Your Donations At Work

Below, a summary of organizations, individuals and projects Rights Action funded and worked with, to date, in 2017. Rights Action receives our funds from individuals and a few institutional donors in the U.S. and Canada, including: FPSE International Solidarity Fund, Tikva Grassroots Empowerment Fund, Cut Foundation.

Honduras

Azacualpa Environmental Committee: $3,360. Campesino communities denouncing environmental and health harms, repression and human rights violations caused by, and resisting the destruction of a 200 year old community cemetery to make way for illegal expansion of Aura Mineral’s cyanide-leaching gold mine.

Berta Caceres family: $8,450. Family of indigenous rights, anti-imperialist, feminist, environmental defender Berta Caceres, assassinated by Honduran regime on March 3, 2016. Funds for family security and struggle for justice in her case.


OFRANEH (Fraternal Organization of Garifuna & Black Peoples): $4,500. Founded in 1979, OFRANEH is the leading Garifuna organization working in defense of the environment, autonomy, human and indigenous rights, resisting illegal and violent incursions onto their lands by national and international tourism operators and African palm producers.

Triunfo de la Cruz Garifuna education fund: $1,400

Emergency response

Health and security support, shot journalist: $1,000
Health and security support, university/ LGBT activist tortured by police: $2,100
Guatemala

Education

Pacux refugee community – scholarships for children of Mayan Achi genocide victims: $4,000
Rio Negro - primary school in Mayan Achi community, victim of Chixoy Dam project: $1,550
San Miguel Ixtahuacan – scholarship, law degree, Mayan Mam community leader resisting Goldcorp Inc. mining harms: $410
El Estor – scholarships, children of Mayan Q’eqchi’ community leaders seeking justice for Hudbay Minerals mining harms: $4,000
Santa Maria Tzeja - Mayan community primary and middle schools, and scholarships to high school and university: $11,750

Mining harms ~versus~ Community Development, Environment & Human Rights


FREDEMI (San Miguel Ixtahuacan Defense Front): $3,700. Mayan Mam people working to document and denounce harms, violations and repression caused by Goldcorp Inc.’s open-pit and underground cyanide-leaching mine.

Consejo Sipakapan de Pueblos: $1,325. Mayan Sipakapan people working (in conjunction with FREDEMI) to denounce repression, harms and violations caused by Goldcorp’s underground and open-pit mine.

Las Casillas resistance movement: $750. Community members protesting in defense of community, the environment and human rights, against harms caused by Tahoe Resources’ silver mine.

Q’eqchi’ Nickel mining resistance: $1,800. Mayan Q’eqchi’ fisherpeople and campesinos protesting health and environmental harms caused by CGN/ProNico nickel mining company (owned by The Solway Group, formerly by INCO and Hudbay). Support for family of Carlos Maaz Coc, shot and killed by police during a protest.

El Estor Territorial Committee. Mayan Qeqchi people seeking justice in Guatemala and Canada for harms and violations caused by Hudbay Minerals and its former subsidiary company CGN. in Guatemalan criminal court against Mynor Padilla, former Hudbay head of security, for murder and aggravated assaults: $23,000
in Canadian civil courts against Hudbay Minerals & CGN for negligence resulting in murder, aggravated assault and rapes: $10,700
emergency support for Angelica Choc, forced to leave El Estor after her house was shot up in September 2016: $10,000
health support for German Chub paralyzed from waist down, victim of Hudbay linked shooting: $7,200
Community Development & Environmental Protection

CEDFOG education & communication centre, Huehuetenango: $13,000
El Estor - La Union community (victim of Hudbay Minerals evictions) women’s chicken and pig project: $600
El Estor - Lote 8 community (victim of Hudbay Minerals evictions) women’s agricultural sustenance project: $17,300
Rio Negro - outboard motor repair: $300

Truth, Memory, Justice

Commemoration of March 13, 1982, Chixoy Dam/Rio Negro massacre: $1,500
Commemoration of May 14, 1982, Chixoy Dam/Los Encuentros massacre: $1,500
Annual commemoration for Adolfo Ich, assassinated September 27, 2009 by security guards hired by Hudbay Minerals: $1,350
Mayan Q’eqchi’ recovery of lands, Livingston: $1,300

Emergency response and various

El Estor - health support, community leader, suffering from cancer: $250
El Estor - health support, community leader operation: $2,500
El Estor - support for Lote 8 woman, husband died of poverty-related health issues: $450
San Miguel Ixtahuacan - support for Mayan Mam woman shot in head in 2010 after refusing to sell land to Goldcorp: $125
El Estor - purchase wheelchair for Q’eqchi’ woman house-bound, with no medical treatment for paralysis: $605

North-South Education & Activism

Documentary film - Kukama people land struggle in Peru: $3,700
Journalists and photo-journalists: $4,000
Educational/activist delegation to Guatemala: $4,800
MISN: Education and activism related to Canadian mining repression and harms: $1,200

Other countries

Otros Mundos (Mexico), support for security needs and justice work of Gustavo Castro, survivor of and eye-witness to assassination of Berta Caceres: $5,400
AYNI (Peru), community development project, northern Peru: $9,500
Tropico Seco (Peru), flood relief: $1,900