

The Federal Admissions Program for Afghanistan must continue and be funded as promised! No sell-out of active human rights policies!

The continuation of the Federal Admissions Program for Afghanistan (BAP) is on the line. According to the German government's draft budget, which various organizations have received and which will be officially presented at a press [conference on](#) July 17, 2024, the budget for the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) for 2025, which also includes the BAP, is set to be reduced to around 13% of the 2024 budget. This would effectively mean the end of the BAP, a premature and disastrous conclusion to a fundamental human rights program. Particularly troubling is that the draft budget foresees an increase of the BMI's overall budget by 400 million euros, while simultaneously cutting essential funds for humanitarian admission programs. These cuts would not only disregard cross-departmental agreements but also undermine explicit commitments made in the coalition agreement.

The undersigned organizations therefore appeal to the German government, members of the Bundestag, and especially to the budget policymakers:

1. The Federal Admissions Program for Afghanistan **must be continued as planned and fully funded at least until the end of the legislative period.** It needs to be backed by the political will necessary to enable the humanitarian admission of at-risk Afghans to the extent outlined in the [admissions](#) directive during this legislative period.
2. The government must continue to pursue and **implement its own goal of admitting up to 1,000 at-risk persons per month – a total of up to 36,000 people.** To achieve this, the process must not be halted but rather accelerated at all stages.

The situation in Islamabad, Pakistan, would worsen dramatically as a result of the cuts. Currently, more than 3,700 people are waiting there, already part of the admission process. The government has also selected and contacted around 15,000 additional people, many of whom have been waiting for months for a response. If the funding is cut, these people in Pakistan and Afghanistan will be abandoned to their fate. They face further serious human rights violations such as persecution, physical and psychological violence, torture, and, in the case of Pakistan, deportation. For particularly vulnerable groups such as [LGBTIQ people](#) and [women and girls](#), this would mean a direct threat to their lives. Significant delays at the German embassy in Islamabad will also likely prevent many people who

already have an admission approval (as of July 2024: 2,150 approvals) from using it to travel to Germany.

Alphabetical list of initial signatories (as of July 17, 2024):

- **Afghanistan-Schulen Verein zur Unterstützung von Schulen in Afghanistan e.V.**
- **Amnesty International Deutschland e.V.**
- **Artists at Risk (AR)**
- **Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Inc.**
- **AWO Bundesverband e.V.**
- **BAfF e.V.**
- **Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft PRO ASYL e.V.**
- **Kabul Luftbrücke**
- **LeaveNoOneBehind**
- **LSVD+ – Verband Queere Vielfalt e. V. (formerly Lesben- und Schwulenverband LSVD)**
- **medico international**
- **move on**
- **menschen.rechte Tübingen e.V.**
- **Reporter ohne Grenzen Deutschland**
- **Stitching for School and Life e.V. (SSL e.V.)**
- **TERRE DES FEMMES Menschenrechte für die Frau e.V.**
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