

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

STAND's Monthly Newsletter

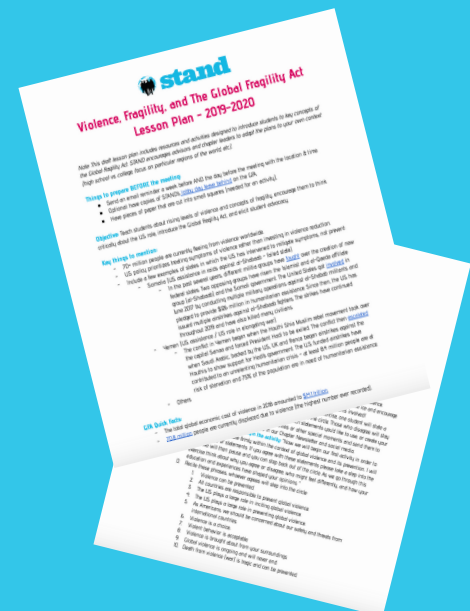


Retreat in D.C

From January 9th to January 12th, the 2019-2020 STAND Managing Committee convened in Washington, D.C. for a weekend of advocacy, campaign-planning, and grassroots organizing. The MC heard from representatives of major NGOs including Mercy Corps, Oxfam America, and Refugees International as well as conflict-specific experts for South Sudan, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The MC also lobbied on Capitol Hill, visiting offices from both the House and Senate to gather support for the Youth, Peace, and Security Act and bills for Burma and increased refugee intake. Pictured above are three members of the MC meeting with Senator Boozman (R-AR).

NEED LESSONS?

We have created a sample lesson plan for you to use during your own chapter meetings. Use [this link](#) to access them. Look out for more in future newsletters!



Travel Ban Statement

In light of the Trump Administration's addition of six new countries to the travel ban, the STAND Managing Committee [released](#) a statement opposing the updated ban. The latest iteration of the travel ban includes two of STAND's priority conflict areas, Burma and Sudan. STAND denounces the discriminatory policy, while also noting it comes when refugee acceptance in the U.S. is already historically low despite our responsibility to welcome those fleeing conflict and religious persecution.



← STAND Conflict Update: January 2020

2019-2020 STAND Managing Committee Statement Opposing the Latest Travel Ban

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STAND, the student and youth-led movement to end mass atrocities, opposes the latest iteration of the Trump Administration's travel ban released on January 31st, 2020. This expanded version of the travel ban includes **six new countries**, bringing up the total number to 13 countries restricted by the ban. Beginning on February 22nd, this ban prevents individuals from Nigeria, Myanmar, Eritrea, and Kyrgyzstan from obtaining immigrant visas. It also prohibits individuals from Sudan and Tanzania from being granted green cards through the [diversity visa lottery](#).



This expanded travel ban perpetuates religious discrimination exhibited by previous iterations of the ban. Of the six newly added countries, all have "substantial" Muslim populations and three have Muslim-majority populations. In addition to the religious bias, the newest edition of the ban particularly focuses on African nations. [Watch the new of STAND's response to the](#)

Mass Atrocities FAQs

Need help understanding the difference between mass atrocity and genocide? We've got you covered! [Here](#) is a list (compiled by STAND's Education & Communications Coordinator, Abby Edwards) of common questions that youth have and their answers.

Managing Committee Applications!

Apply to be a member of the 2021-2022 Managing Committee! Applications are open for both the [Managing Committee](#) and [Student Director](#). Both positions work to develop campaigns and advocacy tasks for STAND's areas of conflict throughout the year and serve as the leaders of STAND's Action Committees. MC applications are open until [March 29th](#), and SD applications are open until [March 15](#). We hope you'll apply! Click [here](#).



QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? UPDATES?

Please fill out [this](#) google form so we can better help our chapters! We would love to hear if these newsletters and lesson plans are helping you.



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