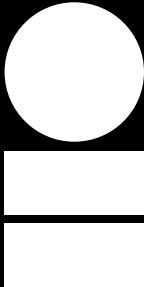


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Annual Report  
2022-2023



Justice  
Solidarity  
Cooperation  
Commitment  
Integrity  
Independence

# Let's raise our voices

## Our Mission

Lawyers Without Borders Canada (LWBC) is a non-governmental international cooperation organization that has supported global efforts over the past 20 years to defend the human rights of the most vulnerable by strengthening access to justice and legal representation.

## Our Approach

- Actively defend and promote the rule of law;
- Fight all forms of impunity;
- Strengthen the capacities of justice system actors and members of civil society;
- Take action to improve the security and independence of human rights lawyers;
- Provide continuous training to legal professionals;
- Ensure fair and equitable trials.

## Who do we help?

Our assistance is aimed at people in vulnerable situations, including women victims of gender-based violence, youth, indigenous communities, individuals discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and any person whose human rights have been violated.

# Leveraging the law to empower the vulnerable in the **face of adversity**



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**Delia Cristea**

Board of Directors  
Chairperson



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**Pascal Paradis**

Executive Director

Among the highlights of the twelve months spanning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 were the celebrations surrounding Lawyers Without Borders's (LWBC) 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Special events were organized in each of LWBC's offices, a fresh visual identity was launched, and a fundraising campaign drew in a record amount of funding of over \$430,000.

An initiative led by the brave members of the Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association (JurFem) was launched in Ukraine to support victims of conflict-related sexual violence. A first in terms of operational context, LWBC is honoured to provide support to Ukrainian civil society.

LWBC also carried out its first interventions in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where it provided support to the Tumaini project on the health and rights of women and girls, implemented by Université de Montréal's International Health Unit in partnership with the Panzi Foundation (founded by Nobel Peace Prize winner Denis Mukwege).

And as things often come in threes, LWBC also set foot in Senegal for the first time to help set up the PAFEJ project, led by Desjardins International Development with the aim of supporting the economic and social empowerment of women and young entrepreneurs in Senegal.

With 18 projects implemented in 11 countries in the Americas and the Caribbean (Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras), in Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Senegal) and Eastern Europe (Ukraine) – in addition to its Canada-based activities – LWBC kicks off its 21<sup>st</sup> year of hard work with unprecedented geographical diversity.

Volunteer cooperation also made huge leaps over the past year. With 26 volunteers deployed to field offices, participation in LWBC's international cooperation program reached the highest number of volunteers since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the volatility and complexity of the contexts in which we work lead us to take a more nuanced view of the international cooperation program, as volunteers and partners navigate war environments, terrorist attacks, and a decline in the rule of law and democracy.

**In spite of these hurdles, leveraging the law to empower individuals continues to show a consistently optimistic track record.**

In 2022-2023, LWBC and its partners witnessed a number of court battle victories in favour of justice and equality, and breakthroughs for transitional justice that fostered reconciliation and further advances in the fight against corruption and impunity.

LWBC and dozens of partner organizations were on the frontline of some of the world's most pressing issues.

The issue of the protection of women's sexual and reproductive rights is now playing out on several fronts, beyond the Roe v. Wade overruling, which stripped away women's right to choose in the United States of America. In Honduras, LWBC is actively involved in campaigns protesting the country's total ban on abortion.

The rights of individuals belonging to sexual orientation and gender identity minorities are also at stake. Trans individuals in El Salvador are fighting for the right to change their name.

The fight for gender equality and against gender-based violence is also making headway. In Haiti, a new

generation of young lawyers is leading a battle to secure the release of women held in abusive pretrial detention. In Guatemala, the rampant issue of sexual violence in schools was brought to light, and a teacher was convicted following accusations filed by one of his pupils.

An Inter-American Forum on Combatting Human Trafficking organized by LWBC in Colombia helped nurture transnational cooperation to establish more effective ways of fighting crimes of human trafficking – a scourge that has reached an international level.

Descent-based slavery went from being a taboo topic to a significant subject of concern among Malian authorities. As a result, several self-proclaimed masters of individuals considered to have inherited their parents' status of slaves have been brought to trial, and the Government has committed to adopting a law aimed specifically at ending descent-based slavery. The role played by civil society organizations, with support from LWBC, has been absolutely crucial to securing these victories.

**Achieving these results naturally relies strongly on financial means, especially seeing as the services LWBC offers worldwide are provided free of cost.**

Totalling over seventeen million dollars, the organization's operating budget for 2022-2023 increased by two million dollars against the previous year. We hope to see a further increase for 2023-2024.

The above are but a snippet of the highlights of 2022-2023 for LWBC and its partners. This annual report contains more detailed information on our activities which, we hope, will inspire you to see that justice *does* happen.

# Lawyers Without Borders Key Figures

**31**

**volunteer  
cooperation  
assignments**

Over  
**105,800**

**vulnerable individuals**  
directly or indirectly benefit from our actions  
or our partners' actions

**8**

**offices around the world**  
(Bamako, Bogotá, Ciudad de Guatemala,  
Québec, Montréal, Port-au-Prince,  
San Salvador, and Tegucigalpa), and  
**3 regional offices** in Colombia  
(Medellín, Bucaramanga, and Pasto)

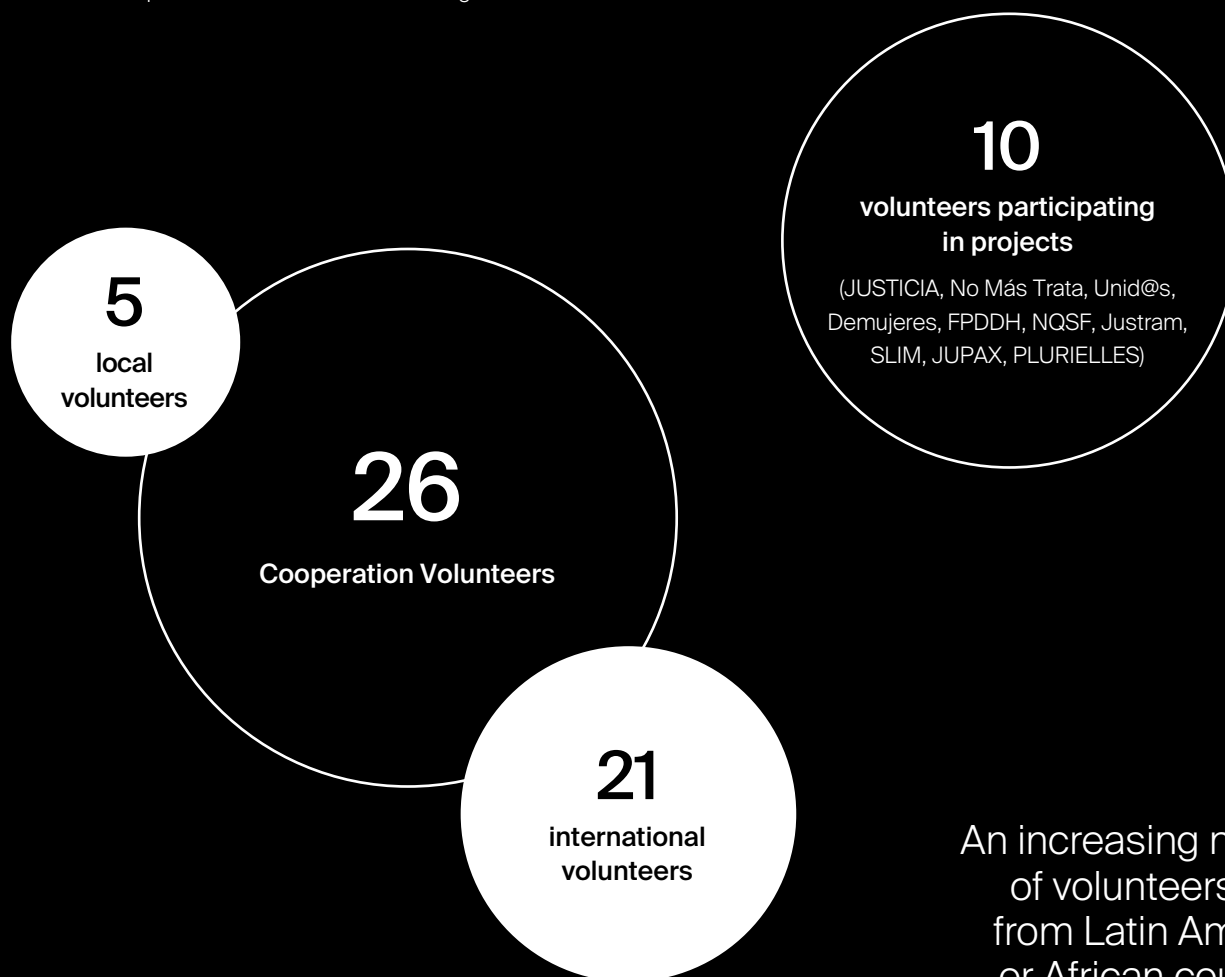
Over  
**100**

**emblematic cases of  
human rights violations**  
were brought before the courts  
and international tribunals



# Volunteer Cooperation | The Great Comeback

Volunteer cooperation is picking up speed. Twenty-one volunteers are currently based in six countries (Honduras, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mali, and Benin), in addition to five local volunteers in Colombia and Guatemala. The number of international volunteers since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic has never been so high.



An increasing number of volunteers come from Latin American or African countries, adding to the program's Canadian and European participants.



# Our Voices Across the World



March against violence against women.  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, JUPAX project, Bamako, Mali. ©ASFC



# Colombia

*“Retejiendo Saberes workshops address highly relevant topics. They provide us with new resources to help us better comprehend the mechanisms that are currently available to address situations that affect us as victims of armed conflict in Colombia – as women or otherwise vulnerable individuals due to our social activism.” (Free translation)*

– Nini Saenz, a participant in training facilitated by the department of Antioquia as part of the JUSTRAM (Transitional Justice for Women) project

JUSTRAM (Transitional Justice for Women) project closing ceremony.  
Bogotá, Colombia. ©ASFC

## Projects

- “Strengthening the capacities of Colombian institutions for fighting human trafficking” (No Más Trata) – 2021-2023, Global Affairs Canada, Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program (ACCBP).
  - “Transitional Justice and Women in Colombia” (JUSTRAM) – 2017-2022, Global Affairs Canada, Peace and Stabilization Operations Program (PSOPs).
  - “Nouveau Québec sans frontières” (NQSF) – 2021-2024, Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie.
  - “Capacity building to fight human trafficking in northern Central America and Colombia” (FINTRATA) – 2022-2026, Global Affairs Canada, Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program (ACCBP).
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## Outcomes

- Thanks to effective cooperation between LWBC, the Ombudsman's Office of Colombia (*Defensoría del Pueblo*), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), close to four million people were reached with a **campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking** (*Corazón Azul*). The campaign helped increase awareness and knowledge among State actors and the Colombian people, and provided the necessary resources for reporting crimes related to human trafficking and for supporting victims.
  - States made a commitment to tackle the issue after attending the **Inter-American Forum on Combatting Human Trafficking**, organized by LWBC in Bogotá. The Forum's success also fostered the development of potential partnerships.
  - **The rights of women who have suffered gender-based violence in the context of armed conflict** enjoy increased protection thanks to free legal representation services offered by five of LWBC's partner organizations.
  - Forty-one cases of **international crimes committed during the armed conflict** were documented in LWBC's report on judicial complementarity in Colombia as a factor for fighting impunity surrounding international crimes (*La complementariedad de la justicia en Colombia: una contribución a la lucha contra la impunidad de crímenes internacionales*), presented before the International Criminal Court and the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace. The analysis also put forward a strategy for leading an investigation into and convicting the senior leaders responsible for the crimes.
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## Partners

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| - Colectiva Justicia Mujer                      | - Equipo Jurídico Pueblos                                 |
| - Comisión para el Esclarecimiento de la Verdad | - Marcela Loaiza Foundation                               |
| - Corporación Ocho de Marzo                     | - Fundepaz  |
| - Corporación Caribe Afirmativo                 | - Fundación Feminicidios Colombia                         |
| - Corporación Espacios de Mujer                 | - Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz                       |
| - Corporación Guasimi                           | - Observatorio de Asuntos de Género de Norte de Santander |
| - Corporación Humanas                           | - Universidad de La Sabana                                |
| - Corporación Justicia y Dignidad               | - Universidad Libre                                       |
| - Corporación Rostro Caribe                     | - Universidad Industrial de Santander                     |
| - Corporación SerVoz                            | - Red de Mujeres Comunes de Cali                          |
| - Defensoría del Pueblo                         |   |





## El Salvador

“Thanks to the legal representation provided by (attorney and LWBC partner) Mr Oswaldo Feusier, I had access to my case and all the details about my trial, for the first time ever. I feel much less vulnerable.”

– A Salvadorian human rights defender criminalized and convicted of defamation for having spoken out publicly against a teacher who had assaulted several young students

## Projects

- “Improving Access to Justice for Victims of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence” (Unid@s) – 2021-2024, Global Affairs Canada, bilateral program.
  - “Capacity building to fight human trafficking in northern Central America and Colombia” (FINTRATA) – 2022-2026 (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Colombia), Global Affairs Canada, Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program (ACCBP).
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## Outcomes

- Two law firms specialized in strategic human rights litigation were established, providing support on **34 emblematic cases and representation for 40 victims before the courts**, mainly for cases involving discrimination and gender-based violence.
  - **The conviction of a university professor** for assaulting a female student is a step in the right direction for upholding justice and establishing case law for victims of crimes with high rates of impunity.
  - With support from our partner ASPIDH, trans individuals hope to soon be able to have access to official procedures that will enable them to change their name – an important step in securing recognition for their gender identity. They remain hopeful that their wishes will be granted following the Supreme Court of Justice’s ruling that the government of El Salvador legislate on matters related to identity.
  - Two of the four people accused of concealing the **femicide** committed against Fernanda Najera were eventually brought to justice, and an international arrest warrant was issued against one of the presumed perpetrators, currently a fugitive overseas.
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## Partners

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| - Agrupación Ciudadana por la Despenalización del Aborto en El Salvador (Agrupación) | - Regional Coalition against Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling (CORETT) |
| - Asociación Aspidh Arcoiris Trans   | - Asociación Comunicando y Capacitando a Mujeres Trans (COMCAVIS TRANS)       |
| - Asociación de Mujeres Ciegas de El Salvador (AMUCES)                               | - Colectiva Feminista para el Desarrollo Local                                |
| - Karla Ayala (attorney)   | - Organización de Mujeres Salvadoreñas por la Paz (ORMUSA)                    |
| - Oswaldo Feusier (attorney)   |   |



# Guatemala

“In order to sustain the support we’ve been receiving, we need to increase the visibility of what’s happening in Guatemala against human rights defenders and actors in the justice sector. The constant threat of new criminal proceedings brought against them persists.”

– Guatemalan human rights defender

## Projects

- “Rights and Justice for Women and Girls in Guatemala” (DEMUJERES) – 2019-2023, in partnership with the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) – Global Affairs Canada, bilateral program.
- “Human Rights Protection Fund Guatemala” – 2021-2026, Global Affairs Canada, bilateral program.
- “Human Rights Promotion in Guatemala” – 2022-2023, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.
- “Capacity building to fight human trafficking in northern Central America and Colombia” (FINTRATA) – 2022-2026, Global Affairs Canada, Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program (ACCBP).
- “Nouveau Québec sans frontières” (NQS) – 2021-2024, Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie.
- LWBC’s operations in Guatemala are also supported by the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Oak Foundation.

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## Outcomes

- Legal defence and protection were provided to **legal practitioners facing unlawful and baseless proceedings and threats** for fighting corruption and impunity. Some are still free (with a number unfortunately in exile) thanks to the work carried out by a group of legal specialists with the support of LWBC in 132 cases of abusive pretrial detention criminalization targeting human rights defenders.
- A court in Guatemala acknowledged the existence of **systematic sexual violence against indigenous child and adolescent girls** in the public education sector – the third groundbreaking LWBC-supported case to result in such a ruling and contribute to establishing a strong precedent for victims. In this particular case, reparation was ordered, allowing the victim to pursue her dream of resuming her education.
- A communication issued by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities led to measures aimed at upholding the rights of a disabled adolescent girl whose **right to a rape-related abortion** had been denied.
- Thanks to support from LWBC, the Center for Human Rights and Legal Action (CALDH) succeeded in putting an end to the **criminalization of those defending the land rights** of the Chicoyogüito indigenous community, who has been peacefully demanding that the territory they were driven off of for the construction of a military base in 1968 be returned to them. As a result, 21 peaceful protesters managed to escape prison sentences.

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## Partners

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| - Asociación Generando Equidad, Liderazgo y Oportunidades (ASOGEN)        | - Consorcio de Asociaciones del Municipio de Santiago de Atitlán                |
| - Asociación de Abogadas Indígenas Chomija                                | - Equipo de Estudios Comunitarios y Acción Psicosocial (ECAP)                   |
| - Asociación de Abogados y Notarios Mayas de Guatemala (Nim Ajpú) (ANMAG) | - Refugio de la Niñez   |
| - Asociación de Justicia de Alta Verapaz (ASOJAV)                         | - Unidad de Protección a Defensoras y Defensores de Derechos Humanos (UDEFEQUA) |
| - Bufete Jurídico de Derechos Humanos (BDH)                               |   |
| - Bufete de Pueblos Indígenas (BPI)                                       |   |
| - Centro para Acción Legal en Derechos Humanos (CALDH)                    |   |





# Honduras

“Not only did LWBC support us financially [...], we also came together as equal partners in order to implement processes and ideas and counter the plague of violence in this country.”

– Helen Ocampo, Centre for Women’s Rights (*Centro de Derechos de Mujeres*, CDM)

Representatives of *Red de Trabajadores Domésticas* (RTD), *Bufete Justicia para los Pueblos* (BJP), and LWBC, following an appeal against the standards governing domestic work. Tegucigalpa, Honduras. ©ASFC



## Projects

- “Justice, Governance and the Fight Against Impunity in Honduras” (JUSTICIA) – 2018-2025, Global Affairs Canada, bilateral program.
  - “Civil Society for the Consolidation of Human Rights in Honduras” (Honduras con Derechos) – 2021-2024, in partnership with Oxfam and CEHPRODEC – European Union, European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).
  - “Capacity building to fight human trafficking in northern Central America and Colombia” (FINTRATA) – 2022-2026, Global Affairs Canada, Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program (ACCBP).
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## Outcomes

- Three law firms specialised in strategic litigation, which LWBC helped establish and grow, have become renowned actors in the justice and human rights sector in Honduras. They have led 58 strategic litigation cases and won several emblematic court victories in favour of more than 22,000 vulnerable people. Strategic litigation is set to become more popular and sustained thanks to the publication of a **guide dedicated to strategic litigation**.
  - LWBC was on the frontline of major victories for women’s sexual and reproductive rights:
    - a. Claudia, a young woman who was unjustly accused of seeking an abortion after suffering a miscarriage, has been acquitted. This ruling is the third of a series of victories secured with the support of LWBC and contributes to establishing legal precedent that will result in more rulings in favour of women who suffer **criminalization as a result of abortion or emergencies related to childbirth**.
    - b. Despite the claim being dismissed on appeal, LWBC actively contributed to one of the most pivotal legal actions on an international scale against the **state ban on abortions**, led by *Equipo Jurídico de Derechos Humanos* in the name of over 20 women’s rights civil society organizations.
    - c. **Free use of the emergency contraceptive pill** was authorized in Honduras following advocacy efforts led by our partners Centre for Women’s Rights (CDM) and *Somos Muchas*. LWBC’s partner law firm *Equipo Jurídico de Derechos Humanos* (EJDH) advised the Government on the drafting of the executive decree.
  - The rule of law has also come out stronger as LWBC and its partner *Centro de Estudio para la Democracia* (CESPAD) established a process for citizens to observe and oversee the **election of judges** to Honduras’s Supreme Court of Justice.
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## Partners

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| - Asociación Calidad de Vida  | - Centro para el Desarrollo y la Cooperación LGTBI – Somos CDC          |
| - Asociación Campesina Pro Mejoramiento y Defensa de Jutiapa El Hatillo | - Coalición Anticorrupción Honduras                                     |
| - Bufete Estudios por la Dignidad                                       | - Colectiva de Mujeres Hondureñas                                       |
| - Bufete Justicia para los Pueblos                                      | - Comité de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos en Honduras (COFADEH) |
| - Centro de Derechos de Mujeres   | - Equipo Jurídico por los Derechos Humanos                              |
| - Centro Hondureño de Promoción para el Desarrollo Comunitario          | - Laboratorio Ciudadano   |
| - Centro de Estudios para la Democracia                                 | - Oxfam Intermón  |
| - Centro de Promoción en Salud y Asistencia Familiar                    | - Red de Abogadas Defensoras de Derechos Humanos                        |
| - Central Nacional de Trabajadores del Campo – La Paz                   | - Red de Trabajadoras Domésticas  |



# Haiti

“We will continue to fight until our demands are met. Thankfully, we have the tools we need to make headway.”

– Michelet Longor, Coordinator of the Cholera Victims’ Movement  
(*Mouvman moun viktim kolera*, MOMVIK)

## Projects

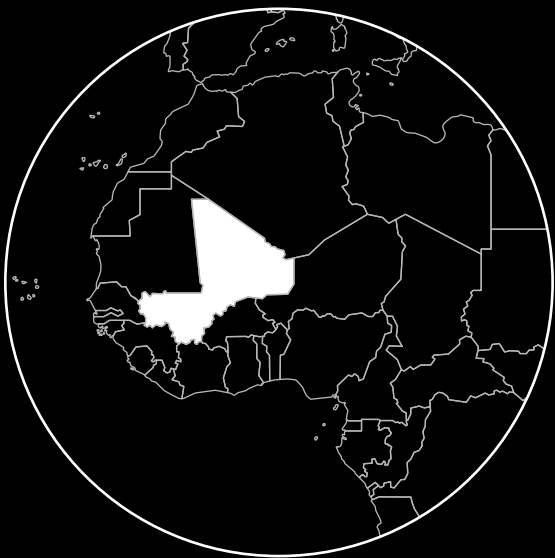
- “Access to Justice and the Fight Against Impunity in Haiti” (AJULIH) – 2022-2023, Global Affairs Canada, bilateral program.
  - “Women and Girls Standing up with Dignity for our Sexual and Reproductive Rights” (FANMKAD) – 2021-2025, in partnership with CARE Canada and Santé Monde – Global Affairs Canada, bilateral program.
  - “Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights of Adolescents and Young People” (RESPECT) – 2021-2026, in partnership with Doctors of the World – Global Affairs Canada, Partnerships for Development Innovation Branch.
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## Outcomes

- Ninety-seven individuals who were wrongfully detained were released thanks to a collective *habeas corpus* claim filed by LWBC partner lawyers based on LWBC’s guide and in collaboration with the National Council on Legal Assistance (CNAL) and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The result of several years of capacity building, this novel practice in Haiti curbs **arbitrary detentions** by bringing about effective verifications before the courts of the legality of each case of detention.
  - Over 18,000 people were reached with a media campaign and **theatre tour** (“*Dechouke lanfè sou late*”) performed by former detainees, which raised awareness about the negative impacts of abusive pretrial detention.
  - The courts sentenced a man to a five-year prison sentence and 500,000 gourdes in damages for **domestic violence** – a rare and groundbreaking case that sets a precedent following a claim filed by the CALSDH, a group of human rights lawyers specialized in strategic litigation.
  - After training was delivered to 15 organization members on advocacy and communication strategies on social media, organizations are now making the voices of **cholera victims** heard loud and clear.
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## Partners

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| - Asosyasyon fanm solèy Dayiti (AFASDA)                              | - Groupe des PTF Justice et état de droit  |
| - Association quatre chemins (A4C)                                   | - Héritage pour la Protection des Droits Humains                                 |
| - Association des victimes du choléra de Carrefour (ASSOVIC-C)       | - INURED   |
| - Barreau de Port-au-Prince  | - Kay Fanm   |
| - Barreau du Québec  | - Laboratoire des droits humains et d'expertise sociojuridique                   |
| - United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH)                  | - Doctors of the World Canada  |
| - CARE Canada  | - Ministère de la justice et de la sécurité publique (MJSP)                      |
| - Collectif d'avocat.es spécialisé.es en litige stratégique (CALSDH) | - Movman moun viktim kolera (MOMVIK)   |
| - Collectif contre l'impunité  | - Mouvement des femmes haïtiennes pour l'éducation et le développement (MOUFHED) |
| - Combite pour la Paix et le Développement (CPD)                     | - Office de la Protection du Citoyen (OPC)                                       |
| - Éducaloi   | - Òganizasyon viktim kolera Ayiti (OVICH)  |
| - Ensemble Contre la Corruption (ECC)                                | - Réseau National de Défense des Droits Humains (RNDDH)                          |
| - Fanm Deside  | - Santé Monde  |
| - Fondation Devoir de Mémoire  | - Solidarite Fanm Ayisyèn (SOFA)   |
| - Fondasyon Konesans Ak Libète (FOKAL)                               |  |
| - Fondation Toya   |  |



## Mali

“I am proud to receive this award dressed in the robes of a Public Prosecutor – the job I’ve always dreamed of.”

– Assitan Coulibaly, winner of the “À vous Maîtres” moot court competition, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Assitan Coulibaly, winner of the “À vous Maîtres” moot court competition, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, organized by *Tribune des jeunes pour le droit* (Trijeud), JUPAX project. Bamako, Mali.  
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## Projects

- “Justice and Peace in Mali” (JUPAX) – 2021-2025, Global Affairs Canada, bilateral program.
  - “Supporting the fight against impunity in Mali” (SLIM) – 2020-2022, in partnership with the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Amnesty International – European Union, Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP).
  - “Youth Action for Sustainable Peace: Supporting the participation of youth in reconciliation processes in Mali” (PROPAJER) – 2021-2022, in partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) – UN Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund.
  - “Global study on the status of and opportunities for reparations for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Mali” – 2021-2023, Global Survivors Fund.
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## Outcomes

- For the first time in Mali, special hearings addressing **descent-based slavery** cases are being held in courts in the region of Kayes thanks to efforts deployed by Temedt, with support from LWBC: 87 people accused and 56 detained had access to a hearing and a judicial decision. These trials are yet another major milestone in the fight against this heinous practice – a topic that used to be impossible to talk about only a few years ago.
  - Victims are more free to speak out, and the truth about **conflict-related sexual violence** is being restored thanks to statements from women and children made during the 5<sup>th</sup> public hearing of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC). As part of the national recognition process and reparation efforts, the hearing, which took place before an emotional audience, was widely communicated on among the Malian population.
  - Training is fostering the emergence of a **new generation of human rights experts**, with a special focus on women’s rights. Eight participants in the generational succession program have been admitted to the judiciary entrance exam.
  - A study conducted with 300 young people in three regions of Mali has put forward effective solutions for improving the **participation of young people in transitional justice processes**. The study, which adopted a youth-to-youth approach, is the first of its kind and provides for a powerful advocacy tool to convey the expectations and needs of young adults to institutions charged with implementing transitional justice.
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## Partners

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| - Association des Juristes Maliennes (AJM)   | - Groupe de Recherches et d’Applications Techniques (GRAT)                      |
| - Association Noyau Dur pour la promotion de la justice transitionnelle au Mali (AND-Mali) | - Groupe de Recherche, d’Étude, de Formation Femme-Action (GREFFA)              |
| - Association pour le Progrès et la Défense des Droits des Femmes Maliennes (APDF)         | - Réseau des Jeunes pour une Justice Transitionnelle Inclusive au Mali (R2JTIM) |
| - Association Temedt Mali (TEMEDT)   | - Tribune Jeunes pour le Droit au Mali (Trijeud-Mali)                           |
| - Collectif Cri de Coeur (CCC)   | - Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF Mali)                          |
| - Commission Vérité, Justice et Réconciliation du Mali (CVJR)                              |   |



# Democratic Republic of Congo



## Project

- “Health and Rights of Women, Adolescent Girls and Children” (Tumaini) – 2022-2028, in partnership with the Université de Montréal International Health Unit – Global Affairs Canada, Partnerships for Development Innovation Branch.

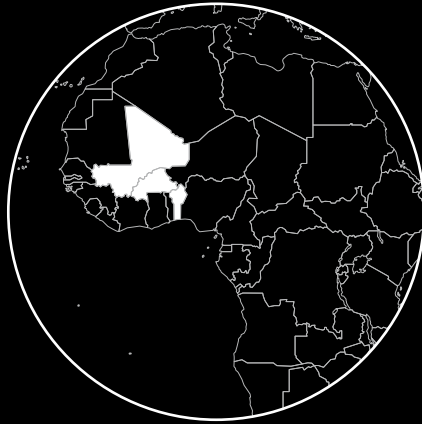
## Outcomes

- An analysis was conducted on the state of sexual and reproductive rights and the fight against gender-based violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in particular in South Kivu Province. The analysis has helped shape strategies and responses with a view to improving women's and adolescent girls' access to the holistic range of services provided by the Panzi Foundation.

## Partner

- Université de Montréal International Health Unit

# Mali Benin Burkina Faso



## Project

- “Strengthening sexual and reproductive health and rights in Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali” (PLURIELLES) – 2021-2027, in partnership with Santé Monde and SOCODEVI – Global Affairs Canada, Partnerships for Development Innovation Branch.

## Outcomes

- An analysis was conducted on the state of sexual and reproductive rights and the fight against gender-based violence in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Mali.
- Six civil society organizations in Burkina Faso received support in producing a shadow report which they submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Council as part of the Universal Periodic Review of Burkina Faso. The shadow report was the only report to address the state of sexual and reproductive rights and gender-based violence, bringing to light issues that affect women and adolescent girls specifically, and recalled the State’s obligations in that regard.

## Partners

- Association des femmes juristes du Burkina Faso (AFJ-BF)
- Centre d’information et de formation sur les droits humains en Afrique (CIFDHA)
- Centre pour la qualité du droit et la justice (CQDJ)
- Groupe technique santé de la reproduction (GTSR)
- Groupe de recherche-action sur la sécurité humaine (GRASH)
- Voix de femmes

# Ukraine



## Project

- “The impact of the war in Ukraine on women” – 2022-2023, Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie and the Barreau du Québec.

## Outcomes

- Following a project launch in a volatile context of armed conflict, legal services were provided through the means of a **hotline for victims/survivors of sexual violence**.
- Thanks to the capacity-building efforts implemented in collaboration with LWBC, our partner organization JurFem strengthened its capacities and took on three cases of **conflict-related sexual violence**.
- A durable collaboration was established over the course of a mission undertaken by two JurFem lawyers in Ottawa, Québec, and Montréal.

## Partner

- Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association (JurFem)





## Justice Pro Bono Award 2022

On its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Lawyers Without Borders Canada was presented with the Pro Bono Justice award, which recognizes the outstanding contributions of legal experts and non-profit organizations to the development of pro bono legal services in Quebec.

Lawyers Without Borders Canada has enabled more than 1,000 Canadian legal practitioners to become involved and leverage their expertise to help fellow jurists in other countries that need the support the most. The contribution of LWBC volunteers represents more than 7 million dollars in pro bono services.

## Partnership Award 2022

Lawyers Without Borders was the proud corecipient of the Partnership Award 2022, granted by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to the Canadian Partnership for International Justice (CPIJ).

Led by Professor Fannie Lafontaine, the CPIJ is a pan-Canadian partnership involving 25 researchers, including LWBC Executive Director M<sup>e</sup> Pascal Paradis and LWBC Senior Legal Advisor M<sup>e</sup> Philippe Tremblay. Partnership deliverables aim to improve access to justice for victims of international crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

# Financial statements

## Statement of operations

for the year ended March 31

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donor contributions to programs	15,503,247	13,621,440
Contributions in the form of services provided	1,276,982	485,993
Private funding	290,340	178,283
Public funding	29,599	419,291
Other	62,076	34,349
	<b>17,162,244</b>	<b>14,739,356</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Programs	13,830,169	12,238,855
Contributions in the form of services provided	1,276,982	485,993
Administrative and program support activities	1,949,934	1,966,074
Depreciation of fixed tangible assets	23,628	22,156
	<b>17,080,713</b>	<b>14,713,078</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>81,531</b>	<b>26,278</b>

## Statement of changes in net assets

for the year ended March 31

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted (\$)	Contingency reserve (\$)	Invested in tangible fixed assets (\$)	Total (\$)	Total (\$)
<b>BALANCE</b> (beginning of period)	84,921	2,205,000	91,781	2,381,702	2,355,424
Excess (deficiency) of income over expenses	105,159	–	(23,628)	81,531	26,278
Investments in tangible fixed assets	(18,624)	–	18,624	–	–
<b>BALANCE</b> (end of period)	<b>171,456</b>	<b>2,205,000</b>	<b>86,777</b>	<b>2,463,233</b>	<b>2,381,702</b>

## Balance sheet

at March 31

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
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<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,428,013	5,918,741
Debtors	917,561	372,714
Advances to partners – projects	949,398	361,307
Prepaid expenses	49,613	30,530
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	6,344,585	6,683,292
<b>FIXED TANGIBLE ASSETS</b>	86,777	91,781
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	6,431,362	6,775,073
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Operating liabilities	544,634	453,504
Deferred contributions	3,423,495	3,939,867
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	3,968,129	4,393,371
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	2,463,233	2,381,702
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	6,431,362	6,775,073
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# Publications

## Colombia

- Ajuste normativo de trata de personas en Colombia: propuesta de reforma y acciones urgentes (Spanish)
- Análisis de sentencias del delito de trata de personas en Colombia (Spanish)
- Recomendaciones al Estado colombiano para el abordaje del delito de trata de personas (Spanish)
- La complementariedad de la justicia en Colombia: una contribución a la lucha contra la impunidad de crímenes internacionales (Spanish)

## El Salvador

- Estándares internacionales de derechos humanos utilizados por tribunales salvadoreños en casos de violencia en contra de mujeres (Spanish)

## Guatemala

- Estudio sobre el acceso a la justicia de mujeres y niñas indígenas víctimas de violencia sexual y violencia basada en género en Guatemala (Spanish)

## Honduras

- Guía de litigio estratégico en Honduras (Spanish)
- La lucha contra el femicidio en Honduras: para que no muera de forma violenta ni una mujer más (Spanish)
- Primer Informe de Veeduría: Proceso de Elección de Magistrados/as de la Corte Suprema de Justicia (Spanish)

## Haiti

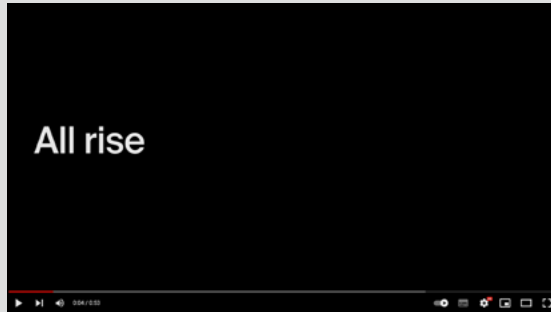
- "Féminin, Masculin/Déconstruction de l'ordinaire" – Second workshop (French)
- Elles ont échappé à la violence des gangs armés haïtiens, pour l'instant (French)
- Haïti : Avocats sans frontières Canada et le CALSDH appellent au renforcement de l'État de droit (French)
- Criminalité : ASFC et le Calsdh appellent à combattre l'impunité en Haïti (French)
- Haïti – justice: Avocats sans frontières Canada lance un guide pratique sur le recours en habeas corpus (French)
- Un guide pratique sur le recours en habeas corpus pour lutter contre la détention préventive prolongée (French)
- Haïti – ASF Canada: l'inaction de l'État dans l'enquête sur l'assassinat du bâtonnier Dorval montre un manque d'engagement à combattre l'impunité (French)
- ASFC et le CALSDH appellent à la poursuite de l'enquête sur l'assassinat de Me Monferrier Dorval (French)
- Droits humains: L'organisation Avocats sans frontières Canada dénonce les conditions de détention inhumaines en Haïti (French)
- Portraits de femmes militantes (French – Creole)
- L'État haïtien a une part de responsabilité dans les viols collectifs perpétrés à la prison civile des Gonaïves (French)
- ASFC appelle l'État haïtien à endosser sa part de responsabilité (French)

## Mali

- Jeunes et justice transitionnelle au Mali: enjeux, défis et opportunités liés à leur participation (French)

# Videos

## Let's raise our voices



All rise for human rights. ©ASFC

## Guatemala



Video about the principle of non-discrimination, featuring two volunteers in Guatemala: Julia Olarte and Sophie Masson (Spanish). ©ASFC

## Colombia



The fight against impunity for international crimes in Colombia (Spanish). ©ASFC

## El Salvador



Cartoon about the conviction of a university professor found guilty by a court in San Salvador of harassing and injuring a student (Spanish). ©ASFC

## Haiti



Fighting abusive pretrial detention in Haiti, directed by Oldy J. Auguste. ©ASFC

## Mali



Progress for human rights is possible in Mali, thanks to them – JUPAX project. ©ASFC

## Honduras



Historical memory serving the cause for effective justice, in collaboration with partner organization COFADEH who strives to combat impunity. Tegucigalpa, Honduras. ©ASFC

## Ukraine



"Ukraine 1 year after: JurFem's fight against sexual violence". Lviv, Ukraine, Québec

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