

# Migrant Destitution

## Fund GM

The Migrant Destitution Fund is a lifeline for people with nowhere else to turn.

We shouldn't exist, but until everyone in Greater Manchester is able to earn an income or receive state support, we have to.

The small amount of support we provide can have a huge difference helping people stand on their own two feet – and we need your help to provide it.

### How we support people in Greater Manchester

We provide £80 grants to anyone in Greater Manchester who is destitute with no access to income or public funds.

Most people we support are asylum seekers without other means of income, but can also be people with the right to work but not claim benefits.

£80 is a small amount, but if it is the only income you have, it can make all the difference to buying essentials, maintaining mental health and having a degree of dignity that month.



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### How you can support us:

**£6 covers travel to key legal or medical appointments**

**£10 buys enough data to keep in touch with loved ones**

**£20 can purchase necessary food, toiletries and essentials.**

**Or make a gift of £80 to provide a month's essential support.**

To donate or sign up for monthly giving, go to: [tinyurl/mdfgmdonate](https://tinyurl.com/mdfgmdonate)

To invite us to speak to your organisation, community group, congregation or event, contact [info@migrantdestitution.co.uk](mailto:info@migrantdestitution.co.uk)



The Migrant Destitution Fund GM is hosted by Macc, a charity registered in England and Wales no. 1145921

# Impact of the Fund

From opening in response to the pandemic in April 2020 up to the end of January 2021, donations from the public and foundations allowed the Fund to provide 606 grants to 249 individuals.

Total grants made	606
Total individuals	249
Funds distributed	£47,405
Referral partners	18



## Ruvimbo's story

My name is Ruvimbo and I am an asylum seeker. I have been destitute for more than 7 years.

I'm not allowed to work.

I don't have an income.

I can't get benefits.

Before lockdown I was still destitute but I was able to go around meeting people. To be destitute now is like wearing a shoe inside. I can't go out. No phone, no communication, no exercise. I love people but miss them.

The Migrant Destitution Fund is helping with my mental health. Helping me to buy food, toiletries. I was able to get over-the-counter medicine to help with my eczema. I was able to call my family. The first time it made me cry.

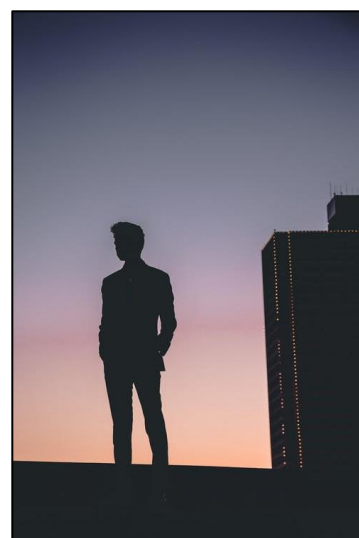
It is different from having to ask someone for help. It is different to have money in my pocket.

## Usman's story

Usman has been in the UK since he was 7, and was given the right to work (but not claim benefits, including a student loan) 3 years ago.

He lost all his work when the pandemic hit, and wasn't able to get any government support. Unable to afford his own place, him and his sister have had to move back in with his parents whose own incomes are affected by immigration restrictions. That leaves 4 adults living off a tiny and restricted income.

They get by with top-up from the food bank, which a Migrant Destitution Fund grant allows Usman to travel to. He can also top up his phone, search for jobs, and keep in touch with the friends he grew up with.



\*Names and details may have been changed to protect the individuals