people contacting us. They made up 60% of all cases we assisted.

## 6. Feedback: What did the people we helped say?

“Your message was lovely and encouraging. Thank you very much for sympathizing with my case.” **Ali\***

“Thank you so much for your help and giving me all advice. without your advice I would not able to produce my supporting documents on time for my asylum claim.” **Kevin\***



“I was very stressed as people were just giving all kind of information. Your email provided clarity of information.” **David\***

“Thanks very much for coming back to me with a good range of helpful information. A lot of it was unknown to me.” **Vicky\***



“Thanks for responding to my email promptly and for your words of encouragement. It cheered me up.” **Paul\***

“You made a difference for me and I can now see a solution on the horizon for my problem.” **Rina\***

“Thank you so much for your message and your encouragement. I appreciate your sympathy. It means a lot to me.” **Joyce\***

\*Note: Names have been altered

## 7. Support our work: Get involved



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