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Global Rights FAQs

WHAT IS GLOBAL RIGHTS?

Global Rights is a human rights advocacy group that partners with local activists to challenge injustice and amplify new voices within the global discourse. With offices in countries around the world, we help local activists create just societies through proven strategies for effecting change.

WHAT MOTIVATES THE WORK OF GLOBAL RIGHTS?

The work of Global Rights is motivated by our vision of a just society worldwide built on the fundamental principles of human rights. Our core belief is that the critical forces for achieving deep-rooted and sustainable change in societies come from within each nation. Human rights cultures are built from the ground up.

WHAT ARE YOUR CORE STRATEGIES?

Global Rights has developed five strategies for change which define the tools we provide to our partners to reach the shared objective of creating just societies founded on the principles of human rights: exposure of human rights violations; community mobilization; human rights lawyering; advocating legal and policy reform; and international advocacy.

HOW DOES THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS PARTNERS CREATE AND SUSTAIN HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTIONS?

- We seek justice for victims of human rights abuses.
- We work to promote racial and gender equality and help people and communities feel empowered to change their societies.
- We work on the ground, over extended periods of time, partnering with local human rights advocates to strengthen their effectiveness in combating abuses in their countries.
- We focus on developing the skills of local activists that are essential to addressing human rights concerns and promoting justice such as: documenting and exposing abuses, conducting community education and mobilization, advocating legal and policy reform in countries and internationally, and using the courts to increase access to justice for disadvantaged populations.
- We help local activists to engage with the international community, including the United Nations, to further their human rights objectives at home.

WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT FROM OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS?

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Global Rights staff are not occasional visitors but rather long-term residents. The resulting familiarity and trust strengthens our working relationships with local partners, which is crucial to the continuity and relevance of our projects. Long-term residency and the trusting relationships also enable us to respond immediately to developments that threaten the continuity of a project or merely demand its revision or expansion, as well as the changing needs of our local partners.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOUR OFFICES?

Global Rights has offices in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Liberia, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and the United States.

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE ORGANIZATION?

Salih Booker was named executive director of Global Rights in March 2006, replacing Gay McDougall. His first day on the job will be on May 8, 2006. He will be responsible for the global coordination and implementation of Global Rights' mission, overseeing its day-to-day operations, global fundraising and programmatic operations, including determining operating policy, coordinating organizational activities, media, government and business relations around the world.

FROM WHERE DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR SUPPORT?

Global Rights maintains a diversified funding base through support from foundations, corporations, government agencies and individuals.

DO YOU WORK WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?

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