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Dear friends,

Whilst we recognize and celebrate the advances made by the global human rights movement over the 20 years since UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, challenges remain. PBI is deeply concerned about the grave risk faced by many HRDs around the world. The same judicial systems that fail to bring their aggressors to justice are quick to criminalize defenders themselves. Laws that restrict freedom of expression and association are enacted in the name of national security, and economic interests are often prioritized over the implementation of robust human rights systems. Women human rights defenders, indigenous communities and those defending land and environmental rights are particularly at risk. In this context, HRDs themselves and the role of international civil society in providing protection and support to ensure that their work can continue are more important than ever.

To respond to this context, in 2018 PBI began implementation of an ambitious global strategic plan that focuses on drawing attention to the situation of HRDs around the world, and ensuring that they are able to access the necessary protection measures to continue and expand their vital work. We organized global and regional spaces for exchange between defenders from different countries and contexts and meetings between HRDs and key actors at the national and international levels; and we took their recommendations directly to those responsible for their protection.

At the same time, PBI continued to provide protection to HRDs where they face the most risk. Physical accompaniment provided by PBI to over 1,000 HRDs ensured they could continue and expand their work. We advocated for the protection of defenders through over 1,100 meetings with civil and military authorities in the countries where HRDs work, as well as with representatives from third countries and multilateral bodies. We called attention to the situation and protection needs of HRDs and amplified their voices through 400 events and publications. And we provided opportunities for over 2,500 HRDs to participate in capacity development activities.

As always, PBI’s work in 2018 would not have been possible without the support of our dedicated staff, volunteers and donors around the world. We extend our heartfelt thanks to you and hope that, together, we can continue to support and accompany defenders in 2019.

In solidarity,

FATHI ZABAAR
President
International Council
PBI is a global movement of activists seeking justice and peace, supporting and standing in solidarity with threatened human rights defenders (HRDs) across the world. Our aim is to protect and support these brave individuals and organisations; strengthen their physical, digital and political security; and enhance their wellbeing. We adapt our approach to both the changing global context and the various constraints human rights defenders and organisations that support them encounter.

**2018 in Numbers**

*Names have been changed to protect participant’s identities.*

**Physical accompaniment, observation and office rounds** alongside 705 women and 629 male human rights defenders in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya and Mexico on **1334 occasions**. Highly visible physical presence alongside threatened defenders as they carry out their work is an integral part of our protection strategy. PBI field volunteers provide a visible reminder to potential perpetrators of human rights abuses that the world is watching and prepared to act.

224 capacity development workshops reached 2689 HRDs, 63% of which were women and LGBTI human rights defenders. Capacity development is crucial to our aim of ensuring locally-based and owned self-protection networks can develop and thrive.

PBI’s Platform Seguridad Para Defender collects information on resources, tools and training opportunities for HRDs.

**I believe that without PBI’s accompaniment I would not be here today**

LORENA CABNAL
Red de Sanadoras del Feminismo Comunitario de Iximulew

“The workshop helped me get closer to the political and diplomatic actors and see how we can strengthen human rights”

AMAL*

202 events brought HRDs together with local, national and international authorities, civil society organizations, media, academia and one another. PBI supports defenders to build and expand their support networks by bringing them together with a wide range of actor’s key to their protection.

“"The [training] materials greatly helped me as someone coming from a conflict region, where we are still struggling to get the basic rights that should be enjoyed in any nation”

ZAREM*
Concern for the situation of HRDs was raised in 410 meetings with local, national, and regional authorities and 787 meetings with third government representatives, intergovernmental organisations, NGOs and coalitions carried out by PBI Projects and Country Groups.

Advocacy is a crucial element of PBI’s protection work. We use our in-depth knowledge of human rights defenders’ situations and established relationships to urge local and international officials to uphold their human rights obligations and take action to recognize and protect human rights defenders. We raise concerns, provide recommendations to improve policy and practice, and work in partnership to strengthen global action to defend human rights.

When PBI advocate for specific cases that require attention, we are open to listen them

JANY DEL CID
Attorney of the Special Prosecutor for Ethnic Groups and Cultural Heritage, Honduras

PBI Accompanies HRDs who Defend...

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International advocacy missions enabled 36 human rights defenders to raise international awareness of and support for their work in Europe and North America.

PBI amplified the voices of HRDs and provided a platform for their stories to be told and profiles to be raised through 316 bulletins, reports, videos, radio and online tools.

#RemarkableWomen Campaign

To commemorate the International Women Human Rights Defenders Day (WHRDs Day), PBI launched the Remarkable Women campaign to highlight the tireless work of WHRDs around the world and invite the international community to #standwithher.

#ShouldertoShoulder Campaign

Under the umbrella of the campaign “Shoulder to Shoulder with Human Rights Defenders”, PBI UK led an initiative for the global community of HRDs to win the Nobel Peace Prize. The campaign aimed to shine a spotlight on a critical issue, at a critical moment.

As part of the campaign, PBI UK and the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk awarded the first Sir Henry Brooke Awards to Kenyan social justice activist Naomi Barasa and Colombian human rights lawyer Daniel Prado.

PBI can offer a very important accompaniment. It would be this guardian angel that would be watching over and in the event that things go wrong there would be somebody to give visibility to the issue

NAOMI BARASA
Amnesty International, Kenya

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Where we work

**Country Groups:**

The work of country groups is fundamental to the protective accompaniment of human rights defenders and increases our global impact. Country groups work to raise the visibility of at-risk HRDs and to create support networks. Thanks to their links with government officials, parliamentarians, legal bodies and other groups, they are able to amplify the voices of HRDs around the world and ensure that the international community responds adequately to their needs. Country groups are also responsible for recruiting and training field volunteers, raising awareness of attacks against HRDs and securing funding for our field work.

**Australia**

**Belgium**

**Canada**

**France**

**Germany**

**Ireland**

**Italy**

**Norway**

**Spain**

**Sweden**

**United Kingdom**

**United States of America**

**The Netherlands**

**Colombia**

Twenty-seven international volunteers accompanied members of 13 organisations and two individual HRDs working on business and human rights and forced disappearances. Volunteers are based in Bogotá, Barrancabermeja and Apartadó.

**France**

**Germany**

**Ireland**

**Italy**

**Norway**

**Spain**

**Sweden**

**United Kingdom**

**United States of America**

**The Netherlands**

**Guatemala**

Ten international volunteers accompanied members of 11 organisations and three HRDs working on environmental and land rights, impunity and globalisation, and women’s and gender rights. Volunteers are based in Guatemala City from where they travel to other regions of the country.

**Indonesia**

Two international staff provided training and support to emerging HRDs, in the PBI project in partnership with the Indonesian human rights organisation, Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy (ELSAM).

**Kenya**

Four international volunteers accompanied members of two grassroots organisations and twenty-nine HRDs working in the Nairobi’s urban settlements and the Mount Kenya region. They observed trials, attended community forums and visited police stations. The PBI Kenya project is based in Nairobi.

**Mexico**

Ten international volunteers accompanied members of 16 organisations working on forced disappearances, impunity, women’s rights, indigenous rights and environmental protection. Volunteers are divided into two field teams located in the north and south of the country, covering the states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Oaxaca and Guerrero. Their activities are coordinated from the PBI offices in Mexico City.

**Nepal**

Two international and five Nepali staff members based in Kathmandu coordinated the Nepal Monitor, an initiative established to provide protection and to prevent conflict by mapping security incidents and human rights violations in the country.
Global Action, Local Impact

PBI Commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders

PBI commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders with a series of activities intended to create networks between HRDs from different countries; raise the profile of their work; and ensure spaces for direct dialogue between HRDs and international actors who have a key role to play in their protection.

PBI therefore organised a meeting in Brussels, Belgium, between HRDs from the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe in order to evaluate the last 20 years, and develop strategies for the next 20 to come. During these meetings, participants shared their experiences and knowledge on integral protection, analysed global and regional trends and identified the challenges and needs they share as HRDs. Meetings were also held with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and with advisers to Members of the European Parliament, who had an opportunity to listen to the results and analyses of the working sessions and to hear HRDs’ recommendations first hand. To conclude the activities in Brussels, PBI and the Permanent Representation of Austria organised a round table with HRDs Carlos Fernández, of the Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission (CIJP), Colombia; Sandra Alarcón, of the ‘Tlachinollan’ Human Rights Centre, Mexico; María Rosa Santamaría, Board-member of the National Union of Rural Workers (CNTC), Honduras; Domingo Vásquez, of the Nuevo Día Chorti’ Indigenous Association (CCND);

I loved meeting so many people from PBI who make the accompaniment we receive possible. From the bottom of my heart, I am eternally grateful to them.

CRISTINA AUERBACH
Pasta de Conchos Family Organisation (OFPC), Mexico

It was trip full of learning, of shared experiences, and of strengthening networks.

DONNY REYES
‘Arcoiris’ LGBT Association, Honduras

The people we met at the European Union’s EEAS were genuinely interested in the situation in Honduras.

MARIA ROSA SANTAMARIA
Board member of Central Nacional de Trabajadores del Camp (CNTC)
Meetings were organised with a range of European authorities and organisations according to the particular needs of each defender

**SANDRA ALARCÓN**
‘Tlachinollan’
Human Rights Centre, Mexico

The key messages and recommendations of these meetings were published in Analysis of the situation of Human Rights Defenders 20 years after the approval of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. Following the events in Brussels, with the support of country groups HRDs visited Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Ireland, Norway, the United Kingdom and Switzerland, and participated in advocacy meetings, public events and media interviews.

**“Today, when we were participating in the session, I felt it was a workshop that could change lives**

**INDIRA GHALE**
Change Action Nepal (CAN)
Regional Meeting Addresses Psychosocial Impact of the Defence of Human Rights

The work of women human rights defenders (WHRDs) involves high levels of risk and is carried out in the midst of social and political violence and growing criminalisation. The stress and permanent worry associated with their work have physical and emotional consequences that can plague defenders and negatively affect their organisational processes and resilience.

To provide an opportunity to speak of these psychological effects PBI together with the Mesoamerican Women Human Rights Defenders Initiative (IMD) organised a regional meeting in which 30 WHRDs from across Latin America participated. The meeting facilitated a space for collective construction, which involved discussion and the sharing of strategies, as well as the creation of a space where WHRDs could breathe and rest.

It also provided an opportunity to improve understanding of the particular needs of WHRDs and to strengthen the psycho-social focus and gender perspective that are central to PBI’s integral model of accompaniment. Shared learning that emerged from the event were used to inform advocacy activities with authorities on the creation and implementation of public policies and protection mechanisms in the region, and to insist that they should incorporate the specific needs of women human rights defenders.
World Summit Demands Protection for Human Rights Defenders

In 1998, the same year the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, HRDs from around the globe gathered in Paris to outline a vision that would guarantee the application of the declaration and ensure they were able to carry out their work safely. In 2018, on the 20th anniversary of the declaration and the summit, PBI supported the organization of the HRD World Summit 2018 and invited accompanied defenders from Guatemala, Indonesia, Honduras, Colombia, and Mexico to participate.

The Summit sought to celebrate the essential role played by HRDs in advancing human rights throughout the world; reaffirm the demand that States fulfil their obligations under international law to ensure a safe environment in which HRDs can carry out their work; provide a platform for HRDs to propose bold solutions to today’s urgent human rights challenges; and identify creative strategies that go beyond reliance on institutional actors and seek the support of wider audiences within their communities for the realization of human rights.

Throughout the summit, participants attended meetings, panels and networking spaces which allowed them to meet and speak with other defenders and key international actors. They agreed a bold action plan, which they called on states, businesses, financial institutions, donors and intergovernmental institutions to implement. Participants also made an urgent appeal to States worldwide to “strongly and unequivocally pledge support for core shared human values and principles and integrate human rights as a cornerstone everywhere”. Following the Summit, Alice Mogwe become the first ever civil society representative to address the UN General Assembly on behalf of summit participants, during which she called on States to protect HRDs around the world.
Country Groups: International Pressure Key to Supporting Land and Environmental Rights Defenders

Land and environmental rights defenders (LERDs) face excruciating levels of risk, and those accompanied by PBI regularly report harassment, threats, physical attacks, defamation campaigns and criminalization due to their work. HRDs working in the context of large-scale economic projects or exploitation of natural resources are particularly vulnerable. In 2018, PBI Country Groups played a vital role in raising awareness about the obstacles faced by land and environmental defenders and bringing them together with key international actors relevant for their protection.

UN High Commissioner Promises Support to COPINH

Human rights and environmental defender Berta Cáceres, Coordinator of the Civil Council of Grassroots and Indigenous Organisations in Honduras (COPINH) was murdered on 2 March, 2016. Before her death, Berta had been actively denouncing the Agua Zarca dam project, and DESA, the company behind the dam. Following her death, the International Advisory Group of Experts (GAIPE) produced a report concluding that Honduran state agents and senior DESA executives had colluded in the planning and execution of the murder.

In 2018, PBI Switzerland co-organized a speaking tour for members of COPINH and GAIPE, including Berta’s daughter, Bertha Zúñiga Cáceres, during which they met with diplomatic missions, the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and staff from UN Special Procedures, including High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein.

Following the meetings, the High Commissioner for Human Rights pledged the support of his office to COPINH and published a tweet denouncing Berta Caceres’s murder. He also committed to addressing the civil responsibility of the FMO (Netherlands Development Institution) in funding the Agua Zarca Project during a trip to the Hague the following month.

In November 2018, seven people were convicted of the murder of Berta Caceres, although COPINH and other civil society organizations denounced irregularities throughout the process. United Nations experts reiterated their concern that the intellectual authors of her murder have not (yet) been investigated, prosecuted and sanctioned.
US Department of State Recognises Key Role of Human Rights Defenders in Strengthening Democracy

In June, PBI-USA hosted a weeklong advocacy tour with LERDs from the Peaceful Resistance of Cahabón, Guatemala; Broad Movement for Dignity and Justice (MADJ) in Honduras; and the Sierra Madre Alliance (ASMAC), in Mexico. These defenders participated in public events and met with Congressional offices, as well as representatives from the U.S. State Department and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

Following the tour, several of the congressional offices the HRDs had met with signed on to a dear colleague letter addressed to the US Ambassador to Guatemala, raising concerns about the criminalization of defenders and the dramatic increase in killings and attacks against them. Sharing a photo with the defenders on its Twitter account, the US State Department also expressed support for them and recognized the important role they play in “strengthening Democracy in their countries.”

German Parliament Demands Respect for Indigenous Rights in Guatemala

In 2017, PBI Germany received information that the German state-owned cooperation agency (GIZ) had advised on the drafting of a national law on the consultation of indigenous peoples which was strongly criticized by human rights organizations in Guatemala. Seemingly, GIZ had taken insufficient efforts to ascertain the concerns of local indigenous groups regarding the draft law.

In 2018, PBI Germany organized a meeting between indigenous rights defender Omar Jerónimo, of the ‘New Day’ Ch’orti’ Campesino Central Coordinator (CCCND) and representatives of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Development and the German Foreign Office, as well as several members of the German parliament. As a result, a parliamentary question was sent to the Government, demanding accountability on the role of the GIZ in Guatemala and calling for the respect of indigenous rights.

When I received serious threats, there were many reactions at the international level and I feel that this happened thanks to the work done by PBI on my case

OMAR JERÓNIMO
Central Campesina Chortí Nuevo Día (CCCND)
In 2018 at least 126 HRDs were murdered in Colombia. In the midst of a complex and risky situation for social leaders, PBI joined with other civil society organisations to invite Michel Forst, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, to make an ‘academic visit’ to Colombia and meet with civil society organisations and official institutions, in an effort to encourage the state to extend an official invitation.

During this academic visit, Mr. Forst travelled to several regions of the country to meet with HRDs, members of the diplomatic community and state institutions. The visit included an academic event on the important role of HRDs in the peace process. During his meeting with the Colombian Foreign Ministry, Mr. Forst received confirmation that he was likely to receive an official invitation towards the end of the year.

In November, the official invitation to Mr. Forst was confirmed, and he visited the country again between 20 November and 3 December, travelling to different regions in order to understand the realities faced by those living within the reconfigured armed conflict and to comprehend the attacks suffered by HRDs.

“As Colombia is turning the page on decades of armed violence, there is a collective and historic responsibility to protect those who dedicate their lives to the realisation of human rights and peace building.

MICHEL FORST
His itinerary included a visit to Apartadó, where he met with leaders from the Bajo Atrato region and visited the principal settlement of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó. In his 3 December press conference the Special Rapporteur presented his initial conclusions on the risks faced by HRDs, along with his preliminary recommendations to the Colombian state, setting out how it could facilitate the work of HRDs and arguing that they “will not be safe in Colombia, as long as impunity persists. This is one of the areas that needs to be addressed urgently”.

A complete report will be produced and presented during the March 2019 session of the UN Human Rights Council, which will also be attended by PBI and accompanied defenders and communities. The Special Rapporteur confirmed that the Colombian state had committed to following his recommendations and that a monitoring visit would be organised soon.

“Guardianship by the army in this case is a dangerous antecedent and can have side effects not only to silence and criminalize the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó, but also to prevent other human rights defenders from reporting alleged violations.”

MICHEL FORST
United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

“Human rights defenders in Colombia are operating in a coercive and unsafe environment.”

MICHEL FORST
United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
since 2015, the Peaceful Resistance of Cahabón has been defending its territory against a series of hydroelectric schemes planned for the catchment area of the Cahabón River. The licence for these projects was granted without prior consultation of the indigenous peoples required under International Labour Organization Convention 169. As a result of constant threats, intimidation and criminalisation suffered by its members, PBI began to accompany the organisation in 2017.

Bernardo Caal Xól, a member of the Peaceful Resistance of Cahabón, was detained in January 2018 and sentenced in November to seven years and four months in a trial that was described by the United Nations as “an attempt to silence and discredit the legitimate exercise of the rights of the indigenous community”. Throughout 2018, PBI accompanied the Resistance, making regular visits to communities and the prison, and observing trial hearings. The profile of the case has been raised by organising advocacy activities within and outside Guatemala, speaking tours by members of the organisation to the United States and Europe, the publication of information, and issuing of alerts.

The accompaniment provided by PBI contributed to the Office’s members of the Peaceful Resistance of Cahabón.

Because of the presence of PBI, the Resistance has been strengthened in its belief in what it is doing. [...] With the presence of PBI the people feel calmer; if it wasn’t here, there would be more acts of aggression.

CARLOS SOTZ
Peaceful Resistance of Cahabón
Every time the PBI delegates visit me in prison I feel very inspired, and they strengthen my ability to resist. The powerful forces and the corrupt apparatuses I face control everything. I am no longer afraid of prison; everything is for the dignity of the Q’eqchi people. All I ask is for [PBI] to keep accompanying me.

BERNARDO CAAL XOL
criminalised leader of Peaceful Resistance of Cahabón

Before PBI arrived, we in the communities thought we were alone. Others don’t speak badly of me now, because they know I receive accompaniment. Since PBI has been here, the number of security incidents has fallen.

JOSÉ BO MO
Peaceful Resistance of Cahabón
On 11 and 12 July, 2018 PBI co-facilitated a workshop on ‘Applying the European Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders in Honduras’. The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the ability of HRDs to interact with the diplomatic community and broaden their local and international support networks. The workshop was attended by eight representatives of the diplomatic community in Honduras and by 14 members of civil society organisations working on a range of questions, including LGBTI, land, and environmental rights.

"[During the workshop I was able] to learn about the roles and competency of diplomats in the country and the quickest and most concrete ways to make contact with them."

AMAL*

*Names have been changed to protect participant’s identities
The workshop included a presentation of the reasons for creating the Guidelines and provided opportunities for participants to practically apply them. It also gave participants a chance to share experiences of the application of the Guidelines in Honduras and communicate their concerns to European diplomats. Furthermore, participating members of the diplomatic corps had an opportunity to build closer links with HRDs and to improve their understanding of the range of HRDs and human rights organisations in the country. This contributed to reducing the levels of stigmatisation, defamation and potential criminalisation from which HRDs suffer.

The workshop enabled civil society organisations to consolidate their capacity to engage in advocacy activities with the diplomatic community and provided some organisations – in particular those based outside the capital – with their first opportunity to interact with international players, thereby strengthening their own support networks and their advocacy strategies.

“Thanks to the workshop, we became aware of the need to prioritise cases and to provide national and international context in order to increase our impact and improve responses.”

RODRIGO*
According to various international treaties and tribunals, investigations of the crime of forced disappearance must remain open until the fate or whereabouts of the victim are established. Relatives also have the right to know the truth about the fate and whereabouts of their disappeared family members. Faced with the inaction of the state, it is often family members themselves who take on the role of searching for their loved ones and, as a result, face threats, attacks and even murder.

Across Mexico, more than 40,000 people have been disappeared, at least 1,779 of them in the state of Coahuila. In 2017, responding to the demands of different groups of relatives of the disappeared, and in fulfilment of international recommendations and Mexico’s General Law on the Forced Disappearance, the Coahuila State Congress passed the State Law on Forced Disappearance, and in 2018 began implementing the State Plan for Exhumations, which it created.

Throughout 2018, PBI accompanied the Fray Juan de Larios Diocesan Centre for Human Rights (FJdL) and relatives of victims of forced disappearance during exhumations, in an effort to raise the profile of their work, ensure their safety, and provide moral support at such a difficult time. Simultaneously, PBI’s advocacy has focused on ensuring that state authorities continue implementing the Plan until “each and every disappeared person” has been identified.

In Search of the Disappeared

PBI accompanies exhumations in the Piedras Negras Cemetery, Coahuila, October 2018
We would have had a lot of concerns [without your] accompaniment. [With it] we felt more secure as we engaged with this work.

NORMA QUINTERO
Fray Juan de Larios
Diocesan Centre for Human Rights
Throughout 2018, human rights abuses committed by security forces in Kenya remained rampant. To respond to this issue, PBI together with Saferworld and local civil society organizations Mathare Social Justice Centre (MSJC) and Ghetto Foundation, began a project to tackle the normalization of extra-judicial killings in three constituencies of Nairobi’s Eastlands. The project seeks to improve the relationship between police and grassroots human rights defenders through documentation, sensitization of police, advocacy and capacity development.

To increase the visibility of Kenyan HRDs participating in the project and open doors for them to carry out international advocacy, in 2018 PBI organized international speaking tours for several grassroots HRDs from MSJC and PBI Kenya’s Toolkit for Women HRDs. Through the tours, Toolkit Organizer Maria Mutauta and Stephen Mwangi, Administrative Coordinator for MSJC, were able to participate in global events commemorating...
the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. They visited Belgium, Switzerland and Germany, where they participated in meetings with EU and UN representatives, round tables and conferences, as well as being interviewed on the Swiss radio program RaBe Info. Francis Sakwa, also one of PBI Kenya’s Toolkit Organizers, visited the Netherlands and participated in a Human Rights Café to speak about the problem of extrajudicial killings and the criminalisation of HRDs in Kenya. PBI Kenya has also joined other civil society organizations in creating an online platform called Missing Voices, with the aim of providing facts and figures around extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances and contributing to increased visibility for these issues. With rising international attention on the issue, organizations such as Amnesty International have called on the Kenyan government to halt extrajudicial executions, properly investigate those that have taken place, and bring those responsible to account.
In 2018, PBI in conjunction with the Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy (ELSAM) welcomed 10 human rights defenders who participated in the sixth cohort of the Basic Course for Human Rights Defenders in Indonesia.

Over the four-month course, participating HRDs met with a wide variety of organizations in Jakarta and conducted intensive study in human rights theory, safety and protection, field research and reporting, and human rights advocacy. Among the highlights was a live-in experience where the trainees were embedded in the Pasundan Peasant Union (SPP), applying their field research skills as they built links with a successful popular movement in Indonesia.

Eight of the trainees completed field research projects, often examining cases through a human rights lens for the first time. Projects included research on the rights to organize unions, the right to indigenous cultural identity, the impacts of palm oil expansion on the right to health, and the rights of incarcerated people.

Following successful completion of the course, trainees from this and...
“The training methodology is really helpful to me personally. In general, in my studies, I never saw this, never had teachers who taught this well.

ZARAM*”

Previous cohorts have returned to their organizations and begun to play prominent roles in advancing human rights and implementing security measures in their communities. Past trainees have gone on to present a land displacement case to the national human rights commission, and play leading roles in investigating how local communities are affected by operations of the security forces in a region that journalists and civilian officials have had difficulties accessing. There are now 49 alumni from the course, many of whom now hold leadership roles in diverse organizations. Having completed a Training of Trainers workshops, they now plan to conduct their own trainings.

“Participants during one of the workshop sessions”

“The material provided [was] very helpful for the work we do, for example in analyzing cases of human rights violations. The visits made to other organizations are good for building relationships and networks.

NOLAN*”
After an extensive period of needs assessment and recruitment, the Nepal Monitor Project, in collaboration with the Collective Campaign for Peace (COCAP) launched its first Peer Learning Programme, targeting women human rights defenders from three districts of Province 2 of Nepal, a region that faces particularly big challenges in dealing with high rates of Gender Based Violence and discrimination. 18 WHRDS, including two LGBT WHRDS, were recruited and engaged with the intention of cultivating a self-sustaining local network that promotes more connectedness and peers support, as well as joint action on issues of shared concern.

Three peer learning sessions were delivered with this group, working on a participatory basis to establish an agenda for learning and action. The participants proposed that they lead an event in early 2019 focussing on the issue of child marriage, with special focus on the Siraha District. They laid the groundwork for a session involving 30 local people, including a large group of young women and the local Deputy Mayor, to take place in January 2019.

Participants in the peer learning space report increased confidence, communication and cooperation. According to Sarada Mubary, a WHRD who participated in the peer learning, “there is constant family pressure to step back, political pressure to remain quiet, and government agencies are very reluctant to take those cases [of violence against women] seriously. With the peer learning group, I have

*Names have been changed to protect their identities.*
WHRD contemporaries working in the same sector as me and I hope and believe that they will support me in this work”. Their initiative and cooperation at a regional level is a forward step and reflects strongly on long term investment on a micro level, in addition to more widespread outreach and capacity building measures. Based on this initial success, the peer learning program will continue and expand in 2019.

“[since the beginning of the programme] I have improved my leadership skills and knowledge of how one person can take a lead in their work."

BANHI*
Without hundreds of dedicated individuals and organisations who support us with their time, energy and financial contributions, our human rights work would not be possible.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to PBI and to Human Rights Defenders.

Our Volunteers and Supporters

**PBI Volunteers’ Gender**
In 2018, PBI was supported by a total of 441 volunteers who worked in our field projects, our country groups and our international office: 143 men (32.43%) and 298 women (67.57%).

**Where do Field Volunteers Come From?**
441 volunteers provided support to 13 PBI country groups, 7 projects and our International Office in 2018. 84 international volunteers provided protection to human rights defenders in the field in 2018.
Financial Summary

Who funds PBI?
In our work protecting human rights defenders, we rely on the support of individuals, trusts, foundations and religious groups as well as governments and other multilateral funders. Most of our income from governments and foundations is raised by country groups with project support. Country groups also work closely with our committed individual donors in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the USA.

Total income in 2018*: 2,761,576 €

- Governments and multilateral bodies: 2,050,243 € 74.24%
- Foundations: 652,012 € 23.61%
- Individuals: 6,959 € 0.25%
- Country Groups: 48,794 € 1.77%
- Other: 3,569 € 0.13%

*All figures are in EURO and subject to final audit. This financial analysis does not include the accounts of PBI country groups which are separate legal entities.

How we spend your money
From every €1 you give us, we spend 91.6 cents on our human rights work and 3.6 cents on ensuring best practice in organisational governance is followed in line with PBI’s principles of non-hierarchy and consensus decision-making. The remaining 4.8 cents is used to raise the next €1.

Total expenditure in 2018*: 2,631,445 €

- International protective accompaniment and other support for human rights defenders: 2,412,110 € 91.6%
- Fundraising: 125,555 € 4.8%
- Governance: 93,780 € 3.6%
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