



We pioneer tools and methodologies to harness the power of information for human rights

HURIDOCS (Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems) was founded 40 years ago by a group of human rights activists to help human rights defenders organise their information more efficiently and effectively.

Since 1982, we have developed methodologies and tools that make it easier not only to manage collections of evidence, law and research, but also to analyse them for insights. HURIDOCS has become a field leader in developing technological tools, information management strategies and sustainable data protection solutions for the human rights community.

The human rights movement has grown, and digital technologies have opened the door for activists to discover, share and take action at unprecedented speed and scales. Although the circumstances have shifted over the years, accessible information remains crucial to protecting the dignity and freedom of all people. Subsequently, HURIDOCS is as committed as ever to our mission: supporting human rights defenders to gather, organise, use and preserve information to create positive change in the world.

What we do

DISCOVER



We advise the human rights community to achieve our common goal of making law, research and evidence more accessible.

Our focus is not only on designing tools and resources, but also to better understand the specific needs and challenges of our partners to create tailor-made, sustainable and context-specific solutions.

CREATE



We explore, test and develop innovative technologies that are open-source, web-based and employ machine learning.

We help those who promote and protect human rights with managing their information and data more efficiently. Our tools enable them to identify trends, patterns and relationships, thus increasing the impact of their advocacy, research and litigation work.

TRANSFORM



We strive to empower and increase the resilience of the human rights community through information management and technology solutions.

We believe that collective knowledge and peer-based exchanges will benefit the human rights community at large. Our digital tools help human rights defenders focus on the real task at hand: advancing justice and accountability worldwide.

Our reach



100+ COUNTRIES
we have worked in



150+ ORGANISATIONS
we have supported



300+ COLLECTIONS
we have implemented



“It’s very important that these issues are not just forgotten. We have a responsibility to the extent possible to make sure that the victims find remedies. It’s not just statistics. It’s people with stories.”

– Ethan Hee-Seok Shin,
from Transitional Justice Working Group,
on ‘Footprints’, an open archive of
arbitrary detention, abduction
and enforced disappearance
cases in North Korea

“Untitled” by North Korean escapee artist Chun Hyuk Kang

Our impact



CHANGE PERCEPTIONS

We support Information collections that shed light on critical human rights issues, leading to positive behavioural and systemic change.

The number of executions in Pakistan have decreased due to Justice Project Pakistan’s documentation and advocacy work.



STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY

We develop databases that strengthen the work of transitional justice mechanisms and other accountability processes.

The Global Legal Advocacy Network supports future accountability efforts by preserving digital evidence on airstrikes against Yemen civilians in accordance with legal standards.



SEEK REDRESS FOR VICTIMS

We empower human rights defenders through case management support and public collections to litigate more effectively, ensuring recognition and reparation for victims.

The Gambia Center for Victims of Human Rights Violations provided accurate information about victims to the country’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



BUILD CAPACITY & FOSTER COLLABORATION

We develop platforms and resources for the human rights community to strengthen partnerships and combine efforts.

The Tibetan Center on Human Rights and Democracy through its database on political prisoners provides resources to other groups working on Tibet-China related issues.

Who we work with



OUR PARTNERS

We collaborate with local activist groups, national human rights institutions, large international NGOs and many organisations in between. Some of our partners specialise in specific issues such as arbitrary arrest, freedom of expression, historical memory, and transitional justice, while others focus on human rights-related mechanisms such as the United Nations Human Rights Treaty System. Beyond their shared commitment to dignity and freedom, our partners have an important thing in common: they achieve greater impact when the information they need is easy to access, navigate and understand.

Work with us



GET IN TOUCH!

Want to know more about how we can work together?
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