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# ABOUT

Front Line Defenders is an international human rights organisation founded in Dublin in 2001, with the specific aim of protecting human rights defenders at risk (HRDs). The organisation works to improve the security and protection of human rights defenders and organisations around the world at risk for their peaceful and legitimate human rights work. Front Line Defenders was awarded the 2018 United Nations Human Rights Prize.

Front Line Defenders maintains its headquarters in Dublin, an advocacy office in Brussels, and regionally-based field staff in the Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe & Central Asia, and the Middle East.

Front Line Defenders provides rapid and practical support to human rights defenders at risk through:

- ▶ International advocacy on behalf of human rights defenders at risk, including emergency support for those in immediate danger;
- ▶ Grants and support for the practical security needs (including temporary relocation) of human rights defenders;
- ▶ Capacity building and resource materials on holistic security and protection, including digital security;
- ▶ Well-being opportunities such as the “Rest and Respite” programme for human rights defenders dealing with extreme stress as a result of their work;
- ▶ Support for visibility needs aimed at protection, including media outreach, campaign support, the Front Line Defenders Award and other events, production of visibility materials, and capacity building training on visibility for protection;
- ▶ Opportunities for networking and exchange between human rights defenders, including at the biennial Dublin Platform;
- ▶ Crisis response through an emergency 24-hour phone line operating in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish, as well as rapid crisis support as needed.

**OUR VISION:** Human rights defenders are recognised and supported as essential actors in defending and advancing human rights, and bringing about positive change in society.

**OUR MISSION:** To support and enable the protection of human rights defenders who are at risk as a result of their human rights work.

**OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES:** Front Line Defenders was founded with a clear and ambitious mandate to provide practical support to HRDs who are most at risk. Our values and principles are the fundamental beliefs and principles that underpin the strategic direction of the organisation, the work we do, and how we do it.

**We are focused:** In a complex global context, remaining focused as an organisation on our core mandate – protection of HRDs at risk – is our strength. The organisation is built on a foundation of the primacy and centrality of defenders and being fast, flexible and agile in its support. We will remain focused on responding to the needs expressed by HRDs.

**We demonstrate respect:** Our work is built on profound respect for HRDs, for the work that they do, their courage and their knowledge. We respect the leading role of local civil society in their own contexts. We recognise that listening with empathy to HRDs and understanding the situations they are in is key to providing effective protection support. We demonstrate humility in the role that we have in supporting them.

**We demonstrate perseverance:** We will continue to find ways to provide meaningful support and be present to HRDs facing the most difficult circumstances and at most risk. In many cases this means finding creative solutions, innovating and being brave in our decision making. We also appreciate the importance of continued solidarity as a key element of protection support. We will continue to show determination to hold those in power to account.

# INTRODUCTION

Every year, Front Line Defenders produces *Dispatches*, its annual report detailing the work of the organisation to support the protection and security of human rights defenders at risk around the world.

HRDs face increasing backlash for their peaceful and legitimate human rights work, including killings, judicial harassment, detention, defamation and widespread surveillance. Civic space restrictions, conflict and crises, climate change, online threats, rising authoritarianism and anti-gender policies are significantly and increasingly affecting the work, safety and well-being of HRDs.

In 2022, HRDs in all regions of the world strove to protect human rights in violent conflict and crisis settings including in **Afghanistan, Belarus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Ethiopia, Iran, Kazakhshtan Myanmar, Nicaragua, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Russia, Sahel countries, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and Yemen.**

Defenders took on crucial roles in these contexts, including protecting vulnerable communities, ensuring humanitarian access, delivering humanitarian support, documenting human rights abuses and advocating for change.

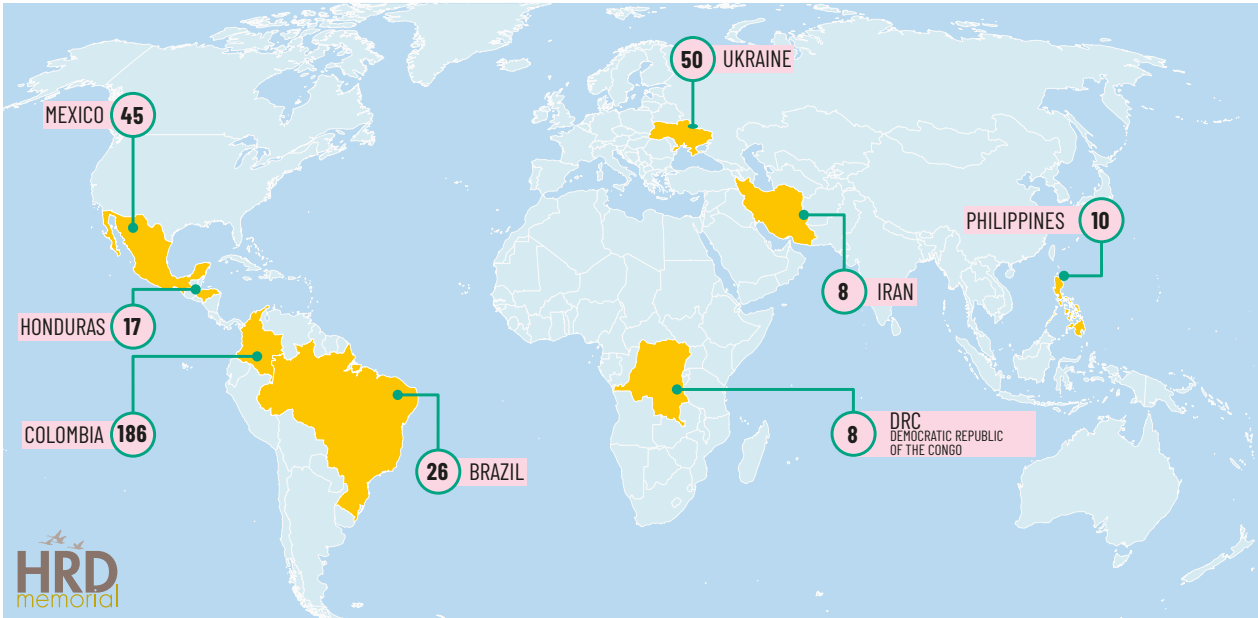
In 2022, Front Line Defenders supported

**2,675** **Human Rights Defenders at risk**  
(49% women, 48% men and 3% gender non-conforming)

**404** **organisations at risk**  
in over **140 countries.**

**97%** of HRDs reported **strengthened security**  
as a result of the organisation's support,

**77%** of HRDs reported being able to **continue their work.**



Once again 2022 proved to be a **deadly year for human rights defenders**, with **HRD Memorial partners** recording the killings of **401** defenders in **26** countries.

**Five** countries, namely **Colombia, Ukraine, Mexico, Brazil and Honduras**, accounted for over **80%** of the global total.

Five countries made up more than 80% of the global total of killings of HRDs in 2022.

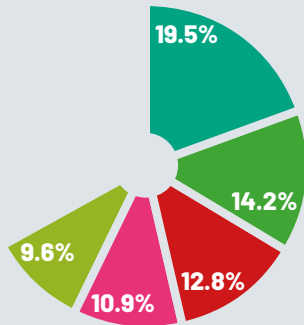
Across the different human rights sectors, defenders working on **land, environmental and indigenous peoples' rights** were most frequently targeted, accounting for **48%** of killings.

# TRENDS AGAINST HRDS IN 2022

## TOP 5 THREATS AGAINST HRDS GLOBALLY

### TOP THREATS FOR 2022

- 1 ARREST / DETENTION
- 2 LEGAL ACTION
- 3 PHYSICAL ATTACK
- 4 DEATH THREAT
- 5 SURVEILLANCE



### *Governments' tactics of repression transcended digital spaces*

as they continued to extend their dominion over the online sphere including through a range of cybercrime legislation, collusion with social media companies, digital surveillance and internet shutdowns. **Sophisticated digital surveillance** used by states and their collaborators remained a very present threat, with new cases of the use of **Pegasus spyware** uncovered in countries including El Salvador, Jordan, Mexico and Thailand.



### *Journalists and HRDs documenting, collecting evidence of and exposing corruption and human rights violations*

during protests and in other contexts of serious repression were criminalised and targeted with office raids, intimidation, digital attacks and surveillance.



### *Criminalisation in all its forms was one of the most pervasive and complex threats*

facing HRDs and their organisations globally. Unchecked legal persecution particularly impacted those working in the sectors of environmental, land and indigenous peoples' rights and freedom of expression and assembly, while anti-corruption, pro-democracy and refugee and migrants rights defenders were also targeted and criminalised.



### *A stark disconnect persisted between the urgency of climate action and the glaring absence of political will to ensure the protection*

*of land, environmental and indigenous peoples' rights defenders* on the frontlines of the global climate justice movement. **Land, indigenous peoples' and environmental rights defenders** were the most targeted sector in 2022, with **arrest and detention**, and **legal action** recorded as the most prominent forms of violations, followed by physical attacks and death threats.

# TRENDS AGAINST HRDS IN 2022



A combination of **brutal violence, impunity, criminality, discrimination and transphobia against diverse sexual and gender identities continued to impede the human rights work of**

**LGBTIQ+ defenders** during the year. In the context of alarming rates of **trans-femicides** in the Americas, killings of trans WHRDs were documented by Front Line Defenders and HRD Memorial partners in Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras and Mexico.



Globally, **women working across all human rights sectors were disproportionately targeted by arrest and detention, legal actions and death threats.** During the year, WHRDs active in the peaceful resistance in

**Afghanistan** and **Sudan** demonstrated remarkable courage and persistence as they continued to take to the streets to demand an end to the widespread violations and discrimination against them. They were targeted with physical attacks, rape, torture and arbitrary detention. From September onwards, as new waves of protest erupted in Iran, women's leadership and resistance served as a catalyst to inspire and mobilise broader Iranian society, making them even more of a target for the Iranian authorities. In retaliation for their leadership in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) in post-coup **Myanmar**, WHRDs were targeted with discriminatory tactics including public humiliation and verbal and sexual abuse by police and military forces. And with limited opportunities for men to leave Ukraine, WHRDs played a crucial role advocating for global support and solidarity, leading civil society calls for accountability for violations of international law, including war crimes, committed by Russian Armed Forces in Ukraine since 2014.



Defenders working on the **right to freedom of**

**assembly or protest movements** were the third most targeted sector in 2022, with arrest and detention, legal action and physical attack accounting for the top three violations. Crackdowns using disproportionate and brutal force were widespread, making the act of peaceful protest increasingly unsafe for demonstrators and defenders.



# 2022 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN NUMBERS

Front Line Defenders provided  
**1,051 protection grants**  
totalling over €2.8 million  
to **853 individuals**  
(458 Men/383 Women/12 Gender Non-Conforming)  
and **198 organisations at risk**  
in **108 countries**

**245 HRDs** received  
risk analysis and protection planning  
support through workshops or consultations

**391 HRDs** and **251 human rights  
organisations** were supported by  
Digital Protection Coordinators

Over **1,352 evacuations**  
of HRDs out of **Afghanistan**  
since August 2021  
(and the obtention of 980 visas),  
with over **370 evacuations** in 2022

**378 HRDs** received  
security consultations  
by Front Line Defenders' **Security Advisor**

Front Line Defenders provided support to  
**17 individual HRDs** and **10 groups**  
from **20 countries**  
through the  
**Rest & Respite Programme**

Front Line Defenders issued **206 Urgent Appeals**  
and statements on behalf of **369 individuals** at risk in **56 countries**

The **2022 Front Line Defenders Award** for human rights defenders at risk was presented to:

**Liah Ghazanfar Jawad** (Afghanistan)

**Ameira Osman Hamid** (Sudan)

**ARTUZ** (Zimbabwe)

**Javier and María del Tránsito** (Mexico)

**Volha Harbunova** (Belarus).

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

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Front Line Defenders developed a specific partnership with the Canadian Government on

**a dedicated refugee stream**

**to provide a safe haven for HRDs at risk**

who are refugees having fled persecution in their home countries.

The **Canada Global Refugee Stream**

for HRDs at risk has been fully operational since **January 2022**,

while a specific stream for **Afghan HRDs** has also been in operation.

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The **Dublin Platform for Human Rights Defenders**

took place on 26-28 October 2022, welcoming

**101 HRDs** from **99 countries.**

Front Line Defenders

published **investigations**

on the use of

**Pegasus spyware**

against HRDs, including

in **Bahrain and Jordan**,

as well as a report on

the **digital security act**

**in Bangladesh.**

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Front Line Defenders

produced **toolkits**

on **wellbeing and resilience**

for HRDs from

**the Americas** and

**the Middle East and North Africa.**

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# UKRAINE RESPONSE TO HRDS AT RISK IN CRISIS CONTEXTS

Front Line Defenders responded rapidly to the increased needs of HRDs following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The support provided included:

## PROTECTION GRANTS:

**56** protection grants totalling over **€200,000** were provided to Ukrainian HRDs.

## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT:

Front Line Defenders provided grants to **organisations at risk** in Ukraine, primarily to support their relocation to safer parts of the country and to **establish shelters**.

## SECURITY EQUIPMENT:

Front Line Defenders provided Starlink satellite kits (to 50 HRDs/ HRorgs), flak jackets (to 100 HRDs), digital security equipment and power equipment to HRDs in the country.

HRDs Viktor Kovalchuk and Tetiana Katrychenko receiving flak jackets for the Media Initiative for Human Rights members documenting war crimes in Ukraine.

**ADVOCACY:** Front Line Defenders supported international advocacy efforts. This included organising **in-person briefings** for EU officials with Crimean HRDs.

## SECURITY ADVICE:

Front Line Defenders' digital protection coordinator, capacity builder and security advisor provided **security consultations to HRDs** in Ukraine. On digital security, the organisation worked closely with digital security partners, including Digital Security Lab, in the country to support implementation of **safe communications systems** (including guidance on how to safely use Starlink kits) as well as the sourcing and replacement of digital security equipment.



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# PROTECTION GRANTS

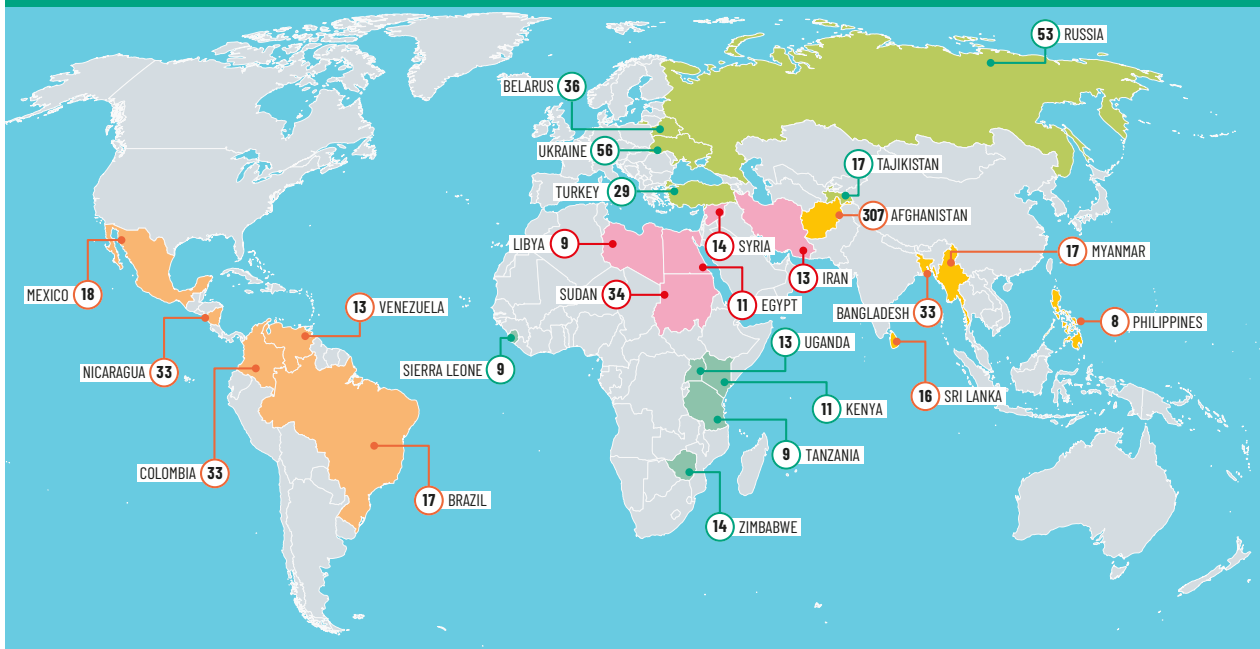
Between January and December 2022, the organisation awarded **1,051 protection grants** to HRDs at risk in **104 countries**, for a total value of **€2,865,114**.

**43%** of grants were assigned to male HRDs, **37%** to WHRDs, **1%** to transmen, **1%** to transwomen and **1%** to gender, queer and non-conforming individuals, while **17%** went to human rights organisations. The disaggregation is similar to the grants provided in 2021.

*"[Thanks to the grant] We have the chance to be calm, to look for new training and employment opportunities and develop our abilities as human rights defenders, visibilising our story and the story of others that has taken place in the Colombian context, without the fear of being deprived of our freedom, of being persecuted and held hostage. This grant has allowed us and our families to feel more secure."*

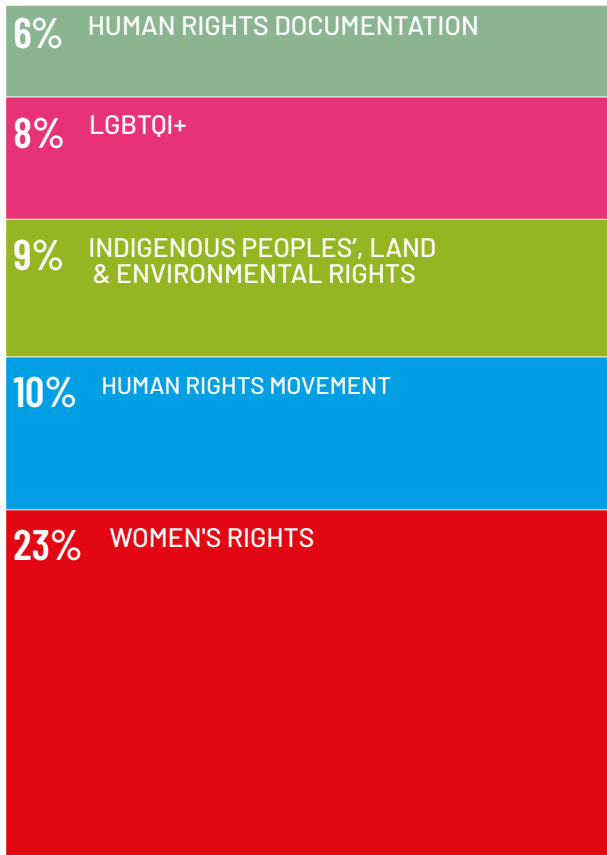
**Colombian HRD grant recipient 2022**

## GRANTS TOP 5 COUNTRIES PER REGION



# PROTECTION GRANTS

## TOP AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORK SUPPORTED



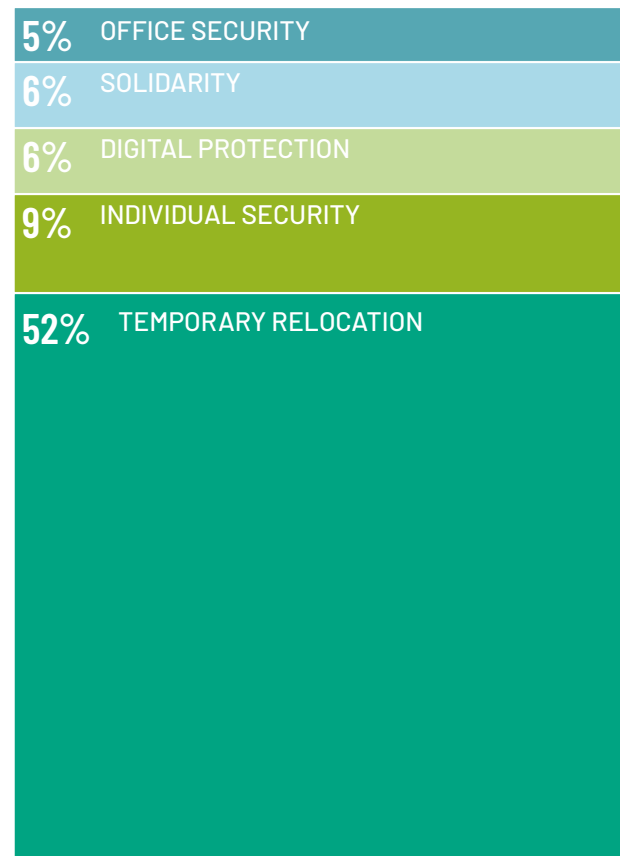
*"If I had not received the grant, I could have been abducted, tortured and probably got injured by state security agents... the grant helped me to continue my work but in a safe zone."*

**HRD from Zimbabwe who received a holistic protection grant in 2022**

*"If it wasn't for the grant we still would have been living in fear of getting arrested and punished, my children would not be able to study and I would not be able to raise my new-born baby. This grant has made not only me more secure, but also my family."*

**Afghan WHRD**

## MAIN FORMS OF PROTECTION SUPPORTED





# CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

In response to concerns expressed by human rights defenders about the challenges of addressing risks and threats, Front Line Defenders has developed a programme of training on holistic security and protection. This programme - which includes workshops, courses, consultations and capacity-building resources - aims to facilitate knowledge, expertise and sharing of skills, to provide HRDs with additional information and tools that may assist in addressing personal and organisational security and protection issues.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT AND PROTECTION PLANNING:**

In 2022, FLD organised 13 Risk Assessment and Protection Planning workshops (including three training of trainers workshops) for 245 HRDs from countries including Armenia, Brazil, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Tajikistan. Of these 245, 164 identified as women, 64 as men and 17 as trans or gender non-conforming. A further 77 HRDs participated in consultations and shorter meetings. Front Line Defenders supported more HRDs in 2022 than in previous years due to the expansion of its Capacity Building team, to include three regional capacity builders, for Europe and Central Asia, the Americas and MENA.

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*“The diversity in the training was very important. As a Syrian defender I have been isolated from sharing my stories with others and learning from their stories. In this training I understand other contexts, [and] learned from each one. I will share the findings of this training with fellows. It is the first time that I hear someone telling me ‘take care of yourself.’”*

**Syrian HRD**

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## **WELL-BEING AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:**

In 2022 Front Line Defenders launched well-being toolkits for the Americas and MENA. Those follow the Eurasia well-being toolkit (in Russian), released in 2021. These region-specific toolkits will support regional well-being and resiliency of defenders.

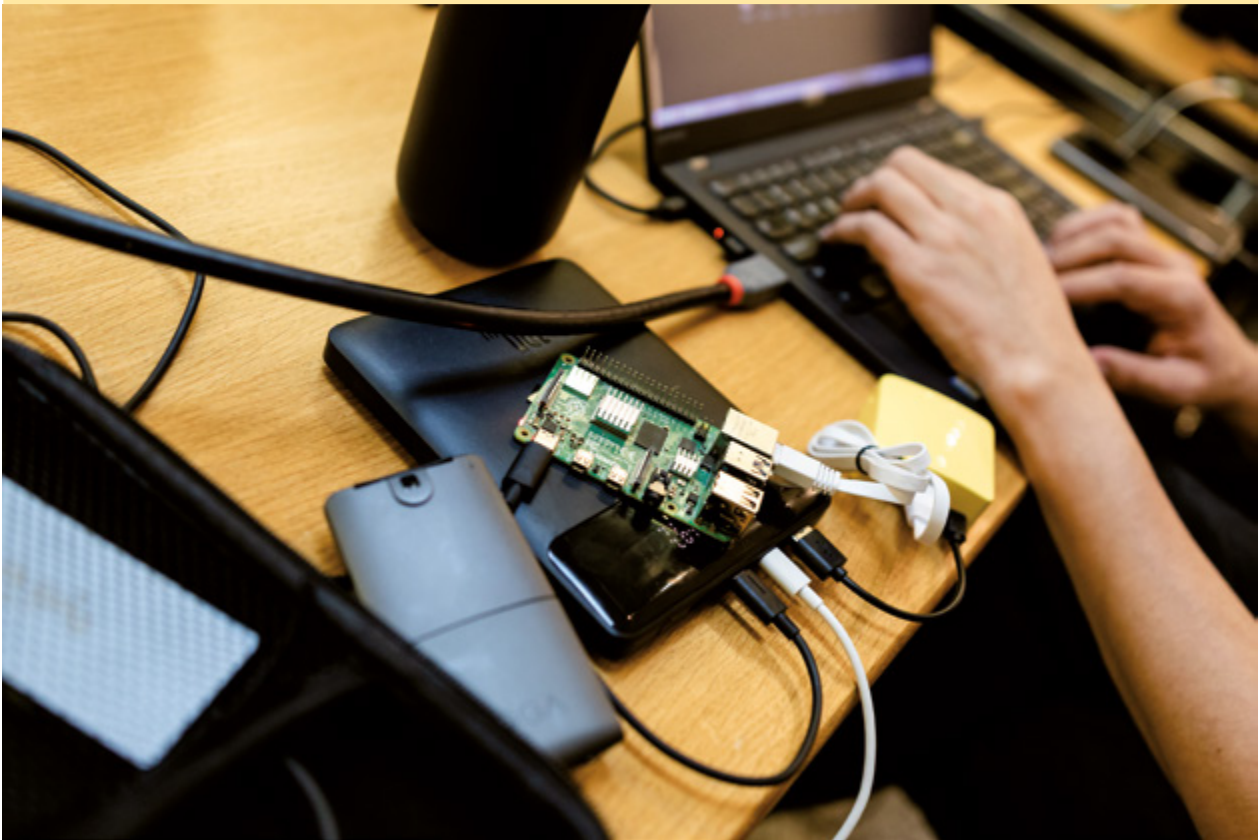
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*“We are in such need of safe places, where one can open up and share whatever hardens their heart. This session was such a safe place and I am grateful [for] it.”*

**WHRD well-being consultation recipient, Armenia 2022**

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In 2022, 43 HRDs received well-being consultations and Front Line Defenders supported several events that brought together well-being practitioners. In Europe and Central Asia, the organisation collaborated with Tbilisi Shelter city on a resiliency and well-being retreat for relocated HRDs, and held a meeting for nine well-being practitioners in the region to share their experience and expertise amongst



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themselves. For Front Line Defenders it was also an opportunity for networking and mapping of opportunities within the region.

In Asia, Front Line Defenders hosted an online forum for HRDs' mental health and well-being, including a presentation on its practices and holistic approach regarding well-being and protection, and learning from other regions.

### **DIGITAL PROTECTION:**

Front Line Defenders created its Digital Protection Programme in 2004 to meet the needs of HRDs facing digital threats. The programme includes practical, hands-on workshops and long-term assistance aimed at implementing more secure practices and tools. Since 2013, we deliver this support through field-based digital protection consultants based in different regions, who work directly with human rights organisations

In 2022, Front Line Defenders' Digital Protection team provided support to 346 HRDs and 197 human rights organisations across 72 countries.

(HROs) and individual HRDs. The programme aims to more effectively assess HRDs' digital needs and risks, help to design and implement tailored security policies and to integrate good practices into daily work and life.

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*"Amid the protests, when protesters' lives were at stake, it was crucial for us human rights defenders to stay in touch with people on the ground. While those of us who were not yet arrested were hiding, to be able to continue our human rights work, especially when the death sentences and execution toll started, digital security protection and having secure means to communicate the messages to the outside world appeared as a life-saving means."*

**Iranian WHRD**

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In 2022, Front Line Defenders' Digital Protection team provided support to 346 HRDs and 197 human rights organisations (directly supporting a further 2,735 HRDs). This support was provided to HRDs from 72 countries and through 497 consultations (including security assessments, responses to emergency incidents and mentoring) and 84 webinars and trainings.

Support was provided for a range of issues including network shutdowns, social media security, online threats/harassment, physical surveillance, and online surveillance and censorship. As the digital work of HRDs continues to increase, the digital protection coordinators team has adapted trainings and support content for increased digitalisation. For example, there has been an increased focus on secure cloud-based document storage or communication tools, and providing increased support to HRDs on preparing devices for confiscation and surveillance.

## **PHYSICAL SECURITY:**

Front Line Defenders' Security Advisor programme is designed to provide in-depth holistic protection support to HRDs most immediately at-risk which is tailored to their specific environment, guiding them through a process by which they learn about physical and personal security strategies and then assume responsibility for the implementation of the security measures.

The Security Advisor supported 378 HRDs in 55 countries through 129 consultations and 21 workshops. In-person security consultations included HRDs from Lebanon, Myanmar, Tanzania and Ukraine.

# VISIBILITY FOR PROTECTION



*Clockwise from left:* Some of the Award winners during an advocacy trip to the US;

The Front Line Defenders annual Award ceremony was held in Dublin in May 2022;

Due to security concerns, Volha Harbunova, a WHRD from Belarus, received the Award in a separate ceremony in Vilnius in December 2022.

## FRONT LINE DEFENDERS AWARD

Front Line Defenders provided a comprehensive security, visibility and advocacy package to HRD Award winners to support their advocacy work around the Award. Front Line Defenders also supported Award winners with advocacy missions to Brussels, New York, Seattle and Washington DC. In 2022, the global laureates were: Africa (Zimbabwe): ARTUZ - Amalgamated Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe. Americas (Mexico) - Javier Barajas Barrera and María del Tránsito Isidra Piña Sánchez; Asia (Afghanistan) - Liah Ghazanfar Jawad; ECA (Belarus) - Volha Harbunova; and MENA (Sudan) - Ameira Osman Hamid.



# VISIBILITY FOR PROTECTION WORKSHOP

## SIERRA LEONE

A Visibility for Protection workshop was held in June 2022 in Sierra Leone. The activity brought together 21 HRDs from different parts of the country facilitated by Front Line Defenders' team. The HRDs had made this specific request for the workshop based on the numerous threats and risks that HRDs had been facing in the run-up to the general elections in Sierra Leone in June 2023. HRD participants included WHRDs, journalists, and environmental rights defenders. The workshop was co-hosted by the Human Rights Defenders Network

Sierra Leone who played a critical role in identifying the participants. The workshop covered a wide variety of topics around risk analysis and protection planning, threat analysis strategies, reacting to harmful narratives, and preparing for interviews, press conference role play, and security when dealing with the media. By the end of the workshop, the participants had strengthened capacity to prepare a security plan and assess risk both at personal and organisational levels.

## DUBLIN PLATFORM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

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*"I am one very angry activist and we need to strengthen our language. Maybe I am too angry, but we need to transform that anger into action. Front Line Defenders matters – they work not only with big organisations, but with those who are not heard. I would not be alive without them".*

**HDR participant from Montenegro**

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Front Line Defenders hosted the Dublin Platform 2022 from 26-28 October, for the first time in person since 2019. Over the three days, the organisation welcomed 101 human rights defenders from 99 countries to the event, hosted at the iconic Dublin

Castle in the city centre. As per previous Platforms, it was a unique occasion to meet, network, share experiences, successes and difficulties, as well as the threats they face and strategies they have developed to address them. The HRDs could also draw the attention of and network with the 155 international guests present.

In 2022, FLD conducted **visibility for protection workshops** and consultations with **23 HRDs**





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*"I feel like I'm with family here, I feel strong, as we are together. Women have a key role in our community in passing on the spiritual knowledge to the next generations."*

**WHRD participant from the Americas**

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Participants broke out into regional working sessions, to examine the issues facing HRDs in their countries, how they are responding to them and how other HRDs or the international community can help. Thematic panels were held on the impact of counter-terrorism and security laws on human rights, protection of HRDs in the context of protests and social movements, and gender ideology and the backlash on feminists and LGBTIQ+ HRDs.

Digital and physical security clinics, as well as a number of safe spaces and psychosocial wellbeing clinics were provided for HRDs throughout the duration of the Platform.

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More than 100 HRDs attended the Dublin Platform in October 2022.

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Of the HRDs surveyed who attended the Platform, 78% said the event improved their well-being and 100% said the event had a positive impact for them. The most useful sessions as reported by HRDs were the testimonials, the regional working groups and the opportunity to engage with leadership and senior officials from the UN, Council of Europe and the EU.

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*"It was great to connect with like-minded people and realise that we somehow share the same values and it's important to continue our work."*

**Feedback from HRD participant.**

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# INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY IN SUPPORT OF HRDS AT RISK

Front Line Defenders Global Advocacy team provides support to human rights defenders at risk through targeted advocacy at the local, national, regional and international levels with governments, inter-governmental organisations and other stakeholders including businesses and International Financial Institutions.

## URGENT ACTIONS:

Front Line Defenders issued

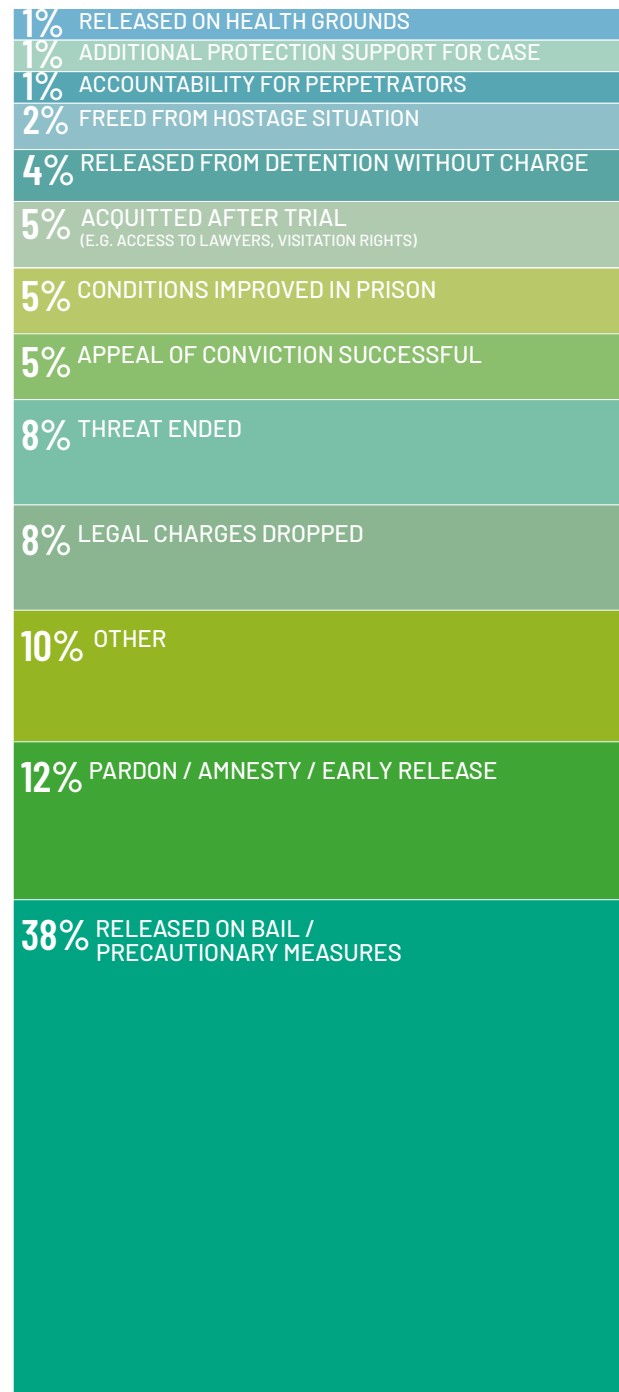
**206** urgent actions

for HRDs in **55** countries.

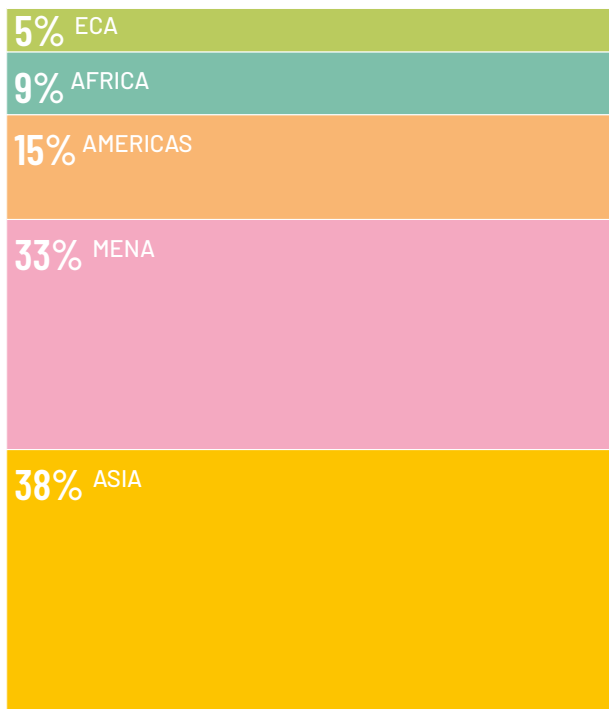
**46%** of total urgent actions

had a **positive outcome** on the situation of HRDs.

## BREAKDOWN OF POSITIVE URGENT ACTION OUTCOMES FOR 2022 BY OUTCOME



## BREAKDOWN OF POSITIVE URGENT ACTION OUTCOMES FOR 2022 BY REGION



## EUROPEAN UNION

Front Line Defenders Global Advocacy team takes up cases of HRDs at risk to the European Institutions. In addition, Front Line Defenders also organises advocacy rounds for HRDs. In 2022, this included for instance, meetings for Cambodian HRDs with representatives from the EEAS, the European Parliament, the cabinet of European Council President Charles Michel, and the European Commission. Other advocacy rounds were organised for Rosalba Velasco (indigenous WHRD - Colombia) and Dalila Argueta (environmental WHRD - Honduras), as well as for HRDs from Iran, Crimea, India and Algeria.



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*From Top:*

The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Dunja Mijatović speaks during the Dublin Platform 2022;

UN Special Rapporteur on HRDs, Mary Lawlor speaks during the Dublin Platform 2022;

President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola met Taghi Rahmani, husband of the Iranian WHRD Narges Mohammadi in Brussels.



# ADVOCACY ON HRDS IN IRAN

Iran has been a key country for advocacy throughout the programme. In 2022, Front Line Defenders conducted heightened advocacy efforts on Iran as HRDs in the country faced an intensified crackdown in the wake of the death of Mahsa Amini on 16 September. The organisation ensured that the 5 October European Parliament resolution on Iran included strong language on the situation and protection needs of HRDs. To follow up on this resolution, Front Line Defenders sent a letter highlighting concerns to High Representative and Vice President Josep Borrell ahead of the 12 October Foreign Affairs Council, during which foreign ministers discussed

the situation in Iran. The measure adopted in response to violations of human rights included sanctions against individuals in charge of arbitrary detention of HRDs. On 24 November, Front Line Defenders participated as a speaker during the 35th special session of the UN Human Rights Council on the deteriorating human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, to highlight the specific needs of (W)HRDs. On 29 November, Front Line Defenders facilitated a meeting between President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola with Taghi Rahmani (the husband of WHRD Narges Mohammadi), about which President Metsola tweeted.



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Front Line Defenders delivering a statement during the UN Human Rights Council 35th Special Session on Iran.

In 2022, as part of ProtectDefenders.eu, Front Line Defenders called for an effective and enabling EU Visa Framework for at-risk Human Rights Defenders. The organisation also actively worked on the EU proposal on environmental and human rights due diligence (see for instance [this briefing](#)).

## UNITED NATIONS

Front Line Defenders engages with the United Nations on the protection of human rights defenders. Front Line Defenders has a Fellow based in Geneva, working with the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders. Front Line Defenders released [UPR Submissions](#) on Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Algeria.

## UNITED STATES

In 2022, Front Line Defenders' US Representative elevated the organisation's visibility with US policymakers and the diplomatic communities in Washington DC and New York primarily through:

- 1) Regular outreach meetings and events for the Front Line Defender Award winners;
- 2) Co-organisation of HRD-centred policy panels; and
- 3) Active participation in policy and civil society coalitions relevant to Front Line Defenders' work, such as the CSO Coalition on Human Rights and Counterterrorism.

## HRD MEMORIAL PROJECT

The HRD Memorial Project continued to gather and verify data on the killings of defenders worldwide. The 2022 data has been made available in Front Line Defenders' Global Analysis 2022.

As part of the Dublin Platform, Front Line Defenders organised a candlelight vigil at the HRD Memorial Monument in Dublin's Iveagh Gardens.

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Front Line Defenders organised a special candlelight vigil in October 2022 for HRDs to visit the HRD Memorial monument in Dublin's Iveagh Gardens.



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# FINANCIALS

## Where FLD spends its resources (2022)

	€	%
Protection Grant Assistant for HRDs	3,210,860	29.09
Programme for HRDs	1,470,630	13.32
Protection Training & Capacity Building	1,060,873	9.61
Regional Based Protection Coordination	1,298,388	11.76
Multilingual Resources for HRDs	91,928	0.86
Dublin Platform for Human Rights	652,759	5.91
Dublin Human Rights Festival	2,992	0.03
Visibility & Legitimacy for HRDs	520,519	4.72
Memorial Project	85,803	0.78
International Advocacy for the Protection of HRDs at Risk	846,517	7.67
Fundraising	283,531	2.57
Governance	127,786	1.16
Support Costs	1,385,883	12.56
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>11,038,468</b>	

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