014 was another dynamic year for PBI, in which we expanded our toolbox of methods for supporting human rights defenders while celebrating significant milestones in our history. PBI Guatemala marked 30 years since first arriving in the country, whilst PBI Colombia commemorated 20 years of continued presence. Both anniversaries were full of happy memories and success stories, but they also remind us that PBI remains necessary for human rights defenders around the world.

At our triennial General Assembly, sixty representatives from across PBI came together to advance our global strategy and debate central issues including how to expand our reach and respond more efficiently to emergency situations. We also welcomed a new country group, PBI Ireland, to the global organisation.

We worked with more than 290 inspirational women and men risking their lives to defend the rights of others in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal. These brave individuals are always at the core of what we do.

Sadly, we know that the right to defend human rights will continue to face threats in 2015, and our work will remain vital. This would not be possible without the solidarity of volunteers, activists and supporters across the world. So, on behalf of all the courageous women and men we work with, thank you.

In peace,

Dana Brown
PBI President
Human rights defenders – courageous people who stand up for the rights and dignity of others because they believe in peace and justice for all – are at the heart of what we do. We provide protection, support and recognition to human rights defenders who work in areas of conflict and repression, at their request. We help them make links with others and raise awareness of the issues they face.

We advocate at all levels – from the soldier at a local check point to national governments and international bodies such as the UN – for human rights accountability. Our volunteers send a powerful message that the world is watching and prepared to act.

### What we do

- **Global pressure**: increased awareness and action taken to protect human rights defenders
- **Advocating for improved International human rights protection based on our experience of working alongside human rights defenders**
- **Observation and monitoring of demonstrations and community action**
- **Emergency alerts as a preventative measure or when defenders experience extreme risk**
- **Coordinating with UN agencies, informing of protection needs and acting together to prevent and respond to abuses**
- **Activations of support network (members of public, politicians, members of governments, churches, academics) to put pressure on responsible authorities**
- **Publications based on our experience in the field and access to defenders**
- **Speaker tours in Europe & North America**
- **International and national conferences and other public events**
- **Legitimacy and profile raising: Linking defenders with the international community by opening opportunities to raise their concerns within their countries and internationally**
- **Increasing defenders’ self protection through training**
- **Physical accompaniment in offices, through phone calls, at home, on field trips to collect testimonies and at key events such as meetings and trials**
- **Advocacy with the EU, UN, Organisation of American States, parliamentarians and civil servants to improve global protection of defenders**
- **Advocacy with military and civilian authorities at all levels expressing the international community’s concern for human rights defenders and encouraging states to fulfil their protection obligations**
- **Engaging with diplomats encouraging supportive action such as field missions**
- **Sharing info and coordinating actions with INGOs**

### Human rights defenders in the field

The diagram illustrates the work we do in support of human rights defenders.
In 2014, PBI provided direct protection and support to 124 women and 167 men human rights defenders from 57 organisations. Between them, these organisations helped thousands of women, men and children who have been denied their basic rights – from being forcibly evicted from their land, to seeing family members ‘disappeared’, to suffering torture and rape at the hands of armed forces.

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**PHYSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT**

Puente Nayero Humanitarian Space, Colombia

PBI Colombia carried out 1,326 individual accompaniments in 2014. We spent 428 days alongside the Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission (CIJP), who assist communities peacefully affirming their rights and seeking truth, justice and reparations for abuses committed against them.

With support from CIJP and PBI, residents of Puente Nayero Street in La Playita neighbourhood in Buenaventura have maintained, since April 2014, Colombia’s first urban ‘humanitarian space’. Free of all illegal armed actors, ‘Puente Nayero’ is a civilian-only space in which people can live and work in peace and relative security in one of the country’s poorest and most dangerous cities.

“[T]he decision to seek dialogue with the Attorney General... was based on what we did with PBI in an advocacy workshop. It went very well, since the young people [who had been arrested and tortured by police] were freed. We designed our strategy around what we did in the workshop, and when we think about advocacy we always go back to the tools transferred by PBI.”

Diana Moralez, Paso del Norte Human Rights Centre, Mexico

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Multiplying our impact

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We produced 75 publications, videos and radio appeals amplifying defenders’ voices and exposing the realities and challenges they face to public and official audiences. We also sent detailed information on the human rights situation on the ground in areas where we work to members of our support network each month. Our unique access to information, rigorous analysis and objectivity are key to the effectiveness of our integrated protection and advocacy.

We activated our emergency support networks 12 times in response to the most pressing and serious issues faced by defenders we accompany. We attended 1,266 meetings with diplomatic corps, intergovernmental organisations including the UN and a range of local, national and international NGOs and coalitions to raise concerns about the safety of human rights defenders, provide information on the effectiveness of protective and preventative measures, propose ways in which policy and practice can be improved and work strategically with others to strengthen global civil societal action around human rights defenders.

We organised speaker tours for 13 women and 14 men human rights defenders, enabling them to travel across Europe and North America to raise international awareness of, and support for, their work. These tours empowered defenders to develop relationships with key allies, from parliamentarians to grassroots activists, and gain invaluable political, moral and financial support.

“[The speaker tour] was an experience of great personal growth…. [W]e proposed conducting an advocacy strategy two years ago, but didn’t know how: this tour clarified the ‘how’ aspect. It strengthened me, as it helped me develop my capacities for dialogue and advocacy at the international level.”

Silvia Méndez, Paso del Norte Human Rights Centre, Mexico

In November, Mexican human rights defender Silvia Méndez of the Paso del Norte Human Rights Centre participated in 10 public events or press meetings and 27 meetings with Foreign Affairs Ministries, MPs, lawyers’ groups and EU, UN and civil society representatives in Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands, drawing attention to cases of torture and enforced disappearances in northern Mexico. Silvia led a roundtable discussion at the German parliament which had a direct influence on the government’s decision to put on hold a security agreement which would have provided for extensive collaboration between German and Mexican police forces and had been heavily criticised by human rights groups. Paso del Norte in turn strengthened their international support network, making new contacts to provide them with emergency assistance.

followPBI’s observation of the violent eviction of La Puya, a community made up of residents of 12 villages in the municipalities of San José del Golfo and San Pedro Ayampuc, engaged in peaceful resistance to gold mining operations, the Guatemalan government revoked the temporary residence visas of two volunteers.

We activated our emergency network and carried out an intense advocacy campaign which achieved visits by ambassadors from the EU, US and Switzerland to affected communities, whilst the EU Filter Group on Human Rights met representatives of the 12 Kaqchiqueles communities from San Juan Sacatepéquez, another area affected by the State of Emergency declared in September. We mobilised the diplomatic corps, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the EU Working Party on Human Rights and many others to demonstrate international concern over the closing of space for human rights defence. All this led to a reversal of the cancellation of our volunteers’ visas and to the organisations which we accompany being able to continue their work.

EMERGENCY ACTIVATION
PBI Guatemala visa cancellations

SPEAKER TOUR
Silvia Méndez, Paso del Norte Human Rights Centre, Mexico

Eviction of La Puya Peaceful Resistance Community, Guatemala
Where we work

Key to map

- Field Programmes
- Country Groups
- International Office

Field Programmes

Colombia
21 international volunteers accompanied 91 defenders working on a range of issues such as human rights violations due to economic interests and enforced disappearances. Volunteers are based in Bogotá, Barranquilla and Apartadó.

Guatemala
Nine international volunteers accompanied 83 defenders working on the environment and land rights, impunity and globalisation. Volunteers are based in Guatemala City and travel to other areas of the country.

Honduras
PBI began protective accompaniment for the first time in Honduras in 2014. A small team of five international volunteers accompanied 18 defenders working on business and human rights, land rights, indigenous rights, freedom of expression, support for victims and women’s rights.

Indonesia
PBI made extensive preparations for an innovative training programme to strengthen the capacities of Indonesian defenders working in isolated regions. The first two rounds of training will be conducted in 2015.

Kenya
Four international volunteers carried out the project’s first accompaniments with defenders working in the informal settlements of Nairobi. The project continued building relationships with grassroots Kenyan defenders and civil society, as well as undertaking important lobbying and legal work.

Mexico
Nine international volunteers accompanied 99 defenders working on forceful disappearances, impunity, indigenous rights and environmental protection. Volunteers are based in two field teams in Oaxaca and in the north; covering the states of Chihuahua and Coahuila, and one coordination office in Mexico City.

Nepal
PBI worked in collaboration with a coalition of 43 Nepali human rights organisations to maintain and develop NepalMonitor, an online and SMS platform sharing information about human rights and security incidents across the country. NepalMonitor mapped 1,772 incidents in 2014, enabling national and international organisations to better respond to human rights violations and improving the safety of human rights defenders.

Volunteer numbers included here are the average number of volunteers serving in each field programme at any one time.
Without country groups, PBI would be unable to offer international protective accompaniment to human rights defenders and would have limited global support or impact. Country groups find, train and support our international volunteers. They raise funds for our field projects. They develop links with elected officials, embassy staff, lawyers, judges, academics, NGOs, churches, community groups and others to support human rights defenders. Country groups raise awareness of human rights abuses and advocate for action in the international community.

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Lobbying, networking and awareness-raising

PBI coordinated speaker tours for 27 human rights defenders in 2014. In December, human rights and environmental lawyer Donald Hernández of the Honduran Centre for Community Promotion and Development (CEHPRODEC) met with national authorities, legal professionals and civil society representatives and spoke before public audiences in France, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Switzerland and the UK, raising awareness of the situation of Honduran communities affected by mining, agribusiness and hydroelectric projects. Donald in turn developed CEHPRODEC’s international support network, making valuable new connections. Among other things, he now has a direct line to Amnesty International for emergency activation and strategic assistance.

Donald participated in a side-event at the 3rd UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, co-organised by PBI, which helped

PBI Ireland Launch

In 2014, a new PBI country group was established in Ireland on the initiative of a former volunteer with the Colombian and Guatemalan field projects. Assembled in May, 17 volunteers began raising awareness of PBI and obtaining support and advice from existing country groups, PBI’s International Secretariat, other NGOs and academics, gaining valuable expertise and laying the groundwork for future collaboration. The group held 18 meetings with NGOs and three meetings with Irish authorities throughout the year.

PBI Ireland was unanimously voted to full country group status at our General Assembly in November. PBI Ireland held a public launch at Trinity College Dublin, attended by over 100 guests. Speakers included human rights defenders from Colombia, Honduras and Kenya, Dr Iain Atack of the Irish School of Ecumenics, who talked about his time as a PBI volunteer in Sri Lanka in the 1990s; and Mary Lawlor, Director of Frontline Defenders, who spoke on the successes and challenges of, and prospects for, the EU Guidelines for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders.

This highly successful launch, as well as subsequent events and meetings involving defenders, NGOs and academics, served a range of purposes: strengthening defenders’ access to international support; promoting awareness of, and links with, PBI Ireland; and developing the nascent country group’s advocacy, logistical and other capacities, which are already being put to use in planning an array of events and activities for 2015.
2014 marked 10 years since the adoption of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders. PBI was instrumental in both drafting and revising the Guidelines, and has utilised them extensively in our work over the past decade.

In February, we participated in a seminar in which we submitted our conclusions and recommendations on achievements and challenges in the Guidelines’ implementation to over 100 EU delegations, five EU member states’ permanent representations to Brussels, the EU Special Representative on Human Rights and representatives from the European External Action Service (EEAS) and European Commission.

On 17 June, we co-hosted an event with Amnesty International, Frontline Defenders, Human Rights Watch, the International Federation for Human Rights and Protection International to evaluate the Guidelines’ implementation. Participants included representatives from the EEAS, several EU member states’ permanent representations to Brussels and various NGOs, as well as the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders.

We also launched our report, ‘Ten Years of The European Union Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders: An Assessment From the Field’, synthesising analysis from ten years’ work with 30 interviews with human rights defenders and members of the diplomatic corps from Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya and Mexico.

The next day, the EU Council met to discuss the Guidelines’ implementation, publishing their conclusions on 23 June. These incorporated several of PBI’s recommendations and committed to “intensify… political and material support to human rights defenders and step up… efforts against all forms of reprisals.”

We published a joint statement with Amnesty International, Frontline Defenders, Human Rights Watch, the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Protection International, welcoming the EU’s renewed commitment to the Guidelines, recommending concrete actions for EU member states and encouraging the Council to include these recommendations in its post-2014 EU Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy (Human Rights Action Plan).

We also worked to strengthen the Guidelines’ implementation on the ground. In Mexico, we organised a meeting between civil society and diplomatic corps to debate challenges, successes and prospects around the Guidelines’ implementation, followed by a public meeting where representatives from the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs acknowledged the important role of human rights defenders in Mexican society. In Guatemala, we worked with other international organisations to educate 200 isolated rural human rights defenders about the Guidelines and their use, and facilitated meetings with representatives from the EU, the governments of Switzerland and Norway and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We will continue to work and advocate strongly at all levels for improved implementation of the Guidelines in 2015.

Mainstreaming protection of women human rights defenders is a major theme of our work. In 2014, PBI Netherlands facilitated two roundtables on women human rights defenders’ protection in the framework of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which reaffirms the importance of women’s role in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and of their full and equal participation in the maintenance of full and equal security. Both roundtables were attended by Guatemalan defenders Lorena Cabnal and Lolita Chávez, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NGO staff and academics. The first focused on increasing the visibility of women human rights defenders, whilst the second focused on the role of police and other state authorities in their protection.

Recommendations emerging from these discussions will inform action by PBI and others to protect and support women human rights defenders at local, national and international levels. Examples include: prioritising protection of rural women human rights defenders; promoting awareness of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders in rural areas; campaigning to improve the image of women human rights defenders by countering stigmatisation, criminalisation and defamation; lobbying for gender-sensitive protection mechanisms in the Guidelines’ implementation; and including these and other recommendations in the post-2014 Human Rights Action Plan.
In 2014, PBI worked with human rights defenders in Latin America (Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico), Africa (Kenya) and Asia (Nepal and Indonesia). These pages provide a snapshot of the complex challenges and risks defenders faced, and how PBI was able to support them in their work.

**Honduras**

PBI began working in Honduras in 2013, following a petition from the Honduras Platform on Human Rights and extensive field research. We immediately focused on building relationships with local organisations and promoting international concern for the risks faced by Honduran human rights defenders. This work has continued in 2014, alongside our first formal protective accompaniments of the Honduran Centre for Community Promotion and Development (CEHPRODEC) and world-renowned journalist and human rights activist, Dina Meza.

PBI has become an effective and sought-after source of expertise on the situation and protection of human rights defenders in Honduras, and is regularly called on for analysis by the international community. PBI Honduras acquired official Honduran NGO status in November. We strengthened our international support network, meeting with government and civil society representatives in Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK. We also held 19 meetings with diplomats based in Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico, including the British, French, Spanish and Swiss ambassadors, as well as the head of the European Delegation. We held 21 meetings with Honduran authorities, including the national police, military, public prosecutor’s office and National Commissioner for Human Rights (CONADEH), expressing concern for the security of those we accompany and emphasising the state’s international legal obligations to protect human rights defenders. We received constructive responses and concrete action in regard to our specific requests from the national police and CONADEH on four occasions.

Dina Meza was awarded the 2014 Oxfam Novib/PEN International Free Expression Award in January. In December she became the founding President of PEN Honduras, which will campaign to protect journalists threatened by violent repression and combat persistent impunity for attacks against them. In addition to providing accompaniment, we coordinated a speaker tour during which PBI volunteer accompanies Dina Meza.

“I have committed myself to handing them [my children] a better country… The threats I face are not as powerful as the pain of doing nothing for my country.”

*Accompanied Honduran journalist Dina Meza*

Dina participated in an EU-organised NGO conference in Brussels, reached public audiences in Amsterdam and met with the Dutch minister for foreign affairs as well as various international agencies. PBI accompanies CEHPRODEC lawyers and legal advisors as they travel to remote areas to advise and support peasant communities, and we plan to accompany their visits to new areas in 2015. At CEHPRODEC’s request, PBI co-organised, with Protection International, a personal security workshop for 30 community leaders defending land rights in Siguatepeque. We also co-organised an IT security workshop with the Access Foundation for 18 representatives from various human rights organisations.

PBI Honduras carried out international observation at 57 events where activists were at risk of violence during 2014. We also coordinated closely with other organisations carrying out international observation and accompaniment, including the Honduras Accompaniment Project (PROAH), reinforcing their work and strengthening cooperation amongst global civil society in Honduras. During 2014, PBI Honduras was accepted as a member of both the International Cooperation Agencies network and the Copenhagen Initiative for Central America and Mexico’s platform for advocacy before the European Union.

PBI volunteer accompanies CEHPRODEC to support an assembly of the Lenca indigenous movement in La Paz

PBI volunteer accompanies Dina Meza
Colombia

In 2014, PBI celebrated 20 years of working in Colombia with accompanied individuals and organisations in Bogotá, Barrancabermeja and Apartadó, and with international supporters in Spain and the US. Over 450 volunteers from 31 countries have been part of PBI Colombia, and the project receives around 100 applications each year, demonstrating immense international solidarity with our work and the work of those we accompany.

However, the situation of human rights defenders in Colombia remains deeply alarming despite the formal negotiations between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) which are taking place in Habana, Cuba, since October 2012. The organisation ‘We Are Defenders’ (Somos Defensores) recorded 626 attacks against defenders in 2014, including 55 murders.

We spent 136 days alongside the San José de Apartadó Peace Community, who are emblematic of grassroots rural peacebuilding. The community received an honourable mention from the Franco-German Human Rights Award committee for their constant work defending peace, justice and human rights. Additionally, as part of our accompaniment of the Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace (CIJP), we travelled to Humanitarian Zones in the Curbarradó river basin, Urabá region, where communities have returned to their land after being forcefully displaced in 1996-1997. They continue to resist and to stake their claim to the land which was violently stolen from them.

We continued to accompany one of Colombia’s most at-risk human rights lawyers, Jorge Molano. In 2013 the government defined Jorge’s risk level as ‘extraordinary’, and in March 2014 it agreed before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to adopt measures to ensure his safety. In May, however, Jorge was forced to temporarily suspend his work, following a series of serious security incidents. Despite constant threats and aggression against him, we contributed towards Jorge being able to resume his work representing communities who have suffered extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances and massacres, demanding justice, truth and reparations on their behalf as well as guarantees of non-repetition.

Guatemala

In 2014, Guatemalan human rights defenders faced the most significant risk of violence since the project reopened in 2002. Particularly for those defending communities’ land rights against corporate interests, direct attacks have grown in relation to threats whilst defamations and criminalisation have escalated.

These developments have had severe impacts on the work of human rights organisations, and led to increased requests for accompaniment. By using flexible tools (observations, short-term accompaniments and sharing information through meetings and publications), we managed to respond to almost half of the 100 requests we received in this period, including supporting defenders and communities in isolated rural areas.

PBI’s accompaniment of the Union of Peasant Organisations of Verapaz (UVOC) extends to the indigenous community of La Primavera, who are constantly intimidated and threatened with eviction as well as defamed and criminalised for peacefully demanding legal rights to their ancestral lands. We focused international attention on this issue, including arranging meetings between UVOC, the Norwegian ambassador to Guatemala and UN personnel. This attention, and our continued presence, has helped sustain the possibility of a just resolution to the community’s ongoing negotiations with the state.

In the same region, we responded to requests from indigenous peoples of the Dolores river basin who have suffered killings, violent evictions, raids and arrests of community leaders since they began peacefully resisting a hydroelectric project in 2012. We issued an alert to highlight the deteriorating human rights situation in the area and provided international observation at key moments throughout the year. We also accompanied journalists from the Independent Media Centre (CMI) who received threats whilst covering the situation. In 2015, we will continue to pay close attention to these and other marginalised regions of Guatemala.
Focus on Field Projects

Mexico

In September, three students in Ayotzinapa, Guerrero were killed, several others injured and 43 forcefully disappeared. These events, and the repression subsequently faced by demonstrators protesting the impunity surrounding them, are emblematic of the deteriorating human rights situation in Mexico. We have supported the work of the Tlachinollan Human Rights Centre (accompanied since 2003) and other organisations working with survivors and victims’ relatives.

In November, PBI marked one year of presence in Chihuahua and Coahuila with an event where human rights defenders from both states met representatives from five European embassies, highlighting the grave insecurities they face, the dangerous and ongoing struggle to locate thousands of disappeared in Coahuila and their difficulties defending migrants’ rights whilst facing defamations and threats.

Oaxaca remains one of Mexico’s most dangerous states for human rights defenders, particularly those working on land and environmental issues. In response to threats against members of the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights Gobixha (Código-DH, accompanied since 2009), PBI activated its support network to focus concern on the area. Código-DH’s Juridical Coordinator Alba Cruz said that PBI’s “accompaniment has been very useful, most of all regarding visibility, which has been essential at difficult times to reduce risk.”

PBI Mexico’s advocacy covered three themes: business and human rights; security, justice and impunity; and implementation of protection measures.

Nepal

PBI closed its Nepal field team in January 2014 and focused on developing NepalMonitor, an online and SMS platform sharing information about human rights and security incidents around the country. NepalMonitor enables local, national and international organisations to better respond to human rights violations and provides defenders with timely access to reports of security incidents in their vicinity, helping them stay safe.

In 2013, 100% of survey responses from defenders on the ground stated that NepalMonitor had helped them with either security or capacity, whilst 100% of International NGO respondents felt they were more informed about the situation of defenders than they otherwise would have been. Following such positive feedback, in 2014 PBI advanced NepalMonitor as a joint initiative with the Collective Campaign for Peace (COCAP), a network of 43 human rights organisations from across Nepal. NepalMonitor mapped 1,772 incidents throughout the year, 26 of which originated from victims or reporters contacting NepalMonitor directly.

The NepalMonitor project team also participated in meetings with the UN Development Project’s Armed Violence Reduction Workgroup, an Early Warning System Contact Group coordinated by Saferworld and the EU Working Group on Human Rights Defenders.

In 2015, PBI and COCAP will continue to develop NepalMonitor as an effective platform for monitoring and reporting human rights and security incidents, whilst the project team build on their cooperation with other international organisations to support and protect human rights defenders across the country.
Kenya

Recent years have seen growing international concern for the situation of Kenyan human rights defenders. Legislation restricting NGOs’ registration and funding, increased bail conditions for defenders and widespread impunity for human rights abuses committed by police and security forces are all elements of increasing criminalisation of protest, restricting the ability of grassroots defenders to carry out their work.

In December 2014, the government passed the Security Laws (Amendments) Act, which the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Kenyan Human Rights Commission (KHRC) assert “contains several provisions which violate… international human rights” norms, including rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression. FIDH and KHRC reported the assault and arrest of eight human rights defenders during peaceful protests against the Act.

Throughout 2014, we regularly accompanied grassroots defenders to police stations in Mathare informal settlement in Nairobi and attended court hearings, gradually building a visible presence in the area.

In December, an Alliance for Lawyers at Risk (ALR) delegation visited Kenya, organised by PBI UK. Its objectives were to offer support to local lawyers at risk and to advocate for PBI, building support amongst government officials for our official registration in the country.

The delegation met with key Kenyan authorities, including the Attorney General, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Chief Justice, High Court judges and representatives from both the Independent Police Oversight Authority and the National Commission on Human Rights, as well as several important civil society organisations.

The ALR delegation’s visit is our most significant advocacy achievement in Kenya to date, fostering recognition of PBI amongst both national authorities and local human rights defenders. PBI will work hard to build on this momentum in 2015.

Indonesia

From 2000-11, PBI accompanied human rights defenders in East and West Timor, Aceh, Jakarta and Papua. This was halted due to political changes and defenders’ evolving needs. We conducted research and consultations to determine how we could continue supporting defenders, recognising the strengths of our support networks, our experience building defenders’ capacities and trust built through long-term relationships with local organisations. This led to the development of a joint project with the Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy (ELSAM), a Jakarta-based NGO, to train at-risk defenders from isolated regions. The project will bring defenders to Jakarta for four-month intensive trainings followed by three months of supported field research.

The political situation in Indonesia was dynamic in 2014, with a hotly contested election calendar dominated by three rounds of national voting. Given that one of the main presidential candidates was former general Prabowo Subianto, accused of numerous human rights abuses under the Suharto dictatorship, the Indonesian human rights community was very active during the elections. This interrupted our preparations, a key component of which is to develop a support network in Jakarta for defenders receiving training, as many of the individuals who would form this network were overwhelmed with election-related activities.

We nevertheless undertook a range of preparatory activities, including recruiting Indonesians with government and civil society experience to establish an Advisory Council to offer expertise in the challenges of working in isolated regions whilst providing political protection to the project; establishing an informal working group of representatives from Jakarta-based human rights organisations to support the trainings; drafting a comprehensive four-month curriculum; identifying mentors to guide the research element of the training; and developing an international protection network for project participants through meetings with the diplomatic community in Jakarta, as well as European civil society organisations.

The defenders set to arrive in Jakarta in January 2015 have varied backgrounds in journalism, domestic violence support work and Church-based community organising. A second round of training with new defenders will begin in mid-2015, and as the project develops we will work towards building a mutual support and protection alumni network.
In 2014, PBI was supported by a total of 312 volunteers who worked in our field projects, our country groups and our international office:

220 volunteers provided support to 13 PBI Country Groups and our International Office in 2014

92 international volunteers provided protection to 291 human rights defenders in the field in 2014

Our supporters in 2014

We would like to thank the many organisations and individuals who made generous contributions to our work in 2014, including:

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to PBI.

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, Sweden, the UK and the USA.

Total income in 2014:
USD $2,864,157

Governments and multilateral bodies 56%
Foundations 36%
Individuals 2%
Country groups 4%
Other 2%

How we spend your money

From every $1 you give us, we spend 88 cents on our human rights work and 9 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 3 cents is used to raise the next $1.

Total expenditure in 2014*:
USD $ 2,474,271

International protective accompaniment and other support for human rights defenders 88%
Fundraising 3%
Governance 9%

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