

## Association for Refugees and Minorities (ARM)

The Association for Refugees and Minorities (ARM) is a non-governmental organization (NGO), an advocacy group similar to Greenpeace or Amnesty International, whose mission is to increase worldwide education in and awareness of global refugee issues. ARM is based in New York and has active supporters around the world. In the United States, ARM members lobby members of Congress, the State Department and the President on minority rights and protections of refugees. The organization recently ran a successful campaign to boycott businesses that discriminated against refugees in their employment practices.

The NGO has brought attention to persecuted communities in the darkest corners of the globe (and loudly publicized their success in doing so). It has a significant budget with endowments from several American foundations and film celebrities and can act internationally when needed.

ARM has lobbied for the rights of Budan's minorities for many years. The organization has experienced minimal success with the Government of Budan during this time and has found more success instead in attracting international attention to the plight of Rubit Budanese. A star-studded concert last week in downtown Manhattan drew attention to the problem of Budan's Rubit minority population, and American and European youth are now wearing orange bracelets and leading social media campaigns to express their solidarity with Budan's beleaguered minority.

### Opening Position

The representative of ARM pleads for action to protect the Rubits, the Budan minority who are being persecuted by Budan for their religion. ARM will speak at length about the terrible suffering and horrific human rights situation in the refugee camps in the country of Gilbia.

### Negotiation Strategy

- Neither the UNHCR nor ARM wants to be on different sides of this issue.
- The UNHCR and ARM need to work together, but as an official United Nations agency the UNHCR must remain officially neutral and may be content with a partial solution.
- ARM, on the other hand, is clearly aligned with the Rubits and remains focused on gathering support for the group worldwide.



### FAST FACTS

Based in  
**New York City**

2019 budget:

**\$38M**