

LGBTI DEFENDERS





FRONT LINE DEFENDERS

Front Line Defenders is an award winning Irish international organization that provides rapid and practical support to human rights defenders at risk (HRDs) in the most dangerous places in the world.

With a network of field-based Protection Coordinators around the world, the organization delivered security training, digital protection and over \$1,500,000 in emergency grants to over 1,000 activists in more than 80 countries in 2017.

Those supported to continue their critical human rights work include investigative journalists, women rights activists, indigenous peoples' leaders, LGBTI rights defenders and lawyers at risk.

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

It has been decades since human rights and democracy were so under threat in so many places. Around the world, human rights defenders are facing surveillance, defamation, restrictive legislation, and harassment, as well as arrests, disappearances, torture and murder. Democracy and human rights are only possible when courageous individuals and communities are willing to work – and in many cases, struggle – for them. They need to be able and empowered to continue their work. Front Line Defenders focuses specifically on that: protecting the people who campaign – at great risk – for human rights.



SAFETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS WHAT WE DO

- **Resources for Emergency Assistance:** Relocation, legal and medical support, security systems, digital protection and family support to human rights defenders at great risk.

- **Training:** Personal and digital security experts provide life-saving skills to human rights defenders at risk around the world.

- **International Advocacy:** Connecting isolated vulnerable human rights defenders with a world-wide-alert that shines a light on their case at the most influential and senior levels.

- **Rest & Respite:** When the pressure, danger and stress become overwhelming, we organise rest and respite opportunities, including through the Front Line Defenders Fellowship.

- **Visibility:** Documenting and reporting the challenges facing human rights defenders working in some of the most difficult environments.

- **Emergency 24-Hour Hotline** for human rights defenders in immediate danger.

- **Front Line Defenders Annual Award** honouring some of the bravest individuals on earth.



LGBTI/SOGIE RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Human rights defenders working on issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE) face not only the same threats and risks as all HRDs, but are also targeted simply because of their identity. [Click here](#) to learn more about cases of LGBT HRDs at risk.

Front Line Defenders provides grants, training, digital security consultation, advocacy and visibility support to LGBTI HRDs around the world, including in countries where homosexuality is criminalized. In providing these services and resources, the organization takes into account the unique challenges faced by LGBTI HRDs:

* In 2016, following the assassination of a LGBT magazine editor in Bangladesh, Front Line Defenders provided a protection grant for secure accommodation for 4 LGBT HRDs in Dhaka.

* In 2017, Front Line Defenders conducted a research mission to Indonesia, where the LGBT community has come under threat from both the state and religious extremist groups. In December, the report, "[Attacks on LGBT Rights Defenders Escalating in Indonesia](#)" put the spotlight on trends in the country and provided specific recommendations to the government, diplomatic missions and other entities to create a safer environment for LGBT HRDs and the community.

* In 2019 Front Line Defenders will publish a non-fiction graphic novel on LGBTI HRDs in 5 countries.



GRANTS

In 2016 and 2017, Front Line Defenders provided:

88 Protection Grants

€ 194,002.24

to LGBT HRDs

The grants provided support for:

Secure Relocation	39%
Office Security	26%
Individual Security	13%
Digital Security	9%
Medical	7%
Solidarity	4%
Legal	2%



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