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**TO BE
HUMAN
FOR
JUSTICE.**



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WORK OF LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDERS CANADA?

Without the rule of law, progress in all sectors – democracy, health, education, food, security, environment – remains elusive. To quote a UN Special Rapporteur, “without justice, neither security nor development can be fully achieved.”

That is why it is essential for lawyers to unite across borders to help change the world. This is the unflinching commitment of hundreds of them, staff members of Lawyers Without Borders Canada (LWBC), volunteers, partners and other allies: to meet the needs of the most vulnerable, marginalized, poor, discriminated against, and victims of the most severe human rights violations; to use the law to overcome impunity and make justice a reality with and for them.

Legal empowerment of people in vulnerable situations is a strong leverage tool for developing their capacity to act, to change their lives and transform society. The results of LWBC throughout the period covered by this report (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019) are striking evidence in this respect.

ACTIONS AT THE HEART OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

While the «migrant caravan» caused a political crisis in the United States and fuelled the international debate about welcoming asylum seekers, LWBC was already working in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, the three main countries of origin of caravan migrants.

It is violence and insecurity that forces so many people into exile, particularly the fear that their children will be recruited by criminal gangs or become victims of human trafficking. Precisely, LWBC is strengthening the capacity of prosecutors and civil society organizations to fight such cross-border crimes in this region.

The anti-corruption demonstrations that shook and even paralyzed Haiti for some time also made headlines. Active in that country since 2005, LWBC is currently working with its partners to vigorously combat corruption and impunity.

The expertise acquired by Quebec’s Commission of Inquiry on the Awarding and Management of Public Contracts in the Construction Industry, known as the “Charbonneau Commission” is being shared with Haitian prosecutors to strengthen the fight against organized crime. The expertise of the Quebec Ombudsman (*Protecteur du citoyen du Québec*) is being used in support of Haiti’s Ombudsman Office (*Office de la protection du citoyen d’Haïti*) to increase their capacity to respond to citizens who are victims of injustice.

Mali has also been at the centre of international attention. It is now a key country in the fight against terrorism. While Canada deployed its first peacekeepers there after a quarter-century break, LWBC has been active in the country since 2012.

Drawing in particular on its Canadian and international experience, LWBC is the main partner of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission, whose mandate is critical for the stabilization of the country, the region and the world. In partnership with several Malian and Canadian organizations, LWBC also assists in strengthening access to justice and in the fight against gender-based violence in order to improve women’s lives.

LWBC’s work towards reconciliation and peace is being pursued at the same time in other countries such as Colombia, where LWBC has enabled women to actively participate in the process of implementing peace agreements, and in Mozambique, where the effects of the conflict on women were at last documented with the support of LWBC.

IMPACTS IN CANADA

The arrival in Montreal of two of “Snowden’s Guardian Angels”, those refugee claimants who sheltered the famous whistleblower, showed the importance of the support LWBC provided to their lawyer, whose right to practise his profession has been severely challenged in a context of weakened rule of law in Hong Kong.

The complete release of Omar Khadr is a happy outcome to this tragic story of injustice and Canada’s violation of the fundamental rights of one of its citizens, demonstrating that through courage and perseverance in the use of judicial procedures, justice can prevail. LWBC has been active in this case since 2008, up to the Supreme Court of Canada and in the media.

The forum we organized in Quebec City in October 2018 was also a unique opportunity to build bridges and share experiences from Canada and Latin America to help protect and promote the rights of indigenous communities.

JUDICIAL VICTORIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It should also be noted that this is yet another successful year in terms of judicial victories to which LWBC has contributed along with its partners: a court order requiring the State to provide special services to women who had been victims of the Colombian armed conflict, recognition of the responsibility of the Peruvian State in emblematic cases of enforced disappearance and torture, release of more than 100 people held in abusive detention in Haiti and a historic sentence in a case of enforced disappearance and sexual violence in Guatemala are just some of the examples that show that justice can be done.

WORKING TOGETHER TO GIVE MEANING TO THE WORD “JUSTICE”

Many of you have participated in these achievements or supported the organization in many different ways. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our ever-growing number of partners, friends and allies who contributed to LWBC’s continued growth in the last fiscal year 2018-2019.

Let us continue on this path of solidarity, conviction and determination. It is worth it, and it brings results: Together, we give meaning to the word “justice”.



Miguel Baz

Miguel Baz
Chairman of the
Board of Directors



Pascal Paradis

Pascal Paradis
Executive Director

OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

	2019	2018
REVENUE		
Donor contributions for programs	\$11,478,020	\$6,492,586
Contributions in the form of services provided	2,158,433	1,474,731
Private funding	277,158	346,918
Other	24,519	1,673
TOTAL	13,938,130	8,315,908
EXPENSES		
Programs	10,202,161	5,754,546
Contributions in the form of services provided	2,158,433	1,474,731
Other projects; development activities; awareness-raising and communications; administration	742,878	615,650
Fundraising events	39,046	44,323
Amortisation on tangible capital assets	4,273	-
TOTAL	13,146,791	7,889,250
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$791,339	\$426,658

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF MARCH 31, 2019

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Short-term		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$5,056,274	\$3,365,515
Accounts receivable	190,905	174,354
Prepaid expenses	67,139	13,579
Advances to project partners	359,931	137,017
	5,674,249	3,690,465
Tangible capital assets	23,874	-
TOTAL	\$5,698,123	\$3,690,465
LIABILITIES		
Short-term		
Operating liabilities	\$438,999	\$304,394
Deferred revenue	3,572,493	2,490,779
TOTAL	4,011,492	2,795,173
NET ASSETS	1,686,631	895,292
TOTAL	\$5,698,123	\$3,690,465

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

	Unrestricted	Contingency funds	Invested in tangible capital assets	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL
BALANCE (beginning of year)	\$395,292	\$500,000	-	\$895,292	\$468,634
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	795,612	-	(4,273)	791,339	\$426,658
Investment in tangible capital assets	(28,147)	-	28,147	-	-
Internally restricted	(790,000)	790,000	-	-	-
BALANCE (end of year)	\$372,757	\$1,290,000	\$23,874	\$1,686,631	\$895,292

BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2018 AND MARCH 31, 2019, LWBC...

completed

197 COOPERATION MISSIONS

with a total of more than

8,864 DAYS IN THE FIELD

in

17 COUNTRIES:

BENIN, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, FRANCE, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, IVORY COAST, MALI, MOZAMBIQUE, NETHERLANDS, PERU, SENEGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, UNITED STATES

has

9 OFFICES WORLDWIDE:

QUEBEC CITY, MONTREAL, BAMAKO, BOGOTÁ, MEDELLÍN, CIUDAD DE GUATEMALA, PORT-AU-PRINCE, SAN SALVADOR AND TEGUCIGALPA

Abroad, each team is mainly composed of local employees.

has deployed

76 VOLUNTEERS

including

42 women and **34** men

in

8 COUNTRIES

has

46% OF VOLUNTEERS under **35**

has

94 EMPLOYEES

throughout the world including **55** women and **39** men

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Thank you to all our employees, interns, international volunteers, board members, partners, allies, university groups and hundreds of extraordinary volunteers and friends who are the architects of LWBC and its achievements.



MARIBEL BARÓN

Colectivo de mujeres visibles de Urabá, workshop attendee, *Retejiendo Saberes*, in Colombia.

Through these workshops, we were able to build trust, feel freer to express ourselves and become more and more autonomous. LWBC workshops have sparked in me the desire to participate in transitional justice, to move forward. I've transformed myself. Before I wasn't talking and now I'm running for public office. I am now convinced that efforts are necessary to implement the peace agreements, to find out the truth and to ensure that there are reparations, since sending people to prison does not ensure that the social fabric will be repaired.



ALASSANE AL-BAKAYA TOURÉ

Legal aid and legal assistance officer for the Groupe de Recherche, d'Étude, de Formation Femme-Action (GREFFA), partner organization in the project JUPREC, in Gao, Mali.

I am now a feminist. The situation of women in my country concerns me because they don't yet have the place they deserve, they don't participate enough in the development of their community. Women have the right to speak out, as much as men. I am proud, deeply proud, to assist women who have suffered so much.



We congratulate and thank LWBC for the actions taken before the UN to ensure that our rights are respected and our voice is heard. We have access to little information and many things seem to be decided without us. This is the first time in nine years that we have been informed of approaches to the UN. The fight of cholera victims is sometimes a difficult commitment.

Interview in Mirebalais, during a meeting held with about ten representatives of associations of victims of the cholera epidemic in Haiti.

GUATEMALA

Guatemala is plunged into a political crisis that is affecting progress in the fight against impunity. The government tries to constrain the capacity of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) to act. Violence against women remains largely unpunished despite its high prevalence. LWBC and its partners are active in three regions of the country and at the national level to strengthen civil society organizations that provide legal, psychosocial and financial services to victims of human rights violations, particularly indigenous women and girls.

> Indigenous organizations and indigenous women's organizations supported by LWBC **make and put forward recommendations** to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples on the rights of indigenous women victims of violence.

> **Conviction of a former soldier for a crime against humanity** for the massacre of at least 200 people during the Guatemalan civil war in the «Las Dos Erres» case, which has been supported by LWBC for several years.

> 42 prosecutors, lawyers and justice stakeholders from **14 regions strengthen their capacity** to protect and defend the rights of indigenous women through strategic litigation.

THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA

The crime of human trafficking, often linked to criminal organizations, is a particularly worrying phenomenon that affects women and girls in a preponderant and differentiated way. LWBC aims to build the capacity of prosecutors and civil society organizations in the countries of the Northern Triangle of Central America (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador) who work to prosecute and punish this cross-border crime.

> More than **200 justice stakeholders strengthen their capacities** to apply international regulations regarding cross-border crimes and share good practices in the investigation and prosecution of the crime of human trafficking.

> **Conviction obtained** in an emblematic case: a woman who forcibly brought Salvadoran underage girls to a Guatemalan penitentiary for sexual exploitation by gang leaders is sentenced to 11 years in prison.

> Coordination and communication mechanisms between justice institutions supported by LWBC make it possible to **identify dozens of victims, remove them from human trafficking networks and ensure their testimony in court.**

> **28 victims receive quality legal or judicial assistance** in 17 trafficking cases.

> **99 women, 5 girls and 118 men victims** of enforced disappearances, forced displacement, torture, massacre and genocide benefit from better legal representation.

Projects: Rights and Justice for Indigenous Women and Girls in consortium with the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation – CECI – Global Affairs Canada, Bilateral Program

Protection of Children, Women and Other Vulnerable Communities (in consortium with the International Bureau for Children's Rights) – Global Affairs Canada, Volunteer Cooperation Program

Guatemalan partners: Asociación de Abogadas Indígenas Chomija, Asociación Generando Equidad, Liderazgo y Oportunidades, Bufete Jurídico de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala, Bufete Jurídico Feminista de Derechos Humanos, Bufete para Pueblos Indígenas, Centro para la Acción Legal en Derechos Humanos, Consorcio de Asociaciones del Municipio de Santiago Atitlán, Fundación Myrna Mack, Mujeres Transformando el Mundo, Oficina de Derechos Humanos del Arzobispado de Guatemala, Red Ixopit Tinamit, Red Departamental de Mujeres Sololteacas con Visión Integral

HONDURAS

The impacts of the 2009 coup d'état and the 2017 institutional crisis continue to have a polarizing effect on public debate and represent a major human rights challenge. The context is one of high insecurity, restrictions on freedom of expression and the criminalisation of the work of human rights defenders. LWBC is working towards the development of case law that contributes to the effective protection of human rights, in particular women's rights, and seeks to increase the participation of civil society in the fight against corruption and impunity.

> A victory in a case seeking to challenge the criminalization of abortion brings hope for women by **placing limits on the criminalization of the voluntary termination of pregnancy**, and is also an important professional milestone for the partner lawyers who led the case.

> **An action is brought by an LWBC-supported partner to demonstrate unconstitutionality and non-compliance with international law** of the Information Act, which imposes restrictions on access to information on the use of public funds and national security matters.

> Support of four emblematic cases brought before the Inter-American Human Rights System: 34 victims, including 18 women, benefit from legal representation in these cases, which relate in particular to **the rights of LGBTI communities and the right to land.**

> **The emblematic trial** against the eight men accused of being the material perpetrators of the murder of **Berta Cáceres**, an environmental activist and defender of indigenous peoples' rights, **is monitored and documented to enable the public to understand the issues at stake in the case.**

> The capacities of 70 lawyers, including 50 women, were strengthened on command responsibility through a regional forum for sharing experience and best practices, with a view to reopening several cases.

Projects: Justice, Governance, and Fight Against Impunity – Global Affairs Canada, Bilateral Program

Protection of Children, Women and Other Vulnerable Communities (in consortium with the International Bureau for Children's Rights) – Global Affairs Canada, Volunteer Cooperation Program

Honduran partners: Bufete de derechos humanos de Tegucigalpa, Bufete de Estudios para la Dignidad, Centro de Derechos de Mujeres, Centro de Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos, Comité de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos en Honduras, Comité por la Libre Expresión, Red de Abogadas del Sur, Red de Respuesta Lésbica CATTRACHAS

HAITI

For several years, Haiti has been experiencing a context of political instability marked by successive crises. The Haitian government and institutions remain fragile. In addition, there is growing insecurity due to the rise of organized crime. A grassroots movement has emerged, exposing corruption, particularly within the political sphere. Demonstrations have brought the country to a standstill. The action of LWBC aims to improve access to justice for vulnerable people, particularly women, children and detainees, and to fight against impunity.

> A new approach to the fight against illegal and arbitrary detention results in **the release of 119 people, including 20 women and 15 children, some of whom have been detained for nearly 10 years**, through habeas corpus class actions led by lawyers from Haiti's Ombudsman Office (*Office de la Protection du Citoyen*) with the support of LWBC.

> Mechanisms to fight impunity are strengthened with the **first law firm specializing in strategic human rights litigation**, already working on important cases, particularly for the rights of women victims of gender-based violence and victims of the cholera epidemic.

> **The voice of victims of the cholera epidemic is brought before Haitian courts and UN representatives:** an appeal is lodged for the establishment of a victim compensation commission and a study on victims' needs and expectations is conducted and presented, confirming the feasibility of individualized assistance.

> **The OPC's capacity to handle complaints and advocate is strengthened:** this agency adopts a guide to streamline the handling of complaints filed by citizens and improve its investigative capacity, and publishes its 2017-2018 annual report after six years of interruption, including an analysis of the human rights situation and recommendations to the government.

> **New litigation practices emerge: 82 people, including 35 women**, are trained in strategic litigation of emblematic cases of human rights violations, and **new legal cases are brought** in the field of violence against women.

> **A petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is prepared** by LWBC and the Collective against Impunity to call on the Haitian State to recognize and investigate violations committed during the dictatorship.

> **Awareness is raised among citizens about the importance of human rights and the impact of the dictatorship.** This is done through the FOKAL Foundation and the production of works of art that help Haitians gain a better understanding of their rights, which will enable them to claim those rights and participate in a constructive dialogue with the Haitian State.

Projects: Access to Justice and Fight against Impunity in Haiti – Global Affairs Canada, Bilateral Program

Protection of Children, Women and Other Vulnerable Communities (in consortium with the International Bureau for Children's Rights) – Global Affairs Canada, Volunteer Cooperation Program

Haitian partners: Asosyasyon Fanm Soley Dayiti, law firm specializing in strategic human rights litigation, Collectif contre l'impunité, Collectif devoir de mémoire, Défenseurs Plus, Fanm Deside, Femme en Action Contre la Stigmatisation et la Discrimination Sexuelle, Fondation Connaissance et Liberté, Groupe d'Appui aux Rapatriés et Réfugiés, Kay Fanm, Kouraj poupwoteje dwa moun, Kri Fanm Ayiti, Office de la Protection du Citoyen d'Haiti, Unité de Recherche et d'Actions Médico-Légales

Canadian and international partners: Éducaloi, Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti, Protecteur du citoyen du Québec

IVORY COAST

Arbitrary arrests and detentions, the use of repressive laws to silence dissent, the presidential amnesty order for crimes related to the 2010-2011 crisis, gender-based inequality and violence are all part of the Ivorian context in 2018-19. LWBC supports the development of community-based legal services adapted to women and children, and contributes to strengthen capacities of civil society organizations to carry out advocacy actions and to legally represent people in vulnerable situations.

> 9 emblematic cases for a **better protection of the rights of children** are legally prepared to be submitted to court.

> National and international advocacy actions are carried out and legal issues are documented to combat **amnesty, statelessness and female genital mutilation.**

Project: Protection of the Rights of Children, Women and other Vulnerable Communities (in consortium with the International Bureau for Children's Rights) – Global Affairs Canada, Volunteer Cooperation Program

Ivorian partners: Actions pour la protection des droits de l'Homme, Association des femmes juristes de Côte d'Ivoire, Mouvement ivoirien des droits humains

MOROCCO

TUNISIA

■ LWBC countries of intervention

■ Countries in which LWBC deploys international volunteers in collaboration with the International Bureau for Children's Rights as part of the Protection of Children, Women and Other Vulnerable Communities project

MALI

Intensified violence and killings of civilians by illegal armed groups, deployment of Canadian soldiers as part of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Mali, failure of the State to restore its presence and authority throughout the country, shift of crisis and violence from the north to the centre and a presidential election; the year has been hectic in Mali. LWBC contributes to the prevention of violence, particularly against women, and promotes reconciliation and peace by advocating for the respect of Malians' human rights that were violated during the crisis by strengthening the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (CVJR).

> **The civil society, legally strengthened by LWBC, has a positive impact on public policies:** a coalition of Malian organizations campaigns against the adoption of an amnesty bill targeting the perpetrators of crimes related to the crisis (National Accord Law), delaying its approval and getting the government to consult with civil society and make improvements, including reparation for victims.

> **A new generation of human rights lawyers emerges** trained and professionally supported by LWBC. Some of them are members of the *Ligue des juristes pour la paix et le respect des droits humains*, founded on their initiative with the support of LWBC.

> The peace process is materialized through the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (CVJR), who develops a **reparation policy based on the needs and expectations of victims** and international best practices. Its investigation unit is set up, trained, equipped and **starts investigations. 1344 victims are mobilized** in the regions of Kidal, Timbuktu, Gao, Mopti, Ségou and Bamako, and **526 victims of the refugee camp of M'Bera in Mauritania give testimony.**

> Prevention of gender-based violence and better respect for human rights: thousands of conflict victims, including women and children with urgent needs, are now aware of their rights, and hundreds receive **legal, judicial and psychological support services.**

MOZAMBIQUE

Women are among the main victims of significant inequalities. The decades of civil war in Mozambique have had profound consequences that are felt in the legal and judicial spheres, among others. Although Mozambique is regarded as a model for successful democratic transition, the reality is much more complex. LWBC aims to promote access to justice, particularly for women and girls, to reduce gender-based violence and other human rights violations.

> **245 women, victims of the conflict, are actively involved** and make their voices and demands heard following a consultation process, leading to the **first report ever published in the country on the impact of the conflict on women.**

> **A complaint for an emblematic case of gender-based violence is filed** on behalf of a group of women before the Economic Community of West African States Court of Justice. This is the first time that a supranational court will have the opportunity to consider the responsibility of the Malian State for serious human rights violations committed in the context of the armed conflict.

> **12 women are included in proceedings before the International Criminal Court** as victims in the case of Al Hassan, former chief of the Islamic police suspected of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Timbuktu, and can thus actively participate in the various stages of the proceedings.

Projects: Justice, Prevention and Reconciliation for Women, Minors and Others Affected by the Crisis (in consortium with Centre for International Studies and Cooperation – CECI and The University of Public Administration – ENAP) – Global Affairs Canada, Bilateral Program

Support to the Commission of Truth, Justice and Reconciliation for Peace and Stability – Global Affairs Canada, Peace and Stabilization Operations Program
Malian partners: Association des femmes africaines pour la recherche et le développement, Association des Juristes Maliennes, Association de lutte contre l'esclavage par ascendance au Mali, Association pour le Progrès et la Défense des Droits des Femmes, Association du Sahel d'aide à la femme et à l'enfance, Association Subaahi Gumo, Avocats sans frontières Mali, Coalition Malienne des Défenseurs des Droits Humains, Collectif Cri de Coeur, Commission vérité, justice et réconciliation (CVJR), Éduquer, former les femmes en appui au développement, Environnement et développement du Tiers-Monde, Groupe de recherche d'étude de formation femme-action, Groupe Pivot Droits et Citoyenneté des Femmes, Observatoire des droits de la femme et de l'enfant, Tribune Jeunes pour le Droit au Mali, Université des sciences juridiques et politiques de Bamako, Women in Law and Development in Africa
Canadian partner: Éducaloi

COLOMBIA

With the open hostility expressed by the new government towards the peace agreement and major budget cuts in transitional justice mechanisms, several historic achievements in recent years in the field of justice, peace and reconciliation are at stake. In Colombia, LWBC is present in the regions most affected by the conflict and aims to strengthen the capacity of victims of armed conflict, particularly women and girls victims of gender-based violence, to improve their access to justice, truth and reparation.

> **The voice of women victims of conflict has a positive influence on the implementation of the peace agreement: 465 women** improve their knowledge of transitional justice mechanisms, strengthen their capacity to participate in dialogue with the government and **implement 13 initiatives** in their communities.

> **64 women** from the regions most affected by the conflict **bring directly to the authorities their recommendations** for the protection of their rights and **participate in the decisions** that affect them.

> Inclusion, for the first time, of **recommendations to the Colombian government on the protection of the rights of demobilized women** in the report of the Committee of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, following LWBC's intervention in Geneva.

COSTA RICA

> Capacity building for civil servants who interact directly with female victims allows for **constructive dialogue and leads to the adoption of concrete actions** within local and regional institutions: appropriate strategies for the care of victims and the creation of specific institutions for the protection of the rights of women victims of gender-based violence.

> **Four important court decisions** allowing cases of extrajudicial execution and sexual violence to be brought forward.

Projects: Transitional Justice for Women – Global Affairs Canada, Peace and Stabilization Operations Program

Strengthening Demobilised Women's Access to Justice - Ministry of international relations and la Francophonie of Quebec – Québec International Development Program

Protection of Children, Women and Other Vulnerable Communities (in consortium with the International Bureau for Children's Rights) – Global Affairs Canada, Volunteer Cooperation Program

Colombian partners: Colectiva Justicia y Mujer, Corporación 8 de Marzo, Corporación Guasimí, Corporación Humanas, Corporación Justicia y Dignidad, Corporación Mujeres que Crean, Defensoría del Pueblo, Equipo Jurídico Pueblos, Fondo de Solidaridad con los Jueces Colombianos, Mujeres Tejedoras de Vida, Universidad Industrial de Santander

PERU

Peru is at a crucial moment in its history in the fight against impunity and corruption. The mobilization of civil society in response to corruption scandals in the political and legal world is giving new momentum to the country despite parliamentary instability, the judicial crisis and the high impunity rate for crimes against women and children. LWBC works with civil society organizations to support their ability to demand justice.

> **The Supreme Court confirms the invalidity of the pardon granted to former President Alberto Fujimori** by a first-instance judge. This decision is an important victory for the fight against impunity in the country and for the families of the many victims of human rights violations committed during his regime.

> **Recognition of the responsibility of the Peruvian State** by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in an emblematic case of enforced disappearances and torture of five people.

Project: Protection of the Rights of Children, Women and Other Vulnerable Communities (in consortium with the International Bureau for Children's Rights) – Global Affairs Canada, Volunteer Cooperation Program

Peruvian partners: Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos, Instituto Promoviendo Desarrollo Social

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 YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR PRIDE**

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 The results we achieve are also theirs.

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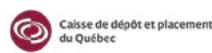
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International seminar on the implementation of the right to consultation of indigenous peoples, Guatemala. © Aldo Fabrizio Fernández Comparini



Demobilized women gather for the 1st national gathering of women and diversity, Colombia. © Lawyers Without Borders Canada



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An LWBC volunteer legal advisor participates in the thematic hearings of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights with the Peruvian organization Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos. © Lawyers Without Borders Canada



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