The slaying of human rights defenders, journalists and trade unionists remains unacceptably high.

**WHAT?**
The indicator is the total count of victims of verified cases of killings, enforced disappearances and other attacks that occurred in the preceding 12 months.

**WHY?**
This indicator contributes to measuring the enjoyment of fundamental freedoms (access to information and freedoms of opinion, expression, peaceful assembly and association) by those who actively defend human rights.

**METHODOLOGY**
- **WHO IS THE VICTIM?** The alleged perpetrator?
- **WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VICTIM?**
- **WHERE DID IT HAPPEN?**
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**MINIMUM DATA REQUIREMENT**
The minimum set of relevant information that defines the event as one that concerns the killing of a human rights defender, journalist or trade unionist.

**VERIFICATION**
Process of checking relevant case information against other information obtained from independent and reliable sources to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that the event happened.

**DATA STORY**

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**WORK WITH US TO:**
- Expand data coverage and scope of the indicator beyond killings.
- Support country and thematic analysis of civic space and situation of human rights defenders.
- Strengthen collaboration with National Human Rights Institutions, National Statistical Offices and civil society organizations.

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