



# Annual Review 2013

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human rights since 1981

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# Dear friends

**2** 013 was an exciting year for PBI, with the launch of work in Kenya, Honduras and Northern Mexico. We also faced challenges: we worked hard to provide as much support as possible to defenders in Colombia and Nepal despite much smaller teams on the ground, and at the end of the year we took the difficult decision to close our field office in Nepal. However, we will continue to remain active in support of Nepali human rights defenders through Nepal Monitor, an innovative online protection mechanism developed by PBI, which we are handing over to a local organisation.

**PBI worked with more than 300 inspirational women and men risking their lives to defend the rights of others in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal in 2013. These courageous individuals are at the heart of all of our work at PBI.**

Every day our field volunteers witness the impact of our work on the ground – we know that activists from the countries we work in would be in greater danger and less able to carry out their important work without PBI. We know too that human rights will continue to be violated in 2014, and PBI will continue to work in support of people struggling to uphold human rights and social justice. Our work would not be possible without the support of committed volunteers, activists and supporters from across the world. So, on behalf of all the human rights defenders we work with, thank you for your continued support.

In peace,



Dana Brown  
PBI President

**Peace Brigades International (PBI) envisions a world in which people address conflicts nonviolently, where human rights are universally upheld and social justice and respect for other cultures have become a reality. We believe that enduring peace and lasting solutions to conflicts cannot be achieved by violent means.**

**PBI works in countries where communities experience violent conflict, intimidation or repression. We always work at the request of defenders and in response to their needs. We are convinced that lasting transformation of conflicts cannot come from outside, but must be based on the capacity and desires of local people. We avoid imposing, interfering or getting directly involved in the work of the people we accompany. We don't provide financial support or development aid to the organisations we work with. Our work is effective because we take an integrated approach, combining a presence on the ground alongside human rights defenders with an extensive network of international support.**



**PBI volunteer observes a demonstration organised by AMISMAXAJ, Jalapa, Guatemala 2013**

## The following people served on PBI's International Council in 2013:

Dana Brown (president), John Carlarne (vice president), Michael Bluett (secretary), Ellen Kaas (treasurer), Neena Acharya, Paola Carmagnani, George Chandler, Stephen Darvill, Sonia de Mezza, Diane Hendrick, Guro Nilsen, Gary Ockenden, Sophie Parron.

## Cover photo

PBI volunteer accompanies members of the Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission, Urabá, Colombia



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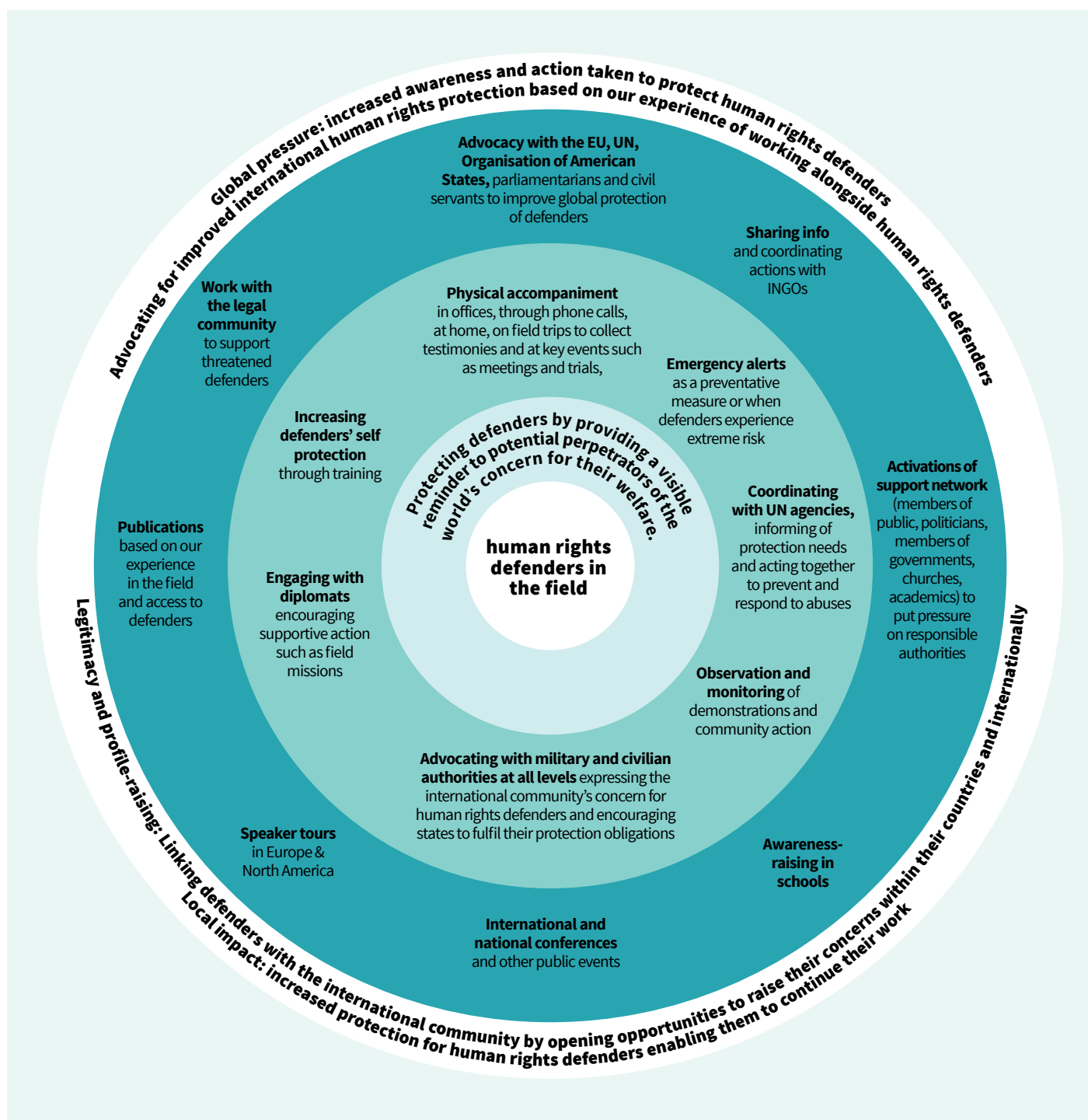
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# What we do

**H**uman rights defenders – courageous people who stand up for the rights and dignity of their communities because they believe in peace and justice for all – are at the heart of all we do at PBI. We provide protection, support and

recognition to local human rights defenders who work in areas of repression and conflict and have requested our support. We help human rights defenders make links with others and raise awareness of the issues they face. We advocate at all levels – from the

soldier at a local check point to national governments and international bodies such as the UN – for international human rights accountability. Our international volunteers send a powerful message that the world is watching and prepared to act.



# 2013 in numbers

**I**n 2013 PBI provided protection and support to **145 women** and **181 men** human rights defenders from **43 organisations**. Between them, these organisations supported thousands of women, men and children who have been denied their basic rights – from being forcibly evicted from their land, to seeing family members “disappeared”, to suffering torture and rape at the hands of the armed forces.

PBI provided **1,041 days of physical accompaniment** to human rights defenders in 2013.

We **visited accompanied organisations and individuals 602 times** during 2013. These visits and meetings provide moral support and practical advice and range from checking on defenders’ wellbeing to providing help with responses to specific security incidents.

We also made hundreds of phone calls to defenders to check on their whereabouts and safety.

On request from human rights organisations, we ran or hosted **61 workshops attended by 564 women and 469 men human rights defenders**, providing security training and enabling them to take preventative action and to cope with constant stress and psychological pressure.

## PHYSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT K’iches Peoples Counsel (CPK), Guatemala

This grassroots movement brings together residents of 87 communities in Quiché and plays an active role in promoting, defending and campaigning

for the collective rights of indigenous communities in the region. In June 2013 when the IACHR’s precautionary measures for a key leader of CPK, Aura Lolita Chávez Ixcaquic, were withdrawn. PBI provided intensive physical accompaniment until the measures were reinstated. We provided 10 days accompaniment to CPK in 2013.



CPK leader Lolita Chavez speaks at an event in Quiché, Guatemala

## WORKSHOPS

### Security Training Programme for human rights defenders in Mexico

In 2013 PBI provided security training to 43 organisations in 14 Mexican states, in addition to 36 community leaders in Oaxaca. All of the organisations we accompany in Oaxaca have practically applied the lessons they learnt and adapted our recommended tools and practices to meet their needs, for example developing digital security policies (including the use of encryption programs) and applying specific security measures both while travelling and in the office. Código-DH and EDUCA, two of the organisations who participated in the training programme in 2013, have begun to share and replicate the training with other defenders in Mexico.



PBI team members giving a security workshop to community human rights defenders in Oaxaca, Mexico

## EMERGENCY ACTIVATION Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission (CIJP), Colombia

In August 2013 CIJP members were subject to four acts of intimidation and aggression and were forced to temporarily suspend their work in the Curbaradó region. In response PBI activated its emergency support networks, highlighting the gravity of the situation facing CIJP at meetings with the EU Delegation's Human Rights



PBI volunteer with CIJP members  
in Curbaradó, Colombia

Group and representatives from non-EU embassies. PBI also held a series of meetings with Colombian national authorities. As a result the Colombian Government adopted several new protection measures for CIJP members, and the Public Prosecutor's Office pledged to ensure all reports of threats and aggression against CIJP members were treated as a single case.

**W**e expressed our concern for human rights defenders in **306 meetings with government, local and regional authorities**, urging officials to uphold their commitments to protect human rights in Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and Nepal.

We released at least **27 information bulletins and videos** featuring interviews, news updates and background information on the defenders we work with and the issues they are tackling. We also sent detailed information on the human rights situation to members of our support network each month. Our unique access to information, our rigorous analysis and our objectivity are key elements in the effectiveness of the protection we provide.

We **activated our emergency support networks 14 times** in response to the most pressing and serious issues being faced by the defenders we accompany.

**“Without PBI’s international accompaniment we would be dead. With it we can get going and develop, we can farm and continue living. It’s like a walking stick that enables us to keep moving.”**

**JESÚS EMILIO TUBERQUIA**  
San José de Apartadó Peace  
Community, Colombia

## SPEAKER TOUR Silvia Grijalva, Paso Del Norte Human Rights Centre, and Alberto Xicoténcatl, the Saltillo Migrant House, Mexico



Silvia Grijalva and Alberto Xicoténcatl  
participate in a panel event, Washington DC

In April 2013, PBI enabled Silvia Grijalva and Alberto Xicoténcatl to visit Washington DC, to lobby on the key issues of torture and violations against migrants. During the tour, the two defenders made contact with 114 people including congressmen and women, representatives of the US State Department, lawyers' groups, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and NGOs. Sylvia and Alberto also participated in a public event focused on the situation for human rights defenders in Mexico. One positive outcome of the

tour was a Dear Colleague Letter which was sent from congresspeople from both major political parties to Secretary of State John Kerry, asking that human rights form part of the United States' agenda in relation to Mexico. The detailed letter included reference to the risks human rights defenders in Mexico face, including torture and forced disappearances, the inadequate implementation of the Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders and Journalists to date, and difficulties related to military jurisdiction.

# Where we work



## Field Programmes

### Colombia

In 2013, 17 international volunteers accompanied 148 defenders working on a range of issues from natural resource protection to forced disappearances. Volunteers are based in Bogotá, Barrancabermeja and Urabá.

### Guatemala

In 2013, nine international volunteers accompanied 82 defenders working on the environment and land rights, impunity and globalisation. Volunteers are based in Guatemala City and travel to other areas of the country.

### Honduras

In 2013, PBI sent a small team to begin the process of opening a field presence in Honduras, following extensive research in 2011 – 12. Vital lobbying and legal work was undertaken throughout the year. We are aiming to provide protection and support to defenders in Honduras in response to their needs from 2014.

### Indonesia

PBI monitored the situation for human rights defenders in Indonesia, particularly Papua, in 2013. We worked with ELSAM, an established NGO in Jakarta, to develop a protection and capacity building programme in support of Indonesian defenders which we hope to launch in autumn 2014.

### Kenya

Our project in Kenya opened in January 2013, with four experienced

field volunteers supported by an in-country coordinator and PBI's international office. In 2013 we focussed on building a support network with Kenyan defenders and civil society, as well as undertaking important lobbying and legal work.

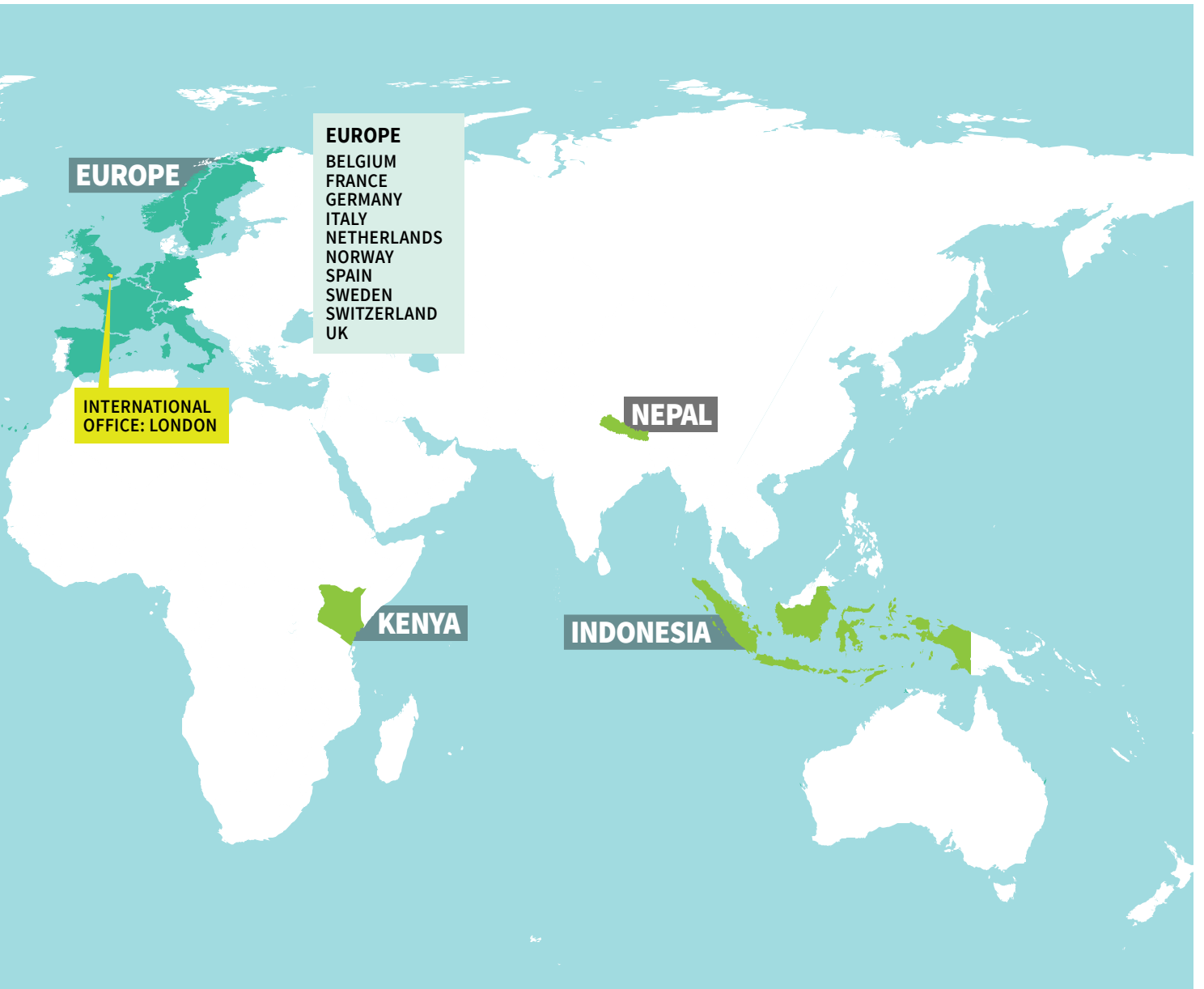
### Mexico

In 2013, nine international volunteers accompanied 96 defenders working on impunity, indigenous rights and environmental protection. Volunteers are based in three field teams in Mexico City, Oaxaca and in the north of the country covering the states of Chihuahua and Coahuila.

### Nepal

In 2013 PBI ran a small project in Kathmandu to monitor the political and human rights situation and help defenders build capacity to meet their own protection and support needs through networking and advocacy with the international community.

FOOTNOTE: Volunteer numbers included here are the average number of volunteers serving in each field programme at any one time.



## Country Groups

<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Norway</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>Spain</b>
<b>France</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>Sweden</b>
<b>Italy</b>	<b>UK</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>USA</b>

## PBI Country Groups

Without country groups, PBI would be unable to offer international protective accompaniment to human rights defenders and would have limited international support or impact. Country groups find, train and support our international volunteers. They raise funds for our field projects. They develop links with elected officials, embassy staff, lawyers, judges, academics, NGOs, churches, community groups and individuals to support human rights defenders. Country groups raise awareness of human rights abuses and advocate for action by the international community.

## Key to map

-  **Field Programmes**
-  **Country Groups**
-  **International Office**

# Advocacy highlights

**I**n 2013, PBI field volunteers worked in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal – all countries where human rights defenders face threats, intimidation, harassment, arrest, detention, persecution, torture and death because of their beliefs and actions. And, just as crucially, we used detailed and accurate information from defenders on the ground to raise awareness with the international community and contribute to making the world a safer place for those brave individuals who stand up for the rights of others, often at great personal cost to themselves.

These pages illustrate just some of the highlights of our advocacy work, carried out by PBI country groups and PBI field projects working in partnership, in 2013.

## Advancing protection for women human rights defenders

PBI is a member of the Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition (WHRD IC), a resource and advocacy network for the protection and support of women human rights defenders worldwide. In March 2013 PBI participated in the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York, where collective lobbying by WHRD IC members ensured the obligations of States to protect women human rights defenders were explicitly

referred to in the Commission's final document. PBI's participation ensured this specific wording was also adopted by the Colombian state, which then urged other Latin American States to follow suit.

In 2013 PBI also participated in a WHRD IC participatory research project regarding protection mechanisms and early warning systems provided by states and regional and international mechanisms. We provided detailed information and supported translation for the expansion of the WHRD IC's Online Directory of Urgent Responses, a unique collective effort which aims to systematize the range of responses available to women defenders at risk.

## Networking and awareness-raising

PBI country groups organised speaker tours for 23 human rights defenders in 2013. In November 2013, PBI enabled Jesús Emilio Tuberquia and Arley Tuberquia, two representatives of the San José de Apartadó Peace Community, to visit Belgium, the UK, Switzerland and Spain to raise awareness and gain support for their peace community which continues to live in the midst of a brutal armed conflict, despite the ongoing peace talks between the FARC and the Colombian government. In London the pair met with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, MPs in Westminster, The Law Society, the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for International Corporate Responsibility, the APPG for Human Rights, seven different NGOs and a Fairtrade company. They also gave seven interviews, spoke at two evening events and received the 2013 'Tomorrow's Peace Builders Prize' from Peace Direct. Throughout the year, PBI country groups and projects held high-level meetings with Government officials, members of parliament, representatives of the EU and the UN as well as participating in various Human Rights coalitions.

PBI Country Groups ran events to raise awareness about human rights defenders and the issues they face. PBI Belgium arranged a screening of *Until the Last Stone* (Hasta la Ultima Piedra) about the San



Jesús Emilio speaking at a panel event in London

José de Apartadó Peace Community in Colombia, followed by a panel discussion with human rights experts. PBI Italy held a seminar on PBI's work in conflict situations following a request from an Italian NGO

supporting victims of mafia and other crime organizations. PBI Spain organized a photo exhibition dedicated to the human rights defenders PBI has worked with in the past 30 years.



## Business and human rights

An increasing number of the human rights defenders PBI works with are supporting communities struggling to uphold their rights against mega projects and powerful economic interests. In 2013, in recognition of the importance of this area in so many human rights struggles, staff and volunteers across PBI worked together to develop and implement a detailed strategy and action plan focussing on business and human rights.

Throughout 2013 PBI engaged with key UN mechanisms such as the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and the Working Group on Human Rights and Trans-National



Protest to protect the environment, Honduras

Radio Progreso



Norwegian Ambassador Harriet Berg and defender Jorge Luis Morales (UVOC) at a panel event organised by PBI and OMCT, UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

Companies, to press for greater protection, participation, and awareness about the risks and issues faced by Human Rights Defenders working in this area.

The second UN Forum on Business and Human Rights took place in Geneva on 2-4 December 2013 and was attended by almost 1,500 people from over 100 countries. 20 official sessions were complemented by a number of side events, one of which was co-organised by PBI. The side event provided a forum to discuss progress and challenges in addressing business impacts on human

**“Land and environmental defenders throughout the world continue to be high on the hit-list of violators... Instead of labelling them as criminals, “enemies of development” or even terrorists, they must be respected as relevant stakeholders in the meaningful consultation emphasized by Guiding Principle 18.”**

**DEBBIE STOTHARD, Secretary General of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) who chaired PBI’s side event**

rights and the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The event was attended by around 250 conference delegates, screened as a live webcast around the world and had a vibrant presence on twitter. Two human rights defenders accompanied by PBI, Jorge Luis Morales (Guatemala) and Sara Mendez (Mexico), participated in the Forum, spoke publicly during the side event and were able to network and learn about key issues around their work.

PBI’s participation at the Forum enabled us to address and influence a number of key stakeholders, to increase their awareness of and encourage them to support and protect human rights defenders from harassment, persecution and reprisals linked to their corporate accountability work. We were able to increase our direct communication with members of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and share our lobby brief. We presented our lobby brief personally to the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and talked to her about specific cases. She went on to give a very positive and persuasive presentation about the critical importance of supporting human rights defenders working in this area. We also developed and strengthened links with other NGOs working in the area, which will lead to increased cooperation on the issue in future.

# Focus on Field Projects

**I**n 2013, PBI worked with human rights defenders in four countries in Latin America (Colombia, Guatemala,

Honduras and Mexico) as well as in Africa (Kenya) and Asia (Nepal and Indonesia). These pages provide a snapshot of the complex

challenges and real risks defenders faced and how PBI was able to support these brave individuals in these countries in 2013.

## Colombia

In 2013, against a backdrop of peace talks between the Colombian Government and the FARC, attacks against human rights defenders in Colombia increased. The Colombian organisation Somos defensores recorded 366 attacks, including 78 murders, against defenders in 2013 (compared to 357 attacks and 69 murders in 2012).

PBI has worked in Colombia since 1994. In 2013 Colombia remained our largest field programme, although our field and staff teams were reduced by 40%. Despite reduced capacity, we were able to work with the same number of men and women defenders as in previous years. We developed a more flexible and responsive programme of accompaniment, which focussed on supporting defenders when they were at their most vulnerable.

In 2013 much of PBI's work focussed

on supporting human rights defenders working on land restitution cases. We provided protection and support to the Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission and the Cavida Community throughout their landmark legal case before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights which condemned the Colombian Government for Operation Genesis, the 1997 displacement of thousands of Afro-Colombians and the brutal murder of Marino Lopez Mena in Chocó state. We provided protective accompaniment to support the Ruiz family's return to their land in Curvaradó following the high profile 2012 murders of father and son Manuel (56) and Samir (15) by paramilitary forces. We also accompanied communities who had been displaced as a result of the Hidroituango development, Colombia's largest ever hydro-electrical project, as they returned to the region after nine months of displacement in squalid conditions.



**PBI volunteers accompany ACVC members visiting the Cimitarra River Valley Peasant Farmer Reserve Zone**

## Case Study: COSPACC

PBI has accompanied COSPACC (the Social Corporation for Community Advisory and Training Services) since 2009. COSPACC's work focuses on supporting small-farming and indigenous communities and challenging systematic human rights abuses in oil-rich east-central Colombia.

In 2013 PBI accompanied COSPACC's leadership schools in Casanare. We supported COSPACC's travel throughout high risk regions, enabling the organisation to provide support and advice to victims of human rights abuses. This included carrying out an emergency accompaniment in March during coffee workers' strikes. PBI travelled with COSPACC's president, Fabián Laverde, to Cruce de Armero (Tolima) where he was able to receive a report of police brutality against a farmer who had participated in the protests.

In addition, in 2013 COSPACC's offices were raided. Equipment (hard



**COSPACC member Fabián Laverde at a MOVICE demonstration**

drives, photographic cameras, memory) containing vital and sensitive information about their work was stolen. After that

incident, PBI increased office visits and held self-protection and security workshops for COSPACC members.

## Mexico

Mexico continued to be a dangerous place for human rights defenders in 2013. States with the highest number of attacks against defenders included Oaxaca, Chihuahua and Coahuila.

PBI has worked in Mexico since 1999. In 2013 PBI opened a new field team to accompany defenders in Chihuahua and Coahuila. We supported speaking tours to Europe and the United States, raised awareness of the international community's interest and encouraged local authorities to take action for the protection and public recognition of human rights defenders in both states. PBI facilitated a roundtable between defenders and the diplomatic corps to mark the launch of the new team. By the end of the year PBI was providing protective accompaniment to five organisations in the two states.

In 2013 PBI continued to provide protection and support to human rights defenders in Oaxaca, where the severity of the situation for human rights defenders led PBI to activate its support network. International organisations, including the OMCT, sent letters to the Mexican government advocating for the protection of defenders. A US Congressman

presented the issue to the State Department while a European Member of Parliament sent a parliamentary question to the European Commission. The Embassies of Germany, Norway and Switzerland visited Oaxaca to learn about the situation first hand. As a consequence of PBI's activation and subsequent advocacy, Mexican authorities also held a meeting with defenders from the state to discuss protection policies.

In October 2013, Mexico appeared before the United Nations Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR). PBI strongly advocated for the protection of human rights defenders to be a central issue, sending a briefing to 30 governments, holding meetings with over 50 international actors and facilitating a series of encounters between Mexican defenders and foreign governments. Over a third of the 176 UPR recommendations made to Mexico concerned the situation of human rights defenders. In parallel, following advocacy by PBI and partners, in 2013 the European Union (EU) created a human rights

PBI at a meeting between FUUNDEC families and government representatives, Saltillo



working group facilitating contact between the EU Delegation in Mexico and Mexican civil society. During the year, PBI helped facilitate several meetings of the nascent working group. In addition, members of the European Parliament who visited Mexico, including its President, consistently met with human rights defenders, something PBI has always advocated for. After a letter signed by PBI and other NGOs was sent to the EU-Mexico Parliamentary Commission, the body met with civil society for the first time and agreed that regular meetings would be held in future.

Event to celebrate the launch of PBI's new Northern Team in Chihuahua, Mexico



Jose Luis Manzo

# Focus on Field Projects

## Guatemala

Guatemalan human rights defenders were at more risk from violence in 2013 than they had been at any time in the preceding 14 years. The Unit for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders (UDEFEUGA) registered a 115% increase in acts of aggression against human rights defenders in 2013 compared to 2012.

2013 marked PBI's thirtieth anniversary of supporting human rights defenders in Guatemala. On 10 May Guatemala's former military ruler Efraín Ríos Montt was convicted of genocide and crimes against humanity and sentenced to 80 years in jail. PBI has accompanied Edgar Pérez and other prosecution lawyers in this case since 2010. Our support in 2013 helped ensure the safety of the lawyers and other participants in the trial, as we kept key members of the international community up-to-date with developments throughout. Several diplomatic missions attended the trial, and lawyers' associations and European parliamentarians sent letters of support requesting security guarantees for the participants in the trial and respect for the right to justice for victims of the internal

armed conflict in Guatemala.

Although 10 days later Montt's conviction was overturned by the constitutional court which argued Ríos Montt had been denied due process, the organisations we work with told us the ruling was of great significance for them. It was important as an acknowledgement of the testimony of so



many victims of these heinous crimes and for the collective reconstruction of historical memory. During 2014 we will maintain our support for human rights defenders working for the right to justice and reparation for victims of armed conflict in Guatemala.

Many of the defenders we work with in Guatemala put their lives on the line to support vulnerable communities, and aim to ensure the rights of indigenous communities defending access to land and natural resources against powerful national and international corporations and economic interests. In this area in 2013 we responded to a request for support from CPK, a movement made up of more than 87 communities, in response to threats and attacks CPK's members had received due to their work in the defence and promotion of collective rights of indigenous villages, such as the rights to water and land. CPK supports collective consultation processes in areas where megaprojects involving mining, hydroelectricity and agroindustry are planned or underway. PBI made regular trips to Santa Cruz del Quiché to carry out accompaniment at key moments throughout the year. We also supported one of CPK's leaders, Lolita Chávez to participate in meetings in Guatemala and abroad.

## Honduras

Since the coup in 2009, the situation for human rights defenders in Honduras has deteriorated dramatically. Honduran defenders face "chronic insecurity" according to Navi Pillay, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

After receiving a petition for international accompaniment from the Honduras Platform on Human Rights, PBI carried out field research in Honduras in 2011 and 2012.

In 2013, we published a report on the situation for human rights defenders in Honduras and developed a new protective accompaniment project in the country. Throughout the year, PBI focussed on building support networks with Honduran defenders and civil society as well as the international community.

The first two field volunteers arrived

in Tegucigalpa in October 2013, in time to provide international observation during the Presidential and General elections the following month. We developed a report outlining the risks faced by Honduran defenders in the context of the elections and providing recommendations for the international community. *Honduras: a new perspective on human rights?* will be published in early 2014.

In 2013 PBI met with more than 30 Honduran human rights organisations and received five formal accompaniment petitions. We worked hard to develop strong relationships with key members of the international community in Europe and the Americas, including participating in an advocacy tour to the United States alongside PBI Guatemala. We met members of Congress and of the State Department and were able to raise awareness and express our concerns about the risks defenders in Honduras face.

## Indonesia

PBI worked in Indonesia from 2001 to early 2011. Since then, PBI has monitored the situation for defenders, particularly in Papua, and provided opportunities for them to share their experiences and build links with the international community. In 2012 PBI carried out research to find out how we could provide support to defenders – and they asked PBI to help them learn to conduct effective monitoring, documenting and reporting and link them to national and international advocacy and protection networks. In 2013 PBI worked in partnership with ELSAM (Lembaga Studi dan Advocacy Masyarakat, Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy), an Indonesian NGO established in 1993 by human rights activists and lawyers, to develop a project in Indonesia to meet these needs. We aim to launch this work in Indonesia in mid 2014.

## Kenya

PBI launched its first ever field programme in Africa, in Kenya, in 2013 in response to the many risks and challenges Kenyan defenders face when carrying out their work. PBI's first months in Kenya were dedicated to conducting in-depth research to inform our overall strategy and assess how we could

### A volunteer's perspective – PBI volunteer Ingrid Krüter

"I joined the Kenya team in August 2013 having served as a volunteer in Colombia in 2010. I've learnt that the most difficult current issues are the widespread impunity, police violence and problems regarding the allocation and use of land. It's also very difficult for women defenders and defenders working for the rights of gay, lesbians, transgender, bisexual and intersex (LGBTI) communities to deal with the threats they receive.

"A key task for the team has been to

best support defenders in the Kenyan context. We focused on building support networks with Kenyan defenders and civil society, as well as the international community. Throughout the year we met with human rights organisations across the country addressing a wide variety of human rights abuses including police violations, corruption, issues around land and sexual violence.

meet with local and national authorities, national and international organisations and the diplomatic community to work out how PBI can work in Kenya. We plan to build on what we've learnt in 2014.

"When I worked in Colombia I was really inspired by the defenders who, despite repeatedly receiving death threats, continued their struggle for a more just world. That experience motivated me to come to a country that is totally unknown to me and jump into a new adventure. The people that we're working with in Kenya are just as inspiring and courageous."

PBI volunteer Emma Platt in the PBI office in Nairobi, Kenya



## Nepal

PBI has worked in Nepal since 2005. Following the closure of our volunteer teams at the end of 2012, a small PBI staff team in Kathmandu provided advocacy and networking support to Nepali defenders in 2013.

PBI met with defenders in Kathmandu, Banke and Bardiya districts and conducted check-in-calls in 10 different districts.

Advocacy efforts included initiating meetings with the EU Working Group on HRDs (EUWG) and embassies. As a result, defenders' concerns were incorporated into the EU's joint statement on Nepal to the UN Human Rights Council. Information PBI provided was reflected in the public statement of the German Parliament's human rights delegation to Nepal and in letters of concern to the Government of Nepal from lawyers' organisations and the All Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group in the UK.

PBI developed NepalMonitor.org to alert local organisations to human rights and security incidents happening in their area, and to allow anyone to easily share incidents with local, national, and international organisations. NepalMonitor.org runs on a free and open source web platform, Ushahidi, used by hundreds of organisations worldwide. Over 200 defenders had subscribed to NepalMonitor.org by the end of 2013. PBI, in partnership with the Collective Campaign for Peace network, also ran two data security trainings for 47 human rights defenders in 2013. Defenders learnt how to identify threats to their sensitive data and how to protect it from malware, hackers and physical threats, including through encryption. They were provided with a comprehensive package of free and open source tools for their security, and given practical hands-on lessons in how to use it.

Following extensive consultation with human rights defenders, PBI closed its field team in Nepal on 1 January 2014. In 2014 we will work with a local organisation to ensure that NepalMonitor.org continues for as long as it is helpful to the Nepali human rights community.

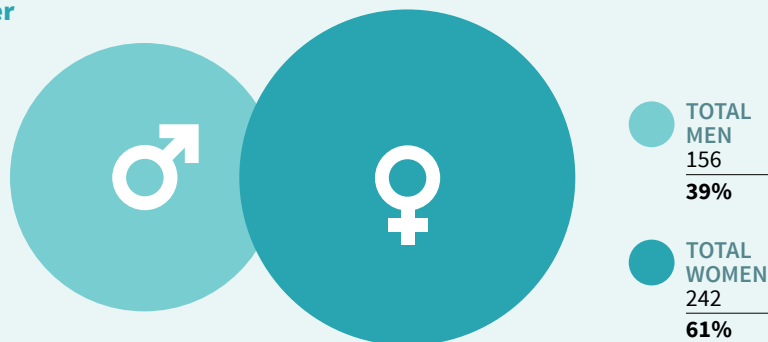
# Our volunteers and supporters

**I**n 2013, PBI was supported by a total of 398 volunteers, who worked in our field programmes, at our country groups and in our international office:

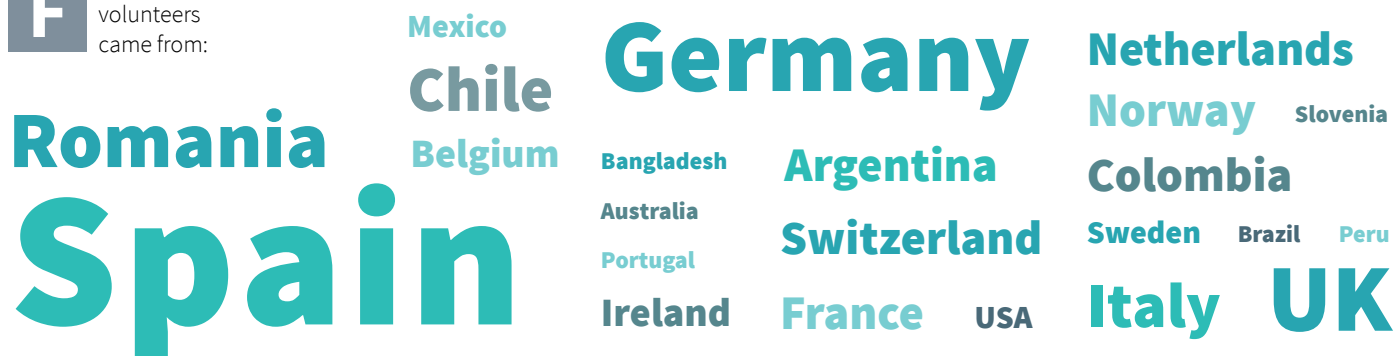
**286** volunteers provided support to 12 PBI Country Groups and our International Office in 2013

**112** international volunteers provided protection to 326 human rights defenders in the field in 2013

## Volunteer gender



**F**ield volunteers came from:



**W**e would like to thank the many organisations and individuals who made generous contributions to our work in 2013, including:

- Agencia Catalana de Cooperación al Desarrollo
- Ayuntamiento de Barcelona
- Ayuntamiento de Donostia
- Ayuntamiento de Pamplona
- Ayuntamiento de Santander
- Ayuntamiento de Valladolid
- Basilian Fathers Human Development Fund
- Bread for the World
- Christian Aid
- City of Gland
- Civil Peace Service (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)
- Diputación de Valladolid
- European Union – European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
- Fair Share Foundation

- Fondo Cantabria Cooperera
- Fribourg Solidarity
- German Federal Foreign Office
- Gobierno de Navarra – Mugarik Gabe
- Hartstra Foundation
- Iglesia Valdés
- Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (ifa), zivik programme (Civil Conflict Resolution)
- Intermon-AECID
- International Solidarity Service – Switzerland Canton Geneva
- Irish Aid – Civil Society Fund
- Kerk in Actie
- Jenö Stähelin Stiftung – Switzerland
- Maya Behn-Eschenburg Foundation
- Mensen met een Missie
- Misereor
- Municipality of Renens
- Municipality of Rolle
- Non Violence XXI
- Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU)
- Oxfam Solidarité/Solidariteit

- Paris Bar Association
- Protestant Church St. Gallen-Tablat
- Swedish Amnesty Fund
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Switzerland Canton Bern
- Ten-Percent-Action (Evangelisches Dekanat Wiesbaden)
- The British Embassy in Mexico/Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- The Campbell Webster Foundation
- The Canadian Embassy in Mexico
- The Dutch Embassy in México
- The Ferster Foundation
- The Foreign Ministry of Norway
- The Law Society Charity
- The MacArthur Foundation
- The Norwegian Embassy in Mexico
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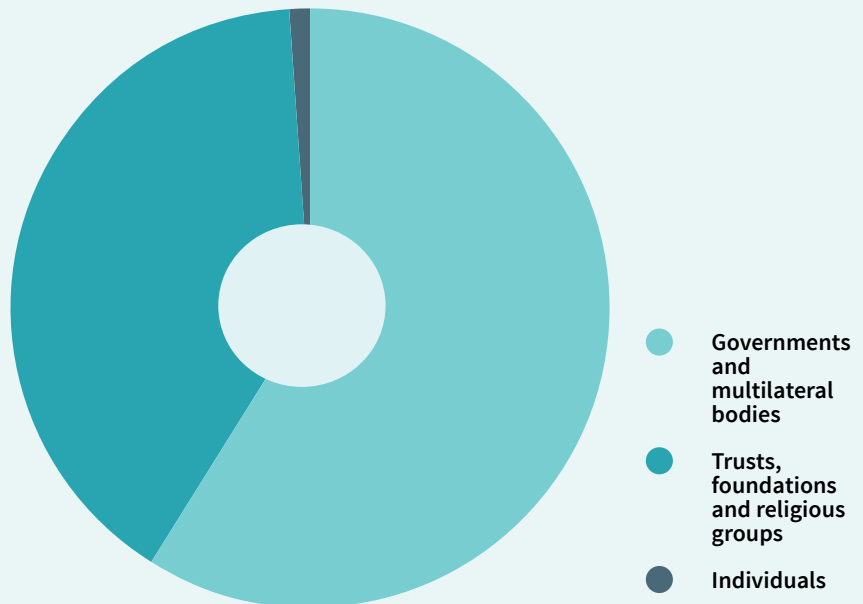
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In our work to protect human rights defenders, we rely on the support of individuals, trusts, foundations and religious groups as well as governments and other multilateral funders.

**Most of our income is raised by country groups who work closely with our committed donors in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, the UK and the USA.**

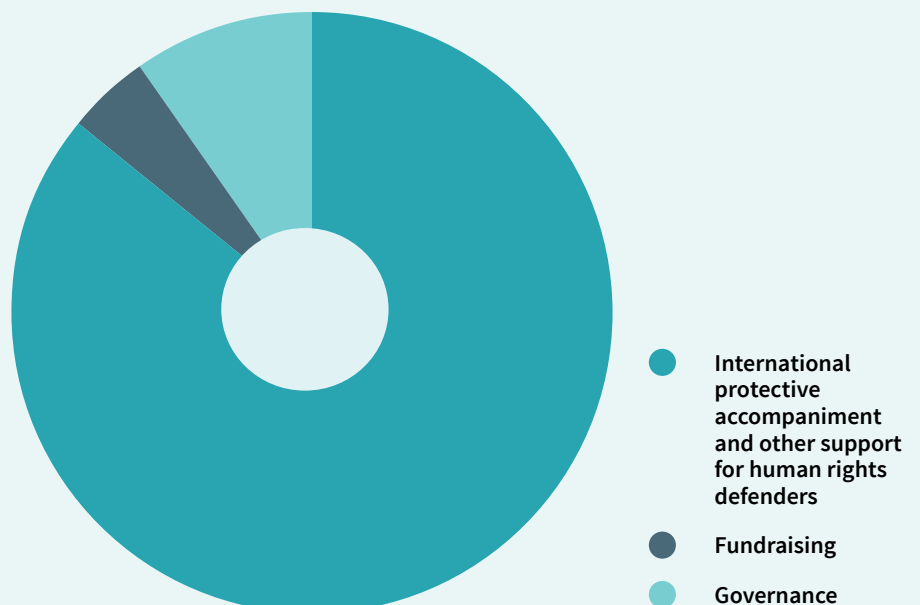
**Total income in 2013\*:  
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### How we spend your money

From every \$1 you give us we spend 86 cents on our human rights work and use the remaining 14 cents to raise the next \$1.

**Total expenditure in 2013\*:  
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