

WORKBOOK ON SECURITY: PRACTICAL STEPS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AT RISK



APPENDIX 17

Selected International and Regional Organisations providing support to HRDs

Organisation	What They Do	Address	Website
American Jewish World Service	AJWS is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or nationality. Funds grassroots organisations working for more just societies.	American Jewish World Service 45 West 36th Street New York, NY 10018	http://ajws.org/contact_us.html
Amnesty International	Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights for all. Has a small programme to protect HRDs at extreme risk.	1 Easton Street London WC1X 0DW, UK	http://www.amnesty.org
Arab Human Rights Fund	A not-for-profit philanthropic organization that provides financial support for the promotion and realisation of all human rights in the Arab region.	See website	http://www.ahrfund.org
The Arab Program for Human Rights Activists	Conferences, seminars, workshops, campaigns and urgent actions relating to reform in the Arab World.	10 Rue St-Sadiq of Osama Gamal El-Din Qasim seventh floor Apt 16 Behind Serag Mall, Eighth District Nasr City, Cairo	http://aphra.org
The Arab Organization for Human Rights	Carries out fact finding missions to verify human rights developments in the Arab region. Works to release political prisoners. Receives complaints from individuals and organisations and contacts the authorities. Can offer legal and financial assistance.	Main address: SG: Mohsen Awad, 91 El-Marghany Street, Apt 7-8, Heliopolis, 11341, Cairo, Egypt (Branches in 19 countries & territories – see website)	http://www.aohr.net/
The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information	Focus on freedom of expression. Human rights advocates program provides grassroots leaders with the tools, knowledge and access to promote the realization of human rights and strengthen their organisations.	See website	http://www.anhri.net
Article 19	Works on freedom of expression and freedom of information. Undertakes litigation in international and domestic courts on behalf of individuals or groups whose rights have been violated. Provides legal and professional training.	Article 19, 60 Farringdon Rd, London, EC1R 3GA, UK	http://www.article19.org/
ASHOKA	Supports social entrepreneurs financially and professionally and brings communities of social entrepreneurs together.	Ashoka Global Headquarters 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 2000 (20th Floor), Arlington, VA 22209, USA	http://www.ashoka.org
ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights	Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights	See website	http://www.asean.org/22769.htm
Asian Centre for Human Rights (ACHR)	Protection of human rights in Asia. Work includes increasing the capacity of HRDs and civil society groups through trainings on national and international human rights procedures; providing legal, political and practical advice for HRDs.	Asian Centre for Human Rights, C-3/441-C, Janakpuri, New Delhi - 110058, India	http://www.achrweb.org/
Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)	Regional human rights organisation committed to the promotion and protection of all human rights. Work includes protection for Asian HRDs at risk.	See website	http://www.forum-asia.org/

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Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)	An independent, non-governmental body promoting the realisation of human rights in the Asian region. Protects and promotes human rights by monitoring, investigation, advocacy and solidarity actions.	Asian Human Rights Commission, Unit 701A, Westley Square 48 Hoi Yuen Road Kwun Tong, KLN Hong Kong, China	http://www.humanrights.asia/
Avocats sans frontières (ASF)	Legal and other assistance for HRDs at risk	ASF's HQ (Belgium) Rue de Namur 72 Naamsestraat 1000 Brussels, Belgium	http://www.asf.be/
Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (MENA)	Promotes respect for the principles of human rights and democracy in the Arab Region as well as engaging in dialogue between cultures. Assists with professional development for Human Rights Defenders.	Tel: +32 2 223 36 54 Email: info@asi.be 21 Abd El-Megid El-Remaly St., 7th Floor, Flat no. 71, Bab El Louk, Cairo.	http://www.cihrs.org/english/newssystem/articles.aspx?id=10&pagenumber=5
Civil Rights Defenders (Europe)	Defend civil and political rights and empower HRDs at risk in Europe	See website	www.civilrightsdefenders.org
Committee to Protect Journalists	Defends the rights of journalists and intervenes when journalists are in trouble.	330 7th Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10001, USA	http://www.cpj.org/
Council of Europe	Within the Council of Europe, the Commissioner for Human Rights promotes respect for human rights in 47 Council of Europe member states. Protection of HRDs at core of this mandate.	Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights Council of Europe F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex FRANCE	http://www.coe.int
East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP)	Seeks to strengthen the work of HRDs throughout the region by reducing their vulnerability to the risk of persecution and by enhancing their capacity to effectively defend human rights.	See website	http://www.defenddefenders.org/
El Nadim Center for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture (MENA)	Provides psychological management and rehabilitation to victims of torture from Egypt and the region.	3A Soliman El-Halaby Street – Ramses Cairo, Egypt	http://www.alnadeem.org/en/node/23
Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (MENA)	Provides financial assistance and support to local, national and regional human rights NGOs and institutes, and individuals who promote, support, protect and monitor human rights in the region.	c/o EMHRN, Vestergade 16, 2nd floor, DK-1456 Copenhagen K, Denmark	http://www.emhrf.org/
Fojo Safe House	The Fojo Safe House is funded under Sweden's Special Initiative for Democratisation and Freedom of Expression and aims to offer journalists under severe threat shelter for a short period.	Gröndalsv. 19, Kalmar, Sweden	http://www.fojo.se
Ford Foundation	Works mainly by making grants or loans that build knowledge and strengthen organisations and networks.	Ford Foundation 320 East 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017 USA	http://www.fordfound.org
Freedom House	Freedom House is an independent watchdog organization that supports the expansion of freedom around the world. Supports democratic change, monitors freedom, and advocates for democracy and human rights.	1301 Connecticut Ave, NW Floor 6, Washington DC 20035, USA	http://www.freedomhouse.org

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Front Line	Front Line works to protect human rights defenders at risk. Programmes include advocacy, protection, grants to increase security, training and networking.	Front Line – The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders Grattan House, 2nd Floor, Temple Rd, Blackrock, Co Dublin, Ireland	www.frontlinedefenders.org
European Union	Funding for human rights organisations and protection activities for HRDs through partner organisations – see website. Issued EU Guidelines for the Protection of HRDs	See website	http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/eidhr_en.htm http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/human-rights/human-rights-defenders_en.htm
FIDH	FIDH supports HRDs and created the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in partnership with the World Organisation Against Torture.	See website	http://www.fidh.org
Fund for Global Human Rights	Supports frontline organisations. Dispenses grants to support campaigns that otherwise might falter for lack of resources.	Fund for Global Human Rights. 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20009, USA	http://www.globalhumanrights.org
Hisham Mubarak Law Centre (MENA)	Provides legal advice on human rights issues in Egypt and MENA.	See website	http://www.hmlc-egy.org/english
HIVOS	Hivos contributes to a world with equal opportunities for people to develop their talents. Hivos offers financial support and by advising, networking, advocacy, providing education and exchanging knowledge.	See website	http://www.hivos.nl/eng
Human Rights First	We provide a lifeline for international human rights activists whose lives are at risk and we advocate on their behalf with US policy makers, the public, and their governments.	New York Office, Human Rights First, 333 Seventh Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10001-5108	http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/
Human Rights House Network	Protects and supports HRDs and their organisations in 15 countries in Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and South Caucasus, East and Horn of Africa, and Western Europe	Human Rights House Foundation, Kirkegata 5, 0153 Oslo, Norway	http://humanrightshouse.org
Human Rights Watch	HRW focuses international attention on human rights violations, using rigorous, objective investigations and strategic, targeted advocacy.	Human Rights Watch 350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10118-3299, USA	http://www.hrw.org
IFEX (International Freedom of Expression Exchange)	Exposes free expression violations around the world including alerts on journalists, writers and free expression advocates. Advice, training, financial and technical support for members plus support for campaigns on freedom of expression.	555 Richmond St. West, Suite 1101, P.O. Box 407, Toronto, ON, M5V 3B1, Canada	http://www.ifex.org
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Organization of American States)	Promotes the observance and the defence of human rights. Investigates individual petitions on human rights violations and recommends measures to protect human rights to member states.	1889 F St, NW, Washington, DC 2006, USA	http://www.cidh.oas.org
INTERIGHTS, the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights	INTERIGHTS works to promote respect for human rights through the use of law by providing legal expertise to lawyers, judges, human rights defenders and other partners.	Lancaster House, 33 Islington High Street, London N1 9LH, UK	http://www.interights.org
Media Defence Initiative	The Media Legal Defence Initiative exists to help journalists and media outlets defend their rights. They do this by providing financial assistance to pay legal fees, helping to access free legal advice and taking on cases in international courts.	3rd Floor Cambridge House, 100 Cambridge Grove, London, W6 0LE United Kingdom	http://www.mediadefence.org/

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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	Provides assistance to help implement international human rights standards on the ground.	OHCHR, Palais Wilson 52 Rue des Pâquis CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland See website for details of country and regional offices	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/ContactUs.aspx
OMCT (World Organisation Against Torture)	Has HRD programme including urgent interventions, materials assistance and training. Created the Observatory for the Protection of HRDs with FIDH.	OMCT International Secretariat PO Box 21 8, rue du Vieux-Billard CH-1211 Geneva 8 Switzerland	http://www.omct.org/index.php?&lang=eng
OSCE – Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe	Regional security organisation with 56 States from Europe, Central Asia and North America. Works on early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation. Databases with resources for HRDs.	OSCE Secretariat Wallnerstrasse 6 1010 Vienna Austria	www.osce.org
OSCE – Focal point for HRDs	The Focal Point seeks to promote and protect the interests of HRDs. Organises education and training, in order to improve expertise in human rights standards, and develop monitoring and advocacy skills. Useful databases & other resources.	OSCE Secretariat Wallnerstrasse 6 1010 Vienna Austria	http://www.osce.org/odhr/44936
OSI (Open Society Institute)	Promotes tolerant democracies with accountable governments and makes grants, fellowships and scholarships available.	400 West 59th Street New York, NY 10019, U.S.A.	http://www.soros.org
OSISA (Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa)	OSISA's mission is to initiate and support programmes working towards open society ideals, and to advocate for these ideals in Southern Africa.	See website	http://www.osisa.org
OSIWA (Open Society Initiative for West Africa)	Advocacy and grant making foundation for West Africa	See website	http://www.osiwa.org/
OSIEA (Open Society Initiative for East Africa)	OSIEA promotes public participation in democratic governance, the rule of law, and respect for human rights by awarding grants, developing programs, and bringing together diverse civil society leaders and groups	See website	http://www.soros.org/initiatives/osiea
Peace Brigades International (PBI)	Provides accompaniment for HRDs and communities whose lives are threatened by political violence (as of July 2011 in Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and Nepal)	See website	http://www.peacebrigades.org/
Protection International	PI mobilises the national and international community to protect HRDs and provides HRDs with training and tools. PI Protection Desks exist in some countries - see website.	11 Rue de la Linière, B1060 Brussels, Belgium	http://www.protectioninternational.org/
REDHAC, Network of Human Rights Defenders in Central Africa	Protection of HRDs in Central Africa	Région du Littoral, Ville de Douala, Ancienne Rue Makumba, Immeuble Lux Optique 2e Etage - Face Auto Ecole Jojo, Cameroun	http://www.redhac.org/
Reporters Without Borders	Defends journalists and media assistants imprisoned or persecuted for doing their job, exposes mistreatment and torture, fights censorship, financial aid to journalists and their families.	Reporters sans frontières 47 rue vivienne 75002 Paris – France	www.rsf.org
Scholars at Risk	Scholars at Risk is an international network of institutions and individuals working to promote academic freedom and to defend the human rights of scholars worldwide	Scholars at Risk Network, c/o New York University, 194 Mercer St, New York, New York 10012, USA	http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu

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South Asia Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR)	Provides human rights NGOs and activists an opportunity to expose abuses. Organises regional dialogues, produces research and publications and undertakes advocacy campaigns.	See website	http://www.safhr.org/
Southeast Asia Press Alliance (SEAPA)	Works on freedom of expression in South East Asia, including urgent alerts.	No.115 Thakolsuk Place Unit 3B Terddamri Rd. Dusit 10300 Bangkok, Thailand	http://www.seapabkk.org/
UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	Protection of defenders themselves and the protection of their right to defend human rights. Includes visits, holding workshops and producing publications.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Palais Wilson 52 rue des Pâquis CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland	http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/defenders/index.htm
The Rory Peck Trust	Supports freelance newsgatherers and their families. Subsidises training in hostile environments, provides direct practical support to freelancers in need, and to the families of those killed during their work.	The Rory Peck Trust 2 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH, UK	http://www.rorypecktrust.org/
South Caucasian Network for Human Rights Defenders	The Network seeks to facilitate creation of a safer and enabling environment for human rights defenders in the South Caucasus and to strengthen their voices in the region and internationally.	See website	http://www.caucasusnetwork.org/
USAID	Financial assistance for expanding democracy while improving the lives of the citizens of the developing world.	Information Center U.S. Agency for International Development Ronald Reagan Building Washington, D.C. 20523-1000	http://www.usaid.gov

WOMEN

Arab Women's Fund (MENA)	Provides support and funding for women's organizations that work toward women's rights in the MENA region.	See website	http://www.arabwomensfund.org/
Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)	APWLD empowers women in the region to use law as an instrument of change for equality, justice, peace and development. APWLD uses research, training, advocacy and activism to strengthen women's human rights.	See website	http://www.apwld.org/
AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development)	Strategic initiatives to advance women's rights and gender equality worldwide.	See website for offices	http://www.awid.org/
Global Fund For Women	Advocate for and defend women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world.	Global Fund for Women 222 Sutter Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94108, USA	http://www.globalfundforwomen.org
International Women's Rights Watch and International Women's Rights Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP)	IWRAP focuses on building and supporting capacity – both among NGOs and within the treaty bodies – for using the entire international treaty system as a key to accountability for women's human rights.	See websites	http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/iwraw/index.html and http://www.iwraw-ap.org/
JASS (working in Mesoamerica, Southern Africa and Southeast Asia)	Seeks to build women's political influence, ensure their access to resources, and protect their safety as activists.	See website	http://www.justassociates.org/

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Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition	Resource and advocacy network for the protection of women human rights defenders	See website	http://www.defendingwomen-defendingrights.org/
Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights	Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF) is a global women's fund that exists to protect, strengthen and sustain women human rights defenders at critical moments in time.	3100 Arapahoe Ave., Suite 201, Boulder, Colorado 80303 USA	http://www.urgentactionfund.org/index.php?id=51
Urgent Action Fund – Africa	UAF-Africa links the activities of women with the resources they require to respond to conflict and to take advantage of opportunities to advance women's human rights.	Urgent Action Fund-Africa, CVS Plaza, 2nd Floor, Lenana Road, Kilimani, P.O. Box 53841-00200, Nairobi, Kenya.	www.urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke
Women Living Under Muslim Laws	International solidarity network for women whose lives are shaped or governed by laws and customs said to derive from Islam. Aims to strengthen women's individual and collective struggles for equality and their rights, especially in Muslim contexts.	Several offices – see website	http://www.wluml.org

LGBTI

ARC International	Facilitating strategic planning around LGBT issues internationally, strengthening global networks, and enhancing access to UN mechanisms. Strengthening capacity of LGBTI.	See website	http://www.arc-international.net
ASTRAEA	Astraea provides financial support to lesbian-led, trans, LGBTI and progressive organizations.	Astraea Lesbian Foundation For Justice 116 East 16th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003	www.astraeafoundation.org
Coalition of African Lesbians	Work to transform Africa into a place where all lesbians enjoy the full range of human rights	See website	http://cal.org.za/
International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)	Building partnerships with NGOs globally, advocating for the elimination of discriminatory laws, policies and practices, supporting anti-discrimination laws policies and practices.	IGLHRC 80 Maiden Lane, Suite 1505, New York, NY 10038	http://www.iglhrc.org
International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA). Europe	Represents its members, principally organisations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, at the European level.	ILGA-Europe rue Belliard straat 12 Brussels B-1040 Belgium	http://www.ilga-europe.org/

Fellowships & Scholarships

York Fellowship	York University Protective Fellowship for HRDs to spend time away from difficult environments whilst benefiting from educational resources designed to increase their effectiveness and their ability to influence policy and practice at home.	Centre for Applied Human Rights , University of York, Heslington, York, UK. YO10 5DD	http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/cahr/defenders/index.html
Oak Fellowship	The Oak Fellowship offers an opportunity for one prominent practitioner in international human rights to take a sabbatical leave from the front-line. This provides the Fellow with time for respite, reflection, research, and writing.	4000 Mayflower Hill, Waterville, ME 04901	http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/goldfarb/oak/
Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships	The Scholar Rescue Fund provides fellowships that give temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world for established scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries.	Scholar Rescue Fund Institute of International Education 809 United Nations Plaza New York, New York 10017-3580 USA	http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/pages/about-us.php

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Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Fellowship	International Visiting Fellowships, for experienced democracy and human rights practitioners, plus other fellowships.	No.4, Alley 17, Lane 147, Sec. 3, Sinyi Rd., Taipei 106, Taiwan	http://www.tfd.org.tw/english/fellowships.php
Hamburg Foundation for the Politically Persecuted	The Foundation works with HRD organizations providing grants and scholarships to politically persecuted people. It also initiates and supports petition campaigns for political prisoners and missing persons.	Hamburger Stiftung für politisch Verfolgte Osterbekstraße 96, 22083 Hamburg	http://www.hamburger-stiftung.de/e_index.html
Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program at the National Endowment for Democracy	This Fellows Program enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change.	National Endowment for Democracy 1025 F Street NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20004	http://www.ned.org/fellowships
International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN)	ICORN provides writers with a safe place to stay and economic security for a standard term of two years, ICORN promotes Freedom of Expression one writer at a time.	Sølvberget KF, Stavanger Cultural Centre P.O. Box: 310, 4002 Stavanger, Norway	http://www.icorn.org/

Prizes for Human Rights Defenders

Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award	Awarded by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy for an individual or organization which has made major contributions through peaceful means to the development of democracy and human rights in Asia	No.4, Alley 17, Lane 147, Sec. 3, Sinyi Rd., Taipei 106, Taiwan	http://www.tfd.org.tw/english/HTML/ADHRA0408.html
Front Line Award	The Front Line Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk, was established to highlight the work of outstanding individuals who on a daily basis put their security and lives at risk defending the human rights of others.	Front Line - The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders Grattan House, 2nd Floor, Temple Rd, Blackrock Co Dublin, Ireland	http://frontlinedefenders.org/front-line-award-human-rights-defenders-risk
Goldman Environmental Prize	The Prize honours grassroots environmentalists.	160 Pacific Avenue, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94111, USA See website	http://www.goldmanprize.org/
Gwangju Human Rights Prize (for Asian HRDs)	Human Rights Prize for Asian HRDs	See website	http://eng.518.org/eng/html/main.html
Martin Ennals Award	The award aims at encouraging HRDs who are at risk and in need of immediate protection.	See website	http://www.martinennalsaward.org/
Tulip Award	The Dutch Government's human rights award, the Human Rights Defenders Tulip has since 2008 been presented to an individual who has shown exceptional courage in protecting and promoting the rights of fellow human beings.		http://www.humanrightstulip.org/simplepage/home/
International Women of Courage Award	The US Government's Awards for remarkable women of courage		http://www.state.gov