

ANNUAL REPORT 2021







The Norwegian Human Rights Fund (NHRF) was founded in 1988 by Norwegian civil society, academia and workers' unions. Our mandate is to protect and promote human rights internationally by being a flexible and courageous actor that provides support to local and front line organisations and movements.

In 2021, the following organisations were members supporting the NHRF and serving on the Board: Amnesty International Norway, the Atlas Alliance, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, and the Church of Norway Council on **Ecumenical and International Relations.**

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Front page photo: Women from different regions of Colombia during the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Colombia (Victor Linares/NHRF Colombia)

Back page photo: Women workers' rights defenders from the Rural Women Development Trust (RWDT), Tamil Nadu, India (photo: RWDT).

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Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.

These words by Arundhati Roy summarize the faith that drives the human rights defenders we at the NHRF work with. The faith that, despite the intersecting challenges of the pandemic, inequality, discrimination, authoritarianism and climate change, we will prevail.

2021 has been another challenging year with numerous obstacles for human rights defenders, such as restrictive legislations, harassment, threats and attacks. According to Human Rights Watch¹, 83 governments worldwide have used the Covid-19 pandemic to justify violating the exercise of free speech and peaceful assembly.

Photo above: Olmo Eyatí/NHRF

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

Word from the Chair and the Executive Director

Many of our grantee partners risk their wellbeing, their security and their lives for the important work they do. They are on the front line for all of us. We particularly remember those who lost their lives this year in the struggle for human rights. We promise to continue to work in their spirit.

Our strategy and our methods

In 2021, the NHRF has supported 106 organisations in 11 countries. We hope that this annual report will give you an inspiring insight into their work in 2021.

In our new 2021-25 strategy, the three strategic areas are: 1) Fight against impunity and for access to justice, 2) Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalization and 3) Protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights. To reach our goals we work through direct financial support to human rights work, networking and capacity building and through communications, advocacy and strategic alliance building.

The voices from the ground

Voices from the ground must be heard where decisions are made. People sometimes say that they want to be 'the voice of the voiceless'. We do not see our job as being someone's voice. We see our task as creating and facilitating the spaces for human rights defenders to use their own voices.

Thank you!

We want to thank our donors, cooperation partners, the UN special rapporteurs we work with, our board, our advisory board and all our followers and supporters, for the solidarity and encouragement you have provided in 2021!

Last, but by no means least, a big thanks to our grantee partners. You are the ones on the front line for human rights on behalf of all of humanity. We are so proud to be working with you!

Together we will prove that another world is indeed possible.



Ingeborg Moa **Executive Director** Norwegian Human Rights Fund (NHRF)



John Peder Egenæs Chair of the Board Amnesty International Norway

GLOBAL OVERVIEW

The Norwegian Human Rights Fund directs its support to human rights through three interlinked thematic areas: 1) Fight against impunity and for access to justice, 2) Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation, and 3) Protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights. In each of our seven priority countries, we have more focused strategic lines and thematic areas that fit under these three global focus areas. You can read more about these country-specific focus areas and our work in our priority countries in the following pages of the report.

MEXICO

COLOMBIA

119 projects with 106 grantee partners supported in 2021

18 PROJECTS

- Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation
- Fight against impunity and for access to justice

49 PROJECTS

- Protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights
- Fight against impunity and for access to justice
- Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation
- Peace and human rights
- Forest, environment and human rights

10 PROJECTS

- 9 Projects in non-priority countries, such as the Middle East, Afghanistan, and working at the international level focusing on protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights
- 1 Project on ending caste-based discrimination in different parts of the world, mostly South Asia

NON-PRIORITY

COUNTRIES

7 PROJECTS

- Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation
- Protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights

17 PROJECTS

- Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation
- Protecting human rights defenders and the rights to defend rights

6 PROJECTS

- Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation
- Protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights

3 PROJECTS

INDIA

THAILAND

INDONESI

- Protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights
- Fight against impunity and for access to justice

SRI LANKA

 Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation

9 PROJECTS

- Dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation
- Fight against impunity and for access to justice
- Protecting human rights defenders and the right to defend rights

PAKISTAN

2021 AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF **ORGANISATIONS** SUPPORTED



APPROXIMATELY |

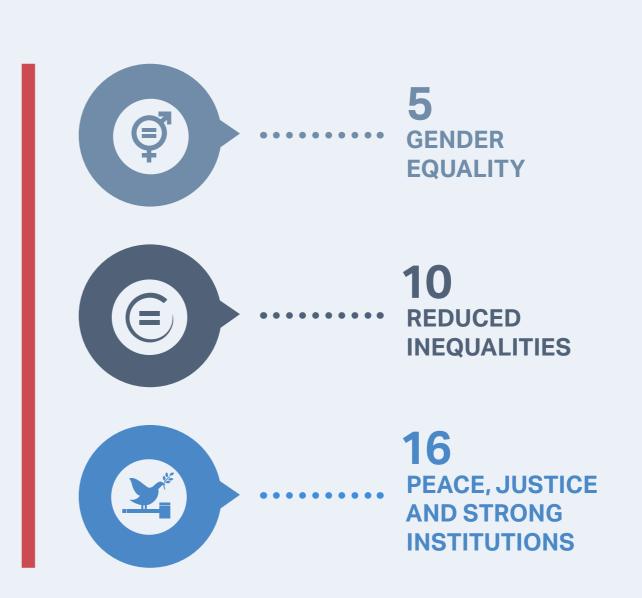
15,600

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS SUPPORTED, OF WHICH

10,304

WERE WOMEN HUMAN RIGHT DEFENDERS

ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED WORK TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS, PROTECTION AND SECURITY FOR HRDs Our grantee partners' work aligns most with these three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND THE RIGHT TO DEFEND RIGHTS

Strengthening of guarantees for the defence of human and environmental rights in Colombia

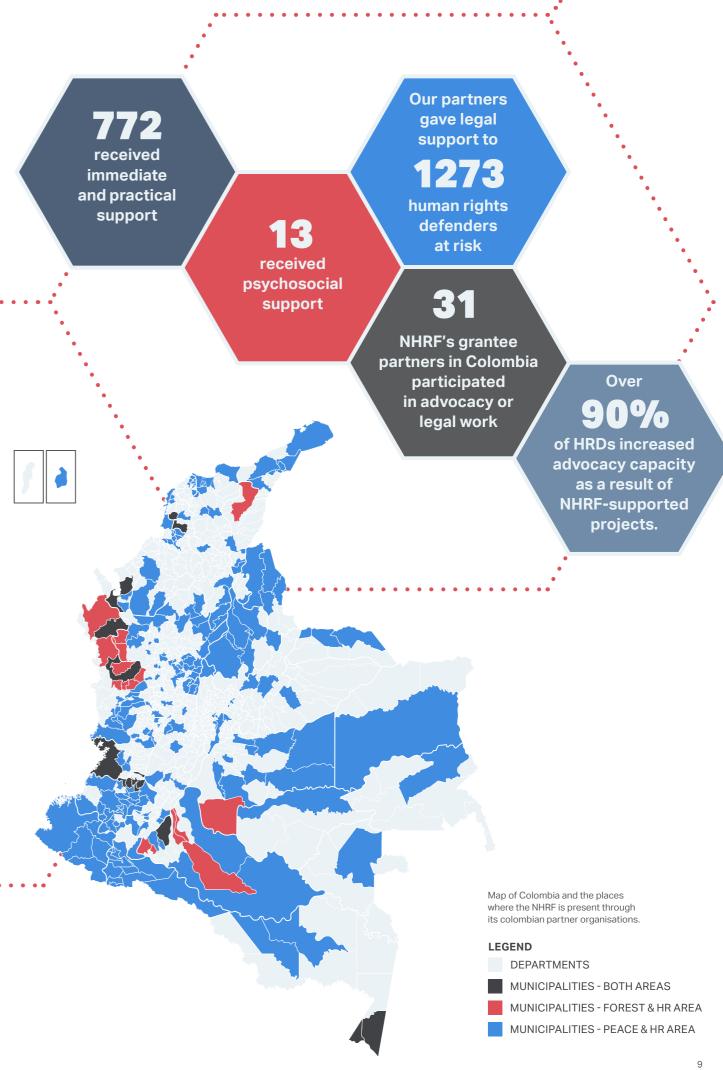
Colombia is one of the most dangerous countries in the world to defend the environment and human rights. According to Front Line Defenders,² more than a third of the human rights defenders killed worldwide in 2021 were killed in Colombia. Despite this, Colombian human rights defenders continue to show great strength and capacity for mobilisation and advancing their work in defending human rights and the environment and supporting the peace process.

In 2021, 27 of our Colombian grantee partners focused on or included work on the protection of human rights defenders in their projects. Through these partnerships, the NHRF contributed to enabling women human rights defenders (WHRDs) to continue working in the midst of this hostile and highly dangerous situation. This was done through capacity building of human rights defenders to enhance their own security and protection, as well as providing psychosocial support both on an individual and organisational level. In total, 2274 individual human rights defenders and 335 organisations received training on security and protection from our partners. In our annual survey, 87% of our grantee partners working on protection report that they have increased their resilience (the ability of people to recover from complicated situations and continue moving forward into the future).

2. https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/sites/default/files/2021_global_analysis_-_final.pdf

Our grantee partners in Colombia are providing support to and accompaniment of over **2400** human rights defenders at risk.

In Colombia, 31 of the NHRF's grantee partners participated in advocacy work or legal work with the aim of improving guarantees for the defence of human rights at the local, national, and international level. Over 90% report that they have increased their advocacy capacity as a result of NHRF-supported projects.



Afghanistan: A violent year for human rights defenders



Horia Mosadiq, founder of SRMO, together with Meena Varma, Executive Director of the International Dalit Solidarity Network, during one of the NHRF's seminars on the situation for Afghan human rights defenders in November 2021. Photo: Mónica Orjuela.

The NHRF has been advocating for the protection and security of human rights defenders in Afghanistan for years. When the Taliban took control of Kabul in August 2021, the NHRF joined the global movement of organisations that were sparked into action to assist with evacuations, provide support, and carry out advocacy to ensure that women's rights and human rights defenders were not lost in the chaos of the wake of the takeover. The Safety and Risk Mitigation Organisation (SRMO), a NHRF grantee partner, has been key to our work and understanding of the situation, risks,

and the high stakes involved, not least the fact that Afghan human rights defenders' lives are at extreme risk. The NHRF worked with Norwegian and international actors to write urgent appeals, articles, and meet with the MFA for rapid advocacy. The NHRF continues its advocacy and support to SRMO and Afghan human rights defenders through various processes. One of our key areas of support is to Afghan women human rights defenders who have been evacuated to Norway – working to ensure they can continue their vital peacebuilding-and human rights work from Norway.

Supporting human rights defenders in the Middle East

In September 2021, our grantee partner, Gulf Centre for **Human Rights (GCHR)**, organised a regional consultation for human rights defenders working in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The conference brought together over 30 human rights defenders and three UN Special Rapporteurs. The purpose of the meeting was to link together these actors and bring attention to the situation of human rights defenders, threats to freedom of expression, and rights pertaining to freedom of peaceful assembly in the MENA region. Over three days, all participants provided testimonials from their various countries directly to the three special rapporteurs which will feed into their thematic reports that are to be presented to the UN Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly. Digital security emerged as a key concern and an overarching topic throughout the consultation. The participants discussed how human rights defenders have been targeted by the controversial "Pegasus software" by their host governments, particularly in the Gulf region, and they noted increased usage of this and other intrusive digital monitoring tools to repress human rights activists in the region. Participants highlighted a need for human rights defenders' protection laws and there were calls made for the UN to step up their advocacy towards tech companies to combat the use of these digital tools.

This meeting was a part of the NHRF's mandate to directly link grantees and local defenders with other networks, institutions and actors for visibility, increased protection and to enhance their work.

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Human rights defenders from the MENA region participating at the Gulf Centre for Human Rights' regional conference. Photo: GCHR.

DISMANTLING DISCRIMINATION, INEQUALITY AND MARGINALISATION



Photo: Ekta Mittal/NHRI

Strengthening the rights of women workers in India

Work against dismantling discrimination, inequality and marginalisation is at the core of the NHRF's mandate. In 2021, the NHRF continued supporting organisations leading the fight for workers' rights, land, environmental and indigenous peoples' rights.

The NHRF continued its support to 14 organisations in India, primarily through our Women at Work programme. Supported organisations work to secure and protect the labour- and human rights of women, girl, and LGBTIQ workers who work in the formal and informal labour markets throughout south India. They advocate for adequate protection and fulfilment of their labour rights through many different methods. They reach those who are most affected by the compounding effects of discrimination, and those who are trapped in modern forms of slavery and unprotected labour markets in sectors

such as garment factories, spinning mills, domestic work and manual scavenging.

With the protracted pandemic and politically complex climate, the grantee partners persisted through using a combination of advocacy, cooperation, and protests to communicate and pressure the government to recognize the needs of the working class. They have continued to act on their commitments to their communities and human rights and have built resilience and strength with the repeated demands put on them to shift and adapt.

Our partners in India provided training to approximately 5,200 workers – 83% women, girl and LGBTIQ workers - to claim their rights in 2021.

In 2021, the NHRF continued our support to victims and survivors of modern forms of slavery and protection of human rights defenders in Pakistan.



Photo: Zulfigar Shah

Notably, two of NHRF's partners in 2021 registered the first local trade unions in their provinces for female domestic workers and agricultural workers. This has been an important milestone for these partners, and they continue strengthening these trade unions and the worker communities through our continued partnership.

2021 has also been an important year marking renewed activism by families of victims of enforced disappearances in Pakistan. Our partners have been active in this campaign, which has historically been a highly sensitive issue in the country.

SUPPORT TO WORK ON LAND AND **ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS**

The NHRF strengthened our work on land and environmental rights in Indonesia by expanding our support from two to four organisations working within this **area of focus.** The two latest organisations are Forest Care Youth Group (KOMIU) and Genesis Bengkulu Foundation.

KOMIU is working to help two local villages belonging to the Kaili indigenous people gain more control over the management of their natural resources. Their forest area is facing land grabbing and deforestation by extractive mining industries, illegal logging, palm oil plantations and other corporate interests. Similarly, Genesis Bengkulu Foundation is working with local environmental human rights defenders in Bengkulu province to help



strengthen their capacities to protect and promote their rights by organising general and digital security training, anti-criminalisation workshops, and providing legal aid to HRDs at particular risk. Support to these two new grassroots organisations comes at a crucial time in Indonesia, where two new laws have recently been enacted that are expected to be detrimental to human rights, labour rights and environmental protection. Both KOMIU and Genesis Bengkulu are working responsively to this by engaging closely with grassroots communities to strengthen documentation of local land ownership and provide training to local defenders amid this dire shift.

Defence of territory and indigenous rights in Mexico

Through the work of 12 of our grantee partners, the NHRF supported the work of 96 rural and indigenous communities exposed to human rights violations related to their land and natural resource management in Mexico.

The organisation Tequio Jurídico continued the defence of indigenous peoples' rights in the state of Oaxaca through providing legal advice and support in land rights cases for 11 local communities, supporting the participation of women indigenous leaders, as well as encouraging continued legal action against destructive extractive projects in the region. Colectivo Xa'aybej is a group of land rights advocates who accompany and support indigenous communities in the state of Quintana Roo on the Yucatan Peninsula fighting to defend their land rights against threats from private interests, large development projects and criminal groups.



This support is important because it is for a topic that is hard to get support for. Our project addresses issues that are not in the state's interest or priority to address. The defence of the territory is becoming more precarious because of the threats that megaprojects pose to communities and indigenous peoples.

- Ana Patricia López, leader of Colectivo Xa'aybej

Defending land and territorial rights in Colombia

Through 28 grantee partners in Colombia, the NHRF supported work to improve the sustainable management and protection of forest ecosystems, as well as to implement actions for the defence of land and territorial rights. With working methods like advocacy, legal support, livelihood establishment, community forest monitoring and the implementation of environmental protection initiatives, the organisations worked to improve guarantees for territorial permanence, environmental protection, and the management of socio-environmental conflicts. A total of 439 communities were involved in claims for collective land and territorial rights, of which 153 (35%) reported positive changes in their rights claims. For example, Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas Inga del Municipio de Villargarzón Putumayo (ACIMVIP) has concentrated efforts on strengthening the capacities of the indigenous communities to overcome threats to them. Their indigenous guards (caretakers of the territory) have taken on the environmental defence and conservation of their territory to this end.



Fighting for land and environment in the context of shrinking space for civil society in Thailand

In 2021, Thai civil society and international human rights organisations expressed strong concerns about the deteriorating situation for human rights defenders and shrinking civic space for civil society in the country. In this context, NHRF especially sees a strong need to support local grassroots land and environmental human rights defenders in rural areas who have little access to other foreign funding and support.

Four of our partners in Thailand are grassroots movements organising for the defence of their own land and environmental rights or are working to support other such movements. More than 1650 local human rights defenders, grassroot activists, indigenous and environmental rights defenders, as well as members of over 100 rural communities, were supported in their struggles through the programs of our partners. Among these, more than 600 were given legal aid and capacity building, and more than 200 human rights defenders at risk were given support and training on security and protection.

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FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY AND FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The NHRF prioritises work aimed at ensuring full and equal access to justice, recognising justice as a key component to combating impunity. Many of the diverse organisations supported by the NHRF have contributed remarkable efforts to reclaim their right to full and equal access to justice. The NHRF aims to empower those who are experiencing human rights violations to fight for their rights.

Work against impunity, violence and inequality in Mexico

Mexico faces a human rights crisis characterised by high levels of violence, corruption, impunity and inequality. Eight of the NHRFs grantee partners in Mexico are working with groups of victims and survivors of grave human rights violations. In 2021, more than 360 victims were supported in their work for access to truth and justice and against impunity.

Organización Familia Pasta de Conchos (OFCP) was established in 2006 after the mining accident that killed 65 miners at the Pasta de Conchos mine in the state of Coahuila, Mexico. In addition to working to recover the remains of the dead and for the recovery and rights of the victims, OFCP works to improve the working conditions of miners in the region, to support communities threatened by international corporation interests and, in recent years, they have been forming alliances with the environmental movement for community transition from coal.

Fighting for justice in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has a strong and diverse civil society that, with every act of repression, demonstrates its resilience. Some of the most pressing human rights issues are linked to the root causes of the not-so-distant history of a decades long conflict. The human rights issues cannot be delinked from the discriminations of past and present that they are a direct result of. Thus, it is important to recognise that the work against dismantling the pervasive structural discriminations in Sri Lanka are inextricably linked to the fight for access to justice and protection of human rights defenders. The NHRF has continued to support three organisations in different parts of Sri Lanka. In line with our country strategy, we have supported the work of the organisations on access to justice and redress for families of the disappeared (Law and Human Rights Centre - LHRC), for the rights of prisoners – those who have been arbitrarily and wrongfully detained (Human Rights Office – Kandy), and for critical and comprehensive support to HRDs (INFORM).



For us, this support helps us to continue to do what we know how to do: to avoid the death of the miners; to help and accompany families when miners die; and to defend the villages from mining companies. In addition, it helps us to learn what we now want to learn how to do: to think out, construct and create a fair exit from coal mining.

- Christina Auerbach, Head of Organización Familia Pasta de Conchos

Promoting peace and access to justice in Colombia

In Colombia, the NHRF supported 27 organisations whose work contributed to strengthening peacebuilding, the fight against impunity and access to justice for victims of human rights violations and breaches of International Humanitarian Law. The Implementation of the Peace Agreement was one of the main topics on the work agenda for the partners, who focused their efforts on contributing to the scope of victims' rights and their political participation. They presented 13 reports to the various components of the Integral System for Peace (the Search Unit for Forcefully Disappeared Persons, the Special Jurisdiction for Peace and the Truth Commission) and provided legal support to 386 cases before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.

The supported organisations acknowledged their role in promoting actions for the adoption of protection measures, monitoring early warnings, advocacy and promotion of a culture of peace. Part of this work was carried out through legal advice or accompaniment for more than 7,500 people, for whom almost the same number of human rights violations were documented. This work led to almost 5,000 people reporting positive reactions from the judicial system, including direct and indirect beneficiaries.

In addition, 11,800 people were reached for training on rights and legal tools for victims of human rights violations.





Photo: Human Rights Office – Kandy

Photo: Marcela Ruiz/NHR

PARTNERSHIPS, STRATEGIC ALLIANCES AND EVENTS

A core part of our mandate is to, in partnership with our grantee partners, facilitate capacity building, knowledge-sharing and networking opportunities.

Strengthening partnerships

We organised a total of 36 capacity-building workshops, courses, and events, for around 800 participants.

Some of the topics covered were conflict sensitivity, gender, inclusion and diversity, protection and digital security.

We also organised activities focused on strengthening the organisational capacity of grantee partners. For example, in Colombia, we facilitated in-depth evaluations of the organisational capacity of nine organisations, conducted 37 organisational diagnostics, which were shared with the partners, and pedagogical audits for seven organisations.

Networking and strategic alliance-building

We aim to connect local human rights organisations and international networks, UN mechanisms and the international diplomatic community through networking and strategic alliance-building.

We participate in many networks in Norway and Colombia and on the global level. In Colombia, for example, we engage with the international office for Human Rights Action in Colombia (OIDHACO) and Espacio de Cooperación para la Paz (ECP). In Norway, for example, we engage with the NGO-forum for human rights, the Dalit Solidarity Network in Norway and the Colombia forum.

In 2021, the NHRF chaired the newly established Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Working Group on Norway in the UN Security Council (UNSC) - 2021 was the first of Norway's 2-year term on the UNSC. The group held regular meetings with the MFA's Special Representative on WPS and the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations and communicated advocacy messages from NGO partners on the ground, including engaging local NGOs from Colombia and Afghanistan for critical and timely input to UNSC processes related to each country.

Six roundtable dialogues between our grantee partners and the Norwegian embassies in our priority countries.

A workshop on UN
mechanisms and the UPR
process for our grantee partners,
facilitated by renowned human rights
and social policy expert, Miloon
Kothari, who is also an Advisory

Board-member of the NHRF.

Led processes to collect input for the Open Debate on Sexual Violence in Conflict, report of the UN Secretary General and mandate renewal for the Verification Mission in Colombia.

Events

An important part of our work is to create spaces and stages where our grantee partners can engage with decision makers. These are some of the events we hosted in 2021:

A joint dialogue
between the UN
Special Rapporteur on
contemporary forms of
slavery, Tomoya Obokata, and our
grantee partners in India, our member
organisations and our cooperation
partners Fagforbundet/Norwegian Union
of Municipal and General Employees
(NUMGE), Norwegian Confederation
of Trade Unions, and the
Church of Norway Council
on Ecumenical and

on the human rights situation in Afghanistan facilitated by the UNSR, Fionnuala Ní Aolaín, during the 47th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Since August, the NHRF
has been strongly involved
in advocacy work related to the
direct situation for human rights
defenders in Afghanistan and for those
now in exile to help ensure they
can continue their important
human rights work.

We contributed to a UN

side-event panel discussion

We continued our cooperation with UC
Berkeley's International
Human Rights Law Clinic,
with the aim of bringing quality, tailored legal advice and support to our grantee partners working to protect human rights defenders. Notably, the Clinic provided extensive support to NHRF grantee partner, Gulf Center for Human Rights, for the production of their thematic report on persecution of online expression in the Gulf and

neighbouring countries.

In relation to the gross human rights violations during the national strike in Colombia, we met with political leadership at the MFA in Norway and carried out numerous advocacy actions through networks we are part of.

During the Oslo Peace
Days in December, the
NHRF co-organised an event
with the Norwegian Centre for
Human Rights at the University of
Oslo on "Norwegian and international
support to human rights defenders".
The UN Special Rapporteur
on the situation for human
rights defenders, Ms. Mary
Lawlor, participated.

COMMUNICATIONS

We have intensified our communications work during the past year. Communications help to shed light on the human rights situation in the countries we work, and it makes the grantee organisations' voices heard and hopefully taken into account by decision makers. Our new communications strategy (2021-2024) aims to create solidarity and empathy for human rights defenders and their work, positioning the NHRF as a go-to-organisation for supporting grassroots human rights work.







ADMINISTRATION

The Secretariat

The NHRF secretariat is based in Oslo, Norway. In the fall of 2021, there was a leadership change at the NHRF, when Sandra Petersen transitioned into a role as special advisor and PhD-researcher, and Ingeborg Moa took over as Executive Director. The NHRF wants to thank Sandra for her invaluable contribution to the organisation for more than a decade.

By April 2022 the Secretariat has ten staff members on full-time or part-time contracts: Executive Director, Director of the Oslo office (on maternity leave), Head of Finance, a Special Advisor, a Program Advisor, a Communications Advisor, two Project Coordinators, one Project and Organizational Coordinator and an Admin and Finance Officer. The NHRF also works with five local consultants based in India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand and Mexico. As travel restrictions due to the pandemic continued throughout 2021, their presence has been of high importance.

We also continued our internship agreement with the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and had two interns from the NCHR in 2021.

NHRF Colombia

The Colombia office is based in Bogotá. As of April 2022, it has a team of 15 people: Country Director, a MELD Officer, four people in the finance and administration team and two working with communications and advocacy. Three people are working on peace and human rights (access to justice, guarantees for the defence of human and environmental rights, and women, peace and security). Four staff members are working on the defence of the environment and forests (recognition and respect for ethnic groups, territorial and environmental rights, sustainable livelihoods of ethnic and local communities and civil society organisations, and defence of the environment and forests).

The Board

The Board consist of one representative from each of the NHRF's member organisations. We are grateful to the following members of the Board for their efforts in 2021:



Amnesty International: John Peder Egenæs Chair of the Board



The Atlas
Alliance:
Morten Eriksen



Norwegian Centre for Human Rights: Peris Sean Jones



Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations: Anders Jordet



The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions: Aina Østreng

Photos on opposite page (from top): The NHRF continued supporting the International Dalit Solidarity Network, a global network working for the elimination of caste discrimination and discrimination based on work and descent. Pictured is NHRF's Executive Director Ingeborg Moa and IDSN's Executive Director Meena Varma in Copenhagen during the IDSN's annual conference in February 2022.

UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Ms. Mary Lawlor, during her visit to Oslo in December 2021 (Photo: Emma Verngård/Norwegian Centre for Human Rights)

In November 2021, the NHRF arranged an exhibition focusing on human rights defenders and their own stories, taking place at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (Photo: Mónica Orjuela,

The Advisory Board

NHRF's advisory board is a volunteer group that contributes to our work, primarily in the provision of strategic advice and support to the secretariat. We would like to express our appreciation to the following members of the advisory board for their support in 2021:

Mary Lawlor | UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders

Jan Egeland | Founder of the NHRF and Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council

Phil Robertson | Deputy Director at Human Rights Watch, Asia Division

Jemima García-Godos | Associate Professor - Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo

Gerald Staberock | Secretary General of the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)

Nora Sveaass | Professor Emeritus at the Department of Psychology, University of Oslo

Miloon Kothari | President of UPR Info Geneva

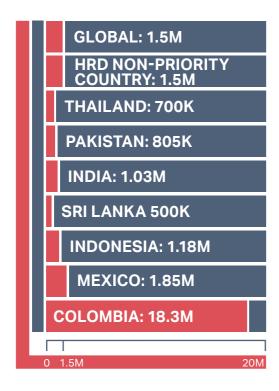
ACCOUNTS

In 2021, the NHRF had three agreements with the Norwegian Government:
One with the Section for Human Rights, Democracy and Gender Equality in the
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, one with the Royal Norwegian Embassy in
Bogota, and in June 2021 we signed a new agreement with Norwegian Agency for
Development Cooperation (Norad), which was later transferred to the Royal Norwegian
Embassy in Bogota. The NHRF would like to thank our member organisations and
donors, among them, the Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees
(Fagforbundet) and Jamette og Sverre Markussens Hjelpefond for their generous
support in 2021. We will continue the collaboration with our partners and member
organisations, and seek new partnerships to increase our support to local
human rights defenders working in the first line of defence for human rights.

Funding per country in 2021

(NOK - Norwegian Kroner)





Annual budget size for supported organisations



	GRANTEES	
	all countries	
<50,000*	27%	
50,000-100,000	38%	
100,000-150,000	14%	
>150,000	21%	

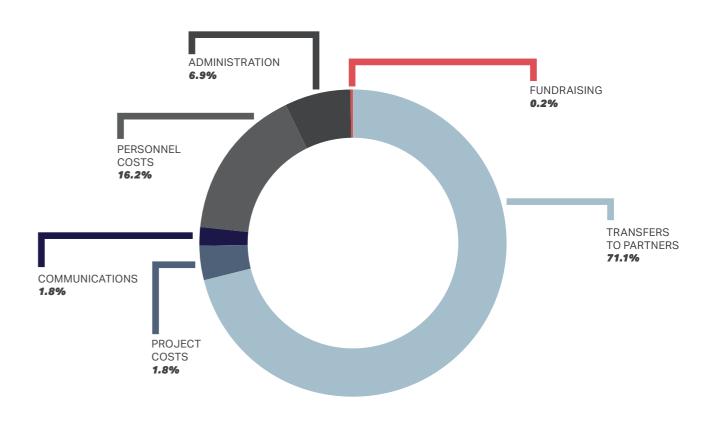
* US dollars

Accounts and Distribution



Accounts in 2021	NOK	USD
Goverment institutional funds	36 861 780	4 320 112
Member organisations	2 102 473	246 405
Other income	2 461 056	288 430
Total income	41 425 308	4 854 945

Total	41 043 174	4 810 160
Fundraising	63 196	7 406
Administration	2 833 693	332 102
(excluding admin personnel)		
Personnel cost	6 667 170	781 376
Communication	757 992	88 835
(excluding transfers)		
Project costs	1 524 291	178 643
Transfers to partners	29 196 833	3 421 798



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NHRF is the first donor agency willing to support us, a grassroots organisation that at that time did not yet have the capacity for longterm project management. For us, donor agencies such as NHRF have greatly contributed to supporting local initiatives born from small organisations like ours to continue to grow. Even when we were hit by natural disasters such as an earthquake, tsunami and liquefaction 3 years ago, NHRF continued to support us in repairing work and office equipment as well as supporting the mental recovery of victims as a result of the disaster. Thank you for all the support.

- Solidaritas Korban Pelanggaran Ham, Indonesia

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