



Annual Report 2017



1988–2018: 30 years of direct support to human rights defenders

2018 – The year of the Human Rights Defenders

Word from the Chair and the Executive Director



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30 YEARS AGO the Norwegian Human Rights Fund (NHRF) was established as a tool to give flexible, non-bureaucratic and bold support to frontline human rights defenders and their work for marginalised and vulnerable groups. At the end of 2018 we will celebrate three decades of commitment and collaboration between different civil society actors in Norway. In 2017, the NHRF supported local human rights organisations in 16 countries in three continents. In this report, we highlight some of the grantee organisations'

achievements and work over the past year.

MANY OF THE human rights defenders that NHRF supports are subject to high levels of risk and work under extremely challenging circumstances. We are alarmed by the situation in many of the countries where we give support. The situation in Colombia and Honduras is particularly difficult when it comes to the outright killing of human rights defenders. In other countries human rights defenders are facing

bureaucratic hurdles, threats, surveillance, stigmatisation, reprisals, and smear campaigns.

THERE EXISTS a negative narrative against human rights defenders in many countries. Governments are questioning their legitimacy and are branding them as anti-nationals and as working against development. To counter this trend, the NHRF has embarked on an ambitious and innovative project with Memria.org to record voices of human

rights defenders worldwide and provide a platform where they can share their stories.

THIS IS A year of celebration for human rights: It marks the 70th anniversary of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. The latter highlights the right to conduct human rights work individually or in association with others; to form associations and non-governmental organisations; and to solicit,

receive and utilise resources for the purpose of protecting human rights. It sounds simple, yet still we are living in a time where the concept of human rights itself is being challenged.

IN SPITE OF THIS, we are inspired to see the persistent, hard work of local human rights groups that stand firm to protect the rights of others and to ensure that no-one is left behind when it comes to accessing their rights. This year we will praise them! We will pay tribute to the human rights defenders and the passion, the strength and the civic conscience that we observe in our grantees in the frontline of the human rights movement! We will use the NHRF's 30th anniversary to highlight the positive impact human rights defenders and organisations have on their communities and societies.

2018 IS THE year of the human rights defenders. We look forward to raise our banner high and celebrate our commitment to human rights defenders in the frontline – in spite of challenging times!



The NHRF and UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders Michel Forst visited Israel and Palestine together.

Activity highlights in 2017

- 37 organisations in 16 countries supported with grants.
- Special security project started with SweFOR Colombia with individual follow-up of grantees in Colombia.
- Four country visits carried out to NHRF priority countries: Colombia, India, Pakistan and Indonesia. Seminar with grantee organisations held in India.
- New advisory board established.
- New grant portal launched.
- New website and blog launched.
- Launch of the human rights defenders storytelling project *#Idefendrights* with memria.org at the the Frontline Dublin Platform
- Joint mission to Israel and Palestine with UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders Michel Forst.
- Hosted discussion on civil society funding with Human Rights House Foundation at Fritt Ord, followed by Nordic donors meeting in Oslo.
- Support to the Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders, which was awarded to Mohamed Zaree from Egypt for his work on freedom of expression and association.
- Networks in Norway: Colombia Forum; Forum 1325 on Women, Peace and Security; NGO Forum for Human Rights; and the Norwegian Dalit Solidarity Network.
- International networks: Cooperation with the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN); and close networking with organisations and mandates working on security and protection of human rights defenders at risk.



Mohamed Zaree, from Egypt, MEA laureate 2017.

Front page picture:
Colombian human rights defender Luz Marina Bernal from the victims network Madres de Soacha (Mothers from Soacha).
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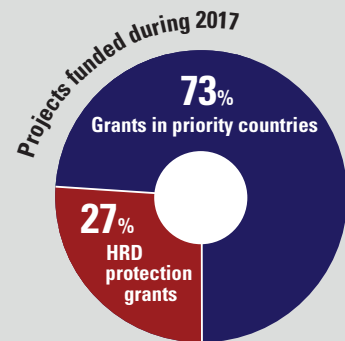


The Norwegian Human Rights Fund (NHRF) works to protect and promote human rights internationally through direct support to organisations working in the first line of defence for human rights. Established as a flexible donor, the NHRF has been able to take risks and support nascent initiatives which are targeted and smart, without intermediary links or time-consuming procedures.

The NHRF is anchored in Norwegian civil society organisations and institutions which contribute strategically, professionally and financially to the NHRF's work and are represented in its board. In 2017, the following were the owner organisations: Amnesty International Norway, Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions and The Atlas Alliance.

2017 at a glance

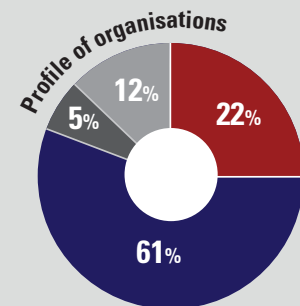
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SUPPORTED PROJECTS PER STRATEGIC PRIORITY*

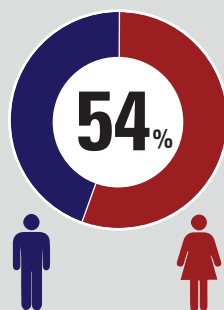


SUPPORTED PROJECTS PER NHRF'S PRIORITY METHODS*



Less than USD 50 000
Between USD 50 001 and 100 000
Between USD 100 001 and 150 000
More than USD 150 000

NHRF SUPPORTED ORGANISATIONS LED BY WOMEN



Jull Takaliuang is one of the human rights defenders assisted through the NHRF's support to Women and Youth Development Institution (WYDII) of Indonesia. WYDII supports Jull Takaliuang in her ongoing advocacy work, including her environmental struggle for Bangka Island, North Sulawesi.



*NHRF supported projects per strategic priority, priority methods and target groups overlap. Several of the projects fall within two or more of these categories.



- The Forum for Women Rights Defense
- West Point Women for Health and Development Organization
- Women Actions Network
- Women Solidarity, Inc

Mexico

- Centro de derechos humanos de los pueblos del Sur de Veracruz Bety Cariño
- Centro de Derechos Humanos Digna Ochoa AC
- Centro Regional de Defensa de Derechos Humanos «José Ma. Morelos y Pavón» A.C.
- Colectivo Contra la Tortura y la Impunidad A.C.
- Conservación, Investigación y Aprovechamiento de los Recursos Naturales A.C.
- I(dh)neas, Litigio Estratégico en Derechos Humanos A.C.
- Organización Familia Pasta de Conchos
- Tequio Jurídico A.C.
- Un Mundo Una Nación A.C.

Nigeria

- Federation of Informal Workers' Organizations of Nigeria

Pakistan

- Democratic Commission for Human Development
- Digital Rights Foundation
- Encourage the Human Development
- Good Thinkers Organization for Human Development
- Green Rural Development Organization
- Sindh Human Rights Defenders through RightsNow Pakistan
- Sujag Sansar Organization

Sri Lanka

- Affected Families Forum
- Human Rights Office Kandy
- INFORM Human Rights Documentation Centre

Thailand

- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Thai Poor Act

Organisations supported in 2017

Afghanistan

- Safety and Risk Mitigation Organization

Cambodia

- Minority Rights Organization

Colombia

- Asociación de Defensores y Defensoras de Derechos Humanos
- Asociación de Víctimas por la Paz y el Desarrollo
- Asociación Red Juvenil del Suroccidente de Barranquilla
- Comité de Integración Social del Catatumbo
- Confluencia de Mujeres para la Acción Pública
- Corporación Regional para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos-CREDHOS
- Fundación Las Dos Orillas
- Madres y familiares de los casos de ejecuciones extrajudiciales en Soacha, Bogotá y otras ciudades de Colombia
- Movimiento de Víctimas de Crímenes de Estado - Capitulo Antioquia
- Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation

Global

- Martin Ennals Foundation
- Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition
- Network support to World Organisation Against Torture

Honduras

- Asociación Madre Tierra

India

- Human Rights Defenders Alert
- EVIDENCE-Program Unit of MIND Trust
- MARPU Society
- Prarambha
- K.G.F. Women's Association
- Sanchaya Nele

Indonesia

- Commission for «the Disappeared» and Victims of Violence of North Sumatra (Kontras Sumut)
- Association of the Families of the Disappeared Indonesia (IKOHI)
- The Solidarity for Human Rights Violation Victims Central Sulawesi (SKP-HAM)
- Women and Youth Development Institution of Indonesia

Israel / OPT

- Human Rights Defenders Fund

Kenya

- Mathare Social Justice Centre

Liberia

- Forum for Women Rights Defense
- Rural Women Rights Structure



Mothers from Affected Families Forum (AFF) in Sri Lanka exhibiting photos of their disappeared in protest tent.



Rocío Morales attending a rally in Mexico City for mothers of disappeared.



Lawyers at dhColombia



A mapping of expectations by the stolen children of Timor-Leste regarding the reunification with their long lost families.

Work against impunity and for access to justice

Ensuring access to justice involves facing intricate challenges arising regardless of national and international laws formally guaranteeing the protection of human rights. Many of the diverse organisations supported by the NHRF have contributed remarkable efforts to reclaim their right to full and equal access to justice. Some of these efforts include documenting human rights violations, promoting the visibility and empowerment of discriminated groups, preserving memories so future generations will not forget and repeat the violations, and providing free legal assistance to ensure equal access to justice.

Legal aid

As justice is key to combat impunity and find redress for past violations, the NHRF supported several projects providing legal support to victims for human rights abuse. In Pakistan, Good Thinkers Organization for Human Development (GTO) assisted 278 transgender persons through their helpline, 98 benefitted from prompt justice provided by the competent courts, and 40 cases were filed with the police department for human rights violations. I(dh)eas in Mexico provided legal assistance to 29 relatives of victims of forced disappearances, feminicides and human trafficking. A group of lawyers in Colombia, dhColombia, took on cases of gross

human rights violations and crimes against humanity committed in the context of the armed conflict in Colombia.

Victims groups

Support to people on the ground affected by human rights abuse and to people that are taking a lead in the rights struggle is an important feature of the NHRF. The NHRF supported several organisations in countries affected by war or conflict, in the present or past, such as Colombia, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Liberia and Indonesia. The Affected Families Forum (AFF) in Sri Lanka is a network of relatives of the disappeared campaigning for a victim-centric approach to transitional justice. Through sharing stories of victims' work and actions, they aim to influence and renew the national debate on transitional justice. The Association of the Families of the Disappeared Indonesia (IKOHI) works together with other partners to identify victims who were forcefully taken as children to Indonesia during the Indonesian occupation of Timor-Leste between 1975 and 1999. IKOHI helps to reconnect these stolen children with their family members in Timor-Leste and uphold their rights to truth, justice, healing and the guarantee of non-repetition. IKOHI advocates for policy change by the Indonesian

government to recognise this group of victims and redress these violations.

Advocacy and change of laws

Changing laws and policies is a long-haul effort that involves the contribution of many civil society organisations at local, national and international level. The NHRF is committed to the improvement of the legal and administrative protection in the countries we work. We supported 14 projects working on law and policy changes in 2017. I(dh)eas in Mexico contributed to the development and passing of a General Law on Forced Disappearances and Disappearances by individuals. The work of Marpu Society in Andhra Pradesh, India, together with other civil society actors, has resulted in a policy revision of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREG) and the orders passed under NREG by the State Government. When certain local areas are declared as drought affected, the number of NREG working days increases from 100 to 150 per financial year and daily wages increase from Indian rupee 197 up to 220. The changes achieved contribute to enhancing the livelihood security of Dalits in rural areas who are engaged in unskilled manual work. ■



PHOTO: LO

Pakistani brick worker.



Marpu Society in Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, India, is fighting for land rights for Dalit communities. Since their first NHRF grant in 2013, they have now secured legal papers for land ownership (Patta Papers) for a total of 100 Acres of agricultural lands in about nine villages.

Familia Pasta de Conchos inspects and closes dangerous mines in Coahuila, Mexico.



«Yes to life, no to mines.» Digna Ochoa organizes demonstration against mining companies in Chiapas, Mexico.

Work against discrimination

Work against discrimination and marginalisation of individuals and groups is at the core of the NHRF's mandate. Vulnerability can take place in many forms and shapes, and in a great variety of contexts. Some of the areas NHRF supported in 2017 were:

Workers' and migrants' rights

In 2017, the NHRF supported 9 projects on workers' and migrants' rights. In India, K.G.F. Women's Association has supported domestic workers through awareness raising campaigns, capacity building and legal empowerment.

The domestic workers have organised themselves in order to claim their rights, and succeeded in obtaining a special holiday bonus (Deepwali) for nearly 50% of the union members. In Pakistan, Encourage the Human Development (EHD) improved the working conditions of brick workers in bonded labour – a modern type of slavery – through capacity building and help with accessing certain registration and privilege cards, such as pension and social security. Un Mundo Una Nación gave shelter and legal assistance to migrants travelling through Mexico. Familia Pasta de Con-

chos worked closely with the miner community in northern Mexico to improve the working conditions in the coal region of Coahuila. During 2017, they contributed to the closing, permanent or temporarily, of 30 mines in the region, due to dangerous working conditions.

Land rights

The NHRF has a long tradition of supporting groups and organisations who defend their land. Small scale farmers and indigenous groups living in countries such as Thailand, Honduras and Mexico share the common challenge of misuse

and unsustainable economic development of their land. In 2017, the NHRF supported 18 projects on land rights.

The Commission for «the Disappeared» and Victims of Violence of North Sumatra (Kontras Sumut) in Indonesia monitors the result of violence against and criminalisation of defenders of farmers' rights. They have established a network and an advocacy workgroup for these defenders; conducted a study on agrarian conflicts in North Sumatra and campaigns against violence; provided assistance to peasant groups and communities who are victims

of violence and criminalisation; and organised paralegal trainings for these communities.

Gender and women's rights

Almost half of the projects supported during 2017 had gender rights as the sole focus or as one of several elements. The majority of the projects were focused on the local level, carried out by small groups deeply rooted to the communities, such as CIARENA in Mexico. They provided rural indigenous women with capacity building and empowerment, through organising works-

shops and visits to relevant authorities and institutions. In Liberia women-led organisations benefited thousands of girls and women in their areas. Grass-root organisations such as Rural Women Rights Structure, Women Solidarity, Inc., Women Actions Network or The Forum for Women Rights Defense report that they positively affected over 12000 people, mostly women, and worked relentlessly to reduce violence against women, empower girls and women of all ages, promote girls' education, and document and denounce violations of their rights. ■

Human rights defenders protection grant

In 2017, the NHRF supported 16 human rights defenders (HRD) protection grant projects. The current HRD strategy aims at supporting projects and organisations that protect HRDs in line with three identified priorities:

- Better protection of human rights defenders at risk
- Better working conditions of human rights defenders
- Support to human rights defenders where the situation is critical

The HRDs protection grant portfolio is thematic and therefore not bound by geographic priorities. In addition to the priority countries, HRDs protection grant projects were supported in among other Afghanistan, Cambodia, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Honduras, Kenya, as well as two global projects: the Martin Ennals Award and the International Women Human Rights Defenders Coalition.

Safety and Risk Mitigation Organization (SRMO) is an Afghan organization that provides safety and risk mitigation assistance to HRDs with a focus on Women HRDs (WHRDs). SRMO has developed an early warning system for W/HRDs that reached 500 activists all over the country in 2017. The organisation managed to rapidly respond to the needs of W/HRDs

who were in need of emergency support, including relocation, medical assistance, security advice, and other lifesaving actions.

Special security project in Colombia
Colombia is going through great instability as a consequence of the signing of the Peace Agreement between the government and FARC, the largest of the guerrilla groups. Increased levels of threats and violence made the grantees request the NHRF to raise its support not in terms of funds but in terms of security-focused capacity building. In 2017, NHRF made an agreement with the Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation (SweFOR) to provide grantee organisations with extra capacity building on digital security, identification and minimisation of risks, and safety protocols.



CREDHOS staff at security training with SweFOR.

«We appreciate that you have invited us to be part of this project as it strengthens our work as human rights defenders»

(dhColombia, Colombia)



ASOCIACIÓN MADRE TIERRA (AMT) works to protect the land and natural resources in Honduras, including environmental justice and defence of the defenders. In 2017, AMT provided five security trainings for human rights defenders and gave accompaniment to environmental HRDs and indigenous councils.



NHRF HAS SUPPORTED the Human Rights Defenders Fund in Israel since 2013, which gives legal aid to Israeli and Palestinian W/HRDs in critical situations. UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders Michel Forst visited Israel and the Occupied Territories of Palestine together with Executive Director of the NHRF Sandra Petersen, in December 2017.

Human Rights Perception Index (HRPI)

The NHRF has developed a Human Rights Perception Index that measures the human rights situation on the ground amongst local grassroots organisations. We asked all NHRF grantees since 2016 how they perceive the current human rights situation in their local and national contexts. The answers collected for 2017 identified certain general concerns.

64 % of the organisations considered the human rights situation in their country to have deteriorated at a general level. At the local level, organisations from different continents mention the criminalisation of HRDs as a concern. In spite of challenges, 84 % of the responses said they were optimistic for their human rights work in 2018. ■



WHRDs from SRMO working to improve the security of other W/HRD in Afghanistan.

	NO it remains the same	YES it has improved	YES it has deteriorated
Has the overall human rights situation in your country changed during the course of 2017?	22%	14%	64%
Has the human rights situation in your local area (city, state, province, etc.) changed during the course of 2017?	26%	18%	56%
	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Are there laws in your country that restrict civil society organisations' work and are not in line with your country's human rights obligations?	68%	22%	10%
Have there been any changes in laws and policies in your country during the course of 2017 that affect civil society organisations' possibilities to carry out their work?	72%	16%	12%
Are you optimistic about the possibilities for your organisation to continue your human rights work in 2018?	84%	8%	8%

Glimpse from network activities 2017

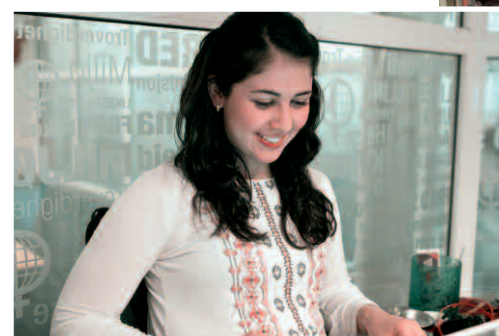
IN APRIL, the NHRF and the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Union (LO) visited NHRF's grantees and human rights defenders networks in Pakistan. Encourage the Human Development (EHD) works to protect and promote the rights of bonded labourers – a type of modern slavery – in the Multan district. NHRF and LO met with brick workers and representatives from the newly formed union of brick workers in Pakistan.



PHOTO: LO

Renee Rasmussen from LO was warmly welcomed in Pakistan. Here together with Karamat Ali, Director of the labor rights organisation Piler.

ANGÉLICA BELTRÁN from Confluencia de Mujeres Para la Acción Pública in Colombia met with Norwegian civil society and officials. Her message was clear: Women have to be included in the negotiations in order for there to be sustainable solutions!



Beltrán attending a meeting with Norwegian civil society organisations at the Colombia forum, where NHRF plays an active role.



Stephen Mwangi from MJC together with General Secretary of Amnesty International Norway Jon Peder Egenæs.

NHRF GRANTEE Mathare Justice Center (MJC) from Kenya visited Norway in August. MJC was invited by Norwegian Center for Human Rights to discuss and share about their work for access to justice and protection of human rights defenders in the slum of Mathare in Nairobi, Kenya.

THE NHRF co-hosted the launch of the report «Funding Civil Society – How adaptable international donors can support organisations under increasing restrictions» at Fritt Ord in November. The report, written by Human Rights House Foundation, aims to provide international donors with the means to review their working methods and to empower human rights NGOs with guidance on how to strengthen partnerships with donors.



PHOTO: HUMAN RIGHTS HOUSE FOUNDATION

«Donors' support for human rights and civil society is badly needed... so is their willingness to think outside the box.»

(Maina Kiai, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, 2011–2017)

THE NHRF GIVES input to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) processes at the Human Rights Council in the UN through networks we participate in. In 2017 we gave input to the UPR of India and Pakistan. In September, the NHRF hosted a delegation from Pakistan to meet with civil society and key actors for lobby meetings ahead of the UPR of Pakistan.



Einar Tjelle together with Yolanda Foster and Ranjith Perera from AFF.

EINAR TJELLE FROM Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations visited Sri Lanka in September and met with human rights defenders and victims of the war, among them NHRF grantee Affected Families Forum (AFF).

ANDI MUTTAQIEN FROM NHRF grantee Elsam in Indonesia participated in the panel at a seminar on environmental rights defenders hosted by Amnesty International Norway and the Rainforest Foundation in Oslo in October. Here together with Geir Sjøberg from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UN special rapporteur Michel Forst and Susan Fay Kelly from the Rainforest Foundation.



IN NOVEMBER, the Secretariat visited India and organised a seminar in Bangalore for all the Indian grantees. «We had a wonderful time together, focusing in particular on India's latest Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and using experiences from NHRF grantees' grassroots work in discussions on possible follow up of the UPR recommendations to India,» says Project Coordinator for India, Liv Hernæs Kvanvig. The seminar was facilitated by previous UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing Miloon Kothari – now also a member of the NHRF's Advisory Board.

Administration and organisation



The Secretariat, 2017

The Secretariat

From the left: **Mónica Orjuela** (Photographer), **Liv Hernæs Kvanvig** (Project Coordinator), **Sandra Petersen** (Executive Director), **Kristin Storaker** (Project Coordinator) and **Vanessa Colorado** (Project Coordinator) The NHRF wishes to thank the interns who contributed in 2017: **Soonmi Hwang**, **Jana Opsahl** and **María Paola Quientero Gomez**, as well as **Zoë Eunjae Lee** for work on our new database.

New Advisory Board

The NHRF is happy to announce the establishment of an Advisory Board, consisting of six members. We are looking forward to exploring ways of strengthening our work through the wealth of knowledge, input and advice from these renowned experts: **Phil Robertson**, **Mary Lawlor**, **Gerald Staberock**, **Jemima Garcia-Godos**, **Nora Sveaass** and **Miloon Kothari**.

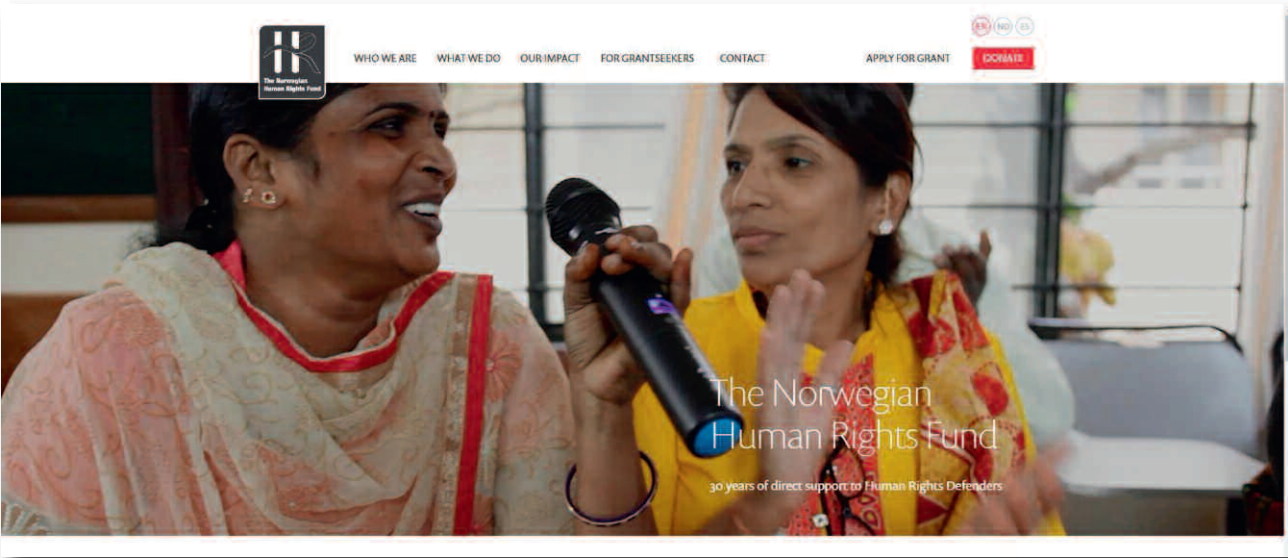
NHRF Consultants

The NHRF wishes to thank the local consultants for their work in 2017: **PAKISTAN: Zulfiqar Shah** **LIBERIA: Aloysius Toe** **COLOMBIA: Mildrey Corrales (NEW)** **INDIA: Mathews Philip** **MEXICO: Agnieszka Raczynska**

The Board of the NHRF

The Board consists of one representative from each of the five owner organisations. Members of the Board in 2017 have been as follows:

- **Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations:** Guro Almås (Deputy Board member Einar Tjelle)
- **Amnesty International Norway:** Sidsel Stanmore Andersen (Deputy Board member Gerald Folkvord)
- **Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions:** Ellen-Kathrine Fauske, Chair of the Board (Deputy Board member Terje Kalheim)
- **The Atlas Alliance:** Trine Riis Hansen, (Deputy Board member Morten Eriksen)
- **Norwegian Centre for Human Rights:** Peris Sean Jones (Deputy Board member Cecilie Figenschou Bakke)



Communication

The NHRF has strengthened its communication work to increase the visibility of local human rights defenders' impact and work.

New website and blog

In August, the NHRF launched its brand new website featuring updated videos, photos, and stories from the field. The new website was made possible through an extra grant from Amnesty International Norway.

The NHRF also launched its own blog, «Voices from the ground», highlighting important issues related to NHRF's work and human rights protection in general. The NHRF invites different actors to contribute to the blog, and therefore the posts are often written by stakeholders and human rights defenders, providing unique insight into practical experiences from the human rights field.

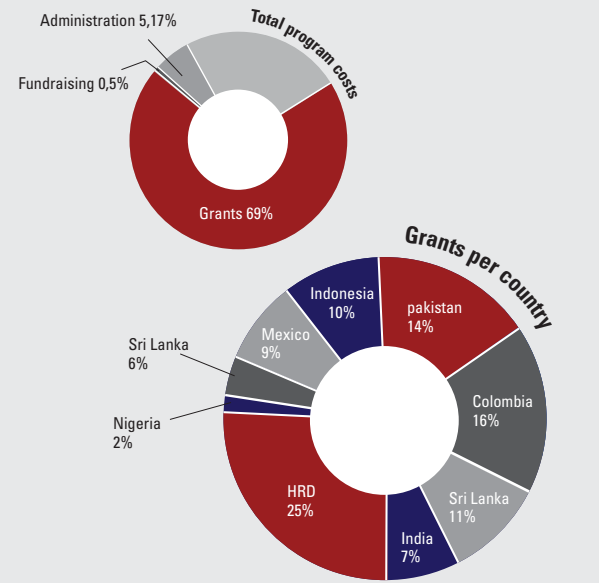
«After paying a heavy price to extremism in Pakistan, the country needs a social and political roadmap of reforms and reconstruction.» Read Peter Jacobs blog post Universal Periodic Review – an

Accounts

The majority of the budget was covered by a framework agreement from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The remaining part of the budget was covered by the owner organisations of the NHRF and other donations. The NHRF is happy to have received generous support from private donations such as the Jamette and Sverres Markussens Hjelpesfond and the Kriss Lee Music Festival. We will continue to work with new partners in change to support local human rights defenders on the ground through our new outreach efforts.

ACCOUNTS 2017	USD	NOK
Total income	1 124 414	9 298 900
From owners	111 850	925 000
From government	967 352	8 000 000
Other income	45 212	373 900
Total expenses	1 124 530	9 299 863
Total Program cost	1 060 747	8 772 379
For grants	737 302	6 097 486
Communication, report, strategy	28 244	233 582
Personnel cost	230 153	1 903 363
For follow-up, capacity building, seminars, strategy and travels	53 085	482 497
Total administration costs	58 131	480 747
Fundraising	5 651	46 738

(Exchange rate: 8,27 USD average 2017)



opportunity or just an occasion? at www.nhrf.no

Changing the narrative

Together with Memria.org, the NHRF has started a brand new project to counter the negative narrative of human rights defenders. The I Defend Rights-project collects audio stories from human rights defenders addressing human rights issues at all levels: local, national, regional and global. I Defend Rights offers a space for human rights

defenders to share their personal story – what inspires them and what challenges them. These stories are significant as they showcase the voices of the people of which this movement consists. To participate in the project, please contact hrd@memria.org

NHRF on Social Media

As part of our communication lift, the NHRF is now on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us!

«The 'I Defend Rights' project will make audible the voices of hundreds of Human Rights Defenders from every part of the world. [...] This project will contribute to our shared goal of shifting the global narrative about the thousands of ordinary women and men who promote human rights.»

(Michel Forst, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders)

Change

Accountability
Human rights Protection
Local defenders
Empowerment Dignity
Mobilisation

Grantee seminar in India.

