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CHRISTCHURCH VISIT TO SUPPORT MOSQUE ATTACK SURVIVORS' AND VICTIMS' FAMILIES

MARCH 2021

On 15-16 March, ARCC Staff delegates Faisal and Gatluak visited Christchurch eight of the mosque attack survivors' and victims' families. They delivered a culturally appropriate message of sympathy and solidarity, shared meals, and provided a donation. The donation had been collected by ARCC online Stripe account as part of our contribution toward victims' families from the NZ public. The families were very receptive to the visit and stated that it was the first time someone came to hear what they had been through face-to-face and give valuable support. The delegates listened to harrowing accounts from some of the survivors of the attack and visited the graves of some of the victims.

KIRIKIRIROA MARAE STAY (NOHO MARAE)

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As part of ARCC's commitment to its membership to Tangata Tiriti – Treaty People Programme, four leaders from resettled communities went to stay at Kirikiriroa Marae in Hamilton on 26-27 March.

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There, they learned about Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) and Rangiriri Pā, an old Māori settlement that was attacked by British Troops in 1863. They received a very educational experience from the perspective of the Māori at the time. Francois Kayembe, from the Okapi Alliance of New Zealand (Congolese community from the Democratic Republic of Congo), observed that it was a "very touching, but traumatic, learning experience."

LAUNCH OF ITI REAREA COLLECTIVE

APRIL 2021

The microfinance collaboration Iti Rearea Collective officially launched on 17 April. The collective provides programmes to help migrants develop their own businesses or improve businesses they already own. Iti Rearea has seen promising results in the first five weeks of its programme so far, with a cohort of 26 people and is getting ready for its second intake. Applications for the programmes are open until 15 June. Please go to itirearea.co for information and to apply.

DISCUSSION WITH MP IBRAHIM OMER

APRIL 2021

On 23 April, ARCC met with MP Ibrahim Omer, along with two advisors from Parliament. Problems with the resettlement process were discussed with Omer, along with the community engagement process and information about resource needs in the resettlement sector.

C.E.O MESSAGE

EID MUBARAK WISHES- HAPPY EID MUBARAK TO AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND MUSLIM COMMUNITY, WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONE A BLESSED EID UL-FITR MUBARAK!

We are grateful to highlight the successful visited by ARCC delegates to support Christchurch mosque attacked victims' and their families. And the successful launch of Iti Rearea Collective, in which ARCC played a significant role in establishing the project and recruitment for the first 27 participants in the first program. We always keep trying to advocate and educate to have better results for new residents and forced migrant of Aotearoa, New Zealand.
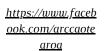
ARCC CEO ABANN K.A YOR

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS LEADERSHIP MEETING

Community leaders from resettled communities around Auckland gathered for an education session about human rights on 30 April. The "Know Your Rights" workshop, given by DLA Piper Law Firm, explained the basics of human rights in New Zealand law. Participants discussed examples of discrimination in their own lives, especially in the workplace, and how it relates to NZ law.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- SUDANESE SOCIETY IN NEW ZEALAND ARE CELEBRATING EID MUBARAK ON **14 MAY 2021**
- THE AUCKLAND RESETTLEMENT SECTOR ANNUAL SUMMIT **16 & 17 JUNE 2021**
- WORLD REFUGEE DAY **20 JUNE 2021**
- ARCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) WILL BE HELD ON **30 JULY 2021**