



CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY



People in Need

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“ I really appreciate the attention I received from your team. Your care warmed my heart and gave me hope that I must live and try to find a way out of my situation. Not only did you save my life – you helped me to remain human. Thanks to Your support, I am safe, I can work and think about the future; I was very lucky to receive professional support from your team at that difficult time,”

says a defender of human rights from Chechnya, whom we helped with urgent relocation.

“ People in Need was the first international organization to put faith in us, back at the time when the project was still in its infancy,”

says the Venezuelan journalist Albor Rodríguez from La Vida De Nos. Thanks to our help, independent Venezuelan journalists from the La Vida De Nos initiative could compile and publish the stories of eight political prisoners in Venezuela. The project went on to be nominated for the prestigious Gabriel García Márquez Journalism Award.

“ It’s an honor for us, our families, and our country. I feel a responsibility to continue what we have started. My dream is a Nicaragua that will be built on equality, with a guarantee of freedom, justice, democracy, and the rule of law,”

says Francisca Ramírez – leader of a Nicaraguan democratic movement whose determination to stand up against land appropriation and an authoritarian regime has inspired human rights defenders throughout her country.

“ I escaped to Georgia from the danger I faced in Azerbaijan, but even there, I continued receiving threats because of my work. Thanks to People in Need I could get to safety. My stay in Prague helped me get my mental well-being back,”

says the young Azerbaijani journalist whom we helped in 2018 thanks to People in Need’s Club of Friends.

1. SUPPORT OF CIVIL SOCIETY

People in Need sees civic engagement as a pillar of a free and democratic society, whereas repressive regimes stifle and punish independent activities of its citizens. That is why we support independent organizations and initiatives, pro-democratic activists, journalists and human rights lawyers. We try to support them in their professional development and help them in their pursuit of human rights activities.



We worked with
385 representatives
of civil society.

174

Journalists

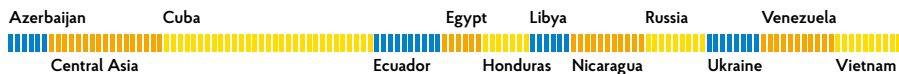
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Independent activists

78

Human rights lawyers

We worked with 132 NGOs



For our partners we organize these activities:

Study visits & internships



Seminars & trainings



Micro-grants

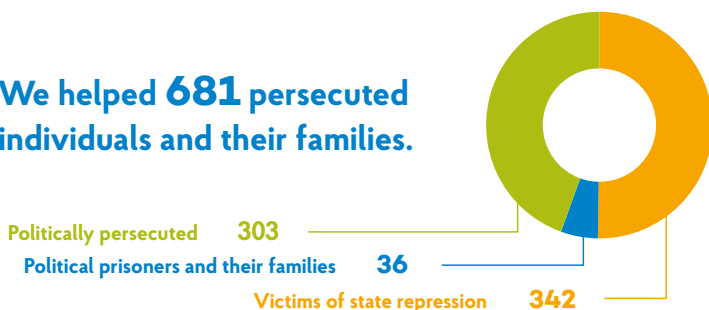




2. DIRECT AID TO THE POLITICALLY PERSECUTED

One of the pillars of our work is direct help to human right defenders in countries with repressive governments. They are the most common targets of smear campaigns, harassment and persecution as a means of enforcing their silence; oftentimes they are tortured and jailed. People in Need helps lawyers, independent journalists, bloggers, students and activists who aren't indifferent to the fate of their country, believe in the value of basic human rights and are persecuted for their activities.

We helped **681** persecuted individuals and their families.



We helped to release **18** political prisoners in Honduras.

We published a report about the psychological effects of persecution and torture in **Cuba**, and we provided psychosocial and legal assistance to **356** people.

In **Egypt**, we supported lawyers who helped more than **800** people to fight against violations of human rights.

We assist in the following ways:



3. ADVOCACY

As a part of our activities in the human rights field, we strive to increase awareness of both Czech and international societies about the problems people face in countries with repressive governments. We hold international meetings, organize advocacy trips, and initiate visits by representatives of democratic opposition from target countries. We also prepare discussions, campaigns, cultural events and happenings for the general public in the Czech Republic and abroad.



HOMO HOMINI

Every year People in Need confers the Homo Homini award to individuals who have greatly contributed to the promotion of human rights and democracy and nonviolent solutions to political conflicts.

ONE WORLD

One World is one of the cornerstones of the People in Need organisation. Since its inception in 1999, it has become the most important festival of its kind in the world. The One World festival travels around the entire Czech Republic.

Since 2007, PIN has organized the festival **ONE WORLD BRUSSELS**. The festival opens up the subjects of current human rights issues in the heart of the European institutions through screening of documentary films and subsequent discussions with experts, filmmakers and human rights activists.

The Homo Homini Award for the year 2018 was received by the Nicaraguan farmer, Francisca Ramirez, a woman who brought together hundreds of thousands of people and offered them a vision of a more free and democratic society.

The One World Festival was visited by a total of 125,947 visitors in Prague, Czech regions and Brussels, screening altogether 119 films and hosting 187 guests.

LIFELINE

People in Need is a member of a consortium of seven international NGOs "Lifeline" that provides support to human rights organizations and activists from all over the world that face unjust restrictions from their governments.

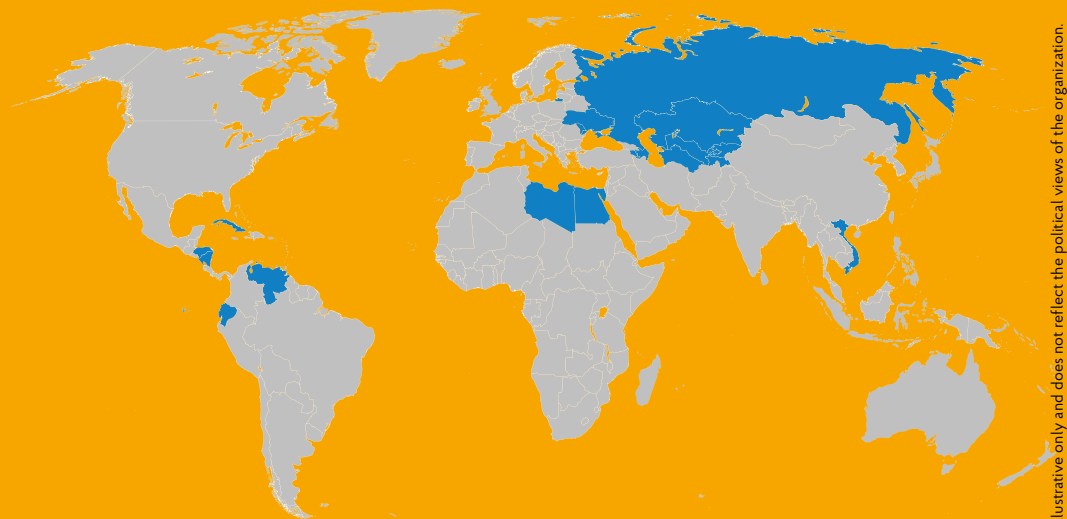
OTHER ACTIVITIES

Every year we participate in and organize side events at the biggest European human rights conference, the **Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM)**.

Every year, our guests attend panel discussions at the **Forum 2000** conference and participate in the accompanying **Festival of Democracy**.

We are part of the independent platform **DEMAS**, in which 11 Czech non-governmental organizations have been working together to support democracy, human rights and civil society in the Czech Republic and abroad.

WHERE WE WORK



CUBA | since 1997 **UKRAINE** | since 2003 **MOLDOVA - TRANSNISTRIA** | since 2006 **RUSSIA*** | since 2009
EGYPT | since 2011 **LIBYA** | since 2011 **AZERBAIJAN** | since 2013 **NICARAGUA** | since 2014
VENEZUELA | since 2014 **VIETNAM** | since 2015 **ARMENIA** | since 2016 **HONDURAS** | since 2016
ECUADOR | since 2016 **CENTRAL ASIA** | since 2017

* On 12/11/2019 we suspended our activities because People in Need was placed on a list of undesirable organisations in Russia.



PEOPLE IN NEED

Throughout more than 25 years of its existence, People in Need has become one of the biggest non-profit organizations in Central Europe. In addition to foreign humanitarian aid and support of human rights, it also targets education and helps people living in social exclusion in Czech Republic.

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