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This is the first UN Human Rights Report that I am presenting, as High Commissioner, and I am proud and honoured to do so.

The year 2018 was marked by the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which inspires all our work. Its promise of respect for human rights “for all people and all nations” opened an era in which great progress was made: many countries unshackled people from systemic discrimination and strengthened their rule of law, made major progress towards economic and social justice, and advanced broader participation by the people in decisions.

In doing so, countries laid the groundwork for greater peace and more social harmony and sustainable development. They demonstrated that not only is respect for human rights an essential goal in itself; it is also a massively positive investment, with wide-ranging and durable impact.

Invigorated by this reminder of the profound value of what we do, our work in 2018 achieved real impact on the ground. From Afghanistan to Vanuatu, you will find in these pages many examples of positive impact.

We partnered with the African Union (AU) to integrate human rights norms into all AU peace operations. We also developed an AU-UN Framework on Human Rights. We began a new and important project to provide guidance to the military forces participating in the G5 Sahel Joint Force, to promote full respect for international humanitarian law and human rights law in its counter-terrorism operations — including training, rules, after-action review, monitoring, accountability and protection. This vital work will help better protect local communities, and make counter-terrorism work not only more principled, but also more effective.

In the Middle East and North Africa, we helped to establish a regional coalition of women human rights defenders, with the aim of increasing women’s participation in decision-making — including by advocating a safer environment for their work. Again, this will be of tremendous enduring value to women in all the countries concerned and, by boosting the full ability of women to contribute to their societies, it will also generate broader benefit to all.

All over the world, we worked to end discrimination and secure fair access to justice and fundamental resources for people who have been marginalized and excluded. Thus, in Colombia, we contributed to the achievement of an agreement between the Governor of the department of Amazonas and indigenous authorities to advance implementation of a comprehensive indigenous intercultural health system.

Constructive engagement by a whole range of stakeholders is essential to this kind of progress. Over the course of my mandate I am determined to build support among Member States for a balanced approach to all human rights on this fragile planet which we share.

We also need to leverage the full capacity of all our UN partners. By ensuring that human rights are at the core of everything they do, we can help them assist States to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is a detailed and transformative plan of action for human rights.

The work we do is vital, because people’s human rights are vital: every individual has value, and a right to dignity. But it is also work that invests powerfully in preventing violence by creating resilient and peaceful societies. We know that societies where there is rule of law and broad participation — where measures are taken to counter discrimination and ensure the widest possible access to essential services and goods — are more successful at building durable peace, development and well-being.

This Report details what human rights-based action can achieve, even when resources fall short and circumstances are less than ideal. In 2018, our Annual Appeal for US$278 million was not fully met. However, thanks to the US$187 million contributed by our 89 donors, we did manage to assist States and other actors to take steps that were urgently needed in the immediate short-term — as well as helping them make important, long-term investments in building better systems for the future.

I look forward to continuing this work with all our partners in the coming years, and I encourage you to enhance your support.
**UN HUMAN RIGHTS IN 2018**

**Mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

General Assembly resolution 48/141

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- **Promote and protect all human rights for all**
- **Coordinate human rights promotion and protection activities throughout the United Nations system**
- **Engage in dialogue with governments in order to secure respect for all human rights**
- **Rationalize, adapt, strengthen and streamline the United Nations human rights machinery**
- **Recommend that bodies of the United Nations system improve the promotion and protection of all human rights**
- **Provide technical assistance to States for human rights activities**
- **Coordinate United Nations human rights education and public information programmes**
- **Work actively to remove obstacles to the realization of human rights and to prevent the continuation of human rights violations**
- **Enhance international cooperation for the promotion and protection of all human rights**
- **Promote and protect the right to development**

**Highlights**

**MEMBER STATE COOPERATION**

- States were supported in establishing transitional justice mechanisms, received capacity-building support for judicial actors and civil society, and were assisted to increase victims’ protection and participation
- 140 State Party reports reviewed by the treaty bodies with six States Parties visited by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
- 59 countries visited over 84 visits by special procedures mandates
- 42 Member States were reviewed for the implementation of UPR recommendations

**PEOPLE CENTRED**

- 88 fellows from indigenous, Afrodescendant and minority communities participated in the UN Human Rights Fellowship Programme
- 1,000 Direct victims of contemporary forms of slavery in 27 countries obtained assistance
- 40,000 Direct victims of torture in 78 countries received rehabilitation support

**HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS SUPPORT**

- Support to the work of 44 thematic and 12 country-specific special procedures mandates
- 85 resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council

**HUMAN RIGHTS INTEGRATION ACROSS THE UN**

- Human rights components in UN Peace Missions, including 621 staff supported by UN Human Rights
- 32 Human Rights Advisers deployed in UN Country Teams under the framework of the UNDG

**CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT**

- 590 NGO side events organized during Human Rights Council sessions
- 2,715 Oral statements delivered by NGOs during Human Rights Council sessions
- Over 2,700 participants in the 7th Forum on Business and Human Rights

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Data available as of 31 December 2018
Global Presence

77 PRESENCES WORLDWIDE
1,343 STAFF

International staff: 56% HQ
Field staff: 15% Africa
National staff: 10% Americas
HQ staff: 7% Europe & Central Asia
Hq staff: 6% Middle East & North Africa
HQ staff: 6% Asia-Pacific

UN Human Rights staff member on a monitoring mission in Valles Centrales, Oaxaca, Mexico in April 2018. © OCHA/Mexico
UN Human Rights around the world

- **Headquarters**
- **Country/stand-alone Offices/ Human Rights Missions**
- **Regional Offices/Centres**
- **Human rights components of UN Peace/Political Missions**
- **Human Rights Advisers deployed under the framework of the UNDG**
- **Other types of field presences**

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### COUNTRY/STAND-ALONE OFFICES/ HUMAN RIGHTS MISSIONS

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### REGIONAL OFFICES/CENTRES

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### HUMAN RIGHTS COMPONENTS OF UN PEACE/POLITICAL MISSIONS

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### HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISERS DEPLOYED UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNDG

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### OTHER TYPES OF FIELD PRESENCE

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**Notes**

- Reference to Kosovo should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.
- Reference to the State of Palestine should be understood in compliance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19.
- The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS

Human rights officer speaking to a blind man living in Zhovanka village at the contact line to document human rights violations and to refer relevant concerns to humanitarian partners. © OHCHR/Ukraine
In 2018, UN Human Rights rolled-out a global year-long campaign to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which underpins international human rights law and inspires us to continue to work to ensure all people can gain freedom, equality and dignity.

**PROMOTE:**
Raise public awareness about the UDHR

**ENGAGE:**
Prompt commitment from the public and key actors to uphold the values of the UDHR

**REFLECT:**
Create opportunities to celebrate past human rights achievements while envisioning and setting an agenda for the future

“Because of the courage and the struggle of human rights defenders, much progress towards the common standard laid out in the Universal Declaration has been achieved.”
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, during her visit to South Africa.

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**1 year-long campaign**

- Official campaign materials produced in 6 UN languages
- 100+ Human Rights Day celebrations organized around the world
- 14 Shine Your Light events organized in various cities worldwide, each one highlighting regional human rights thematic issues
- 27 International Days leveraged to promote UDHR70 messages
- 85+ external partnerships with institutions, civil society and the corporate world from around the world
- 30 high profile personalities involved in the campaign, including 22 Human Rights Champions
- 2,500 visitors at UN Human Rights Geneva headquarters Open Office Day
- UDHR70 posters touring in 75 countries
- UDHR70 booklets distributed
- 141K+ videos from 131 countries, in 89 languages, submitted to the “Add Your Voice” platform
- 3,000 visitors at UN Human Rights Geneva headquarters Open Office Day
- An estimated 608M social media users reached and
- 897K engagements generated on Human Rights Day 2018
- US$ 830K total campaign budget

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Mechanisms (M)
Increasing implementation of the outcomes of the international human rights mechanisms

**TREATY BODIES**

- **Mechanisms in numbers**
  - **140** State Party reports reviewed by human rights treaty bodies in 2018
  - **135** State Party reports and 12 common core documents submitted
  - **5** General Comments elaborated by the treaty bodies
  - **371** individual complaints registered

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

- **85** resolutions adopted
- **42** Member States reviewed for the implementation of UPR recommendations
- **25** delegates from 6 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) supported to attend HRC sessions by the Voluntary Trust Fund to support the participation of Least Developed Countries and SIDS in the work of the HRC

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

- **44** thematic and 12 country-specific Special Procedures mandates
- **59** Governments hosted
- **84** visits by Special Procedures mandates
- **119** Member States and non-Member Observer State extended a standing invitation to thematic special procedures

**REPORTING AND FOLLOW-UP ON RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS**

- **40** newly established and/or strengthened National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up

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The impact of the event has also been evident within the Committee, which now has fresh inspiration for engaging with children in its work. It hopes that this experience will inspire other entities to ensure the participation of children in their work through long-term, child-friendly and meaningful engagement.

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Child Advisers said: “I defend child rights and I love this work because I see the abuses children are suffering from in my society. I see how much they can’t express their views and are unable to get their opinions across. I really want to help them. My message to all children is that it is up to them to defend child rights. We all work hand in hand to make the peace and hope we want for the world a reality.” Maya, 15, Syria.

“Last time I checked, I wasn’t the President. But I know I have power – the power of my voice!” Ariadna, 15, Republic of Moldova.
In a notable development and following intensive advocacy efforts by UN Human Rights, the Government of Jamaica approved the formal establishment of an institutional framework of the Inter- Ministerial Committee on Human Rights as the official national entity for reporting and follow up to the UN human rights mechanisms.

In December, UN Human Rights presented its database project on National Human Rights Recommendations Tracking Database to the newly established Inter-Ministerial Committee. The objective of the database is to facilitate recording, tracking and reporting on the national-level implementation of human rights recommendations emanating from the international, regional and national human rights mechanisms. Jamaica is expected to join the pilot phase of the project.

As a result of advocacy by UN Human Rights with national counterparts in Chad, the Government ratified CRPD and ICRMW, thereby strengthening the national legal framework for the protection of these two groups in vulnerable situations. UN Human Rights will continue its advocacy with the Government and the National Assembly for the ratification of pending international human rights treaties.

In the Pacific, national authorities enhanced their capacities to report to the human rights mechanisms and implement their recommendations, following capacity building by UN Human Rights. As a result of training provided by UN Human Rights, the members of the NMRFs in Kiribati, the Marshall Islands and Vanuatu increased their coordination, consultation and information management capacities. UN Human Rights also shared the terms of reference and good practices of NMRFs from other countries. These interventions led to the constructive engagement of the Marshall Islands with the CRC and CEDAW Committees, the finalization of Kiribati’s initial report to CRPD and its periodic reports to CRC and CEDAW and the drafting of Vanuatu’s initial report to the Human Rights Committee and CAT. All of these reporting initiatives were led by NMRFs in their respective countries.

Building on the UN Human Rights capacity-building efforts during the previous Management Plan 2014-2017, unprecedented progress was achieved in North Macedonia on the level of engagement of national civil society with the international human rights mechanisms in 2018. Compared to previous years, triple the number of civil society public submissions were made in anticipation of the 2018 reviews of North Macedonia by CEDAW, CRPD and the context of the third UPR cycle, in January 2019. The number of joint submissions by participating organizations tripled as well. More specifically, 26 national civil society organizations and networks prepared 14 joint and thematically coordinated submissions. The submissions focused on concerns of those "left behind" - women, Roma women, and sex workers. The CEDAW and CRPD recommendations that were issued in November and September 2018, respectively, fully reflected the views of the civil society organizations, creating a solid basis for their further advocacy, programming and follow-up.

For Karina de Brum, advancing awareness about human rights in her home country comes through engagement with the international human rights mechanisms. Ms de Brum, a Human Rights Officer in the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs within the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), came to this conclusion after attending a regional training in Fiji, in 2017. The training was organized by the UN Human Rights Regional Office for the Pacific with the support of the UN Human Rights Treaty Body Capacity-Building Programme. Ms de Brum was among 25 State representatives from 13 countries in the region who participated in the training. Responsible for coordinating and advancing human rights work within the Ministry, including assisting the National Human Rights Committee to draft the reports to treaty bodies relevant to RMI, Ms de Brum shared how useful the regional training on ICESCR and human rights indicators had been. She also joined a subsequent UN Human Rights training session on treaty body reporting procedures and on National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRFs) on the recommendations issued by international mechanisms, which was held by UN Human Rights, in February, in the capital city of Majuro. Ms de Brum attended the training with 16 government officials, most of whom were members of the National Human Rights Committee of the Marshall Islands.

“I am now more familiar with the mandates and functions of the international human rights mechanisms, particularly the treaty body reporting procedures,” Ms de Brum said. She added that the training enabled participants like her who work on human rights issues on a daily basis to better report and follow-up on the recommendations concerning human rights.

Ms de Brum, who was new to this area of work, said it had been challenging. “I used to hear a lot of my colleagues saying that the reporting obligations under international human rights treaties was a burden for a small island country like RMI and understand why they thought so,” she said.

In March, she joined the government delegation to attend the constructive dialogue with CEDAW, which considered RMI’s combined initial, second and third periodic reports. “It has further increased my understanding and confidence,” she said. “I am currently assisting the National Human Rights Committee, an NMRF on reporting and follow-up in the RMI, to finalize the initial report to CRPPD,” she said before adding, “the technical support we have received from UN Human Rights and other regional partners in respect of meeting treaty reporting obligations has been crucial.” She further added that RMI’s accession to ICCPR and ICESCR in 2018 was a major achievement and further solidified the country’s commitment to human rights standards. From her perspective, the growing commitment of RMI to international human rights treaties will make her reporting job more challenging while at the same time offer a welcome advancement in the protection of human rights.

“With the technical support from UN Human Rights and collaboration with other regional partners, I believe the Marshall Islands can benefit.”
HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS

As a result of an academic visit to Mexico of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, the Government and the City of Mexico included strategies and actions on adequate housing and earthquake response in their agendas.

UN Human Rights collaborated with CSO partners to organize a visit to informal/irregular settlements in Mexico City and Estado de Mexico and to the zones affected by the 2017 earthquakes.

The prohibition of gender-based violence against women has evolved into a principle of customary international law, which has great potential for strengthening the position of victims.

CEDAW adopted General Recommendation 35 on gender-based violence against women, updating its General Recommendation 19. The latest General Recommendation calls on States Parties to the Convention to address all forms of gender-based violence against women in the public and private spheres, including violence committed in public institutions and in cyberspace, as well as in the context of violent extremism.

UN Human Rights supported the signature of a Framework of Cooperation between the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG-SVC) and CEDAW, on 29 July. This is the first agreement between a Security Council mechanism and a human rights mechanism that is aimed at guiding joint efforts to address the structural drivers of sexual violence by promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls at risk. Under this Framework, the SRSG-SVC and CEDAW shared information regarding country situations under consideration by the Committee and those that are the subject of visits and reports by the Committee and the SRSG-SVC. With the support of UN Human Rights, the Office of the SRSG-SVC submitted information related to the Lists of Issues of countries under consideration by CEDAW.

As a result of an academic visit to Mongolia of the Special Rapporteur, the Government of Mongolia following a formal request from the Government for technical assistance. One of the initiatives undertaken in response to the request was the organization of a national consultation, in Mongolia, in October, on the establishment of a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) in compliance with OPCAT, which Mongolia ratified in 2015. The event saw the participation of nearly 50 representatives from the Parliament, ministries, the police academy, prisons, NGOs and academics. The national consultation made a concrete recommendation to the Government that an NPM should be established within the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia as early as possible. Since that time, the draft Law on the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia was revised and now contains a dedicated chapter on an NPM.
To assist with the implementation and measurement of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, UN Human Rights has been leading work to integrate human rights into data collection and disaggregation to help ensure that no one is left behind.

In Kenya, with the aim of identifying disadvantaged groups, UN Human Rights helped to establish institutional collaboration between the National Commission on Human Rights and the National Bureau of Statistics. As a result, 25 population groups most at risk of being left behind were identified, including women from the poorest regions, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and slum dwellers. This collaboration enabled the integration of a human rights-based approach into the 2019 Population and Housing Census, which includes a question relevant to persons with albinism.

“Our signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (NCHR) is a great milestone in the development of official statistics. UN Human Rights was instrumental in initiating and facilitating dialogue and it continues to provide unwavering support and capacity building. We look forward to…ensuring that the official statistics we generate are reflective of the situation of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups,” said Zachary Mwangi, Director of Statistics.

“Signing the MoU with the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHHR) is part of our strategy to strengthen the national statistical system and provide the data needed to realize the commitment to leaving no one behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It is absolutely crucial for us to join forces to address the data challenges of revealing the situation of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in Palestine. In developing the MoU, we benefited from the experiences that UN Human Rights shared with us from other countries,” said Dr. Ola Awad, President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics.

The General Director of the Independent Commission for Human Rights, Dr. Ammar Dweik, stressed the importance of the partnership in providing data on indicators that can measure the implementation of the international human rights treaties acceded to by Palestine. “Since the signing of the MoU, ICHR has played an important role in providing guidance on the development of the planned domestic violence survey and the identification and development of human rights indicators and related SDG indicators for measuring Palestine’s implementation of CEDAW.”

All references to the State of Palestine should be understood in compliance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19.
Highlights of pillar results

Development (D)

Inequalities

that increasingly comply with human rights. Policies and strategies on land and housing state authorities adopt and implement laws, effectively. To victims. For rights abuses and provide remedies business and other economic actors to account judicial and non-judicial mechanisms hold community involvement policies, on the development of a complaint and remedy system and on worst environmental disasters - on the incorporation of a human rights-based approach into their was responsible for a massive leak of toxic materials into the Sonora River - one of Mexico’s. In Cambodia to help train community representatives in mediation skills and provide legal advice the Bunong community, UN Human Rights provided financial support to the NGO Legal Aid of launched a mediation process. To address the power imbalance between the company and provided technical assistance and observed a mediation process between the SOCFIN company and the Bunong Indigenous Peoples community regarding traditional land that was granted to the company in 2007 as an Economic Land Concession. The support from UN Human Rights contributed to settling most of the disputes related to collective land. Support for dispute resolution began in 2015. In 2017, the Independent Mediation Group launched a mediation process. To address the power imbalance between the company and the Bunong community, UN Human Rights provided financial support to the NGO Legal Aid of Cambodia to help train community representatives in mediation skills and provide legal advice during the mediation.

In Mexico, UN Human Rights advised Mexico’s largest mining company Grupo México which was responsible for a massive leak of toxic materials into the Sonora River - one of Mexico’s worst environmental disasters - on the incorporation of a human rights-based approach into their community involvement policies, on the development of a complaint and remedy system and on the possible future application of a due diligence policy.

By the end of 2018, 15 cities had signed on to The Shift initiative that the Special Rapporteur was responsible for a massive leak of toxic materials into the Sonora River - one of Mexico’s worst environmental disasters - on the incorporation of a human rights-based approach into their community involvement policies, on the development of a complaint and remedy system and on the possible future application of a due diligence policy.

D1 Judicial and non-judicial mechanisms hold business and other economic actors to account for rights abuses and provide remedies to victims.

D2 Business actors implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights effectively.

D3 State authorities adopt and implement laws, policies and strategies on land and housing that increasingly comply with human rights.

D4 Public health approaches, including sexual and reproductive health policies, comply with international human rights standards and provide non-discriminatory access, especially to children, adolescents, women and migrants.

D5 Environmental and climate policies and plans increasingly respect, protect and fulfill human rights, guaranteeing those affected access to information, decision-making, public participation and remedies.

D6 Human rights assessments and impact analyses mitigate, prevent or redress the negative effects of economic, trade and development policies and projects.

UN Human Rights engagement with civil society in North Macedonia concentrated on technical advice and support for organizations working on sexual and reproductive health and rights so they could bring the concerns of those most excluded to the attention of the international human rights mechanisms. This strategy was particularly timely as two treaty bodies, namely, CEDAW and CRPD, were preparing to consider the State’s reports. With UN Human Rights guidance, several civil society organizations reached out to women farmers and Roma women living in sub-standard settlements, including by facilitating their participation in the civil society organizations’ oral presentation in front of the CEDAW Committee in November in Geneva.

In Colombia, indigenous authorities and the Governor of Amazonas reached an agreement to advance the implementation of an Indigenous Intercultural Health System. UN Human Rights contributed by promoting the Permanent Round Table for Inter-Administrative Coordination in Leticia, during which it advised the departmental government and indigenous governments on the right to health and other economic and social rights of indigenous peoples.

The decision text agreed at the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference (COP24) includes a clear reference to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. UN Human Rights consistently advocated for the inclusion of civil society in environmental decision-making processes and supported the successful operationalization of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform. This is the first UN mechanism related to climate change to have equal participation from States and indigenous peoples.

UN Human Rights co-published a report, with the Heinrich Böll Foundation, entitled The Other Infrastructure Gap: Sustainability. This publication provides recommendations to policy and decision-makers on how, for the sake of sustainable development, human rights and environmental benefits can be maximized and risks avoided or mitigated. The recommendations call on States, relevant international organizations and private sector actors to examine the potential human rights and environmental impacts of mega-infrastructure projects. The publication highlights the positive economic and social benefits of efforts to avoid and mitigate human rights and environmental risks and of prioritizing the rights of women, indigenous peoples and other population groups who may lack access to affordable infrastructure services.
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UN Human Rights provided technical guidance, on integrating human rights standards into UN programming, to the UN Country Teams in Central Asian countries. The skills and capacities of National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up, and national human rights focal points, to make linkages between the implementation of SDG targets and the recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms, were enhanced as a result of seven capacity-building sessions held in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. In Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, the Governments were supported in elaborating their National Human Rights Action Plan and Human Rights Strategy respectively, and were trained on how to pay specific attention to human rights indicators while creating linkages between human rights and monitoring mechanisms and the implementation of the SDGs.

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In coordination with the Government of the State of Palestine, UN Human Rights supported the development of a comprehensive and detailed indicator framework under the right to liberty and security of the person. This framework is ready for adoption by the Government. UN Human Rights also advocated with the Prime Minister’s Office to produce and integrate a monitoring and evaluation framework for the human rights treaties, the SDGs and the National Policy Agenda (2017-2022).

An indicator framework to help Member States include people of African descent in equality policies and implement the SDGs and Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development has been prepared jointly by UN Human Rights and the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The framework provides guidance on measuring inequalities between people of African descent and non-African descent populations in Latin American and Caribbean region. It will be launched in Santiago de Chile in 2019.

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Peace and Security (PS)
Preventing violations and strengthening protection of human rights, including in situations of conflict and insecurity

Peace and Security in numbers

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Action for Peacekeeping (A4P)
Declaration of shared commitments endorsed by 151

New Gender Responsive United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Policy established in 2018 ensures human rights components include gender analysis and approach in all their work

HRDDP implementation supported in 6 peace missions (MONUSCO, MINUSCA, MINUJUSTH, UNOGBIS, UNSOS and UNSM) and 2 regional frameworks (AU-UN Partnership on Peace and Security, and GS Sahel Joint Force)

At least 19 public reports issued by human rights components of peace operations (UNAMA, UNAMI, UNSMIL, UNSOM, UNMISS, MINUSCA, MONUSCO) highlighted the devastating human rights situations in 7 countries

NO ONE UNAFFECTED BY SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THE SYRIAN CONFLICT

“The officer took two girls, held their faces down on the desk, and raped them in turn. The girls tried to resist but there was nothing they could do. He then told me, ‘you see what I am doing to them, I will do this to your wife and daughter.’”

This statement, given by a detainee of the Damascus Political Security Branch in Syria, was one of hundreds of accounts of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) that have taken place in Syria since the uprising began in 2011.

For thousands of women, girls, men and boys, the conflict has meant even more than bombs, destruction of cities, life in inhumane conditions. The conflict has also brought sexual violence, including assault, rape and torture practices targeting genitalia.

"It is utterly repugnant that brutal acts of sexual and gender-based violence have been perpetrated throughout Syria for over six and a half years," said Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Chair of the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic. Pinheiro spoke during the launch of I lost my dignity: Sexual and gender-based violence in the Syrian Arab Republic, a new report by the Commission. Based on 454 interviews with survivors, doctors, healthcare practitioners, lawyers and other members of affected communities, the report examines the use of SGBV by all parties to the conflict.

The report also names and lays the blame for acts committed by the militia, government forces or other armed groups investigated to be responsible. “In this way, the crimes are documented and accountability can, eventually, take place,” said Commissioner Karen Koning AbuZayd.

“For any lasting peace to hold, regardless of military losses and victories, there needs to be an accounting of the sexual and gender-based crimes...and the victims need to have a voice in the peace process to ensure accountability and full inclusion,” she said.

While women and girls are still disproportionately affected, the report shows that men and boys have also been routinely assaulted. The psychological consequences can be severe. “Some said they felt their fathers would no longer respect them if they found out about the rapes,” AbuZayd said.

Serena Gates, SGBV Adviser to the Commission, noted that despite the horrific nature of the accounts, she “never ceased to be amazed by the strength of many of these people and how they survive.”

Gates hoped that the report, by documenting their acts, would help bring those responsible to justice noting how important it is for people to know that this kind of violence has an influence on the continued fighting.
Highlights of pillar results
Peace and Security (PS)

PS1
Parties to conflict and actors involved in peace operations increasingly comply with international law and provide greater protection to civilians.

UN Human Rights advocacy with the Government of Afghanistan led to an improved implementation of the action plan of the National Policy for Civilian Casualty Prevention and Mitigation and relevant orders to reduce civilian casualties during military operations conducted by the Afghan national security and defence forces. Moreover, UN Human Rights also engaged with the Taliban to emphasize the importance of protecting civilians during the armed conflict between 1 January and 31 December. UN Human Rights documented 10,993 civilian casualties, including 3,804 killings, representing a five per cent increase in overall civilian casualties and an 11 per cent increase in civilian deaths compared to 2017. In addition, violence during the parliamentary elections, on 20 October, caused the most civilian casualties recorded in a single day in 2018 (435), as well as the most civilian casualties on any election day since 2009.

UN Human Rights partnered with the African Union (AU) to increase compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law and provide greater protection to civilians in conflict. During 2018, UN Human Rights worked on the development of an AU-UN Framework on Human Rights, as called for by the AU and UN during the first High-level Dialogue on Human Rights. UN Human Rights provided support to the AU Joint Framework on Peace and Security by integrating human rights into its peace operations. AU-UN Human Rights annual/biennial meetings improved cooperation of institutional priorities and ensured follow-up and implementation of the joint action plans and decisions.

The national security forces participating in the G5 Sahel Joint Forces (FC-G5S), established by Security Council resolution 2391, were provided with guidance on planning and conducting operations in a manner that respects international humanitarian law and international human rights law, thereby minimizing adverse consequences for local communities. The compliance framework is an innovative package of concrete measures to prevent, mitigate and address violations by the FC-G5S, including training, rules and regulations, planning and after action review, monitoring and reporting, accountability and protection. UN Human Rights also began deploying teams in each of the G5 Sahel countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger). This work is supported by an integrated political strategy with host Member States and the international community.

Trials in relation to the Boko Haram violent extremist insurgency in Nigeria have been completed in the Wawa Cantonment. Arrangements are underway to begin the mass trial of Boko Haram extremists. Between 1 January and 31 December, UN Human Rights documented 10,993 civilian casualties, including 3,804 killings, representing a five per cent increase in overall civilian casualties and an 11 per cent increase in civilian deaths compared to 2017. In addition, violence during the parliamentary elections, on 20 October, caused the most civilian casualties recorded in a single day in 2018 (435), as well as the most civilian casualties on any election day since 2009.

In May, the first hearings of cases of past grave human rights violations in Tunisia took place. A total of 34 cases, involving hundreds of victims and perpetrators, were submitted to the Specialized Chambers. Together with UNDP, UN Human Rights contributed by providing expert advice to the Truth and Dignity Commission and by training judges, prosecutors, lawyers and administrators of justice officials who were assigned to work in the Specialized Chambers. UN Human Rights monitored the trials and facilitated a dialogue between judges about their experiences in the first hearings to identify existing and potential gaps. The dialogue was also held to ensure the availability of protection measures for victims and witnesses in court. UNDP and UN Human Rights collaborated to support the work of the Truth and Dignity Commission through technical advice for the elaboration of a global reparations programme in accordance with legislation on transitional justice.

In Madagascar, UN Human Rights trained 220 people on human rights monitoring in the elections process across Madagascar’s 22 regions. The monitors, drawn from the Independent National Human Rights Commission (INHRC), the Malagasy Reconciliation Council, the Association of Journalists, the Bar Association and human rights NGOs, contributed data to a centralized alerts and data collection centre that was established and jointly coordinated by UN Human Rights and the INHRC. The collection centre was tasked with compiling, alerting and providing timely responses to allegations of human rights violations. The collected data was also used by the UNCT in drafting general reports on the elections process.

Thanks to technical support provided by UN Human Rights, transitional justice mechanisms in Mali increasingly operate in line with international human rights norms and standards. Although the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) has not yet published its report, it has opened a sub-office in Kidal, and mobile teams were deployed to Aogoni, Ansongo, Bananana,
To strengthen the fight against impunity within security institutions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, UN Human Rights participated in meetings of the Technical Committee of the Armed Forces, where human rights violations perpetrated by its staff were discussed. UN Human Rights provided a list of all verified violations to enable the leadership of the armed forces to investigate and take appropriate corrective measures. Furthermore, in order to improve their response to protection needs, capacity-building sessions on judicial protection measures for victims and witnesses were held for military and civil magistrates, lawyers, army and police commanders. Overall, sanctions (judicial and administrative measures) for human rights violations were imposed on 742 officers, including 80 officers who were sentenced to jail.

Since 2017, in Southern Africa, UN Human Rights has supported regional UNCTs to operationalize the Human Rights up Front framework, for example by establishing an information management system for early warning and prevention and through the provision of regular human rights and early warning analyses, including in the context of elections. To achieve this result, a robust information management system was developed that aggregated data from different sources and provided UN Human Rights with the capacity to analyse trends over time. The system is being implemented in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, where it will help inform decision-making and joint programming and advocacy initiatives of the UN.

During 2018, UN Human Rights conducted 121 visits to prisons and detention facilities in Yemen to identify humanitarian needs and human rights concerns with respect to the conduct of law enforcement officials. Specific concerns were documented and communicated to respective authorities, particularly regarding, for example, the poor accommodations, substandard food, lack of health care and hygiene. UN Human Rights ensured coordination and follow-up with humanitarian agencies in response to these needs. Following UN Human Rights coordination efforts, the wards for juveniles and for women in the Al Hudaydah Central Prison were provided with a solar power system, food items, blankets, and water filters. As a result of UN Human Rights’ engagement with a humanitarian agency, the Amran Central Prison was provided with hygiene kits.

UN Human Rights facilitated a series of training workshops for the TJRC field officers and mobile teams. UN Human Rights also supported the TJRC in its development of an investigations strategy, which was adopted in October, and participated in the TJRC committee in charge of preparing the public hearings. The first public hearing is scheduled to take place in 2019, in Bamako.
**FREE LEGAL AID BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN AZERBAIJAN**

Her ex-husband did not pay child maintenance and refused to give his permission for their child to be taken abroad for medical treatment. Meanwhile, her pensioner mother, who has a severe disability, was not receiving adequate benefits. Seeking support, E.I., a young resident of the Quba Region of Azerbaijan, turned to the Resource Centre where vulnerable citizens are provided with free legal support. To help E.I.’s mother, who has a severe disability, the lawyers managed to get her free health treatment and the benefits she is entitled to under the law.

Thanks to the efforts of her lawyers, E.I. managed to make her ex-husband pay his maintenance and also had the amount increased, based on the fact that her child has hearing problems and is legally entitled to more financial support. They also managed to obtain written permission from her ex-husband to take their child abroad for treatment.

“*The support I received at the Resource Centre exceeded all my expectations. I was hoping that they would help me get the maintenance I was supposed to get but the fact that they managed to increase the amount was a pleasant surprise! Life in a rural area is not easy and every penny counts,*” says E.I.

The Resource Centre, located in Baku, helps Azerbaijani citizens to solve their socio-economic issues free of charge within the framework of a project on “Enhancing the capacity of national actors in promoting and effectively protecting human rights.” In addition, the Centre organizes consultations in the country’s regions in coordination with the local offices of the Ombudsperson and the Bar Association.

Economically disadvantaged citizens, persons with special needs and pensioners are their main clients, however, the Centre’s employees try to help everyone who comes to them.

“Our principle is not to let anyone leave our office empty-handed,” says Tair Aliev, one of the Resource Centre’s lawyers and a member of the Azerbaijani Bar Association.

The representative of UN Human Rights in the South Caucasus notes that the project has two goals. The first is to help vulnerable groups of Azerbaijani society to assert their rights and the second is to promote a culture of providing free legal aid in the country.

*The culture of providing free legal aid in civil cases to vulnerable groups of the population is only developing in Azerbaijan and our project aims to promote this process,* he says.

The project, implemented by UN Human Rights, started in February 2018 and will run for three years in cooperation with the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Ombudsperson).

Facebook page of the Resource Centre:

ND1
Laws, policies and practices more effectively combat discrimination in all forms, and responsible authorities actively work to ‘leave no one behind’, including by addressing the root causes of inequality.

On 9 October, the Parliament of Tunisia adopted a Law on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the first of its kind in the Arab World and the second within the African continent. The law defines and criminalizes racial discrimination. UN Human Rights accompanied the drafting of this law from the outset in 2016. It engaged with the Ministry of Human Rights to ensure the active participation of civil society in the drafting process and with the ministerial group in charge of the preparation of the draft project to ensure its conformity with international standards.

UN Human Rights provided technical support to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in Uganda to conduct public inquiries in the Mayuge district. The inquiries were held to address complaints of discrimination that were filed by individual workers and groups of persons against Mayuge Sugar Industries Limited, the Mayuge District Local Government and the Mayuge Town Council. The EOC ensured that some of the complainants received immediate redress, including compensation; the delivery of work identity cards to all employees; the development of a human resources manual and the construction of proper toilets and a canteen.

ND2
Justice systems and related institutions increasingly monitor and investigate discrimination and provide redress to victims.

UN Human Rights supported the establishment of a nationalregister of family violence incidents and its use in monitoring and investigating complaints of family violence. As a result, the government has been actively working to fight domestic violence in the country. UN Human Rights facilitated the emergence of a national network of women’s groups, which is strengthening its capacity to provide services and advocacy to women and girls.

ND3
Legal and social frameworks increasingly promote women’s and girls’ autonomy and choices and protect them from violence, including in the digital space.

In Saudi Arabia, the government has taken steps to address gender inequality, including through the adoption of legislation and policies that promote women’s rights. UN Human Rights has supported the government in its efforts to implement these laws and policies, including by providing technical assistance and capacity-building support.

ND4
Judicial institutions, media, and other sectors increasingly recognize and challenge harmful gender stereotypes and gender norms with a view to their eradication.

In South-West Asia and the Arab Region, UN Human Rights strengthened the capacity of lawyers, academics, human rights defenders, NHRIs and CSOs to challenge gender stereotypes and prevailing gender norms by developing a reference tool that complements the 37 General Recommendations that have been adopted by CEDAW. These General Recommendations cover a wide range of issues, including gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change and women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations. The publication is intended to serve as a guide to those advocating for and seeking to protect women’s rights.

On 18 July, the Romanian Constitutional Court ruled that Romanian authorities must grant a residence permit to Mr Clai Hamilton, a US citizen and the husband of Mr Adrian Coman, a Romanian citizen. The Court judgment is evidence that human rights and dignity are within reach for same-sex families, even if they come in small steps. Clai and I are grateful to ACCEPT, our lawyers, our parents, our friends and the many individuals and organizations, such as the UN Human Rights Office, who supported us and believed in our cause.

The Romanian Constitutional Court ruled that Romanian authorities must grant a residence permit to Mr Clai Hamilton (from the right), a US citizen and husband of Mr Adrian Coman, a Romanian citizen (from the left). © OHCHR/Europe

Romania Iordache, one of the lawyers affiliated with the Romanian LGBTI rights group, ACCEPT, that was involved in the case, said: "The Coman case is about the core values of non-discrimination and the celebration of diversity. Constitutional traditions and personal biases cannot be invoked in order to limit human rights.

On the occasion of the judgment, Adrian Coman said, "The EU Court judgment is evidence that human rights and dignity are within reach for same-sex families, even if they come in small steps. Clai and I are grateful to ACCEPT, our lawyers, our parents, our friends and the many individuals and organizations, such as the UN Human Rights Office, who supported us and believed in our cause."
HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS

UN Human Rights analysed the conformity of national legislation in Niger on the rights of migrants with international human rights standards. In particular, UN Human Rights reviewed Law 2015-36 against the standards established by ICRMW, which was ratified by Niger in 2009. The review demonstrated that the law does not provide for concrete measures to enable migrants to fully enjoy their rights and freedoms on an equal basis with nationals of the country. A workshop was organized, in December, to assess the level of implementation of the recommendations issued by CMWR and to determine required follow-up action.

UN Human Rights provided support to migrants’ rights organizations in Lebanon, in particular organizations that focus on the protection of the rights of domestic workers and who work against racism, for their drafting of a shadow report in anticipation of the 2019 review of Lebanon by CERD. Through capacity-building and technical assistance, UN Human Rights helped to strengthen the monitoring and advocacy work of civil society actors on the human rights of migrants, establishing and facilitating a dialogue on this issue between civil society and governmental bodies and increasing the protection of the human rights of migrants in Lebanon.

UN Human Rights cooperation with the Council of Europe, civil society and NHRIs resulted in awareness-raising about CRPD standards and on this basis to advocate against the adoption of an additional protocol to the Oviedo Convention on the regulation of forced treatment that adopted lesser standards. Building on the High Commissioner’s report (A/HRC/34/32) and following HRC resolution 36/13, UN Human Rights held the first consultation on promoting human rights in mental health. The meeting discussed system-wide strategies and human rights-based practices to combat discrimination, stigma, violence, coercion and abuse. The outcome report (A/HRC/39/38) contains conclusions and recommendations for follow-up. It has been disseminated to Council of Europe bodies and is being used in advocacy efforts.

UN Human Rights supported the application of a human rights-based approach to mainstreaming disability issues, in coordination with the Inter-Agency Support Group for the CRPD, across the UN system. Recent years’ groundwork helped lead to the Secretary-General’s decision, in 2018, to develop a system-wide policy, action plan and monitoring framework to mainstream accessibility and disability rights across all UN operations. UN Human Rights is actively engaged in the development of these instruments to systematize and institutionalize the application of a human rights-based approach within programming and internal policies and practices, which will be adopted in 2019.

Elisabeth Kaneza, a German-Rwandan human rights activist, joined the UN Human Rights Regional Office for Europe from August to December 2018, as a Fellow of African descent. The Fellowship objective was to promote the International Decade for People of African Descent in Europe.

"My name is Elisabeth Kaneza and I am a human rights activist based in Berlin, Germany. In 2015 I participated in the UN Human Rights Fellowship Programme for People of African Descent. Following this three-week intensive training in Geneva, during which I deepened my knowledge on the international human rights system and the framework for protection of the human rights of people of African descent, I implemented various capacity-building initiatives for activists of African descent across Germany and I continue to do that until today. In 2016, I advocated for the International Decade for People of African Descent and organized the official launching event for the Decade, in Germany, together with stakeholders from State institutions and civil society. Fortunately, the recognition of the Decade resulted in the acknowledgement of people of African descent as victims of racism and racial discrimination in Germany’s revised National Action Plan against Racism, adopted in 2017. During the same year, I coordinated the participation of communities of African descent in the first country visit of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to Germany.

In 2018, I had the opportunity to organize a pilot human rights training for civil society activists of African descent, bringing together 13 participants from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the UK, which took place at the UN Human Rights Regional Office for Europe in Brussels. Within the framework of the organization and implementation of the pilot training, as well as other capacity-building initiatives for civil society in Belgium, I was able to use extensively the knowledge and skills I acquired during the UN Human Rights Fellowship. I am very grateful for the unique opportunity I received to participate in the Fellowship Programme and it is my wish that more generations of human rights activists can benefit from it and make a positive contribution towards the recognition, justice and development of people of African descent in their countries."
Accountability (A)
Strengthening the rule of law and accountability for human rights violations

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In 5 countries transitional justice mechanisms have been established or improved their compliance with international human rights norms and standards.

After almost 37 years, we have closed a chapter in our search for justice, with a verdict that validates our truth.” With those words, Emma Theissen Álvarez de Molina expressed the feelings of her family after Guatemala’s High Risk Court “C” sentenced four former high-ranking military officials and intelligence agents, on 23 May 2018, to long prison sentences for the enforced disappearance of her 14-year-old son, Marco Antonio, and for crimes against humanity and aggravated sexual violence committed against her daughter, Emma Guadalupe (aged 15 at the time).

“This historic and revolutionary verdict recognizes values and places victims of atrocious crimes at the very centre of justice and validates their testimonies,” added Mrs. Theissen.

Emma Guadalupe Molina Theissen was captured on 27 September 1981 after attending a political meeting and taken to a military base for interrogation. She was held incommunicado and handcuffed to bunk beds. She was interrogated under violence over a long period, suffering various kinds of torture and other cruel treatment, such as repeated (gang) rapes by several military members, beatings, kickings, electric shocks and psychological torture. Nine days after her capture, Emma Guadalupe managed to escape. The following day, her brother Marco Antonio was taken by force from the family’s home in Guatemala City, put into a nylon sack and driven to an unknown destination in a vehicle with official license plates, allegedly in retaliation for the escape of his sister from the military torture chamber and as a punishment for a family that was considered dissident during the internal armed conflict. He was never found.

Since the judgement, the court has ordered an array of reparations, including the long-awaited national commission, financial rewards for individuals who provided credible information about clandestine graves and the conversion of the base where Emma was tortured into a museum of memory.

The ruling recognized that the practices of sexual violence, torture and enforced disappearance were part of the military’s strategy during the internal armed conflict in Guatemala. It sends a clear message that it is possible for the country to advance in the fight against impunity of the past, which in turn strengthens the fight against impunity and the consolidation of the rule of law.

UN Human Rights monitored all stages of the case of Ms Molina Theissen to ensure that guarantees related to the rights of victims and their families, judicial independence and due process were respected. UN Human Rights also provided support to the Molina Theissen family, their lawyers and the judiciary.
The Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar has concluded that the security forces in that country, specifically the Myanmar military (the Tatmadaw) have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity against the Rohingya and ethnic and religious minorities in the Rakhine, Kachin, and Shan States.

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Members of the Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar during a visit to the capital Yangon in 2019. © OCHA/Christopher Sidoti.

“[The violations] stem shockingly for the level of denial, normalcy and impunity for the first time before the UN Human Rights Council in March.”

In the Gambia, following the December 2017 adoption of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission Act by the National Assembly, the Commission was formally established. UN Human Rights has helped to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of the Commission, which has already undertaken a number of hearings for victims of human rights violations.

RESULTS / SPOTLIGHTS

Since the beginning of 2018, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, UN Human Rights has received 193 convictions for human rights violations. UN Human Rights met with judicial authorities on a regular basis to follow up on certain cases. This resulted in the arrest, indictment, prosecution and conviction of some of the perpetrators of these violations. UN Human Rights also supported the implementation of the national strategy of prosecution of international crimes, as well as the Act on Pain against Sexual Violence of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including through advocacy with and training of army commanders on the prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.

On 23 October, following recommendations issued by UN Human Rights, the Government of Chad submitted a draft law to the Parliament on the functioning of the National Human Rights Commission. The law, which was approved and promulgated, integrated some of the international commitments provided in various international human rights treaties that have been ratified by the country. The selection of commissioners, which was planned for 2018, has been postponed until 2019.

Following the past few years of UN Human Rights capacity-building efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the application of international human rights law in domestic court proceedings, the first national curriculum for the application of international human rights law was developed and tested at the State Judicial Academy, also with support from UN Human Rights. Additionally, an online database to support the direct application of international human rights law was developed and tested. As part of the initiative, ten targeted trainings were organized in 2018 on international human rights standards, and nearly 100 judges from all-level courts were trained. The trainings targeted the expert group of judges created to expand knowledge and practices on international human rights standards.

The Special Rapporteur on internally displaced persons (IDPs) provided technical assistance and advocacy for the adoption of national laws that are compliant with the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention). During her official visit to Niger in March, the Special Rapporteur recommended the adoption of a national law on the status and protection of IDPs. Subsequently, in December, Niger became the first country in Africa to adopt a national law for the protection and assistance of IDPs, thereby translating the provisions of the Kampala Convention into domestic law.

In the Gambia, following the December 2017 adoption of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission Act by the National Assembly, the Commission was formally established. UN Human Rights has helped to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of the Commission, which has already undertaken a number of hearings for victims of human rights violations.


The report discusses the systematic marginalization and “othering” of the Rohingya through State policies and practices that have been implemented over decades. From birth to death, the Rohingyas are in a continuing situation of severe, systemic and institutionalized oppression. The cornerstone and symbol of this system is their complete lack of legal status, including the denial of citizenship. Disturbingly, the report concludes that despite using less inflammatory language, the rhetoric of the Myanmar authorities themselves has mirrored and promoted hateful and divisive narratives. This has fostered a climate in which virulent hate speech thrives.

The Mission documented mass killings, widespread gang rape and other forms of sexual violence, grave violations against children and, the deliberate and systematic destruction of entire villages, among other crimes under international law.

The scale, brutality and systematic nature of rape and sexual violence indicates that they are part of a deliberate strategy to intimidate, terrorize or punish a civilian population, said Coomaraswamy of the Mission. “They are used as a tactic of war.”

The report defines sexual violence as one of four “hallmarks of Tatmadaw operations,” along with the targeting of civilians, exclusionary rhetoric and impunity.

The Mission based its findings on a variety of sources, including 875 in-depth interviews with victims and eyewitnesses, satellite imagery analysis and a range of authenticated documents, photos and videos. The team received no cooperation from the Myanmar Government nor was it allowed to enter the country.

In establishing the facts, the Mission hopes to contribute to the realization of the right to the truth of victims and the people of Myanmar as a whole. “Without the truth, Myanmar will not be able to ensure a prosperous and stable future for its people, all its people,” said Marzuki Darusman.

“The military as an institution has never been held accountable,” added Christopher Sidoti of Australia.

“The provisions of Myanmar law, the structure of the legal system and the judiciary’s lack of independence and legal competence, make it impossible for the domestic legal system to deliver justice for victims of human rights violations by the military.”

The report concludes that the impetus for accountability must therefore come from the international community.

The report recommends decisive action by the international community, including that the UN Security Council refer the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court or create an ad hoc international criminal tribunal in order to adopt targeted individual sanctions, including travel bans and asset freezes against those who appear most responsible and an arms embargo on Myanmar. It also proposes the establishment of a UN Trust Fund to support victims.

“[This Mission] was undertaken with a view to recommend an accountability mechanism to be put in place, subsequent to our report,” said Darusman. “We hope that this will be immediate... and that the UN will then carry on where we left off. We hope the truth will finally come out.”
Following the declaration of the unconstitutionality of the Amnesty Law in El Salvador, UN Human Rights provided technical, legal and political support to the Attorney General’s Office and to civil society for the investigation and criminal prosecution of crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict. After a research and consultation process with prosecutors, victims and civil society organizations, UN Human Rights elaborated the Policy on the Investigation and Criminal Prosecution of Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes Constituting Serious Violations of Human Rights Committed in the El Salvador Armed Conflict, which was adopted by the Attorney General. This instrument is crucial to combating impunity and for the guarantee of redress for victims.

In Thailand, to enhance the awareness of law enforcement officials of the right to the truth of victims’ families and their rights to access a lawyer and communicate with a family member, UN Human Rights advocated with military officials and the spokesperson from the law enforcement department of the National Council for Peace and Order. UN Human Rights accompanied two families of victims to meetings with the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) from the Ministry of Justice, the Office of Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission and the Attorney General’s Office. As a result of this engagement, the DSI agreed to investigate the case of a disappeared human rights defender and provided witness protection for the members of a victim’s family. In addition, the authorities took steps to respect the rights to information and participation of the two families by appointing a liaison officer. Moreover, in cases of arbitrary arrest and detention, the authorities allowed victims to have access to lawyers and to their families.

In 2018, UN Human Rights worked to mainstream human rights in the policies and programmes of various UN mechanisms related to counter-terrorism and violent extremism, including the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which was adopted in February. In addition, UN Human Rights prepared a guidance document for States on human rights-compliant responses to the threats posed by foreign fighters. Under the umbrella of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Working Group on promoting and protecting human rights and the rule of law while countering terrorism, UN Human Rights helped to implement a multi-year capacity-building project for law enforcement officers on counter-terrorism and human rights in Cameroon, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria and Tunisia. Two trainings were undertaken in Cameroon, in April, which strengthened the knowledge of law enforcement officers about international human rights standards in relation to the use of force, detention, interview practices and special investigation techniques.

Mikaela Doncu, Director of inflight, Sky Regional/Canada: “When facing a problem head on, it is important to arm oneself with all of the necessary information through data and research. A systematic approach is always preferable, especially when dealing with potential criminal and legal issues across State lines. Having a set of guidelines to inform training and public attitudes towards human trafficking is a must, as we are looking for long-term change and not just a temporary fix. The combined forces of UN Human Rights and ICAO allowed for guidelines to be created with this end in mind.

The ICAO-OHCHR Guidelines for Training Cabin Crew on Identification and Response to Trafficking in Persons (https://www.icao.int/safety/airsafety/OPS/CabinSafety/Pages/Trafficking-in-Persons.aspx) offer a broad range of valuable firsthand data and background information that allows for the context to be presented. The created protocol is easily adaptable to various operational models, which makes it an invaluable tool for all air operator training. This is where you can see a major difference in the approach and presentation of this document. Two specialized agencies, ICAO and UN Human Rights, combined their expertise to accomplish a much-needed framework for the implementation of training and documentation. The joint effort created a systematic approach, along with the many specific examples/steps of action that allow for specificity, without crowding the training material. It is rare for a policy to be so comprehensive and practical in nature.

Looking back, months after implementation, I can attest to the need for the ICAO and UN Human Rights guidelines for training cabin crew on the identification and response to trafficking in persons and their importance. It allowed us, as air operators and trainers, to present a difficult topic in user-friendly terms. The ICAO and UN Human Rights guidelines gave specific instructions and worked with the expertise and that all airlines will join forces in the battle against human trafficking. The involvement of UN Human Rights was instrumental and an undeniable necessity. While ICAO was able to bring the aviation perspective, UN Human Rights was able to debunk myths and empowered the trainees to put into action the lessons we all want to see.”
Participation in numbers

- 84,700 publications were dispatched worldwide reaching individuals in more than 50 countries
- 577 new partnerships were established in the field
- 590 civil society side events were organized during Human Rights Council sessions
- 4.75 million followers across UN Human Rights social media platforms
- 600 million people* unique visitors to the Universal Human Rights Index website
- 70 UDHR@70 campaign (#standup4humanrights) reached
- 36,936 grants were awarded by the UN Human Rights Grants Committee to the total amount of $3,621,761 for projects to be implemented in over 30 countries
- UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples allocated 79 grants for participation of indigenous peoples in key UN mechanisms
- 297 women & 532 men participated in the UPR Working Group sessions
- 2,700 participants in the 7th Forum on Business and Human Rights
Providing a grant of US$15,000, UN Human Rights supported the women’s rights NGO Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Uganda) to file a strategic litigation case seeking reparations for women survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Northern Uganda. Together with FIDA-Uganda, UN Human Rights organized a Victims Support Forum, bringing together 94 women survivors to share their stories, update them on the progress of the strategic litigation case and identify key issues for advocacy on survivors’ challenges and needs.

As noted by a representative of FIDA-Uganda: “For over two decades, conflict-ravaged Northern Uganda. Women and girls were raped by both parties to the conflict and held in captivity. Girls as young as 12 years of age were assigned to have sexual intercourse. Men and boys were equally subjected to sexual violence. Twelve years after the conflict, the communities are still grappling with the effects of the war. Female survivors of sexual violence in particular experience stigma, discrimination and medical complications, including fistula, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and the burden of raising children born from rape who are often rejected by their families.

The financial support received from UN Human Rights in the form of a grant permitted FIDA-Uganda to file a strategic interest litigation case, in May, on behalf of 98 female survivors of conflict-related sexual violence. UN Human Rights met with the survivors and assessed their situation, including regarding security. They will testify in court to receive redress. The case is the first of its kind in Uganda. It provides a ground-breaking opportunity to examine the responsibility of the State to protect individuals, including women and girls, during conflict and to address the reparative needs of women and girls in post-conflict settings. This would not be possible without the grant.”
Inequalities for civic space, including threats to it, More systematic monitoring of the environment P5 rights violations is strengthened. P4 increasingly value and support civic space. Business, policy-makers and the public at large P3

**Shifts:**

**Global Constancy**

**Prevention**

**Civic Space**

**In a number of EU countries,** sustained engagement by UN Human Rights, particularly through its monitoring and advocacy, bolstered efforts of national, regional and international actors to respond more effectively to threats to civic space and challenges to the rule of law. A series of country visits, engagement with UN mechanisms and exchanges with civil society and regional actors helped to maintain a focus on negotiable developments in Hungary and Poland, and on the need for concerted international action in response.

For the first time, the European Parliament made extensive use of international human rights standards to take action against an EU member State for breaches of values and rights. The European Parliament grounded its comprehensive resolution, opening the legal proceedings against Hungary, in the 2018 concluding observations issued by the Human Rights Committee, the 2014 concluding observations issued by CRC, and in recommendations issued by the UN Working Group on arbitrary detention, the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, and the statements of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

**P4 Civil society assistance to victims of human rights violations is strengthened.**

**An Arab region** coalition of women human rights defenders (WHRDs) was established in November, as a result of a workshop organized by UN Human Rights and designed to develop a road map for the work of WHRDs in the region. The coalition aims to increase women’s participation in human rights defence, including by advocating for a safer environment for their work. UN Human Rights is closely following up on the coalition’s progress and will continue to provide technical support and capacity-building, especially regarding the use of digital assets for communication and interaction with the international human rights mechanisms.

**In Baku, Azerbaijan,** UN Human Rights established a legal aid resource centre to provide free professional legal assistance to groups at risk, including persons with disabilities, those with a low income and others seeking access to justice or legal redress in cases of alleged human rights violations. As a result, between February and December, 355 applicants accessed the centre’s free legal services receiving legal assistance on a range of matters, including on representation in civil and administrative court cases, rights to social benefits, property rights, family law and labour rights. Clients were supported in respect of various administrative, civil and criminal matters, including on procedural matters and on preparation and submission of law suits, motions and court documents, as well as in relation to requests, instances and complaints to public institutions.

In addition to legal services rendered in Baku, UN Human Rights closely collaborated with the NHRI and Bar Association to organize monthly on-site legal services in regions of Azerbaijan, where 207 out of 355 cases were handled. According to the centre’s data, among the 355 applicants who received legal services were 160 women, 100 persons with disabilities, 160 persons with a low income, 70 persons who were unemployed and 25 persons with IDP status.

**With a view to supporting the establishment of protection mechanisms that conform to international human rights standards, UN Human Rights provided technical advice and financial support to the Human Rights Defenders Network in Guinea-Bissau. This collaboration led to the completion of a countrywide mapping of human rights defenders.**

The final stage of the mapping took place from June to September and involved field missions to Bigné, Bisse, Farim and Mansaba where 156 human rights defenders, including 58 women, were identified. The full mapping exercise, which began in 2017, led to the identification of 791 human rights defenders, including 328 women defenders. The Human Rights Defenders Network initiated a process of decentralization through the establishment of regional structures as an important step towards the creation of early warning mechanisms in a number of the country’s regions.

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In highlighting, 2018 was marked by the adoption of the new Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the UN human rights system.

**WOMEN DRIVE CONFLICT PREVENTION IN MAURITANIA**

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In the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ABG) of Papua New Guinea, a project jointly implemented by UN Human Rights, UN Women and UNFPA, strengthened the capacity of key government officials, including at the most senior level, to address human rights concerns in the context of preparation for the referendum on the region's independence. As a result of technical assistance provided by UN Human Rights, the Parliament of the ABG took steps, in September, to establish a Gender and Human Rights Committee to be responsible for handling complaints, monitoring human rights and providing advisory services to the Parliament on human rights matters. Following this initiative, 30 parliamentarians and cabinet members, including the President and Vice President, participated in a comprehensive three-day training workshop on human rights. In light of the upcoming referendum, enhancement of the Government's capacity to respond to human rights issues is a significant development.

In Timor-Leste, UN Human Rights provided technical support to HATUTAN, a civil society organization, to strengthen their human rights advocacy including by reinforcing messages on equal rights of LGBTI persons with those of the UN Free & Equal campaign. As a result of HATUTAN’s advocacy with the private sector, six Timor-Leste based companies signed the Standards of Conduct for Business to tackle discrimination against LGBTI persons, which were launched by UN Human Rights in 2017. At the request of HATUTAN, the Office provided training on the Standards of Conduct to these six, and other interested, companies.

In 2018, a platform of civil society organizations was created in Serbia with support of UN Human Rights. The platform is for coordination and interaction with the international human rights mechanisms and the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up. It is structured around thematic clusters and each cluster is guided by a separate action plan for 2018-2019. The platform contributed to securing and facilitating the direct participation of CSOs in policymaking and public consultations.

In Cambodia, UN Human Rights led a public campaign to raise awareness and engage youth on human rights, the UDHR and human rights defenders. The online and offline campaign entitled “I am a human rights champion,” ran from September to December, targeting Cambodian youth living in urban and rural settings. Its objective was to increase public recognition of how respect for and enjoyment of human rights can contribute to inclusive and sustainable peace and development. The campaign’s music video, featuring a number of local celebrities popular with youth, was viewed over one million times on UN Human Rights’ Facebook page and the number of likes on the UN Human Rights Cambodia’s Facebook page increased from nearly 9,000 to over 13,800. The campaign signalled the first step in UN Human Rights’ drive to broaden the human rights constituency in Cambodia. Next steps in 2019 include plans to work with at least 15 youth groups on incorporation of human rights principles in their work.
Mrs. Prininpai Pruksapan, the wife of Billy Pholachi Rakchongcharoen, at her home in Prachub Khiri Khan, Thailand in November 2018. Billy Pholachi Rakchongcharoen, human rights defender investigating evictions and the razing of Karen homes in Kaeng Krachan National Park, remains missing after his arrest in 2014, although major advocacy by UN Human Rights to move the case to a special investigative unit may accelerate its resolution. © OHCHR
Decision-making and accountability framework

EXTERNAL TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS

Mandated by General Assembly resolution 48/141, UN Human Rights is a department of the United Nations Secretariat. It does not have its own executive board but is directly accountable to the Secretary-General and the General Assembly. The High Commissioner for Human Rights is the United Nations principal independent human rights official being appointed by the UN General Assembly for a fixed term of four years, with the possibility of one renewal for another fixed term of four years. UN Human Rights is led by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, with the support of the Deputy High Commissioner and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, who is based in New York.

INTERNAL TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS

Office-wide decision-making takes place through the Senior Management Team (SMT) chaired by the High Commissioner, the Programme and Budget Review Board (PBBR) chaired by the Deputy High Commissioner. These bodies meet regularly to make recommendations to the High Commissioner on policies, operating procedures, programme and resource allocations. The Policy Advisory Group (PAG), chaired by Directors on a rotational basis, is an additional forum for senior managers to exchange views. It provides recommendations to the SMT on critical policy- and management-related matters.

In 2018, the SMT met on nine occasions and, taking advice from the PAG, approved a number of new standard operating procedures, i.e., for donor relations and resource mobilization, classified and declassified documents and adopted Office-wide engagement with non-State armed groups and de facto authorities and on reasonable accommodation for staff with disabilities. The SMT also discussed the position of UN Human Rights on a number of human rights issues, including climate change and migration, and examined the work of internal task forces established in October by the High Commissioner on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR), on the SDGs and on prevention. These task forces identified gaps in capacity and information management, and developed recommendations for adjustments to programme implementation. Next steps are underway to integrate the arising activities into the 2018-2021 OHCHR Management Plan (OMP). In cooperation with the PBBR, the SMT also adopted the UN Human Rights field deployment strategy and analysed budget allocations to the human rights mechanisms. Overall, the SMT provided the High Commissioner with a clear overview of critical operations and ensured a more strategic positioning of UN Human Rights within the UN System and with Member States and other partners.

In the course of 2018, through its monthly and virtual meetings, the PBBR reviewed more than 550 fundraising/fund allocation proposals submitted by Divisions, for programme activities under their annual workplans, to ensure that those proposals were in line with the Office’s overall strategic framework. Exercising its financial and income monitoring functions, the PBBR ensured fiscal responsibility in the allocation and management of human and financial resources under the Office’s programme. Results of independent evaluations and programme reviews, and thematic analyses of implementation of planned activities, were regularly presented to the PBBR to inform its strategic and programmatic decision-making.

The PAG met 28 times throughout the year on a variety of thematic issues, including digital governance, the SDGs, climate change, emergency response, disability, LGBTI persons and the human rights treaty bodies. The group also received country/regional briefings on Afghanistan, Asia, Europe, the Pacific and Somalia; and discussed proposed strategic partnerships with the African Union and the European Union, and strengthened engagement with the business sector. These discussions ensured that proposals were informed by perspectives from across the office before being presented to the SMT.

In 2018, the terms of reference of the PAG were revised to improve its effectiveness and responsiveness. A more management-oriented "extended" PAG was also introduced to provide a regular management and organizational matters forum for managers of four or more staff. The extended PAG considered matters related to the Secretary-General’s reforms; gender parity; the Office Dignity@Work policy; branding, and reasonable accommodation for staff with disabilities. It helped strengthen the capacity of managers to apply coherently both Secretariat-wide and Office-specific policies which in turn enhanced organizational effectiveness.

Results-Based Management

UN Human Rights work is guided by the OHCHR Management Plan (OMP) that is firmly situated under the Secretary-General’s strategic framework 2018-2019. It integrates the mandates given to UN Human Rights by United Nations intergovernmental bodies and recognizes the High Commissioner’s overarching mandate to promote and protect all human rights for all.

In 2018, UN Human Rights transitioned into its new OMP 2018-2021, which was launched in June with printed versions available in all six UN languages. A longer version which includes more detailed results, the programmes of all field presences in all regions, and key targets is available online in English. The OMP positions the work of UN Human Rights under its ongoing thematic "Pillars": Support for the international human rights mechanisms; Mainstreaming human rights within development and in peace and security efforts; and Advancement of the core human rights principles of non-discrimination, accountability and participation. To maintain relevance in a changing world, UN Human Rights also introduced "Shifts" under the Pillars in order to strengthen its work to prevent conflict, violence and insecurity; help expand civic space; broaden the global constituency for human rights; and further explore emerging human rights concerns (frontier issues) in the context of climate change, corruption, inequalities, people on the move and...
digital space and emerging technologies. This new roadmap is anchored in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and has a particular focus on the Agenda’s human rights-based commitment to “Leave No One Behind”. The OMP also shines a human rights “spotlight” on women, persons with disabilities and young people. The OMP leads to a strong results framework with risk management, introduced in 2018, as an integral component of programme management.

MONITORING
Monitoring of the UN Human Rights performance against the targets set by the OMP takes place through the Performance Monitoring System; a tailor-made online tool that facilitates planning, monitoring and reporting on a common set of office-wide results in line with results-based management principles and standards. As the system was also updated in 2018, key performance indicators reflect the utility of the Performance Monitoring System.

• More than 570 unique users accessed the system;
• Over 11,500 sessions by users with editing rights;
• Over 95 per cent of user support requests addressed within 3 hours;
• Less than 1 per cent downtime throughout 2018.

The Multi-lateral Organization Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN), composed of 18 governments, assesses the performance of multilateral organizations. Its mission is to support its members in assessing the effectiveness of multilateral organizations that receive development and humanitarian funding. Together, the members of MOPAN provide 95 per cent of all Official Development Assistance (ODA) to multilateral organizations.

MOPAN assessed UN Human Rights during 2017-2018. The assessment proved to be of great value for UN Human Rights, offering recommendations for strengthening its capacity to provide the best possible support to those whom it serves.

The report analysed the strengths of UN Human Rights, as well as the opportunities and challenges it faces in fulfilling the High Commissioner’s mandate. The assessment concluded that:

“During the period under review, but especially compared with the situation in 2008, the Office has come a long way, despite the fact that its relatively limited resources are constantly stretched – across functions, themes and regions. Today, human rights violations are on the rise, and the fundamental principles that underpin their universality, indivisibility, interdependency and interrelations are being contested by UN Member States themselves. Furthermore, the gap between OHCHR’s mandate and resourcing is increasing, and funding is becoming less predictable. Nonetheless, OHCHR’s organizational performance has, paradoxically, never been better.” (…)

“The relatively small Office of the High Commissioner is punching above its weight. This situation was created by the combination of (1) a corporate culture that sees as its mission to protect rights-holders, to set ambitious goals and targets for itself and to weather the storm if necessary, and (2) its dynamic inspirational leadership. However, when the Office’s mandate and its own ambitions do not keep pace with its financial and human resources, and partners are unwilling or unable to engage more heavily themselves, this raises pertinent questions about the Office’s future sustainability.”

Full assessment of OHCHR is available at: http://www.mopanonline.org/ assessments/ohch/2017.18/index.htm

EVALUATION
During 2018, the UN Human Rights evaluation unit managed an unprecedented 10 evaluations and evaluative exercises, including thematic evaluations, programme and project evaluations and reviews at headquarters and in the field, and management reviews of field presences. A number of assessments initiated in 2017 were finalized in 2018, including an evaluation of UN Human Rights support for the conformity of legislation with international standards; an evaluation of the country programme in Honduras and the review of a technical cooperation project in Nigeria.

The Evaluation Plan under the new OMP 2018-2021 was also approved and its implementation initiated with: management reviews of the country programmes of offices based in Yaoundé and Seoul; a review of the Dignity@Work Contacts Network; the planning and preparation of evaluations of the Uganda country programme, the Doha-based Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region; and a thematic evaluation of the implementation of results-based management in UN Human Rights that will be concluded in 2019.

Support was also provided to the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) assessment of UN Human Rights; the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) evaluation of the effectiveness of human rights monitoring, reporting and follow-up in the United Nations multi-dimensional peacekeeping operations; the OIOS evaluation of UN system-wide support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for the OIOS biennial report of the evaluation function. The UN Evaluation Group’s Working Group on human rights and gender equality, which was co-convened by UN Human Rights, began its preparations for a meta-analysis of United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) using a gender lens. It also initiated a peer learning exchange for reporting on the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP) evaluation indicator within the framework of the Working Group’s workplan for 2018-2019. Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations stemming from the evaluations is a PBRB responsibility and managers are requested to submit updates on this every six months.
The priorities, strategies and targets of UN Human Rights are set out in the OMP 2018-2021. The Plan provides a robust results framework through to the end of 2021 that is based on six Pillars, four Shifts and three Spotlights. It also includes nine Organizational Effectiveness Action Plans (OEAPs).

In 2018, approximately 43 per cent of results reported by both headquarters and field entities contributed to a Shift. The Prevention Shift was the most selected overall while, among the Frontier Issues, Inequalities was the most selected category.

In 2018, approximately 17 per cent of results reported by both headquarters and field entities were directly associated with a Spotlight population. Women were the most selected Spotlight in 2018.

The charts below summarise the implementation of the OMP in 2018.

The information and graphs below are based on the data available in the 2018 End-of-Year reports submitted in the Performance Monitoring System as of 6 March 2019. It is important to note that the data is based on self-assessment by planning/reporting entities of (i) their level of progress or (ii) whether a result is connected to a Shift or a Spotlight population.

In 2018, UN Human Rights created nine interrelated OEAPs under the OMP 2018-2021 (see Figure 2 below): Strategic Leadership and Direction; Innovation; Dynamic Knowledge; External Communications; Resource Mobilization; Partnerships; Operations Management; Diversity and Gender; and Talent and Career Management.

The OEAPs are a product of self-assessments, from analysis of emerging trends in organizational development, lessons-learned exercises and feedback from external stakeholders. They contain tangible outputs, indicators of success, resource needs, risk analysis, roles and responsibilities, as well as monitoring and evaluation arrangements.

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Progress in the implementation of the nine OEAPs is outlined below, highlighting key achievements in 2018.

Strategic Leadership and Direction
UN Human Rights leadership bodies are making timely, evidence-based strategic decisions in line with results-based management principles.

- To help strengthen people-centred, inclusive and inspirational leadership across the Office, Dignity@Work leadership dialogue were rolled out, building on the findings of staff surveys and the pilot 360-degree feedback for senior managers. These open conversations about enhancing the working culture at UN Human Rights were held at the Branch, Service and Division levels. As of the end of December, 55 dialogues had been held with nearly 700 participants in Geneva, New York and field presences.

- Enhanced leadership communication across UN Human Rights was further enabled through the appointment of an Internal Communications Officer in 2018. Six town hall meetings and briefings for staff were organized under a new format designed to facilitate more horizontal and vertical exchange. Meetings on internal communication were held with 20 units within UN Human Rights to identify concerns and suggestions, and feedback from these meetings was used to develop a new SOP on internal communication. A number of “HARDtalks” were held as open spaces for staff to discuss issues and concerns with senior management.

- UN Human Rights actively participated in the Secretary-General’s reform of the UN development system, including by providing inputs to: the design of the new RC job description, the new UNDAF framework and the new UN Development Assessment Framework (UNDAF).

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Innovation
Across UN Human Rights, innovation is encouraged, supported and its results are implemented accordingly.

- UN Human Rights has been exploring ways to encourage greater innovation for greater human rights impact. The 2017 Challenge “UN Human Rights: Light Up” aimed to generate out-of-the-box ideas about how to transform the way UN Human Rights works. One of the projects selected through the Light Up challenge, “My Human Rights in 180 seconds”, was successfully implemented in 2018 to raise awareness among and engage young people in the presentation of human rights topics in creative ways.

- The UN Human Rights Technology Working Group engaged with academic institutions and businesses in the technology sector with the objective to establish partnerships for the adaptation or development of tools for human rights monitoring and investigations. In November, in partnership with the Berkley Center for Human Rights, Berkeley, School of Law, training was provided for UN Human Rights staff on online open investigations.

Dynamic Knowledge
UN Human Rights’ knowledge base is used strategically to actively shape programming, capacity, culture and structure.

- In 2018, UN Human Rights developed a Dynamic Knowledge Strategy, having convened a Dynamic Knowledge Network of more than 30 colleagues for this purpose. Implementation is underway with priorities including the development of a UN Human Rights Dynamic Knowledge Policy, consolidating institutional learning and making it available across the Office. Knowledge management functions are to be embedded in individual annual workplans and other actions will address culture, capacity and systems-related aspects. Dedicated resources will support this progress, including field sensitive implementation in 2019.

Diversity and Gender Management
Strategic Leadership and Direction
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Progress in the implementation of the nine OEAPs is outlined below, highlighting key achievements in 2018.

Strategic Leadership and Direction
UN Human Rights leadership bodies are making timely, evidence-based strategic decisions in line with results-based management principles.

- To help strengthen people-centred, inclusive and inspirational leadership across the Office, Dignity@Work leadership dialogue were rolled out, building on the findings of staff surveys and the pilot 360-degree feedback for senior managers. These open conversations about enhancing the working culture at UN Human Rights were held at the Branch, Service and Division levels. As of the end of December, 55 dialogues had been held with nearly 700 participants in Geneva, New York and field presences.

- Enhanced leadership communication across UN Human Rights was further enabled through the appointment of an Internal Communications Officer in 2018. Six town hall meetings and briefings for staff were organized under a new format designed to facilitate more horizontal and vertical exchange. Meetings on internal communication were held with 20 units within UN Human Rights to identify concerns and suggestions, and feedback from these meetings was used to develop a new SOP on internal communication. A number of “HARDtalks” were held as open spaces for staff to discuss issues and concerns with senior management.

- UN Human Rights actively participated in the Secretary-General’s reform of the UN development system, including by providing inputs to: the design of the new RC job description, the new UNDAF framework and the new UN Development Assessment Framework (UNDAF). It also contributed to the restructuring of the United Nations peace and security pillar through its prevention work and supported the Secretary-General’s management reform by actively participating in the implementation of the Umoja Phase 2 project.

Innovation
Across UN Human Rights, innovation is encouraged, supported and its results are implemented accordingly.

- UN Human Rights has been exploring ways to encourage greater innovation for greater human rights impact. The 2017 Challenge “UN Human Rights: Light Up” aimed to generate out-of-the-box ideas about how to transform the way UN Human Rights works. One of the projects selected through the Light Up challenge, “My Human Rights in 180 seconds”, was successfully implemented in 2018 to raise awareness among and engage young people in the presentation of human rights topics in creative ways.

- The UN Human Rights Technology Working Group engaged with academic institutions and businesses in the technology sector with the objective to establish partnerships for the adaptation or development of tools for human rights monitoring and investigations. In November, in partnership with the Berkley Center for Human Rights, Berkeley, School of Law, training was provided for UN Human Rights staff on online open investigations.

Dynamic Knowledge
UN Human Rights’ knowledge base is used strategically to actively shape programming, capacity, culture and structure.

- In 2018, UN Human Rights developed a Dynamic Knowledge Strategy, having convened a Dynamic Knowledge Network of more than 30 colleagues for this purpose. Implementation is underway with priorities including the development of a UN Human Rights Dynamic Knowledge Policy, consolidating institutional learning and making it available across the Office. Knowledge management functions are to be embedded in individual annual workplans and other actions will address culture, capacity and systems-related aspects. Dedicated resources will support this progress, including field sensitive implementation in 2019.
In 2018, UN Human Rights achieved significant progress in enhancing its external communications across all channels, including by conveying its identity and messaging in a more compelling way and expanding its reach. It advanced a range of institutional objectives through this enhanced communication.

• UN Human Rights increased its social media followers to 4.75 million across its social media platforms, including 2.2 million followers of UN Human Rights on Facebook and 500,000 followers on Instagram. This represents an almost 20 per cent increase since 2017 (800,000 new followers in 2018).

• The seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the push associated with the campaign #standup4humanrights saw UN Human Rights expand its reach to over 40 partnerships (see pages 14–15). The hashtag reached 600 million people in 2018, an increase of 20 per cent since 2017 and 700 per cent compared to 2016. The broader human rights movement picked up this hashtag as its “global call to action”, and Human Rights Watch made it its official hashtag for “global call to action”, and Human Rights Day.

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- Partnerships

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- In 2018, to amplify its messaging, UN Human Rights established a number of partnerships, primarily with the private sector, including with:
  - JCDecaux Group, an advertising company, to undertake an outreach campaign in major cities of 13 countries around the world;
  - Magnum photo agency, which offered photos and social media support to illustrate all 30 articles of the UDHR;
  - Le Journal de Spirou, which is published in French-speaking countries, to launch a special issue of the iconic comic magazine on the UDHR;
  - Poster for Tomorrow, to issue a worldwide call for graphic contributions to illustrate #standup4humanrights, which attracted a large number of submissions; and
  - Well-known influencers (Sabah Al Hallak, Rana Ayyub, Ingrid Beck, Kevn-Prince Boateng, Amber Heard, Angelina Jolie, Marie Laguerre, Alyssa Milano and David Oyelowo) who shared the messages of UN Human Rights through their social media channels.

- Partnerships were also strengthened with other UN agencies, NGOs and think tanks, to develop joint publications and help distribute UN Human Rights materials. For instance, a publishing venture was undertaken with ICRC, UNHCR, OCHA, Human Rights Watch, Médecins Sans Frontières, Amnesty International and the Danish Refugee Council, as well as other collaborators, to produce the third edition of Professional Standards for Protection Work.

- UN Human Rights established a time-bound internal task force on Diversifying Partnerships with membership drawn from across the Office. The Task Force makes recommendations on strengthening standards and policies for partnerships and on building new partnerships to reach out to new audiences and open dialogue that can inspire and mobilize people to defend and promote rights.

- As of the end of 2018, UN Human Rights had raised US$187 million in voluntary contributions, representing a 31 per cent increase from its baseline of US$142.8 million in 2017, and the number of donors went from 77 in 2017 to 89 in 2018. Voluntary contributions from “other donors” increased from 9 per cent in 2017 to 11 per cent in 2018.

- To further enhance UN Human Rights’ overall resource mobilization approach, SOPs on donor relations and resource mobilization and policy on engagement with the business sector were revised and agreed by the SMT.

- A comprehensive electronic resource mobilization guide was also developed and made available to all staff. In addition, standardized funding proposal templates were updated to reflect the new OMP.

- To increase in-house capacities and skills, a total of 41 UN Human Rights staff members from the Europe and Central Asia and the Americas regions, as well as programme officers at headquarters, were trained in resource mobilization using the updated resource mobilization guide.

- Finally, UN Human Rights cultivated its strategic partnership with Microsoft, which led to a combined cash and in-kind contribution of US$1 million in 2018. It also secured grants from five non-traditional donors in its efforts to diversify the donor base.

Resource Mobilization

Investment in and support for UN Human Rights has expanded and donors are expressing confidence in the value delivered by these investments.

- In 2018, UN Human Rights enhanced its resource mobilization framework, increasing skills and capacity, while strengthening reporting and sustaining ongoing dialogue with donors. This drove significant progress towards expanded investment in and support for UN Human Rights.

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Operations Management

UN Human Rights managers are enabling the most efficient and responsible use of all available resources, supported by the effective deployment of relevant technologies.

- To support decision-making by the effective deployment of relevant technologies.
- To enhance availability of virtual meetings.
  
  Concrete steps were taken to increase the percentage of field presences using Umoja as their primary administrative support system. The Umoja travel module was introduced in the Colombia Office as a pilot of its broader use in the field. It will be adopted by the Offices in Cambodia and Uganda in early 2019. The Umoja roll-out to other field presences will build on lessons learned from these experiences. In light of the remaining challenges and to ensure that operations continue to function at the local level, most Offices are now relying on a combination of Umoja and UNDP, with the intention of gradually moving more of their local service provision directly to the Umoja platform.

- To enhance availability of virtual meetings, UN Human Rights introduced Skype for Business as its preferred tool, including its modes for instant messaging, audio, video, application sharing and file sharing. This led to a clear increase in virtual meetings in 2018.

In November 2018, a four-day training took place in Bogotá, facilitated by two Geneva-based colleagues, with more than 20 colleagues from different regions of Colombia who work in travel, administration, human resources or finance participating. By sharing the knowledge and supporting the development of new skills, many concerns were resolved. "We were directly interacting with the system and could work on travel requests and expense reports on the spot," says Jennifer. The training was conducted as part of the Organizational Effectiveness Action Plans, aiming to enhance the support provided to UN Human Rights field presences and enabling the most efficient and responsible use of all available resources supported by relevant technologies. This visit had a positive and important impact.

Not only did the colleagues in Colombia learn how to confidently work with Umoja, the training facilitated collaboration with other UN agencies and generated an exchange of experiences on internal processes for trips and workshops. Jennifer emphasizes the support and professionalism of the colleagues who provided the training, their commitment, dedication and support during and after the visit. "Moreover, it was very helpful to have the presence of one colleague from finance and another from travel, since the doubts that involved both areas were resolved in a timely manner." Jennifer continues to work on the correct implementation of travel regulations, helps colleagues with requirements and reaches out to her colleagues in Geneva in case of doubt.

Diversity and Gender

Respect for diversity, gender equality and inclusion is at the centre of UN Human Rights’ organizational culture and is fully supported by appropriate organizational arrangements.

- UN Human Rights supported the implementation of the Secretary-General’s System-wide Strategy on Gender Parity. It developed an annual strategy and plan to support its implementation, which will be used to achieve prescribed targets for gender parity by 2021. The UN Human Rights strategy and plan will be updated each year.

- UN Human Rights supported the International Gender Champions Initiative and, in November, High Commissioner Bachelet became a Geneva Gender Champion.

- UN Human Rights established a network of Dignity@Work contacts to provide staff with information on how to address prohibited conduct (such as bullying, sexual harassment, discrimination and abuse of authority).

- The 360-degree feedback process for all managers, which was rolled out during 2018, included questions on their approach to gender equality and diversity.

- UN Human Rights received two awards from UN Women for its work on gender equality and the empowerment of women. The first prize was the “Pioneer award for piloting the UN-SWAP when the journey was still uncertain” and the second was received for “Best among the UN Secretariat” in implementing the programme in 2017. This follows the participation of UN Human Rights in the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP).
Talent and Career Management

UN Human Rights is actively unleashing the full potential of its staff with focused talent and career management accessible to all.

- UN Human Rights finalized its agreement with the UN Office of Human Resources Management to provide UN Human Rights national staff members with access to the learning catalogue and e-learning modules in Inspira. This enables all UN Human Rights staff members to comply with mandatory learning requirements and affords access to numerous online trainings that were not previously available. Through uniform Inspira access, all staff within UN Human Rights can undergo standard performance evaluations. This means more equitable treatment of staff and improved standards for performance reporting and monitoring.

- UN Human Rights launched a 360-degree feedback project for its leaders, beginning first with the most senior staff. Each senior leader then received three external executive coaching sessions based on the feedback provided to them by staff. This was completed for all senior managers before a Senior Leadership Retreat, which focused on the aggregated results. The 360-degree feedback project was extended at the end of November to all UN Human Rights managers who supervise four or more staff members. Over 160 managers received feedback in the process.

- Special focus has been placed on women leaders within UN Human Rights with four participating in the United Nations System Staff College Women Leadership programme and in EMERGE – the Programme for Emerging Women Leaders.

- The Human Resources Management Section has been recalibrated with functional units established to deliver more specialist and tailored support services in staff recruitment, emergency deployment, contracts and staff administration. The Staff Development and Learning Unit has been integrated into the Human Resources Management Section to ensure the consolidation of UN Human Rights’ focus on managing talent.

DIGNITY@WORK

The UN Human Rights Dignity@Work policy, first launched at the end of 2017, was successfully rolled out across UN Human Rights in 2018. The policy reaffirms the commitments of UN Human Rights to human rights principles and an obligation to ensure that staff at all levels enjoy and actively promote diversity and dignity at work, free of any form of prohibited conduct.

The High Commissioner, Deputy High Commissioner and Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights share primary responsibility for ensuring the implementation of the Dignity@Work policy, which is monitored within the framework of the OEAAP on Diversity and Gender. The policy will be reviewed at the end of the 2018-2021 OMP.

UN HUMAN RIGHTS TAKES PART IN THE EMERGE PROGRAMME

EMERGE Programme – The Programme for Emerging Women Leaders in the UN system was co-created by 11 UN partners (ILO, ITU, OCHA, UN Human Rights, UNAIDS, UNICIF, UNOS, UNISSC, WHO and WIPO) to implement the UN Leadership Framework that was adopted by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination in April 2017.

“When I joined the EMERGE programme, I thought I already had a high level of self-awareness and self-esteem. I was extremely productive at work, well-appreciated by my supervisors and peers and resigned to the unceasing frustrations of never quite managing to balance with the demands of family and career. But I was very pleasantly surprised to “emerge” from the programme with so much clarity and, really, permission to take care of myself and to put my interests on my own life’s agenda. I realized I was very much the self-appointed “martyr” at work and at home and that I was the only one who could fix that.

I won’t get into all the details but suffice it to say that I am physically (lost 14 kilos!) and mentally (reading lovely works of fiction at home) much healthier now, having reclaimed some time and space for myself. And voilà, my family hasn’t collapsed and indeed seems happier to see me more relaxed and my work hasn’t suffered. I believe I’m performing at an even higher level than before, with more dedication, intelligence and confidence, but also with the awareness that only I know how best to take care of my interests. Tremendously grateful and would highly recommend the programme!”

Ravina Shamdasani, UN Human Rights Spokesperson, 2018 programme participant.
FUNDING
Continuous improvements in the level, flexibility, timeliness and predictability of voluntary contributions, and diversification of the donor base, are essential to ensure UN Human Rights has the resources it needs to achieve the goals of the OHCHR Management Plan (OMP) 2018-2021.

UN Human Rights is partially funded through assessed contributions from Member States to the United Nations regular budget and partially funded through voluntary contributions (extrabudgetary funding) from donors, the majority of whom are Member States.

In 2018, the first year of the OMP 2018-2021, UN Human Rights’ total income was US$312.7 million. Of this total, 59.8 per cent came from voluntary contributions and 40.2 per cent came from the United Nations regular budget.

In 2018, the approved regular budget appropriation for UN Human Rights, as a department of the United Nations Secretariat, was US$125.6 million, which is just under 3.7 per cent of the total UN regular budget. More specifically, excluding funds it apportions to the human rights components of peacekeeping operations, out of 51.7 per cent of the total regular budget resources directed to the three UN system pillars, the UN regular budget allocates 7.7 per cent to the human rights pillar; the other two pillars being development and peace and security.

As a matter of principle, the UN regular budget should finance all activities that are mandated by the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs, including by the Human Rights Council. However, the regular budget allocation is not currently keeping pace with the ongoing growth in the number and scope of the General Assembly human rights mandates. Furthermore, the approved 2018-2019 regular budget entailed a number of reductions resulting from General Assembly decisions, including across-the-board cuts in a number of key areas. As a result, UN Human Rights has no option but to rely on voluntary contributions to finance more than 20 per cent of its officially mandated activities that ought to be financed by the regular budget.
This challenging financial context is exacerbated by the timing of regular budget allocations. During 2018, the Human Rights Council established two new mandates with programme budget implications, and the practice is that these are presented to the General Assembly at the end of the year in the summary of all resolutions adopted by the Council during the year. However, while most of the resources required for new mandates were approved at the end of 2018, they are each year, their late-in-the-year presentation to the General Assembly means that UN Human Rights was forced again to draw from its voluntary resources to fund new activities having a more immediate timeline.

In terms of extrabudgetary support, a total of US$187.1 million was raised in voluntary contributions during the reporting period. This represents the highest amount that UN Human Rights has received in absolute terms and is US$44.3 million (31 per cent) more than was received in 2017. This remarkable growth was due primarily to increased contributions from existing Member State donors. Nonetheless, the donated amount falls far short of the US$278.3 million in extrabudgetary requirements that was sought in the 2018 Annual Appeal. The extrabudgetary requirements are the funds that UN Human Rights requires, in addition to its regular budget allocation, if it is to respond to all requests of assistance it receives in a given year. Moreover, the increasingly challenging global human rights context warrants a greater investment in the UN Human Rights mandates.

The diversification of the donor base continued to be a challenge. In 2018, UN Human Rights received funding from a total of 89 donors. As in previous years, despite efforts to broaden the donor base, including by increasing the number of contributing Member States and bringing in non-traditional donors, the overwhelming majority of voluntary contributions came from 63 Member States, who provided a total of US$153.8 million, representing 82.2 per cent of all contributions received. Of the 63 Member States that contributed in 2018, only one was a first time contributor, while 54 had contributed in 2017. In addition, 39 out of 63 contributing Member States increased their support compared to 2017 while 45 provided unearmarked funding. Multilateral organizations, including the European Commission and UN partners, contributed an additional US$31.2 million, or 16.7 per cent, of all contributions.

Only a small group of 11 Member States pledged through multi-year agreements, which compounds the lack of funding predictability and sustainability. As of the beginning of January 2019, only US$650 million from 14 donors had been registered for 2019.

On the expenditure side, approximately 59.3 per cent of all voluntary funding was used to support work in the field, which receives minimal support from the regular budget. The remainder of the voluntary funding was distributed between other areas of UN Human Rights’ work and often supplemented the limited resources available from the regular budget. In 2018, 9 per cent of extrabudgetary expenditures were devoted to thematic research, human rights mainstreaming, the development of policy and the provision of guidance and tools; 15 per cent were spent on supporting the human rights treaty bodies, including policymaking organs; and 6.4 per cent were spent on support for the Human Rights Council and its special procedures. The remainder was devoted to programme support (5.5 per cent), executive direction and management, resource mobilization and outreach activities (9.3 per cent) and the trust funds and miscellaneous activities (4.0 per cent).

Although the extrabudgetary income of UN Human Rights was below its extrabudgetary requirements and in spite of increased earmarking of voluntary contributions, UN Human Rights used its available resources efficiently, which enabled it to achieve a far greater impact than would otherwise have been possible. UN Human Rights managed not only to spend the income received, it replenished the necessary reserves to begin 2019 on sound financial footing.

In 2018, 49.5 per cent of total expenditures, including both regular budget and voluntary contributions, were devoted to field work, particularly for capacity-strengthening projects and for human rights monitoring, which were predominantly financed through voluntary contributions. Approximately 10.2 per cent of total expenditures were spent on thematic research, human rights mainstreaming, the development of policy and the provision of guidance and tools; 9.9 per cent were spent supporting the human rights treaty bodies, including policymaking organs; and 11.7 per cent were spent in support of the Human Rights Council and its special procedures. The remainder was devoted to programme support (5.4 per cent), executive direction and management, resource mobilization and outreach activities (4.0 per cent).
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* Contributed in response to HC’s last appeal of 5 July 2018.
Until 2015, the annual appeal/extrabudgetary requirements consisted of mere cost plans based on projected income. As of 2016, UN Human Rights introduced a new approach attempting to shape the Office's requirements, i.e. a needs-based budget of all the funds the Office would need to respond to all requests of assistance it received, and that could realistically be implemented within a single year.

For the 2018-2019 biennium, the approved regular budget appropriation for UN Human Rights was US$201.6 million as compared to US$215.5 million in 2016-2017, US$206.9 million in 2014-2015, US$177.3 million in 2012-2013 and US$151.6 million in 2010-2011.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The level of voluntary contributions given to UN Human Rights has increased substantially over the last decade. In 2018, for the eighth consecutive year, UN Human Rights raised more extrabudgetary funds than it had in the previous year. A total of US$187.1 million was raised in voluntary contributions, representing the highest amount ever received by UN Human Rights.

In 2017, the second highest amount of US$142.8 million was received in voluntary contributions, followed by US$129.6 million in 2014, US$125.8 million in 2015, US$123.7 million in 2013 and US$121.2 million in 2012. Between 2010 and 2012, the amount of voluntary contributions gradually increased from US$109.4 million in 2010 to US$111.1 million in 2012.

Approximately 40 per cent of the UN Human Rights income is derived from the United Nations regular budget. The cash amount of the regular budget funding that is allocated to UN Human Rights has gradually increased since 2005, when the World Summit committed to a doubling of the regular resources available for UN Human Rights over a period of five years, and when it established the Human Rights Council, which since its inception has been active in creating new human rights mandates, for which regular budget resources have been allocated.

Over the last eight years, approximately 40 per cent of the funding for UN Human Rights came from the United Nations regular budget (40.2 per cent in 2018, 44 per cent in 2017, 45 per cent in 2016, 46 per cent in 2015 and 2014, 44 per cent in 2013 and 42.5 per cent in 2012). On the other hand, approximately 60 per cent came from voluntary contributions (59.8 per cent in 2018, 56 per cent in 2017, 55 per cent in 2016, 54 per cent in 2015 and 2014, 56 per cent in 2013 and 57.5 per cent in 2012). Over the past few years, the increase in the share of the United Nations regular budget for UN Human Rights activities came from additional resources that were allocated to cover the Treaty Body Strengthening Process and additional mandates, including commissions of inquiry established by the Human Rights Council.

REGULAR BUDGET VERSUS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Eight governments renewed their support after at least one year of financial inactivity. Another nine Member States left the list of donors, despite the High Commissioner’s repeated appeals to broaden UN Human Rights’ donor base. Over the last four years, only 46 Member States provided an annual contribution and 36 others contributed at least once in the same four-year period.

Of the 63 Member States that contributed in 2018, four were from the African Group, 14 from the Asia-Pacific Group, 14 from the Eastern European Group, seven from the Latin American and Caribbean Group and 24 were members of the Western European and Others Group. During 2010-2018, the number of donors per regional group fluctuated between 24 and 28 for the Western European and Others Group, between 14 and 20 for the Asia-Pacific Group, between seven and 14 for the Eastern European Group, between seven and 10 for the Latin American and Caribbean Group and between two and five for the African Group.

The number of non-State donors, composed of multilateral organizations, the private sector and the UN system, has gradually increased from seven in 2010 to a total of 26 in 2018.

EARMARKED VERSUS UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2018, UN Human Rights received US$55.7 million in earmarked funds from 49 donors. The unearmarked funds represented 30 per cent of the overall voluntary contribution received in 2018, a dramatic decrease from 43 per cent in 2017 and the lowest percentage since 2005. During 2010-2018, the percentage of unearmarked funding has fluctuated between 30 per cent (at its lowest in 2018) and 54 per cent (at its highest in 2010 and 2013).

Some of the increase in earmarking can be attributed to the receipt of more locally sourced funding for fieldwork and contributions from non-traditional budget lines that can only be accessed as earmarked funds (such as humanitarian and development budget lines). Other contributions that were previously unearmarked are now provided as more circumscribed funding.

DONOR BASE TO OHCHR IN 2010-2018, BROKEN DOWN BY REGIONAL GROUP

- Number of donors by regional group
- Number of non-donors by regional group
### Voluntary contributions to OHCHR in 2018
(by earmarking and in descending order)

The distribution of funds in this table reflects earmarking by donors (as per major headings of the extrabudgetary requirements presented in the UN Human Rights Appeal 2018).

| Subprogramme | Description                                                                 | Norway  | Sweden  | EU Commission | Netherlands | Denmark | Germany | UNDP | United Kingdom | Canada | Switzerland | Belgium | Finland | Ireland | France | Italy |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|------|----------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|               | Unearmarked                                                                   | 8,645,945 | 7,342,973 | 5,000,000     | 5,787,037   | 4,273,504 | 737,668 |      | 1,071,811    | 278,409 |             |        |         |         |        |       |       |
|               | Executive Direction and Management New York and Geneva                        | 1,190,902 | 799,294  | 2,254,000     | 94,445      |         |         |      | 78,761        | 625,782 | 315,825    | 365,715 | 170,648 |         | 23,229 |       |       |
|               | Subprogramme 1: Human Rights Mainstreaming, Right to Development, Research and Analysis | 1,786,352 | 6,173,349 | 501,021       |             |         |         |      | 981,869       | 360,186 |             |        |         |         |       |       |       |
|               | Subprogramme 2: Supporting the Human Rights Treaty Bodies                     | 774,479  | 440,023  | 746,000       | 2,272,727   | 329,435  | 1,999,421 |      | 78,555        | 434,875 | 146,199    | 233,918 | 56,883  | 313,589 | 163,995 |       |       |
|               | Subprogramme 3: Advisory Services and Technical Cooperation                   | 713,493  | 13,746,125 | 2,624,635     | 8,877,372   | 2,499,806 | 5,177,862 | 4,655,000 |             | 9,056,264 | 3,756,629 | 4,012,467 | 2,267,145 | 2,802,268 | 922,963 | 682,934 | 650,407 | 1,777,251 |
|               | Support to the Programmes Field Presences                                      | 4,017,682 | 3,761,055 | 329,795       | 702,030     | 201,710  |         |      | 4,218,020    | 1,687,531 | 753,022    | 2,794,548 | 174,216 | 1,777,251 |        |       |       |       |
|               | Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities                  | 2,058,055 | 4,065,243 | 778,044       | 3,500,000   | 110,000  | 692,269  |      | 581,962      | 1,334,987 | 1,853,083  | 1,050,000 | 284,414 |         |        |       |       |       |
|               | Asia and the Pacific                                                           | 119,090  | 4,480,873 | 355,891       | 11,413      |         |         |      | 486,321      | 1,406,371 | 21,000     |         |         | 360,000 | 58,072 | 682,934 | 650,407 | 1,777,251 |
|               | Europe and Central Asia                                                        | 819,576  | 1,436,954 | 2,033,480     | 227,372     | 464,576  |         |      | 882,852      | 360,963  | 450,000    | 29,240  |         |         |       |       |       |       |
|               | Middle East and North Africa                                                   | 119,090  | 2,745,425 |             | 1,636,363   | 236,025  |         |      | 261,145      | 263,149  | 746,145    | 58,480  |         | 398,180 | 41,958 |         |        |       |       |       |
|               | Humanitarian Trust Funds                                                       | 714,541  | 6,650,000 | 113,636       | 946,766     | 1,168,130 |         |      | 165,053      | 239,589  | 200,833    | 58,072  | 58,072  | 58,072  | 5,787  |         |        |       |       |       |
|               | Miscellaneous*                                                                 | 738,359  |           |             |           |         |         |      | 165,053      | 239,589  | 200,833    | 58,072  | 58,072  | 58,072  | 5,787  |         |        |       |       |       |
|               | TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY DONOR                                                   | 22,174,372 | 21,089,098 | 19,445,794    | 18,427,371  | 11,355,834 | 10,820,030 | 9,806,471 |             | 9,450,260 | 8,813,612 | 8,386,287 | 7,714,525 | 5,223,779 | 3,357,672 | 3,336,039 | 2,555,168 | 2,537,672 |         |       |       |       |
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Support to the Programmes

Field Presences

Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities

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PREDICTABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

UN Human Rights opened 2018 with only US$34.6 million of predictable income in pledged contributions, being annual instalments of multi-year funding agreements. In 2018, UN Human Rights had such agreements with 17 donors, including 13 Member States (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), the European Commission and three other donors (the Ford Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation and Microsoft).

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

A number of Member States, namely Colombia, Qatar and Senegal, who host UN Human Rights offices, provide in-kind support by covering costs of items such as the rent of premises, utilities and vehicles. These corresponding contributions are credited to their assessed contributions to the United Nations regular budget.

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UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS, 2016-2018

In addition, UN Human Rights benefitted from indirect financial support through the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme, which is administered by UNDP. As of 31 December, UN Human Rights had 17 UNVs who were fully funded by the Governments of Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland (see table below). Germany and Luxembourg funded UNVs who were nationals of other countries. Of the 17 UNVs, 12 were young people between 18 and 29 years of age.

In 2018, a total of 70 UN Volunteers (UNVs) served with OHCHR, of whom 23 per cent were national UN Volunteers and 67 per cent were women. The table below shows the number of UNVs that were funded by Member States, including non-nationals of the Member States.

JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS, 2016-2018

Some Member States provided UN Human Rights with additional, indirect financial support by contributing to the United Nations Junior Professional Officers Programme, which is administered by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in New York. As of 31 December, UN Human Rights had 33 Junior Professional Officers (27 women and 6 men) who were supported by the Governments of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland (see table below). Switzerland and the Netherlands also funded Junior Professional Officers who were nationals of other countries.

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Voluntary contributions in support of UN Human Rights are channelled and managed through nine trust funds and three special funds that are not trust funds as defined by the UN Financial Regulations and Rules.

Additional financial information related to these funds can be found in the extrabudgetary income and expenditure report for 2018 (on pages 114-115).

**United Nations Trust Fund for the Support of the Activities of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**

In 1993, the United Nations Trust Fund for the Support of the Activities of the High Commissioner for Human Rights was established by the Secretary-General to supplement regular budgetary resources as a general funding pool. It is the largest fund administered by UN Human Rights, from which 82.4 per cent of all extrabudgetary funds, including unearmarked funds, were managed in 2018.

Detailed information on the implemented activities and the voluntary contributions managed through the Trust Fund are described in the annexed USB key.

**United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights**

The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights (VFTC), which was established by the Secretary-General in 1987, receives voluntary contributions from governments, organizations and individuals. The VFTC is the second largest fund administered by UN Human Rights. It provides financial support for technical cooperation aimed at building a strong human rights framework, including effective national and regional institutions, legal frameworks and infrastructures.

Since 1993, a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Secretary-General, has provided administrative and operational guidance. In recent years, its role has evolved to include the provision of advice on policy orientation, strategies on technical cooperation at a broader programme level and a global vision of the work of the Fund. In 2013, the Secretary-General entrusted the Board to serve also as a Board of Trustees for the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review.

In 2018, the Board was composed of five experts, namely, Mr. Morten Kjaerum (Denmark), Ms. Lin Lim (Malaysia), Ms. Esi Sutherland-Addy (Ghana), Ms. Valeriya Lutkovska (Ukraine) and Ms. Carmen Rosa Villa (Peru), who was nominated in July to replace Ms. Mariclaire Acosta (Mexico). At its forty-sixth session, the Board elected Mr. Morten Kjaerum as Chair until 30 October 2019. The Board decided to extend the period of time that each member serves as Chair, on a rotational basis, to ensure their tenure covers at least two Board sessions and one Human Rights Council (HRC) session.

The Board meets twice a year to review the programmes the Fund supports and to consider thematic issues, methodologies and procedures; examine financial, administrative and fundraising matters; and brief Member States on its activities. The forty-sixth session of the VFTC was held in Colombia, in April, following a decision that sessions should be held in all types of field presences with sound technical cooperation programmes, regardless of whether or not they are financed through the Fund, in order to better understand all programmes of the Office and to facilitate good practices across all types of presences. Subsequently, the forty-seventh session was held at the Regional Office for South America in Santiago de Chile. Through these sessions, the Board members observed the work of UN Human Rights field presences, evaluated their cooperation with partners on the ground and held discussions with staff members of UN Human Rights on the status of the implementation of technical cooperation programmes, funding trends, challenges and opportunities for the Fund. Since 2018, the Fund has increasingly covered the work of Human Rights Advisers in the region.

During its session in Chile, the Board took the opportunity to review the UN Human Rights Management Plan 2018-2021 and to explore with UN Human Rights and its regional partners the availability of advisory services and technical cooperation experiences in relation to issues identified as frontier issues. The Board welcomed an initiative to enhance the work, knowledge and support for linking human rights and the OMP’s frontier issues of corruption, climate change, inequality and the displacement and movement of people. The Board noted that these are all critical issues that require the expertise and experience of UN Human Rights to support a wider and more thorough understanding of their human rights dimensions and implications. For that reason, since its forty-seventh session, the Board has decided to gather experiences and discuss technical cooperation components that could support Member States in advancing in these important areas, beginning with the issue of the human rights dimension of displacement and movement of people. Particular emphasis was placed on the impact of corruption on the States’ duty to respect, protect and fulfill economic, social, political and cultural rights. The Board stressed that the technical support of UN Human Rights was needed to help explain how human rights can support efforts to combat corruption.

As of 31 December, the total expenditure of the Fund was US$13,294,808 compared to US$12,739,773 in 2017. The increase in the cost plan was accompanied by an increase in the voluntary contributions received by UN Human Rights during the reporting period. Coverage of the Human Rights Advisers deployed through the Fund expanded in 2018 as part of the UNSDG effort to enhance capacities on the ground, as did coverage for the newly established country presences. This means that contributions previously channeled through various financial instruments (i.e., the UNDG 2012 Strategy for the deployment of Human Rights Advisers) are now channelled through the Fund. As of 31 December, the Fund had received a total of US$18,789,565 in pledges and contributions.

The Fund provided the resources for technical cooperation programmes designed to build strong human rights frameworks at the national level in 40 regions, countries and territories, including through 28 Human Rights Advisers/human rights mainstreaming projects in Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malaysia, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Uruguay, Zimbabwe and the South Caucasus region (based in Georgia); seven human rights components of peace operations in Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Libya, Somalia and Sudan (Darfur); and four country/stand-alone offices in Chad, Mauritania, Mexico and the State of Palestine. 8

Through the Fund, UN Human Rights facilitated national efforts to incorporate international human rights standards into national laws, policies and practices, with a particular focus on follow-up to recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms and the development of new online mechanisms to facilitate such follow-up. Moreover, it contributed to the establishment and strengthening of national structures, institutions and capacities to ensure adherence to those standards. As a result of technical cooperation with UN Human Rights, human rights field presences supported by the Fund, Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams (UNCTs) strengthened their human rights capacity.

8 Reference to the State of Palestine should be understood in compliance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/153.
## UN VOLUNTARY FUND FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION (VFTC)

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- 8,494,066
- 2,259,376
- 18,789,565

¹ Reference to State of Palestine should be understood in compliance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19.
United Nations Trust Fund for a Human Rights Education Programme in Cambodia

In 1992, the United Nations Trust Fund for a Human Rights Education Programme in Cambodia was established by the Secretary-General. The aim of the Trust Fund was to contribute to the development and implementation of a human rights education programme that would promote the understanding of and respect for human rights in Cambodia. Since then, it has been used to implement all of the activities of the Office in Cambodia. In 2018, the Trust Fund received US$855,949 in voluntary contributions.

For more information, see pages 255-259 in the annexed USB key.

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism

The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism was established by the Secretary-General in 2008, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 6/17. The Voluntary Fund facilitates the participation of developing states, particularly Least Developed Countries, in the UPR process. Under its terms of reference, the Voluntary Fund enables funding for a delegate to present the national report from her/his country and participate in the interactive dialogue at the Working Group session during which the delegate’s country is being considered. The delegate also attends the plenary session of the Human Rights Council when the UPR outcome is adopted.

Through the Voluntary Fund, UN Human Rights facilitated the participation of government representatives from 22 States that were under review during the twelfth-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first UPR Working Group sessions as well as in the plenary session of the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, which adopted the corresponding UPR outcomes.

The Voluntary Fund is supporting States in their preparations for the third UPR cycle, including through workshops held at the subregional level. The workshops focus on sharing good practices in terms of preparation and reviews, implementation and follow-up, encouraging South-South and North-South cooperation and mobilizing the UN system in response to requests for assistance by participating States. The first workshop targeted English-speaking States in Africa and took place in Kampala, Uganda, in April. The workshop was organized in close cooperation with the African Union, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Uganda national human rights institution (NHRI).

The second workshop was designed specifically for francophone countries and was jointly organized with the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) in Dakar, Senegal, in July. It was attended by representatives from over 30 countries from three continents and focused on concrete proposals to reinforce and consolidate the UPR mechanism and improve the implementation of UPR recommendations. On behalf of the OIF, Canada expressed its great appreciation for the workshop at the thirty-ninth session of the HRC.
The primary areas of focus for the Voluntary Fund include the implementation of key UPR recommendations, strengthening the capacity of UNCTs, the establishment and/or strengthening of National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRFs), the development of comprehensive national human rights action plans and recommendations implementation plans, as well as the strengthening of parliamentary capacities for implementation. In 2018, the Fund provided financial and technical assistance for activities in Argentina, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Fiji, Jamaica, Mongolia, Niger and Uruguay.

In addition to national-level activities, the Fund was used to organize a regional workshop for lusophone countries, in November, in Praia, Cabo Verde. The workshop was organized in cooperation with the Comunidad de Países de Lengua Portuguesa and UNDP and shared good practices related to preparation, reviews and implementation. It also focused on the implementation of human rights recommendations within the SDGs, including SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions). The workshop resulted in specific recommendations to strengthen human rights coordination and follow-up at the national level; integrate accepted UPR recommendations into SDG-related efforts; and ensure improved support from the international community and the UN system to Member States, including through Official Development Assistance.

Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the work of the Human Rights Council

The Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council was established under Human Rights Council resolution 19/26, in 2012. The Fund became operational in 2014. The objective of the Fund is to enhance the institutional and human rights capacities of LDCs and SIDS through targeted training courses and travel assistance for delegates attending regular Council sessions and fellowship programmes. In 2018, the Trust Fund received US$1,194,314 in voluntary contributions. In 2018, 18 countries, including four new donors, contributed to the Trust Fund, representing a six-fold increase from the Trust Fund’s initial three donors in 2015.

Since its establishment in 2014, the Trust Fund provided support to 110 delegates and fellows, including 65 women, from 69 of the 72 eligible LDCs/SIDS. In 2018, the Trust Fund provided support to 25 delegates and 25 SIDS (10 from Africa, five from the Caribbean and Latin America and 10 from Asia and the Pacific). For all of them, it was their first time participating in a regular session of the Human Rights Council. Among the 25 delegates and fellows, 14 were women. Six delegates represented SIDS that do not have permanent representation in Geneva, namely, Antigua and Barbuda, Marshall Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu.

From 19-20 November, the Trust Fund and the Community of Caribbean Countries (CARICOM) collaborated to organize, as per Human Rights Council resolution 34/40, the first regional workshop, in Guyana, bringing together 23 former delegates and fellows of the Trust Fund from the Caribbean region. Participants adopted the “Georgetown Declaration: Towards 2022” aimed at enhancing the participation of SIDS in the work of the Council. The priorities agreed upon include the need to undertake concerted efforts to improve the functioning of the Trust Fund and ensure that discussions are held on topics of particular interest to Caribbean SIDS.

Donor | US$ Donor | US$
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France | 23,229 | Australia | 73,260
Germany | 124,224 | Canada | 78,555
Norway | 357,270 | Denmark | 329,425
Pakistan | 3,000 | France | 81,301
Republic of Korea | 50,000 | Georgia | 5,000
Russian Federation | 200,000 | Germany | 186,335
Saudi Arabia | 70,000 | Ireland | 163,895
Singapore | 5,000 | Italy | 59,545
Spain | 56,816 | Norway | 3,000
**TOTAL** | **889,541** | Pakistan | 3,000
Poland | 39,436 | Portugal | 11,429
Republic of Korea | 50,000 | Singapore | 10,000
Singapore | 10,000 | Slovenia | 3,413
Spain | 22,727 | Switzerland | 10,000
Turkey | 10,000 | **TOTAL** | **1,194,314**
The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples was established by General Assembly resolution 40/131, in 1985, to ensure that the voices of indigenous peoples are heard within the UN system. Since then, the mandate and scope of the Fund have been broadened and expanded seven times. Today, the Fund provides support for indigenous peoples’ representatives to participate in various key meetings of the United Nations, such as the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII), the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), the HRC, including its UPR process, the treaty bodies, and the consultation processes on the enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples in the General Assembly. Over the past 33 years, the Fund has supported the participation of over 2,000 indigenous peoples’ representatives from all regions of the world.

The development of the rights of indigenous peoples has been driven by a united and transnational movement of indigenous peoples, enabling them to bring their voices to the attention of the international community. It is without doubt that thanks to the support of the Fund, the participation of indigenous peoples at the United Nations over the last 30 years has led to considerable developments in international human rights standards on indigenous peoples, including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007) and the creation of key mechanisms, such as the PFII, the EMRIP and the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.

In 2018, the Fund allocated 109 travel grants to enable indigenous representatives to participate in the sessions of the PFII in New York (35), the EMRIP in Geneva (20) and the HRC, its UPR Working Group and the UN human rights treaty bodies in Geneva (40). Additionally, 14 indigenous representatives were supported by the Fund to attend a General Assembly consultative process/interactive hearing session in New York.

The Fund acts on the advice of a five-member Board of Trustees. The five Board members appointed by the Secretary-General for the period 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2020 are: Mr. Diel Mochire (Zimbabwe), Ms. Myrna Cunningham (Nicaragua), Ms. Anne Nuorgam (Finland), Mr. Binota Dhamai (Bangladesh) and Ms. Claire Charters (New Zealand).

The Board of Trustees participated in the regular coordination meetings of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, the PFII and the EMRIP, which in turn disseminated information on the activities of the Fund to their respective networks. Moreover, the Special Rapporteur established an important practice of holding meetings with the beneficiaries of the Fund in parallel to the sessions of the EMRIP and the PFII.

Pablo Mis is the Programme Coordinator for the Maya Leaders Alliance (MLA). Together with the Maya peoples, in 2015, the MLA won a historic land rights court decision in the Caribbean Court of Justice. It is now pioneering the creation of a Maya economy.

As a 2013 UN Human Rights Indigenous Fellow, Pablo has applied the knowledge and experience he gained to promote human rights in Belize in order to advance the self-determination of the Maya Q’eqchi and Mopan peoples. He uses his knowledge and experience across the key programme areas of the MLA, including in relation to strengthening and constructing Maya governance and institutions; sustaining and revitalizing the Maya culture; caring and revitalizing Maya lands and resources; leveraging Maya capacities and resources; and protecting the rights of the indigenous Maya.

Since completing the UN Human Rights Fellowship, Pablo has been a grantee of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples several times. He has led the participation of the Maya peoples in the studies of the EMRIP, the events of the PFII, reports to the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, the UPR and the work of the Special Rapporteur, among others. He currently serves as the lead spokesperson for the Maya peoples in the negotiation of the implementation of the Maya Land Rights Court Orders. Determined to expand the impact of his knowledge beyond the Maya peoples of southern Belize, Pablo has been instrumental in leading the formation of a national indigenous peoples’ round-table. This led to the revitalization of the Belize National Indigenous Council, which brings together the Maya Mopan, Q’eqchi, Yucatec and Garifuna. Since 2015, Pablo also led the process of bringing together representatives of indigenous peoples from the Caribbean. This resulted in the formation of the Network of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Caribbean (NITPC), which includes members from Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad. The NITPC is currently being coordinated by the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders of Suriname.

Pablo’s story is a testament to the far-reaching positive changes that the UN Human Rights Indigenous Fellowship Programme and the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples bring in supporting the local human rights efforts of marginalized populations. It also brings visibility to their local efforts in promoting a more just and equal world.
UN Human Rights Humanitarian Funds

UN Human Rights provides joint secre- tariat support to two grant-making funds, namely, the Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture and the Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. Together, they are known as the UN Human Rights Humanitarian Funds. They were estab- lished by the General Assembly with the purpose of providing direct assistance and rehabilitation to individuals whose rights have been violated in the context of tor- ture and contemporary forms of slavery, respectively. This assistance translates into yearly grants that are awarded to mainly civil society organizations that provide humanitarian, medical, psychol- ogical, social and legal aid to victims. They are financed through voluntary con- tributions and are formally administered by the Secretary-General, who acts on the advice of Boards of Trustees. The Boards distribute the grants in accordance with the mandates of the UN Human Rights Humanitarian Funds. In 2018, 30 Member States and a handful of private donors made contributions to the two Funds for a total of US$101 million.

UN UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE

The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, established by General Assembly resolution 36/151, in 1981, provides direct assistance to torture victims and their families. Each year, the Fund awards grants to civil society orga- nizations for medical, psychological, legal and social services to victims and their families.

The Fund is managed with the advice of a Board of Trustees composed of indepen- dent experts from the five world regions. In 2018, the Board members were: Ms. Gaby Ore Aguilar (Peru), Mr. Mikolaj Pietrzak (Poland), Ms. Sara Hossein (Bangladesh), Ms. Vivienne Nathanson (United Kingdom) and Mr. Lawrence Mute (Kenya).

In 2018, the Fund awarded 163 grants to projects in 78 countries for a total of US$121,000 (with an average grant size of US$435,500). This amounts to nearly 40,000 victims assisted by the Fund. In addition, seven grants were provided to organizations to support their ca- pacity-building activities. Through its emergency grants procedure, in 2018, the Fund provided seven grants for a total of US$47,000 to assist victims of torture, including four grants in support of Rohingya refugees.

The Trust Fund acts on the advice of a five-member Board of Trustees. The Board meets annually to determine prior- ities and policies, review working methods and adopt recommendations on new grants. In 2018, the Board mem- bers were: Ms. Nevena Vučković Šahović (Serbia), Ms. Renu Rajbhandari (Nepal), Mr. Leonardo Sakamoto (Brazil), Ms. Georgina Vaz Cabral (France) and Mr. Danwood Mzikenge Chirwa (Malawi).

In 2018, the Fund awarded 29 grants to projects in 27 countries for a total of US$535,500 (with an average grant size of US$19,000). The Trust Fund assists approximately 10,000 victims of slavery every year, including victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, the exploitation and sale of children, forced and bonded labour, slavery in supply chains, early and forced marriage, sexual slavery, domestic servitude and traditional slavery.

The Trust Fund prioritized projects pro- viding specialized direct assistance to victims, in particular women and children.

SEEKING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE IN LIBERIA

“The UN Fund for Torture Victims trusted us when nobody else did. They have been with us from the beginning and gave us the support we needed to start our activi- ties. The money they gave us six years ago has helped to hold accountable suspected war criminals from Liberia across Europe and in the United States. That is what the Torture Fund has done for us,” Mr. Hassan Bility, Director of the Global Justice and Research Project and former prisoner during the Charles Taylor administration. In 2012, he founded the Global Justice and Research Project that seeks accountability for war-related crimes in Liberia.

For the past five years, the UN Torture Fund has provided support to Civitas Maxima and its implementing partner, the Global Justice and Research Project, in Monrovia, Liberia. The project entitled Accountability for Victims of Torture in Liberia continues to provide legal assistance to 80 torture victims, including detainees, vic- tims of sexual violence in armed conflict, children, and political dissidents from the Liberian civil war. In 2018, the organization used universal jurisdiction to file a com- plaint in a domestic court in the United States (Philadelphia) against Thomas Juonteet Woeiwiyu, the former Defence Minister for the National Patriotic Front of Liberia. The organization presented over 30 testimonies from victims who had been subjected to torture by him. He is due to be sentenced in 2019.

Hassan Bility, Director of the Global Justice and Research Project in Liberia, was one of the keynote speakers at an expert workshop convened by the UN Voluntary Funds for Victims of Torture © OHCHR

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in situations of conflict and humanitarian crises. By doing so, the Trust Fund contributed to the realization of Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, on immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking.

In 2018, the Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery focused on the issue of domestic servitude during its 2018 annual event to commemorate the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

UN VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2018

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HELPING CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC SERVITUDE IN HAITI REALIZE THEIR RIGHTS

The Restavek Freedom Foundation, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, has been receiving support from the UN Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery for over five years. The project, entitled Expanding Child Advocacy to the Sud Department, provides social, educational and humanitarian (in the form of transitional homes) assistance to 200 Haitian child victims of domestic servitude, known as restavek. In 2018, the programme had 32 children enrolled in Restavek shelter homes in Port-salut and 68 children in Les Cayes. In parallel, the organization is working to raise awareness and transform attitudes against domestic servitude within the community, including through a national competition for restavek children to write and perform original songs about freedom and ending modern day slavery and a radio drama series to deliver a powerful message about education.

Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) was adopted by the General Assembly in December 2002 and entered into force in June 2006. OPCAT created a two-pillar system at the international and national levels to prevent torture and other forms of ill-treatment in places where persons may be deprived of their liberty.

At the international level, it established the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture (SPT) and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which has been in operation since February 2007. The SPT is mandated to visit all places of detention in States Parties and provide assistance and advice to States Parties and National Preventive Mechanisms (NPMs).

The Special Fund was established by article 26 of OPCAT to help finance the implementation of recommendations issued by the SPT after a visit to a State Party and to support education programmes for NPMs. The Fund became operational in 2011.

During the period 2014-2018, the OPCAT Special Fund supported 59 projects in 17 countries with grants amounting to US$1,558,036. In 2018, the Fund awarded grants amounting to US$301,784 to support 13 prevention projects in 12 States Parties to the Optional Protocol.

The projects that were supported by the Fund resulted in legislative, institutional and operational changes, as well as concrete changes in people’s lives. Since 2017, the projects supported by the Fund have focused on the establishment or strengthening of the effective functioning of NPMs with a view to increasing the preventive impact of the Fund. The projects included drafting laws to establish NPMs in accordance with the Optional Protocol; elaborating calls for nominations, terms of reference and the organization of public hearings on NPM candidates; the training of NPM members on international standards concerning torture and ill-treatment, reporting and monitoring techniques; developing strategic plans for NPMs and supporting operational efficiency; elaborating NPM documents (annual reports, leaflets, posters); supporting collaboration between NPMs and other stakeholders; and promoting the visibility of NPMs through public meetings and radio campaigns.

In 2018, the Fund received contributions and pledges of US$467,972, which represents an increase of more than 100 per cent compared to US$187,263 that was received in 2017.

OPCAT SPECIAL FUND

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The Contingency Fund is a flexible funding mechanism that was established in 2006, to carry out activities and implement the priorities and strategies of the High Commissioner, particularly in response to human rights emergencies. This was achieved primarily by the rapid deployment of human rights personnel and the provision of necessary logistical support. The Fund, which is financed through voluntary contributions, aims to maintain the capacity of UN Human Rights personnel and the provision of necessary logistical support.

In 2018, the capacity of UN Human Rights to provide conceptual and operational support to unforeseen mandates or situations requiring rapid response has significantly increased.

In 2018, the Contingency Fund facilitated rapid deployments and other expenses associated with emergency response. An internal rapid deployment roster composed of 195 members (107 women and 88 men), was activated for 10 emergency response deployments. A rapid deployment team com posed of 17 staff members from the internal roster was deployed to the situation of migrants and asylum seekers, with particular attention paid to the situation of women and children; Ethiopia to monitor and report on the human rights situation in three regions (Oroma, Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region and Somali); and Sri Lanka to support the Human Rights Adviser to evaluate the human rights situation, with particular attention paid to the situation of victims, human rights defenders, journalists and civil society activists. Reports on the human rights situation were produced at the end of all deployments.

In 2018, the Fund received contributions and pledges amounting to US$108,072. As of 31 December 2018, the remaining balance of US$211,009 was significantly below the target of maintaining a reserve of US$1 million at all times thus undermining the capacity of UN Human Rights to implement rapid response deployments.

The Special Fund for the Participation of Civil Society in the Social Forum, the Forum on Minority Issues and the Forum on Business and Human Rights was created by Human Rights Council decision 24/118 of 27 September 2013. The aim of the Fund is to facilitate the broadest possible participation of civil society representatives and other relevant stakeholders in the annual meetings of the three fora. In 2018, the Special Fund received US$50,000 in new contributions. The Eleventh Forum on Minority Issues, held from 29-30 November 2018, in Geneva, brought together 600 participants and other relevant stakeholders to engage in discussions focused on producing concrete recommendations on statelessness as a human rights issue that disproportionately affects minorities around the world. The Special Fund was used to facilitate the participation of two people from Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom.

The Seventh Forum on Business and Human Rights, the world’s largest annual gathering on business and human rights, took place from 26-28 November, in Geneva, with the attendance of more than 2,700 participants from governments, businesses, community organizations and civil society, law firms, investor organizations, UN bodies, NHRIs, trade unions, academia and the media. Over three days, more than 70 substantive sessions and a series of snapshot presentations explored trends, challenges and progress in advancing the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in all regions of the world. The Forum focused on the second pillar of the Guiding Principles, the corporate responsibility to respect human rights, under the theme Business respect for human rights: Building on what works. The Special Fund facilitated the participation of five participants.

Each year, the Social Forum, which is supported by the Human Rights Council, provides a unique space for open and interactive dialogue between civil society actors, representatives of Member States and intergovernmental organizations on a particular theme that is chosen by the Council. The theme of the 2018 session was the use of sport and culture as a particular tool to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for human rights. The Special Fund facilitated the participation of five people from Colombia (a person with disabilities and his assistant), Pakistan, the Russian Federation and South Africa.
### SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN 2018

**ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

This summary financial report indicates total funds available for activities in 2018, inclusive of new contributions and carry-over, overall expenditure incurred during the period and total funds balance at the end of the fiscal year 2018.

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Notes:
1. The amount corresponds to the extrabudgetary final 2017 closing balance for the activity.
2. Includes adjustments of income, refunds to donors, and write-off of unpaid pledges from past period.
3. For extrabudgetary, includes all contributions and pledges received in the UNOG accounts for fiscal year 2018, as well as gain/loss on exchange from contributions and interest income.
4. Includes future donor pledges and commitments.
5. Spending balance + Allocation + Income from contributions + Interest income.
6. Includes disbursements and commitments for fiscal year 2018.

The above summary financial report of income and expenditure in 2018 is materially correct and expenditures were incurred in connection with the purpose of the extrabudgetary contributions received and the regular budget amount allotted to OHCHR for 2018.

### SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT OF EXTRABUDGETARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN 2018

**ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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<th>VF for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights</th>
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<td>1,549,575</td>
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4. Corresponds to the extrabudgetary final 2017 closing balance for the activity.
5. Includes future donor pledges and commitments.
6. Includes all funds held in the UNOG accounts at the end of the fiscal year 2018.

The above summary financial report of extrabudgetary income and expenditure in 2018 is materially correct and expenditures were incurred in connection with the purpose of the trust funds for which contributions were received.
### REGULAR BUDGET ALLOTMENT AND EXPENDITURE IN 2018
(SUMMARY BY PROGRAMME, IN THOUSANDS OF US$)

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**Total Programme of Work: Headquarters**

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**Programme Support and Management Services**

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### Extradudgetary Income and Expenditure in 2018

#### Overall Summary (in US$)

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#### Programme of Work (Subprogramme 1 to 4)

**Subprogramme 1: Human Rights Mainstreaming, Right to Development, Research and Analysis (RRDD)**

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- **EXPENDITURE**: 1,108,958.17
- **REMAINING**: 97,487.36

### ARDS - Combating Trafficking in Human Beings/New Challenges & Threats
- **INCOME**: 364,866.00
- **EXPENDITURE**: 22,661.22
- **REMAINING**: 342,204.78

### HRESIS - Disabilities
- **INCOME**: 389,226.97
- **EXPENDITURE**: 315,141.87
- **REMAINING**: 74,085.10

### HRESIS - Economic and Social Issues
- **INCOME**: 530,463.95
- **EXPENDITURE**: 460,756.56
- **REMAINING**: 69,707.39

### HRESIS - Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty
- **INCOME**: 445,780.00
- **EXPENDITURE**: 442,251.33
- **REMAINING**: 3,528.67

### HRESIS - Human Rights Indicators for Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **INCOME**: 908,601.22
- **EXPENDITURE**: 350,581.52
- **REMAINING**: 558,019.70

### HRESIS - Meeting on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants
- **INCOME**: 60,251.00
- **EXPENDITURE**: 71,039.16
- **REMAINING**: -10,788.16

### HRESIS - Migration
- **INCOME**: 824,050.00
- **EXPENDITURE**: 694,729.02
- **REMAINING**: 129,320.98

### HRESIS - Support of Activities by SRSG on Business and Human Rights
- **INCOME**: 111,778.86
- **EXPENDITURE**: 110,995.69
- **REMAINING**: 782.17

### IPMS - Indigenous Peoples and Minorities
- **INCOME**: 1,224,980.19
- **EXPENDITURE**: 1,149,167.39
- **REMAINING**: 75,812.80

### IPMS - Rights of religions minorities
- **INCOME**: 240,003.00
- **EXPENDITURE**: 251,525.20
- **REMAINING**: -11,522.20

### METS - Methodology, Education and Training
- **INCOME**: 1,645,307.24
- **EXPENDITURE**: 1,418,354.04
- **REMAINING**: 226,953.20

### METS - Human Rights Indicators
- **INCOME**: 427,076.12
- **EXPENDITURE**: 296,612.57
- **REMAINING**: 130,463.55

### METS - (EU) Human Rights Indicators
- **INCOME**: 525,017.97
- **EXPENDITURE**: 366,632.26
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### METS - IACT Image Authentication/Categorization Tool Project
- **INCOME**: 135,485.00
- **EXPENDITURE**: 3,955.00
- **REMAINING**: 131,530.00

### METS/SDGs - Human Rights Up Front - Action Plan
- **INCOME**: 381,540.39
- **EXPENDITURE**: 407,220.09
- **REMAINING**: -25,679.70

### ROLDS - Rule of Law and Democracy
- **INCOME**: 1,601,808.08
- **EXPENDITURE**: 1,408,720.06
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### ROLDS - Support to OHCHR’s work on accountability (new project)
- **INCOME**: 991,559.00
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### RTDS - Rights to Development
- **INCOME**: 165,840.33
- **EXPENDITURE**: 130,378.31
- **REMAINING**: 35,462.02

### RTDS - SFP Participation of Civil Society at the Social Forum, Forum on Minority Issues and Forum on Business and Human Rights
- **INCOME**: 16,656.28
- **EXPENDITURE**: 27,483.86
- **REMAINING**: -10,827.58

### SDGs - MDGs and Human Rights-Based Approach
- **INCOME**: 265,963.21
- **EXPENDITURE**: 125,652.17
- **REMAINING**: 140,311.04

### SDGs - (MDTF/DTF) UNDG Mechanism and Human Rights Mainstreaming
- **INCOME**: 121,647.00
- **EXPENDITURE**: 97,544.47
- **REMAINING**: 24,102.53

### SDGs - Washington Liaison Office
- **INCOME**: 359,933.07
- **EXPENDITURE**: 297,593.95
- **REMAINING**: 62,339.12

### WHRG - Conflict Related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
- **INCOME**: 957,946.37
- **EXPENDITURE**: 658,946.96
- **REMAINING**: 299,009.41

### WHRG - Criminal Laws Project
- **INCOME**: 107,622.69
- **EXPENDITURE**: 54,583.95
- **REMAINING**: 53,038.74

### WHRG - Regional Gender Advisers
- **INCOME**: 251,041.51
- **EXPENDITURE**: 225,272.64
- **REMAINING**: 25,768.87

### WHRG - WHR Work, Especially on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- **INCOME**: 67,313.44
- **EXPENDITURE**: 70,915.92
- **REMAINING**: -3,602.48

### WHRG - Women's Human Rights and Gender
- **INCOME**: 1,328,251.52
- **EXPENDITURE**: 1,545,698.22
- **REMAINING**: -217,446.70

### SUBTOTAL SUBPROG. 1
- **INCOME**: 16,765,323.31
- **EXPENDITURE**: 17,811,320.15
- **REMAINING**: -1,045,996.84

### Subprogramme 2 - Supporting the Human Rights Treaty Bodies
- **INCOME**: 1,572,446.13
- **EXPENDITURE**: 1,394,103.88
- **REMAINING**: 178,342.25

### SDGs - MDGs and Human Rights-Based Approach
- **INCOME**: 265,963.21
- **EXPENDITURE**: 125,652.17
- **REMAINING**: 140,311.04

### SDGs - Washington Liaison Office
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Subprogramme 4 - Supporting the Human Rights Council and its Special Procedures

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Programme Support and Management Services (PSMS)

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**FIELD PRESENCES**

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**SUBTOTAL AFRICA**

- **Requirements**: 32,374,629.77
- **Income**: 41,219,275.62
- **Expenditure**: 24,167,637.87

**Americas**

- **Americas - (MPTF) National Human Rights Advisers** | 487,407.47 | 461,985.82 | 397,911.32 |
- **Bolivia - Country Office** | 150,973.95 | 551,700.00 | 68,148.27 |
- **Chile - Regional Office for South America** | 917,156.89 | 956,263.44 | 867,189.37 |
- **Colombia - Country Office** | 10,503,187.59 | 12,270,541.06 | 9,403,200.80 |
- **Colombia - (EU) Strengthening of HR Prevention and Protection Work** | 200,906.96 | 899,371.78 | 567,602.51 |
- **Colombia - Protection HR Defenders and other actors/ Peace Process** | n/a | 188,280.09 | 171,658.76 |
- **Colombia - Supporting Crisis Prevention/Promoting positive HR change** | 281,546.59 | 279,558.28 | 270,510.35 |
- **Colombia - (PBF) Territorial Model (new project)** | n/a | 198,853.00 | 0.00 |
- **Dominican Republic - (MPTF) Human Rights Adviser** | 209,281.20 | 75,700.36 | 122,525.67 |
- **Guatemala - Country Office** | 3,561,687.29 | 1,197,881.79 | 3,180,021.18 |
- **Guatemala - (MPTF) Human Rights Adviser (closed project)** | n/a | 6,209.73 | 0.00 |
- **Somalia - Support to Peace Mission** | 238,568.64 | 460,400.00 | 211,028.01 |
- **South Sudan - Support to Peace Mission** | 98,247.91 | 0.00 | 30,755.71 |
- **Sudan (Darfur) - Support to Peace Mission /** | 78,386.77 | -39,900.00 | 1,940.66 |
- **Southern Africa (Protestor - Regional Office** | 939,772.00 | 598,654.00 | 572,757.79 |
- **Uganda - Country Office** | 3,539,773.09 | 2,501,503.25 | 1,771,494.35 |
- **Uganda - Programme Activities in Northern Uganda and Karamoja** | 1,276,955.81 | 582,061.13 | 1,242,670.49 |
- **West Africa (Dakar) - Appui à la protection des enfants** | 1,087,793.00 | 1,777,251.18 | 14,174.32 |
- **West Africa (Dakar) - Appui à l'éradication de la mendicité et maltraitance des enfants** | 1,312,919.00 | 451,559.64 | 247,668.79 |
- **West Africa (Dakar) - Regional Office** | 697,556.56 | 519,072.70 | 47,548.70 |
- **West Africa (Dakar) - HR Based Response to Smuggling of Migrants** | 559,244.00 | 474,011.00 | 125,756.82 |
- **Zimbabwe - (MPTF) Human Rights Adviser** | 182,107.22 | 296,738.46 | 166,346.43 |

**Total**

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- **Income**: 41,219,275.62
- **Expenditure**: 24,167,637.87
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### FUNDING

#### Central Asia (Kazakhstan) - Civil Society Capacity Building
- **Requirements**: 86,892.14
- **Income**: 157,387.03
- **Expenditure**: 93,822.60

#### Europe (Brussels) - Regional Office
- **Requirements**: 806,569.14
- **Income**: 883,230.00
- **Expenditure**: 888,598.13

#### Georgia - (UNDP/EU) Contribution for UN Joint Programme
- **Requirements**: 282,705.77
- **Income**: 194,548.65
- **Expenditure**: 191,602.04

#### Kyrgyzstan - (PBF) Violent Extremism
- **Requirements**: 230,764.76
- **Income**: 565,692.00
- **Expenditure**: 185,604.95

#### Kyrgyzstan - (EU) project
- **Requirements**: 593,508.00
- **Income**: 1,061,320.75
- **Expenditure**: 423,156.55

#### Moldova (Republic of) - Human Rights Adviser
- **Requirements**: 305,778.18
- **Income**: 298,200.00
- **Expenditure**: 291,361.28

#### Moldova (Republic of) - (MPTF) Transnistria
- **Requirements**: 237,758.42
- **Income**: 0.00
- **Expenditure**: 208,435.80

#### Moldova (Republic of) - (EU) Sustainable development & Human Rights*
- **Requirements**: 157,451.30
- **Income**: 193,422.07
- **Expenditure**: -64,714.54

#### Russian Federation - Human Rights Adviser
- **Requirements**: 777,500.65
- **Income**: 515,000.00
- **Expenditure**: 750,461.25

#### Russian Federation - Projects on Human Rights Awareness Raising and Training Activities
- **Requirements**: 67,800.00
- **Income**: 165,000.00
- **Expenditure**: 63,119.38

#### Serbia - (MPTF/UNPRPD) Disability Activities
- **Requirements**: 83,347.65
- **Income**: 122,611.00
- **Expenditure**: 70,140.24

#### Southern Caucasus - Human Rights Advisers
- **Requirements**: 495,835.74
- **Income**: 419,029.69
- **Expenditure**: 453,626.46

#### Ukraine - (EU) Human Rights Monitoring Mission
- **Requirements**: 699,602.00
- **Income**: 773,088.28
- **Expenditure**: 695,351.37

#### Ukraine - (CEF) Human Rights life-saving activities in East Ukraine
- **Requirements**: 439,545.00
- **Income**: 333,050.00
- **Expenditure**: 654,885.03

#### Ukraine - HRMM/Protection Cluster
- **Requirements**: 350,058.00
- **Income**: 350,058.00
- **Expenditure**: 348,465.22

#### Middle East North Africa

#### Iraq - Support to Peace Mission
- **Requirements**: 5,271,230.78
- **Income**: 697,990.00
- **Expenditure**: 64,555.06

#### Jordan - (MPTF) Human Rights Adviser
- **Requirements**: 495,835.74
- **Income**: 419,029.69
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#### Libya - Support to Peace Mission
- **Requirements**: 175,437.72
- **Income**: 179,800.00
- **Expenditure**: 179,800.00

#### Middle East (Beirut) - Regional Office
- **Requirements**: 1,973,126.00
- **Income**: 1,322,199.39
- **Expenditure**: 1,536,036.04

#### Middle East (Beirut) - EU) Project for Assisting Lebanon in the implementation of IHRM and UPR Recommendations
- **Requirements**: 1,163,960.11
- **Income**: 0.00
- **Expenditure**: 753,401.36

#### Middle East (Beirut) - Protection and Promotion of the rights of people on the move
- **Requirements**: 305,579.00
- **Income**: 0.00
- **Expenditure**: 246,426.73

#### Middle East (Beirut) - Rights of religious minorities
- **Requirements**: 954,550.40
- **Income**: 1,464,425.09
- **Expenditure**: 709,252.05

#### Saudi Arabia - Financial and Technical Assistance through the Saudi Human Rights Commission (in coordination with ROME)
- **Requirements**: 1,201,120.00
- **Income**: 0.00
- **Expenditure**: 506,464.32

#### South-West and Arab Region (Doha) - Training and Documentation Centre
- **Requirements**: 289,718.00
- **Income**: 288,000.00
- **Expenditure**: 266,893.16

#### State of Palestine - Stand Alone Office
- **Requirements**: 1,44,182.00
- **Income**: 1,580,896.22
- **Expenditure**: 914,260.28

#### State of Palestine - Project for Protection Cluster
- **Requirements**: 137,387.03
- **Income**: 0.00
- **Expenditure**: 136,562.83

#### State of Palestine - Promotion and Protection of HR in the oPt
- **Requirements**: 557,342.00
- **Income**: 553,780.62
- **Expenditure**: 557,776.42

#### State of Palestine - (EU) Human Rights Treaty Obligations
- **Requirements**: 672,964.49
- **Income**: 430,3774.6
- **Expenditure**: 588,746.83

#### Syria - Support to Human Rights Activities
- **Requirements**: 152,403.00
- **Income**: 120,000.00
- **Expenditure**: 119,763.46

#### Syria - Intl. Response to the HR Situation in Syria (Refugees/IDPs/TJ)
- **Requirements**: 122,846.73
- **Income**: 514,961.61
- **Expenditure**: 333,395.61

#### Syria - (EU) Support to Human Rights Activities
- **Requirements**: 2,154,668.33
- **Income**: 2,334,408.60
- **Expenditure**: 1,508,140.03

#### Tunisia - Country Office
- **Requirements**: 2,201,694.00
- **Income**: 845,731.83
- **Expenditure**: 1,293,418.45

#### Tunisia - (MPTF/UNPRPD) Disability Activities
- **Requirements**: 50,444.00
- **Income**: 161,095.00
- **Expenditure**: 40,928.57

#### Tunisia - Migration and Protection
- **Requirements**: 36,915.00
- **Income**: 75,000.00
- **Expenditure**: 32,656.70

#### Yemen - Country Office
- **Requirements**: 3,678,255.00
- **Income**: 4,726,428.83
- **Expenditure**: 3,316,763.61

#### Yemen - Country Office in Aden (new project)
- **Requirements**: 139,208.00
- **Income**: 567,461.66
- **Expenditure**: 138,800.33

#### Yemen - Relief and Humanitarian Assistance
- **Requirements**: 262,426.00
- **Income**: 0.00
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#### Yemen - Technical Assistance and capacity Building
- **Requirements**: 543,904.00
- **Income**: 500,000.00
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#### Total Middle East and North Africa
- **Requirements**: 18,817,420.33
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- **Income**: 111,349.69
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#### Total Field Presences
- **Requirements**: 4,008,754.39
- **Income**: 1,092,717.79
- **Expenditure**: 80,051,584.59

#### Unearmarked reserves allocated to project requirements
- **Requirements**: n/a
- **Income**: 5,194,234.59
- **Expenditure**: N/A

#### Total Headquarters and Field Presences
- **Requirements**: 174,432,440.72
- **Income**: 175,170,637.31
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1 Reference to State of Palestine should be understood in compliance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19.
### OTHER TRUST FUNDS

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*Includes prior period expenditure adjustments.

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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT (EDM)

#### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2018

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT (EDM)**

**RB & XB FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR EDM IN 2018**

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### HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES BRANCH (HRTB)

#### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2018

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**TOTAL EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS**
95,055,913

**TOTAL UNEARMARKED FUNDS**
20,384,079

*Project financed/implemented through the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation.
**Includes only allocations from unearmarked funds received in 2018.
### FIELD OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION (FOTCD)

**RB & XB FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR FOTCD IN 2018**

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**TOTAL RB + XB FUNDS**

|                  | 175,494,646 | 100.0% |

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### HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL BRANCH AND UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW BRANCH (HRCB/UPRB)

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#### National Human Rights Committee of Qatar

- **150,000**

#### Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

- **120,293**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$120k**
  - Earmarked funds: **$100k**

#### Turkey

- **120,000**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$120k**
  - Earmarked funds: **$100k**

#### Algeria

- **100,000**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$100k**
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#### Humanity United

- **100,000**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$100k**
  - Earmarked funds: **$100k**

#### Uzbekistan

- **100,000**

#### Czech Republic

- **96,407**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$66k**
  - Earmarked funds: **$30k**

#### Estonia

- **90,987**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$57k**
  - Earmarked funds: **$34k**

#### Chile

- **71,563**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$100k**
  - Earmarked funds: **$72k**

#### International Organization for Migration

- **50/89**
  - Unearmarked funds: **$100k**
  - Earmarked funds: **$60k**

### Donor ranking

- **120,293**
- **96,407**
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**WORLD BANK**

- **50/89**
  - 60,000

**UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S FUND (UNICEF)**

- **52/89**
  - 55,684

**MONACO**

- **53/89**
  - 41,977
  - 30,000 (EUR)

**VILLE DE GENEVE**

- **54/89**
  - 41,068
  - 40,000 (CHF)

**CANTON DE GENEVE**

- **55/89**
  - 40,486
  - 40,000 (CHF)

**ARGENTINA**

- **56/89**
  - 37,000
  - 100% $57k

**URUGUAY**

- **57/89**
  - 30,000
  - 100% $27k

**BULGARIA**

- **58/89**
  - 29,568
  - 100% $40k

**MEXICO**

- **59/89**
  - 27,327
  - 100% $25k

**CALL FOR CODE**

- **60/89**
  - 25,000
  - 100% $25k

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**Voluntary Contributions to OHCHR 2010-2018 (Thousands USD)**

- **Unearmarked Funds**
- **Earmarked Funds**

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- **Argentina**
- **Uruguay**
- **Bulgaria**
- **Mexico**
- **Call for Code**

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**Special Call for Code**

- 100% $25k
ANNEXES

NGOs and cultural organizations bid farewell to UNMIL in Monrovia, Liberia. © UN Photo/Albert González Farran.
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- Facilitate learning and knowledge transfer
- Deliver human rights education
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- Communicate
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- Advocate for human rights
- Directly protect civil society members and human rights defenders
- Facilitate dialogue between diverse stakeholders on human rights issues
- Build networks and alliances to extend human rights promotion and protection
- Enable the functioning of the international human rights mechanisms

OUR PILLARS

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- To enhance equality and counter discrimination
- To integrate human rights into sustainable development
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- To implement the outcomes of international human rights mechanisms more fully

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- State accountability mechanisms monitor, investigate and provide redress for human rights violations
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- Public support grows for protection of human rights
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<td>16 countries*</td>
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BACKGROUND

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) implements its work at the national and regional level, which includes the provision of advisory services and technical cooperation, in accordance with the High Commissioner’s mandate under General Assembly resolution 48/141. OHCHR’s deployment in the field (in countries and regions) is key to the implementation of the High Commissioner’s mandate to promote the universal respect for and observance of all human rights, in the recognition that, in the framework of the purposes and principles of the Charter, the promotion and protection of all human rights is a legitimate concern of the international community.

At the country level, OHCHR works with its national counterparts to promote and protect human rights and conduct prevention by strengthening protection systems and implementing effective measures to break down obstacles to the realization of human rights. To do so, the Office acts to establish or reinforce the capacity of accountability and justice mechanisms at the national level to undertake monitoring (fact-finding, investigation and documentation) and secure redress for victims of human rights violations through advocacy, reporting and technical cooperation. Field presences conduct these activities at varying levels, depending on their capacity and the context in which they operate.

OHCHR prioritizes follow-up to recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms in relation to Member States, including in the context of the Universal Periodic Review.

The ultimate aim of these efforts is to strengthen the national human rights infrastructure. This is primarily achieved through the establishment of coordination mechanisms that are led by the executive and include the active participation of State institutions, national human rights institutions (NHRIs) and civil society organizations for integrated reporting and follow-up. Ensuring that this work is systematically and increasingly carried out in line with national development plans enhances the abilities of Member States to address gaps in implementation and revise their legislation and practices to be in conformity with human rights norms. OHCHR’s field presences contribute to broader United Nations efforts that are focused on sustainable peace and security and development, including through human rights mainstreaming, by contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

OHCHR’s field engagement is based on interaction, dialogue and cooperation with a wide range of actors, such as governments, national institutions, civil society, including community and religious groups and the private business sector, non-State actors, UN entities, in particular UN peace operations, resident/humanitarian coordinators and UN Country Teams (UNCTs)/Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs), international military coalitions, regional and subregional organizations, victims of human rights violations and abuses and other affected persons and communities. As impartial interlocutors and convenors, OHCHR’s field presences function as conveners and foster dialogue between different stakeholders.

During the reporting period, OHCHR strengthened its field presences to advance its mainstreaming mandate, especially under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and its prevention role at the country level and regarding subregional crises or cross-border challenges with human rights implications.

In 2018, OHCHR responded to deteriorating human rights situations and early signs of emerging crises through the rapid deployment of monitoring missions or additional surge capacity for UN operations in the context of humanitarian emergencies. As of the end of December, OHCHR was operating in 77 field presences and providing support to other members of the UN system through rapid deployments of human rights officers in response to emerging situations. In addition, given the refusal or lack of response from host governments to grant OHCHR access, the Office “remotely monitored” situations of concern in Kashmir, Turkey and Venezuela through information that was collected from victims, witnesses and other actors and by issuing public reports.
OHCHR operates through two main types of field presences: stand-alone offices and collaborative arrangements. The first category is composed of country or stand-alone offices, which are under the direct supervision of OHCHR. The second category consists of field presences with double reporting lines, namely, human rights components of Peace Missions, which report to the Head of the mission and the High Commissioner and Human Rights Advisors (HRAs), who report to resident coordinators and the High Commissioner.

**COUNTRY AND STAND-ALONE OFFICES**

OHCHR country and stand-alone offices are established in accordance with a standard agreement that is reached between OHCHR and a host government. A mandate typically includes human rights monitoring and reporting. Each agreement is tailored to a specific country situation and is based on the needs and opportunities that have been identified as a result of monitoring and (di)dialogue with various stakeholders. These offices are primarily funded through voluntary contributions.

OHCHR has 17 country or stand-alone offices, which consist of 15 country offices in Burundi (closed in March 2019), Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Liberia, Mauritania, Mexico, State of Palestine*, Syrian Arab Republic (based in Cairo), Tigray, Uganda, and a United Nations field office in Ukraine. In addition, OHCHR maintains a human rights component in: Afghanistan, the Central African Republic (CAR), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iraq, Kosovo1, Libya, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan (Darfur), the peacekeeping operation in Liberia completed its mandate on 30 March 2018. The Heads of human rights components of peace operations represent the High Commissioner in connection with the peace and security and human rights aspects of their missions. In addition to monitoring and reporting on the human rights situation on the ground, human rights components conducted a wide range of activities mandated by the Security Council, including technical assistance, capacity-building, investigations into serious human rights violations and abuse and support for follow-up actions related to the recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms.

In 2018, OHCHR proactively engaged with the UN military and police in the Central African Republic to ensure that troops and police being deployed to CAR were adequately assessed in accordance with the UN’s Policy on Human Rights and the Concept of Operations of the Force for Peacehol (SEA) on MINUSCA, participated in the crisis in MINUSCA and facilitated information exchanges between DPO/DIPS and OHCHR on SEA cases in MINUSCA and MONUSCO. OHCHR also ensured the integration of human rights into all policies developed by DPO and DIPPA, including the policy on conflict-related sexual violence. At the mission level and at headquarters, OHCHR worked in close cooperation with the UN Police Commanders Course for rostered candidates and integrated human rights perspectives into various policy documents of the police division. OHCHR actively supported the development of an operational readiness plan for the police. The field office to strengthen cooperation between UN police components (UNPOL) and human rights. OHCHR held a two-day workshop on good practices related to the integration of human rights into police components at UNHCR, in December, in New York. Findings from the workshop will be published in a booklet on good practices and lessons learned through cooperation between UNPOL and human rights components. The last version was updated in 2013. In 2018, the Assistant Secretary-General on human rights briefed police commissioners from all peacekeeping and Political Missions, as well as police representatives from more than 100 police-contributing countries.

Apart from integrating human rights into the Concept of Operations of the Force for missions, OHCHR’s engagement with the Office of Military Affairs was primarily focussed on the HRSP and the identification of other mitigation measures for selection and deployment undertaken by UN troop- and police-contributing countries. In addition, OHCHR worked closely with the Military Planning Team on issues related to civilian protection. With regard to screening and engagement with the UN police division, OHCHR supported the screening of several senior police officers, and in some cases lower ranking officers, for deployment to various UN police missions. OHCHR worked closely with the police division to develop the UN Police Commanders Course for rostered candidates and integrated human rights perspectives into various policy documents of the police division. OHCHR actively supported the development of an operational readiness plan for the police. At the field level, OHCHR and UNPOL collaborated on the joint observation of demonstrations, shared information, trained national police and undertook joint contingency planning. In 2018, OHCHR advocated for sustained UN human rights engagement in peace operations undergoing transitions. OHCHR’s early engagement in

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Regional offices support and cooperate with OHCHR country offices by providing them with assistance on institutional and thematic issues. OHCHR maintains regional centres with specific mandates that are established through General Assembly resolutions. Regional offices and centres are funded by the UN regular budget and voluntary contributions.

OHCHR maintains 12 regional offices, which are composed of 10 regional offices in East Africa (Addis Ababa), Southern Africa ( Pretoria), West Africa (Dakar), South-East Asia (Bangkok), the Pacific (Suva), the Middle East and North Africa (Beirut), Central Asia (Bishkek), Europe (Brussels), Central America (San José, Costa Rica), South America (Santiago de Chile), a Sub-Regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (Yaoundé) and a Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region (Doha).

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**HUMAN RIGHTS COMPONENTS OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND SPECIAL POLITICAL MISSIONS**

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Through its engagement with the Group of Five for the Sahel, and during Security Council negotiations regarding the financing of the African Union (AU) peace operations, OHCHR contributed to a well-established consensus within the Security Council and in regional institutions that regional peace and security operations must include an effective and robust compliance framework to prevent, investigate and address violations and abuses of international human rights law and international humanitarian law that may be committed in the context of these operations.

In 2018, eight human rights components of peace operations issued at least 23 joint public reports (UNAMA, UNAM, UNSMIL, UNSOM, UNAMIIS, MINUSCA, MINUSMA, MONUSCO). These included reports on thematic issues, investigations and periodic reporting on the protection of civilians. In addition, human rights components (MINUSMA, MINUSCA) issued flash reports to provide early warning alerts and prompt responses at the mission level to protect civilians and prevent further violations.

Technical support was provided to various UN missions on the implementation of the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDPP) throughout the year. OHCHR supported the drafting of new standard operating procedures and general risk assessments for HRDPP implementation in MINUJUSTH and UNOGBIS. In both missions, training was conducted on the performance of risk assessments, risk assessments were finalized in relation to UNPOL support to national security forces and guidance was provided on enhanced implementation of the HRDPP. In the case of MONUSCO, surge capacity support was provided for on-the-job mentoring of new staff, to help coordinate HRDPP activities in the mission with the UNCT and in order to assist the mission leadership to strengthen the implementation of the Policy. An assessment mission was conducted to MINUSCA as a follow-up to the 2017 visit.

Additional guidance was provided on the implementation of the HRDPP, particularly in the context of the operational management of the national security forces. Daily guidance on the applicability of the Policy and the performance of risk assessments was provided, including by holding regular video- or teleconferences with teams in MONUSCO, MINUJUSTH and UNOGBIS. Support for the implementation of the HRDPP was also provided to UNSOS and UNSOM to ensure that UN support to the AU in Somalia was HRDPP-compliant. Moreover, the HRDPP was implemented and integrated into the context of the AU-UN partnership on peace and security and the UN’s involvement in regional peace operations. The Group of Five for the Sahel. Finally, the HRDPP remains an important leveraging tool for ensuring that an adequate human rights compliance framework is established in UN and regional peace operations, such as the Group of Five for the Sahel. Furthermore, the HRDPP was implemented in the context of the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP) throughout the year.

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The Office maintained strong engagement in humanitarian action at the global and field level with a view to ensuring that the protection of human rights remained a central tenet of humanitarian action in line with the UN’s Human Rights up Front Action Plan and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee’s (IASC) Centrality of Protection Agenda. During the reporting period, OHCHR participated in global humanitarian leadership fora, including the Joint Steering Committee to advance Humanitarian Development Collaboration and the IASC Principals, Working Group and Emergency Directors Group, as well as IASC subsidiary bodies, such as the Task Team on the Humanitarian- Development Nexus and the Task Team on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action.

At the country level, OHCHR integrated human rights into the overall efforts of the Protection Clusters, humanitarian country teams (HCTs) and humanitarian coordinators. The Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights participated in the annual humanitarian coordinators retreat and OHCHR maintained the deployment of three staff members to advise the regional- and country-level humanitarian leadership of the crisis in Syria. OHCHR led the Protection Cluster in the State of Palestine and participated in the work of HCTs, Protection Clusters or working groups in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Somalia, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and Yemen, as well as in the Pacific and southern Africa regions. In 2018, OHCHR deployments in humanitarian action included missions to Bangladesh to conduct monitoring activities on the situation of the Rohingya population in Myanmar and to advise the HCT on human rights concerns and to Guatemala to support the integration of human rights into the humanitarian response in the aftermath of the earthquake. During the reporting period, the Central Emergency Response Fund supported the Office’s engagement in Ukraine.

During 2018, the model of deploying regional Emergency Response Teams continued to be valuable in prevention efforts. Their delivery of early warning analysis informed preventive action. In addition, the linkage between an information management officer and a human rights officer empowered the Teams to engage UNCTs, resident coordinators and other stakeholders with actionable evidence. The overall strengthening of OHCHR’s information management and analysis progressed with a significant increase in the delivery of compelling information graphics that supported field presences. The development of the OHCHR Information Management Strategy set the groundwork for expanding information management resources to help OHCHR leverage its information more effectively for prevention.

UN HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA

The work of OHCHR in Africa covers 49 countries of Africa. The mandate of the Human Rights Adviser in Sierra Leone ended on 31 December 2018 and the United Nations Mission in Liberia closed on 30 March 2018. The Office supported four regional offices, specifically, East Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa and Central Africa; six country offices in Burundi (closed in March 2019), Chad, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania and Uganda; seven Human Rights Advisers (HRAs) in UN Country Teams (UNCTs) in Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone (until 31 December 2018) and Zimbabwe, as well as one Human Rights Adviser/officer in Niger; and seven human rights presences in United Nations Peace Missions in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan (Darfur). The Office provided support to five special procedures country mandates, namely, Somalia (1999), Sudan (2009), Eritrea (2012), Mali (2013) and Central African Republic (2013) and to the work of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi (2016), the Commission on Human Rights on South Sudan (2016) and the team of international human rights experts in the Kasai region of the DRC.

During 2018, the continent faced tensions linked to contested electoral processes (Burundi) or political impasses (DRC), which were marred with violations of civil and political rights and the targeting of political opponents, media workers, human rights defenders and civil society representatives. There were also severe restrictions to civic space outside of electoral processes (Chad, Equatorial Guinea,
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ties to engage with the UN human rights mechanisms and address human rights concerns at the national and regional level-
s. Specific areas of focus included the protection of civic space and people’s participation, particularly in the context of elections, impunity, respect for the rule of law and discrimination. OHCHR also facilitated the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through the provision of technical advice on the human rights-based approach.

Securities Council resolution 2391. The compliance framework is a mechanism of the GS Sahel aimed at addressing the possible adverse impact of the FC-GSS engagement. The objective is to provide the GS Sahel with guidance on planning and conducting its operations in a manner that respects international humanitarian law and international human rights law, thereby minimizing adverse consequenc-
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### KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

#### Participation (P)

- **P6 – Marginalized groups participate more actively in political and public life, locally and nationally.**

  There has been an increase in the level of meaningful participation of rights-holders within some countries in the subregion, especially women and discriminated groups, in selected public processes. This is partially due to OHCHR’s capacity-building and advocacy activities with political parties and other relevant stakeholders.

- **P5 – Marginalized groups participate more actively in political and public life, locally and nationally.**

  During the presidential elections in Cameroon, OHCHR observed that increased attention was paid to facilitating the right to vote for persons with disabilities, including through improved accessibility to polling stations. Law enforcement officials also demonstrated a better understanding of human rights considerations during the electoral process. In most urban centres, they stayed away from the centre of polling operations, thus enabling voters to exercise their voting rights without any form of intimidation. Prior to the elections, OHCHR and the Election Management Body in Cameroon, the National Commission on Human Rights of Cameroon, UNESCO, UNDP, UN Women and Sightsavers undertook a series of joint workshops on promoting peaceful electoral processes. The workshops were addressed to a diversity of stakeholders, including media professionals, civil society organizations and law enforcement officers.

#### Development (D)

- **D1 – Protection mechanisms in place to monitor and report violations of businesses, including through community-based organizations, and support advocacy for human rights-compliant business agreements and policies by September 2021.**

  OHCHR contributed to the establishment of national protection systems in compliance with international human rights norms and standards by sharing technical advice and facilitating capacity-building activities.

  Following a series of technical support activities that were provided by the Central Africa Regional Office, National Commission on Human Rights of Cameroon adopted an Action Plan on business and human rights. The Plan was presented to the Commission’s twenty-fifth ordinary session on 7 December 2018 and received a firm commitment from members to examine ways of ensuring that the necessary resources would be available for its implementation. The Plan features three main axes, namely, the education and sensitization of companies and rights-holders; monitoring and reporting of violations with an aim to producing reports that will inform advocacy actions in the near future and support for legal processes as needed; and support for victims of human rights violations by companies with a focus on advisory services, legal aid, counselling and mediation. OHCHR will continue to provide advisory support to the Commission to facilitate the successful implementation of the Plan.

- **D2 – Corporate bodies increasingly comply with relevant human rights norms and standards and implement the UN respect and remedy framework and the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.**

  The Office contributed to the increased compliance of corporate policies with international human rights norms and standards by facilitating workshops and sharing guidance and advice.

  Following training and technical support from OHCHR, three companies in Cameroon (HEVECAM SA, EDC and CDC) and one in Gabon (BEM) developed human rights-compliant policies and practices. In 2018, the Office gathered together these business entities to participate in a subregional consultation in Douala, Cameroon. During the consultation, participants renewed their commitment to uphold human rights in line with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Representatives of the national human rights institutions of Cameroon and Gabon attended the event and committed to speeding up the development of national actions plans on business and human rights. In addition, CDC developed a revised complaints mechanism and a related procedure for the treatment of complaints.

#### Mechanisms (M)

- **M1 – UN Country Teams, Government institutions, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions (NHRIs) are more aware of the recommendations issued by the human rights mechanisms, take steps to implement them, including through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).**

  The Office contributed to the increased integration of international human rights principles, as well as the recommendations issued by the human rights mechanisms, into national and UN programmes by delivering workshops and providing technical support.

  In Gabon, following a workshop that was facilitated by OHCHR, in December, the interministerial committee in charge of reporting to the human rights mechanisms adopted a road map for the development of an action plan for the implementation of recommendations issued by the human rights mechanisms and the timely submission of reports to the treaty bodies.

  In addition, OHCHR participated in a UN Country Team workshop for the preparation of the UNDAF 2020-2024 for the Congo and led a session on the recommendations issued by the human rights mechanisms with a view to defining priority areas of intervention for the UN within the country. The new UNDAF 2020-2024 has an outcome on Governance that includes human rights as a key factor of progress. It also includes advocacy efforts with the Government regarding the preparation and submission of outstanding reports to the treaty bodies.

  Finally, OHCHR engaged with relevant actors, including UN partners, to advise and facilitate training related to the integration of human rights standards into conflict-related programmes and activities under the Peace and Security pillar.
From July to December, the HRD documented 828 incidents of human rights violations and abuses and breaches of international humanitarian law, affecting 1,564 victims. Armed groups were responsible for 808 of these violations and abuses and 20 State actors committed violations and abuses throughout the national territory. The monitoring and reporting of the HRD remained one of the primary sources of early warning for both national authorities and MINUSCA.

Under the Accountability pillar, the HRD worked towards strengthening the capacities of national security forces, including the police and gendarmerie, to increase their compliance with international standards.

KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

 Accountability (A)  
A1 – The National Human Rights Commission is established and functions in conformity with the Paris Principles.

 OHCHR contributed to the establishment and functioning of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), in increased conformity with the Paris Principles, including by advocating with the Government and the Parliament for the approval of a new regulation for the NHRC.

 On 23 October, following OHCHR recommendations, the Government submitted a draft law to Parliament on the functioning of the NHRC. The law, which was approved and promulgated, integrated some of the commitments provided in various international human rights treaties that have been ratified by the country. The selection of commissioners, which was planned for 2018, has been postponed until 2019.

 Mechanics (M)  
M1 – Chad ratifies at least four of the treaties that it had not yet ratified.

 OHCHR advocated with national counterparts in Chad, including the Government and the National Assembly, for the increased
ratification of international and regional human rights treaties. In 2018, the Government ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, thereby helping to strengthen the national legal framework for the protection of these two groups in vulnerable situations. OHCHR will continue its advocacy with the Government and the National Assembly for the ratification of the other pending treaties.

MI – At least four Special Rapporteurs visit Chad.

To increase the percentage of special procedures visit requests that would result in a visit within 12 months, OHCHR provided logistical support and strongly advocated with the Government to facilitate such missions. In 2018, following a request from the Government, the Working Group on the execution of recommendations visited Chad for the second time. OHCHR was represented by the Head of the Country Office and a special rapporteur on human rights in the country.

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In August, the Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions accredited the NHRC with “A” status in recognition of its full compliance with the Paris Principles. During the year, the NHRC’s outreach capacity was reinforced with the adoption of a strategic communications plan and a series of awareness-raising activities that were directed towards the population, including the celebration of the seventh anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In addition, thanks to technical and financial support provided by the UNJHRO, a pool of trainers for the NHRC was created, trained and deployed. Three training workshops were subsequently organized for 50 NHRC commissioners to strengthen their skills on monitoring and reporting techniques in the context of elections.

P4 – With UNJHRO support, civil society networks assist a larger number of victims of human rights violations.

Through capacity-building initiatives, the UNJHRO supported the increased knowledge and skills of civil society actors in relation to protective measures.

Following efforts undertaken by the Peace Mission, there are now at least 25 active NGO protection networks, as well as early warning mechanisms, that are working within communities in at least six provinces (Tshopo, Ituri, Haut Uele, Tanganyika, South Kivu and North Kivu). These networks and mechanisms were either created or reinforced as a result of technical support that was provided by the UNJHRO. Participants were trained about the use of mechanisms and strategies, strengthening their skills on monitoring and reporting on human rights violations. Through the mechanisms, alerts on threats and/or human rights violations are quickly transmitted to UNJHRO for appropriate action and follow-up with authorities.

KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

Accountability (A)

AI – The judiciary increases the number of convictions for human rights viola-
tions, including sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Oversight mechanisms strengthen disciplinary measures for the same offences.

The United Nations Joint Human Rights Office (UNJHRO) supported the increased compliance of selected State institutions with international human rights norms and standards by facilitating capacity-building and advocating for their compliance with these standards. Since the beginning of 2018, the UNJHRO has registered 175 convictions for serious human rights violations. The Office worked with judicial authorities on a regular basis to follow up on certain cases. This resulted in the arrest, indictment, prosecution and conviction of some of the perpetrators of these violations. The UNJHRO also supported the implementation of the national strategy of prosecution of international crimes as well as of the Action Plan of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo against Sexual Violence in Conflict, including through advocacy and training of army commanders on the prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.

Participation (P)

P1 – The NHRC fulfils its mandate and is in compliance with the Paris Principles. Its mandate includes responding to complaints.

Due in part to technical assistance provided by the Office, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) worked to increase conformity with international standards.
A total of 258 human rights defenders, victims and witnesses of human rights violations or abuses have benefited from protective measures. 

**Peace and Security (PS)**

PS5 – DRC security forces increase the number of mitigation and corrective measures they adopt on the basis of risk assessments that comply with the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP).

To strengthen the fight against impunity within the country’s security institutions, the UNJHRO participated in meetings of the Technical Committee of the Armed Forces, where human rights violations perpetrated by its staff were discussed. The UNJHRO provided a list of all verified violations to enable the Armed Force’s leadership to investigate and take appropriate corrective measures. Furthermore, in order to improve the response to the protection needs of victims, capacity-building sessions were held on judicial protection measures for victims and witnesses addressed to military and administrative measures. In the end, the UNJHRO also worked towards strengthening the capacity of the members of the interministerial committee on reporting to the treaty bodies under the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP).

**Key Pillar Results:**

**Participation (P)**

PT – CSOs, women human rights defenders, and other relevant stakeholders advocate for human rights, and especially women’s rights, more often and more effectively.

Through strengthening the capacities of civil society actors, OHCHR sought to support their meaningful participation in selected public processes. These included for the first time reach out to non-traditional actors such as religious leaders, traditional leaders and clan leaders in both Ethiopia and Djibouti.

Despite the somewhat restrictive environment for civil society in Tanzania, three human rights organizations, which attended an OHCHR workshop, presented two litigation cases to request that the Government of Tanzania amend provisions in the Statistics Act 2018 and the Online Content Regulation 2018 that are inconsistent with the Constitution and international human rights law. The hearing in relation to the Online Content Regulation took place in January 2019. The litigation challenged the power granted to the Minister of Information, Culture and Sports to formulate regulations governing online content. In the end, the courts ruled in favour of the Government of Tanzania.

In Ethiopia, the Attorney General’s Office invited OHCHR to participate in a Working Group that was tasked with a comprehensive review of the Charities and Societies Proclamation. Through regular meetings over four months, the Working Group produced an analysis of the content and practical implications of the Proclamation in light of international and regional human rights instruments, good practices and reports of the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the Special Rapporteur on the right to peaceful assembly and of association. The Working Group developed draft legislation, which was commented on by civil society organizations from all nine of the country’s regional states, and submitted to the Attorney General’s Office. The final legislation included the majority of recommendations of the Working Group. It was adopted by the House of Peoples’ Representatives in March 2019 and became law. At present, the legislation is awaiting publication under the Federal Gazette Office (Federal Negarit Gazette) and full official translation in English.

**Accountability (A)**

A1 – Policies and manuals of national protection mechanisms, including on the use of force, increasingly integrate national and international human rights principles.

The Office contributed to the functioning of national protection systems in compliance with international human rights norms and standards through training law enforcement agencies and advising on related legislation and policies.

In Ethiopia, OHCHR advocated for the revision of several provisions of the anti-terrorism law. The current version, in its text and application, has unduly restricted the rights to freedom of expression and association. Furthermore, during his official visits to the country in 2017 and 2018, former High Commissioner Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein raised the importance of bringing the anti-terrorism and media laws into compliance with relevant international legal norms. In 2018, the Attorney General’s Office invited OHCHR to participate in the Justice and Legal Review working group to draft a revised anti-terrorism law. Its work continued through the latter half of the year and is expected to be completed for its adoption in 2019. Almost all of OHCHR’s recommendations are integrat- ed in the draft proclamation prepared by the Working Group which has been submitted to the Attorney General’s Office.

**Peace and Security (PS)**

PS3 – Regional and sub-regional bodies, and individual States, increasingly integrate human rights standards and policies into their conflict prevention and response strategies.

OHCHR contributed to the increased compliance of regional policies with international human rights norms and standards through capacity-building of relevant actors. In partnership with the AU Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Department and the World Bank Group, the Regional Office facilitated two technical capacity-building workshops to review the AU’s Continental Early Warning System, thus bringing together different departments within the AU. The workshops contributed to the clear understanding of participants on a variety of issues, including the relevance of human rights as a conflict prevention tool; the linkages between human rights violations and conflict; the gaps in data collection of the AU’s Continental Early Warning System, as well as methods to ensure that the concerns of groups at risk of discrimination are taken into account in the context of conflict. Furthermore, OHCHR reviewed the tools for data collection and analysis and the indicators of the AU’s Continental Early Warning System. As a result, the System’s information gathering and analytical templates are now customized to alert staff about violations of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, while also taking into account gender trends.
In addition to the above, the Office worked to gather evidence on the status of the human rights situation in the country. OHCHR also supported joint monitoring tools, organized trainings for other organizations, and supported joint research activities with public universities to gather evidence on the status of the human rights situation in Ethiopia. These organizations included a Working Group that supported UPR monitoring tools, organized trainings for other organizations, and supported joint research activities.

In Guinea, OHCHR trained 11 civil society organizations on methods to monitor progress in the implementation of UPR recommendations. OHCHR also supported the process to prepare their submission for Ethiopia’s third cycle of the UPR in 2019. These organizations established a Working Group that developed UPR monitoring tools, organized trainings for other organizations, and supported joint research activities with public universities to gather evidence on the status of the human rights situation in Ethiopia. These organizations included a Working Group that supported UPR monitoring tools, organized trainings for other organizations, and supported joint research activities with public universities to gather evidence on the status of the human rights situation in Ethiopia.

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### Key Pillar Results:

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#### Participation (P)

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#### Key OMP pillars in 2018

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M1 — An interministerial committee that is mandated to prepare State reports to treaty bodies and the UPR is fully operational by 2021.

- OHCHR provided technical support to the interministerial mechanism in charge of integrated reporting and implementation of outstanding treaty bodies, special procedures and UPR recommendations.

- As a result, members of the interministerial committee validated the initial report under the ICESCR and developed a timeline for the drafting of overdue and upcoming reports. The interministerial committee replied to the issues raised by the Human Rights Committee during the October review of Guinea’s fifth periodic report under the ICCPR.

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**UN Partnership Framework**

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The Human Rights Defenders Network initiated a campaign to identify women and children in particular as an important step towards the creation of regional structures. In 2018, the network identified 1,242 human rights defenders, including 328 women. Missions to Farim, Mansaba, Bissorã and other regions helped implement a national database for human rights defenders. This collaboration led to the completion of a countrywide map of human rights defenders.

The Human Rights Service (HRS) provided technical advice for the institutionalization of human rights in key sectors. The HRS and the Ministry of Education collaborated to prepare a manual for primary education students on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A second manual was developed for the use of professors and will be released in 2019. No progress has been achieved, however, in relation to the institutionalization of human rights training in the health, justice and defence sectors.

The Human Rights Service collaborated with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on data collection. It also provided technical advice to the National Bureau of Statistics and the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (NCHR) on data collection. In 2018, Bissau Guinean women mobilized for the adoption of the Parity Law for the participation of women in politics and decision-making spheres, which was formally adopted on 2 August and promulgated by the President in December. The entry into force of the Law is expected to introduce changes to the political sphere. For example, one of its main objectives is the promotion of gender equality through enhanced equal opportunities for men and women, including by establishing a minimum representation of 36 per cent of each gender in lists for elected positions. The HRS will continue working towards strengthening the capacities of women to increase their political participation.

In addition, the HRS advocated with and trained national authorities and other stakeholders to promote their increased engagement with the human rights mechanisms under the Mechanisms pillar.

The final stage of the mapping took place from June to September and involved field missions to Fairim, Mansaba, Bissaré and Bigéne where 116 human rights defenders, including 58 women, were identified. The full mapping exercise, which began in 2017, led to the identification of 791 human rights defenders, including 328 women. The Human Rights Defenders Network initiated a process of decentralization through the establishment of regional structures as an important step towards the creation of early warning mechanisms in a number of regions.

UN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FIELD

D2 – The courts and State non-judicial mechanisms held businesses and other economic actors accountable, in accordance with human rights standards and the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Through consistent advocacy, OHCHR contributed to the improved compliance of legislation and policy with international human rights norms and standards.

The National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, which has yet to be approved, will ensure the realization of the standards set out in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. As a member of the Steering Group set up by the Government of Kenya to develop the plan, OHCHR provided advice on its contents and participated in consultations with a wide range of stakeholders, including women and indigenous peoples.

In August, a pilot population census included a set of indicators on albinoism and self-identification of indigenous persons for the first time. OHCHR provided technical advice to the National Bureau of Statistics and the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (NCHR) on data collection. It also compiled and shared a list of survey questions that included an option for people with albinism and those with self-identification of indigenous persons.
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Accountability (A)

A2 – Strengthened national mechanisms provide redress to victims and accountability for human rights violations, including for economic and social rights.

Following technical support that was provided to the NCHR, the Commission began documenting the instances of sexual violence that took place during and after the 2017 elections. The outcome report, launched in November, details the documented cases and makes recommendations to different stakeholders, including the President, the State Department for Gender Affairs, the national police and civil society. The findings of the report have also led to the development of a plan, OHCHR provided advice to different stakeholders, including for economic and social rights.

Accountability (A)

A2 – The Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR) takes forward the national Palava Hut talks on memorialization and reparations. Through advisory services and advocacy, OHCHR took steps to contribute to the functioning of transitional justice mechanisms in conformity with international human rights norms and standards. On 30 August, the INCHR, with technical support from OHCHR, held a one-day technical working session to solicit updates from all government ministries, agencies and corporations related to the status of the implementation of all recommendations issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The entities presented individual progress reports that revealed most of the recommendations had been implemented. In addition, on 9 November, the Office supported a one-day national conference in order for civil society organizations to discuss opportunities for and challenges to the realization of truth and justice in Liberia.

A2 – The Ministry of Justice’s Human Rights Division and other relevant institutions cooperate with County Attorneys, Judges and Public Defenders to prosecute high profile cases involving sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and harmful traditional practices (HTP).

OHCHR sought to contribute to the functioning of national protection mechanisms in line with international human rights standards by building the capacity of relevant stakeholders.

In July, OHCHR collaborated with the INCHR and the Human Rights Advocacy Platform (a civil society organization) to conduct a workshop on human rights protection, with a specific focus on sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices. The workshop was attended by 40 participants and included representatives from the Liberia Immigration Service, the national police, the armed forces, civil society organizations and the INCHR. Participants increased their knowledge and awareness of human rights protection mechanisms at the national, regional and international levels. They also reviewed the roles and responsibilities of different actors in the prevention of and response to sexual and gender-based violence and harmful traditional practices.

KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

Accountability (A)


The Office contributed to enhanced conformity of the Independent National Human Rights Commission (INHRC) with the Paris Principles by advocating for sufficient resources and autonomy as well as building the capacity of the Commission to process complaints. The Office assisted in setting up a solid structural and organizational foundation of the INHRC. It undertook advocacy with State authorities to bring it in line with the Paris Principles, including by ensuring access to sufficient resources and staff, its own premises and autonomy from State entities. To this end, the INHRC rented office space and hired basic staff making its work more efficient. In addition, the INHRC’s budget has been integrated into the Finance Law, which has only been operational since February.

OHCHR organized capacity-building sessions on techniques and procedures related to the handling of complaints. As a result, the INHRC established a database on received complaints. OHCHR also produced a manual on how to handle complaints, taking into account gender considerations, which is being systematically used throughout the INHRC.

During the reporting period, the INHRC visited 21 detention facilities and, with financial and technical support from OHCHR, conducted eight investigative missions regarding allegations of human rights violations. The INHRC also participated in the establishment of the Southern African Development Community Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions and Ombudsmen.

In October, the Parliament adopted revised legislation designating the INHRC as the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), in line with OPCAT, which was ratified by Madagascar in December 2016. Its request for accreditation was submitted to GANHRI in February 2018 and it will be examined in early 2019.
Defence and security forces enhanced their compliance with international human rights norms and standards through technical and capacity-building support by the Office.

OHCHR cooperated with UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA and the International Committee of the Red Cross to develop a human rights manual for defence and security forces. On 10 December, Human Rights Day, the manual was officially presented to the Ministers of National Defence and Public Security and to the Secretary of State in charge of the national gendarmerie.

A pool of human rights trainers was set up within the defence and security forces, composed of 24 officers, 3 women and 21 men. OHCHR organized three human rights capacity-building workshops and training of trainers sessions for these trainers. In addition, the Office provided technical assistance in conducting human rights training for operational agents in 11 regions. In total, 303 agents, 8 women and 302 men, increased their human rights expertise.

OHCHR provided financial and technical support to the Government in conducting comprehensive assessments of their international human rights obligations, the promotion system for defence and security forces, codes of conduct and all related mechanisms. Gender equality and gender-based violence were among the highlighted priorities. The outcomes of the assessments will be used to make adjustments to ensure better efficiency and greater human rights compliance in defence and security sectors.

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In April, OHCHR supported a three-day team building and capacity-building workshop for the Malagasy Reconciliation Council (CFM) to build the capacity of its 33 members, including eight women, on international human rights norms and standards. Emphasis was placed on transitional justice mechanisms related to reconciliation and ensuring that they were in line with international human rights and standards.

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OHCHR cooperated with the Ministry of National Education to hold five capacity-building workshops on human rights, peace and citizenship in areas that are particularly vulnerable to conflict. The workshops benefited 106 communities, which subsequently implemented two education campaigns in eight areas of Antananarivo, reaching 7,735 people. A total of 10,000 booklets and leaflets were distributed in the Malagasy language. These materials focused on human rights, the pacific resolution of conflicts, gender-based violence and human rights protection mechanisms. OHCHR also conducted human rights capacity-building training for a pool of specialized, young human rights trainers from different regions of the country.

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Peace and Security (PS)

PS4 – Madagascar’s post-crisis reconstruction includes a genuine reconciliation process that complies with international transitional justice principles.

By providing technical guidance, OHCHR aimed at facilitating the development of policies and legislation in compliance with international human rights norms and standards.

In April and May, OHCHR cooperated with the INHRC and an NGO named Centre de Recherches et d’Appui pour les Alternatives de Développement-Ocean Indien to organize two workshops aimed at finalizing the Tripartite Charter on sustainable development and the respect of human rights in the framework of private investments in Madagascar. The Charter was developed with representatives of civil society, the Government and mining companies to promote principles of participation, transparency and accountability in law and policymaking and ensure that the Government’s general policy and sector-based policies incorporate a human rights-based approach. The Charter has been validated by Government authorities and civil society stakeholders, and is awaiting validation from the private sector.

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PS4 – The Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission fulfills its mandate and issues its final report. The Malian authorities implement its key recommendations, prioritizing victims’ rights, in accordance with Mali’s international obligations.

With the technical support provided by the HRPD, transitional justice mechanisms in Mali increasingly operate in line with international human rights norms and standards.

Although the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) has not yet published its report, it has opened a sub-office in Kidal. Mobile teams were deployed to Koulikoro, Banana, Nora, Markaila, Niono, Bourem, Anzongo, Goundam, Niafunké and Agoni to collect testimonies from victims living in remote areas. As of 30 November, the TJRC had received 10,247 depositions. The HRPD provided office equipment for the Kidal sub-office and facilitated a series of training workshops for the TJRC field officers and mobile teams.

The HRPD also supported the TJRC in the development of its investigations strategy, which was adopted in October. Since November, the HRPD has participated in the TJRC committee in charge of preparing the public hearings. The first public hearing is scheduled to take place in Gao and Ménaka regions targeting the UN system about the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP).

Between April and July, the HRPD organized training sessions in Timbuktu, Mopti, Gao and Ménaka regions targeting the UN system and the Malian armed forces. In May and November, the HRPD organized two conferences for the civilian military cooperation system of MINUSMA’s military component. It also conducted 29 risk assessments for projects designed to support non-UN forces. Of those assessed, the beneficiaries of eight projects were identified as being high risk for committing violations of international humanitarian law. The beneficiaries of 17 projects were identified as posing a medium risk and four were identified as posing a low risk. For projects posing a medium or high risk, the HRPD recommended the implementation of a set of mitigating measures.

The HRPD reporting process was the main source of information for the MINUSMA monitoring and reporting mechanism on conflict-related sexual violence. In 2018, six grave violations affecting children in armed conflict were documented and reported.

Finally, the HRPD supported the Malian Defence and Security Forces as well as the criminal courts to ensure that they were operating in increasing compliance with relevant international standards under the Accountability pillar.

PS5 – UN-led prevention and protection strategies more fully integrate human rights information and standards.

The HRPD contributed to the integration of international human rights norms, standards and principles into the work of MINUSMA by conducting training activities to inform members of the UN system about the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP).

A number of these cases were forward- ed to the Prosecutor General for action. In addition, a doctor was contracted to provide healthcare services to detainees. Furthermore, a 17-year-old boy who was convicted of murder and was sentenced to death had his sentence upheld on appeal (in violation of the CRC). The case was flagged by the Office and relayed to the Direction de la Protection Judiciaire de l’Enfant. Finally, a public report on places of detention is being drafted and is expected to be released in 2019.

**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

**Accountability (A)**

All – Prison conditions increasingly comply with international standards due to monitoring and coordination of assistance efforts.

Through monitoring, technical support and advocacy activities, OHCHR contributed to the improvement of detention facilities in their compliance with international human rights norms and standards.

After undertaking a series of regular visits to places of detention, the Office provided practical recommendations to relevant authorities, which led to some positive results. For instance, at the Bhr Moghrein Prison, the Registrar compiled a list of detainees who were or were on the verge of being held in prolonged pretrial detention.
Based on a three-year systematic mapping of vulnerabilities and their underlying causes in the villages in the district of Bassikounou, more than 65 villages were identified as being at high risk for conflict between the local population and refugees. In accordance with a 2016 partnership established between IOM and OHCHR, the Office helped to establish 49 village committees that are operating on a participatory approach that includes vulnerable groups and women. In 2018, the Office trained 14 village committees in conflict prevention approaches and reinforced the capacity and knowledge of the other 35 committees. Moreover, the communication between local and regional authorities and international aid agencies on the one hand, and the village committees on the other, was facilitated through coordination frameworks that were built with OHCHR support over the past three years. In 2018, the Office enhanced this coordination and several conflicting situations were resolved peacefully, most of which were concluded without the intervention of security forces.

KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

2 Accountability (A)

A2 – The action plan of the National Human Rights Commission is updated and fully implemented.

OHCHR contributed to the functioning of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), in increased conformity with the Paris Principles, by providing technical advice for the development of its action plan. The NHRC approved its Strategic Action Plan 2019-2023 and both OHCHR and UNDP assisted in the identification of priorities and the development of the logical framework. A workshop to validate the draft Strategic Plan took place on 4 August, which benefited from the participation of various stakeholders helping to promote and protect human rights in Niger.

OHCHR contributed to the protection of groups in vulnerable situations from human rights violations by supporting the establishment of appropriate systems and procedures. In December, Niger adopted a law for the protection and assistance of IDPs. During her March mission to Niger, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs encouraged the adoption of a national law for the assistance and protection of IDPs. Furthermore, OHCHR analysed the conformity of national legislation in Niger in relation to the rights of migrants with international human rights standards. In particular, the Office reviewed Law 2015-36 against the standards established in ICRMW, which was ratified by Niger in 2009. The review demonstrated that the Law does not provide for concrete measures to enable migrants to fully enjoy their rights and freedoms on an equal basis with nationals of the country. During an eight-day mission to Niger in October 2018, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of migrants urged the Government of Niger to reform the law on illicit smuggling of migrants to clarify its purpose and provisions, ensure that it does not criminalize or victimize migrant persons and is fully in line with international human rights norms and standards.

6 Non-Discrimination (ND)

ND6 – The Government and other relevant actors adopt a human rights-based response to combat migrant smuggling and human rights violations associated with irregular migration; particular attention is given to protecting women’s and children’s rights.

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In its efforts to increase the compliance of its procedures and decisions with international human rights norms and standards, OHCHR provided technical support to Niger to encourage the timely submission of its reports. In 2018, Niger continued its efforts to submit outstanding reports to treaty bodies. As a result, the Government finalized and submitted its initial report under the ICCPR and its third and fourth periodic reports under the CRC. OHCHR trained the members of the interdepartmental committee in charge of drafting the reports on the reporting guidelines and facilitated validation workshops for their finalization.

NIGER

Population size1 195,88 million

Surface area2 924,000 km²

Human Development Index3 0.532 (rank: 156/188 in 2016)

NHRI (if applicable)4 Status A, 2016

Type of engagement Human Rights Adviser

Year established 2014

Field office(s) Abuja, Lafia, Maiduguri and Makurdi


Staff as of 31 December 2018 1

XBR requirements 2018 US$868,800

Key OMP pillars in 2018

PS2 – Terrorism suspects are speedily brought before a judge after arrest; terrorism trials are held with significantly less delay.

OHCHR supported the Nigerian judiciary in its efforts to increase the compliance of its procedures and decisions with international human rights norms and standards. Trials in relation to the Boko Haram insurgency have been completed in the Wasa Cantonment. Arrangements are underway to begin the mass trial of Boko Haram detainees in Maiduguri. OHCHR met with officials of the Federal Ministry of Justice to advocate for the prompt initiation of the trials and for the secure access of national and international NGOs in order to monitor the proceedings.

PS3 – Human rights are integrated into humanitarian operations; human rights monitoring and reporting are strengthened; particular attention is given to those who are most vulnerable, including women and children and persons with disabilities.

OHCHR advocated for the establishment of systems and procedures to help protect groups in vulnerable situations from human rights violations. The Humanitarian Country Team understood that a human rights perspective is necessary to complement the humanitarian operations in the country. Consequently, humanitarian rights officers were deployed to all humanitarian interventions in Nigeria, in particular in the north-east and the Middle Belt. Furthermore, OHCHR regularly provided information to the United Nations
Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting in Nigeria, which focuses on children affected by armed conflict. In addition, OHCHR participated in a number of training initiatives on different human rights topics. In Adamawa State, the Human Rights Adviser collaborated with the Child Protection Sub-Working Group to facilitate a workshop on mainstreaming human rights into humanitarian and security responses in the State. OHCHR also collaborated with UNFPA, UNHCR and the Federal Ministry of Justice to strengthen the national referral system.

OHCHR sought to increase the number of submissions made by the UN Country Team (UNCT) and civil society organizations to the human rights mechanisms. It also worked to establish linkages between non-traditional actors, including by building partnerships and exchanging information.

To this end, OHCHR agreed to partner with the Nigerian Bar Association, the Human Rights Agenda Network (an umbrella organization of human rights NGOs) and groups of NGOs in the north-east in order to disseminate information on human rights developments and relevant publications to support their work. Furthermore, with OHCHR technical guidance, the UNCT submitted inputs, for the first time, to the UN compilation report in anticipation of Nigeria’s third cycle of the UPR, which took place in November. Engagement of civil society organizations was also promoted through training and the provision of advice for the preparation of their inputs to the UPR.

In addition to the above, OHCHR supported authorities in Nigeria in the review and approval of legislation and policies that give effect to international human rights treaties obligations under the Accountability pillar. Finally, it supported the development of a national action plan on business and human rights under the Development pillar.

RWANDA

Population size1 12.50 million
Surface area1 26,000 km²
Human Development Index2 0.524 (157/188 in 2016)
NHRI (if applicable)3 Status A, 2018

Type of engagement Human Rights Adviser
Year established 2007
Field office(s) Kigali
UN partnership framework United Nations Development Assistance Plan 2018-2023
Staff as of 31 December 2018 3

XB requirements 2018 US$ 847,900

Key OMP pillars in 2018

KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

Development (D)
D7 – All components of the UNDAP comply with and take account of human rights principles and adopt a human rights-based approach. Human rights principles guide the State when it implements the SDGs and other development initiatives.

OHCHR contributed to the integration of a human rights-based approach into UN programmes by facilitating capacity-building activities and disseminating handbooks on this approach to UN partners.

In 2018, the United Nations Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP) 2018-2023 was signed between the UN and the Government of Rwanda. OHCHR provided human rights inputs into the new UNDAP to ensure the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and, in particular, that the needs of discriminated groups would be addressed so that no one is left behind.

Accountability (A)
A1 – The National Human Rights Commission is strengthened and houses the National Protection Mechanism under the Optional Protocol to CAT.

Through constant advocacy, OHCHR promoted the establishment and functioning of national institutions in compliance with international human rights standards. The Government of Rwanda continued its commitment to implementing the recommendations of the UPR and promulgated a law, in 2018, which states that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) would also integrate the mandate of the National Preventive Mechanism. This decision followed a series of consultations that the Government held with various stakeholders and advocacy efforts that were undertaken by the UN, the NHRC, the Association for the Prevention of Torture and civil society organizations.

OHCHR also worked towards supporting the NHRC in the development of a draft law on business and human rights under the Development pillar.
Approach to Security at UNSOM and the Secretariat of the Comprehensive Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the Human Rights Protection Group (HRPG) assisted the United Nations with the implementation of human rights activities,特别是 particular attention paid in monitoring and reporting, advocacy and engagement with national authorities. Some of the topics covered in these trainings included human rights, international humanitarian law, protection of human rights defenders and conflict-related sexual violence.

The HRPG trained civil society actors, including human rights defenders, journalists, youth and persons with disabilities, to strengthen their capacities in the implementation of human rights activities, particularly in monitoring and reporting, advocacy and engagement with national authorities. Some of the topics covered in these trainings included human rights, international humanitarian law, protection of human rights defenders and conflict-related violence.

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The Office contributed to the increased compliance of legislation and policies with international human rights standards through advocacy and technical cooperation work.

In the light of the albinism crisis, the Independent Expert provided technical support on the implementation of the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP) and facilitated training on human rights concepts and methodologies. The HRPG organized a training of trainers for 20 mid-rank officers.

A risk assessment was initiated in relation to the UN’s support provided to the National Intelligence and Security Agency in the context of the implementation of the Defectors Rehabilitation Programme and other activities. Approximately 40 per cent of the mitigation measures proposed in 2017 are being implemented.

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PS5 – In at least four countries, UN Country offices analyses, including in the context of regular human rights and early warning, prevention and preparedness and through the provision of regional UNCTs to operationalize the Human Rights Up Front framework, for the region to promote their increased participation in public processes.

The Office sought to strengthen its partnership with civil society actors in the region to promote their increased participation in public processes.

New relationships were established with key regional organizations as well as with organizations in Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The Office was also able to support organizations in South Africa in the establishment of a Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network, where the Regional Office acts as an observer. OHCHR further supported the Network in the organization of a three-day regional summit for human rights defenders, which was attended by over 100 participants from non-governmental and community-based organizations, media outlets, the legal profession and key population groups in Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Human Rights Division (HRD) of the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) contributed to the efforts undertaken by national authorities to establish a national human rights institution in conformity with international standards. During the sixty-third Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, which was held in the Gambia, in October, the South Sudan Human Rights Commission was accredited by the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions under the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights. The HRD is working closely with the Commission to achieve its accreditation with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

The Office sought to contribute to the establishment of oversight, account-ability and protection mechanisms that conform to international human rights standards, including by facilitating capacity-building activities.

In collaboration with UNDP, the HRD organized three training activities for the Technical Committee in charge of the establishment of the Commission on Truth, Reconciliation and Healing. The training activities covered various topics such as transitional justice and consultation methodologies. In turn, these activities led to consultations that were organized by the Technical Committee, from 14 May until 1 July, with various stakeholders, including governments, ministers, security forces, members of the judiciary, traditional leaders and representatives of women’s groups, civil society organizations, youth groups, faith-based associations, business communities, political parties and persons with disabilities. Their collected views will form the basis for draft legisla-tion related to the Commission on Truth, Reconciliation and Healing.

Through its early warning and early re-sponses activities, as well as monitoring and reporting, the HRD has taken steps to contribute to the increasing compliance of policies with international human rights norms. The HRD developed a system of early warning indicators to identify the developments that have had an impact on the human rights situation, especially in relation to conflict-related violations against civilians. Based on an analysis of trends and early warning indicators,
the HRD highlighted situations that required the attention and response of UNMISS, particularly with regard to prevention, protection and mitigation. An analysis of the early warning indicators and monthly reports on field incidents enabled the HRD to develop hotspot maps every month which highlighted the priority areas and where it should conduct more focused human rights monitoring, investigation and reporting activities.

Finally, the HRD supported national stakeholders in the implementation of UPR recommendations under the Mechanisms pillar. It also focused on the development and implementation of laws, policies and standards under the Accountability pillar. It also focused on the development and implementation of laws, policies and standards under the Accountability pillar.

**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

**Peace and Security (PS)**

PSI – Frameworks, policies, mechanisms and initiatives are in place to prevent and respond to human rights violations that States and non-State actors commit in the context of conflict, violence and insecurity. Through its monitoring and reporting on the human rights situation on the ground, the Human Rights Section (HRS) of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) continued to advocate for the establishment and functioning of oversight, accountability and protection mechanisms that conform to international human rights standards.

During 2018, HRS documented 460 cases of human rights violations and abuses, including killings, physical assaults, abductions, arbitrary arrests and detentions. A total of 1,838 victims were reported, including 156 minors and 166 women. Although HRS advocated with authorities for the timely and thorough investigation of these violations and abuses, the authorities made limited efforts to address them. HRS also advocated with State authorities regarding the necessity of providing security and access to justice for all individuals in vulnerable situations, especially displaced communities, returnees, women and children.

**Accountability (A)**

All – National and local police and prisons significantly improve their compliance with international human rights standards with respect to arrest, investigation and detention.

HRS sought to contribute to improving the compliance of selected State institutions with international human rights norms and standards by facilitating capacity-building activities.

As a result of training sessions that were facilitated by HRS, in cooperation with the North Darfur Bar Association, members of the police and the Sudan armed forces, as well as corrections officers, enhanced their knowledge about human rights standards, international humanitarian law and the protection of civilians.

In addition, HRS worked towards ensuring that the transitional justice mechanisms established under the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur complied with international human rights standards in discharging their mandates under the Accountability pillar.

**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

**Participation (P)**

P2 – The Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) continues to implement its mandate in compliance with the Paris Principles.

The UHRC continued supporting the Uganda Human Rights Commission to strengthen its capacity to work in conformity with the Paris Principles, including by collaborating in joint monitoring missions. During July and August, OHCHR supported the deployment of 10 UHRC staff members to conduct 41 field missions in seven municipalities so as to monitor elections of local council courts and Members of Parliament.

These missions were crucial for the UHRC to take a public position on the human rights implications of the local elections. In addition, OHCHR and the UHRC conducted a total of 23 joint monitoring missions in Karamoja and northern Uganda in order to monitor the human rights consequences of the forceful disarmament operations led by the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Force, as well as the conditions of detention and human rights violations and abuses in the context of land conflicts.
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#### A2 – National justice and human rights mechanisms, including the Uganda Human Rights Commission and the judiciary, provide redress and accountability to victims in more cases.

**OHCHR** contributed to strengthening national accountability and protection mechanisms to ensure that they are func-tioning in increased compliance with international human rights standards. These efforts included providing tech-nical support for the review of guidance books that are used by the judiciary and advocating for the implementation of relevant legislation.

In 2017, the Judicial Training Institute began working on a guidance book on economic, social and cultural rights for judicial and court officials aimed at strengthening the judicial enforce-ment of these rights in Uganda. In 2018, OHCHR supported the Institute in final-izing the book, which will be launched in 2019. Moreover, the Judicial Service Commission reviewed the Citizen’s Handbook on Law and Administration of Justice in Uganda. OHCHR facilitated consultations in four regions of the coun-try to get inputs on the handbook from different stakeholders. Once it is final-ized, the Office will support its printing and dissemination.

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#### D8 – The State’s statistical frameworks, including the national standards indica-tor framework (NSI) and the results and resources framework (RRF), increasingly comply with international human rights norms, standards and principles with respect to data for national development.

In its effort to support the implementa-tion of the NSI and the RRF for Sustainable Development, the Office sought to im-prove the compliance of selected State programmes with international human rights standards, including by facilitating technical advice on the human rights-based approach.

A total of 67 participants (38 female, 29 male) from the SDG National Taskforce and Technical Working Groups were trained on human rights indicators and a human rights-based approach to data. These training activities resulted in the development of an analysis of groups left behind in Uganda and a list of human rights indicators that will be incorpo-rated into Uganda’s SDG framework. Furthermore, a discussion was held to es-tablish a memorandum of understanding between the Uganda Bureau of Statistics, the UHRC, the National Planning Authority, the Office of the Prime Minister. In addition to the above, OHCHR has ad-vocated for the compliance of proposed bills with international human rights principles, including the CRPD under the Non-Discrimination pillar. It has also provided technical support for the im-plementation of a database to follow up on the implementation of human rights recommendations issued in relation to Uganda under the Mechanisms pillar.

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#### A3 – States in the region ensure that wom-en, persons with disabilities and LGBT persons have effective access to justice and that perpetrators of violence are duly prosecuted by a competent criminal court.

OHCHR advocated with authorities to ensure that accountability and protection mechanisms that conform to international human rights standards are in place and/ or functioning. The Office monitored 10 women’s prisons in Senegal and interviewed more than 221 persons as of 31 December 2018.

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#### A2 – In three countries, transitional justice mechanisms that conform to international human rights standards are in place and functioning.

Transitional justice mechanisms were established and/or strengthened, in com-plication with international human rights norms and standards, with the technical support of the Office. In the Gambia, following the December 2017 adoption of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission Act by the National Assembly, the Commission was formally established. The Office is helping to strengthen the technical and institu-tional capacities of the Commission, which has already undertaken a number of hearings of victims of human rights violations.

The Office monitored 10 women’s prisons in Senegal and interviewed more than 90 per cent of the prisoners about their detention conditions and the status of their judicial proceedings. This monitor-ing was carried out in partnership with the Observatory of Places of Deprivation of Liberty and the Association of Senegalese Lawyers and Journalists. Reports were prepared af- ter each visit and meetings were held with the judicial and prison authorities to follow
UN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FIELD

**Participation (P)**

PT – Women participate more in representative assemblies. In one country, the number of selected policy areas that comply with international human rights norms and standards has increased. With support from the Office, policies and practices were established to protect the right to participate and to enhance civic space.

In partnership with the Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice of Senegal, OHCHR helped to establish a coalition of human rights groups, known as the Platform for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (PPDH). A series of meetings were organized between PPDH and relevant authorities. The first meeting focused on the preparation and submission of the periodic report of Senegal under CAT. During the meeting, NGOs urged the Director of the Department of Human Rights to, among other measures, take steps to broaden the definition of torture contained in the Criminal Code. In a second meeting, civil society actors reiterated their willingness to work collaboratively with State actors to seek a solution to the alarming situation of child abuse. A third meeting was held to discuss the use of social media as an early warning mechanism in cases of human rights violations. Overall, the meetings contributed to strengthening PPDH, including by enabling greater coordination of their efforts through the sharing of information about various human rights initiatives and activities taking place, offering a space for human rights organizations to discuss current issues with relevant State institutions and promoting the exchange of information and good practices on the promotion and protection of human rights.

**Mechanisms (M)**

M1 – Three countries submit overdue reports to the treaty bodies.

OHCHR sought to increase the number and timeliness of reports submitted to the treaty bodies and the UPR through capacity-building and advocacy activities. As a result of direct assistance provided by the Office, the following reports were submitted in 2018: Cabo Verde under ICRMW and Senegal under ICCPR and ICESCR. Moreover, OHCHR facilitated interaction between the Gambian Ministry of Justice and the Human Rights Committee, which enabled the Government to prepare and submit its replies to the list of issues that was sent by the Committee.

**STRENGTHENING REPORTING TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS IN WEST AFRICA**

“Thanks to the train the trainers session, I am in a better position to identify the needs of the people I train,” Julien says. “With the expertise acquired, I have greatly contributed to Senegal’s efforts to overcome all the delays so far suffered in the submission of State reports to the UN human rights mechanisms. Gaps have now been filled, which I am very proud of,” he adds.

“The train the trainers session has enhanced my expertise and my ability to transfer knowledge to colleagues and to governmental counterparts,” Arlindo acknowledges. The National Commission on Human Rights and Citizenship (the Cabo Verde national human rights institution) is undergoing intense reform to become independent from the State. “After the train the trainers session, myself and the Chair of the National Commission on Human Rights and Citizenship engaged in intense advocacy for the establishment of a governmental structure in charge of presenting State reports to UN human rights mechanisms.” Until then, given the lack of capacity of the Government to do so, the National Commission was fulfilling this task, thus impeding its aspiration to become independent from the Government. “In September, with support from UN Human Rights, I conducted a training of the newly established governmental structure, the Interministerial Committee, in charge of reporting to UN human rights mechanisms,” Arlindo adds.

“Another result of the train the trainers session has been my enhanced capacity to strengthen our nation- al structure in charge of reporting to the UN human rights mechanisms. The direct result has been the en- try into force of the ministerial decree strengthening the national mechanism on reporting and follow-up in Senegal,” Julien adds. Following the adoption of General Assembly resolution 68/268 in 2014, more than 350 State officials from 135 countries became trained trainers through training of trainer sessions similar to the one attended by Arlindo and Julien.

**M1** – In four countries, the nation- al mechanism for reporting and follow-up (NMRF) is established or strengthened. NMRFs set up a plan for implementing recommendations. Mechanisms for integrated reporting and/or implementation of treaty bodies, special procedures and UPR recommenda- tions were developed or strengthened following technical guidance provided by the Office.

In Côte d’Ivoire, the members of the NMRF took up their functions in October and the Office strengthened their capac- ity in relation to treaty body reporting. The Office also trained members of the NMRF in Burkina Faso on human rights and the SDGs, and the development of human rights indicators for the adoption of an implementation plan. Following years of advocacy undertaken by OHCHR, Senegal revised its decree on the NMRF, which included provisions to extend its functions, allocate a budget and clarify its membership and leadership.

In addition to the above, OHCHR pro- moted the establishment of mechanisms, legal frameworks and policies to protect the rights of migrants and the rights of chil- dren in countries of the subregion under the Non-Discrimination pillar.
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**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

**Accountability (A)**

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The region experienced significant short-comings in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights, resulting in deepened inequalities. Decreasing economic growth and austerity measures exacerbated this situation, causing social protests that were often met with repression. Development projects and the growth of the extractive industries further affected the rights of indigenous peoples and other traditional communities. Moreover, the region continued to face widespread violence and insecurity. In particular, the rates of feminicide and other forms of murder increased in countries that have adopted security approaches that fell short of human rights standards. In a number of countries, governments militarized their public security, introduced criminal laws that undermined due process and failed to protect victims, applied tough anti-terrorism laws, employed private security companies without appropriate oversight and increased the length of pre-trial incarceration.

A number of countries strengthened their legal and institutional frameworks to protect the rights of women and LGBTI persons. Nevertheless, violence against women, including gender-related killings, remains widespread. In addition, discriminatory sociocultural patterns persist, limiting access to education and work, among other human rights violations and abuses. In several countries, femicide rates are among the highest in the world. Opposition to women’s rights and LGBTI rights, as well as efforts to seriously restrict gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights, is growing in the region, with support from religious and conservative groups.

The Americas are experiencing unprecedented flows of migrants and asylum seekers—in particular from Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean. In Nicaragua, OHCHR, which, in August 2017, adopted open border policies, the flows are placing a massive strain on already stretched public services. Policies recently adopted by the United States of America to address migration have raised a series of human rights concerns, including regarding possible restrictions on the right to seek asylum.

In response to the migration crisis in the region, OHCHR conducted missions to Guatemala and Honduras to strengthen the capacity of governments and civil society organizations to address the issue of disappeared migrants and document and advocate in relation to cases of human rights deterioration and repressive borders. OHCHR’s country presences in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico monitored the human rights situation of migrants travelling in caravans towards the United States. OHCHR shared information with different stakeholders and provided technical assistance to authorities and national human rights institutions to uphold migrants’ human rights. OHCHR also monitored the crisis of Venezuelan and Nicaraguan migrants and refugees and conducted field missions to various countries to interview Venezuelan and Nicaraguan migrants and refugees.

To advance human rights in the region, OHCHR maintained its close contact with regional organizations, especially with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Positive results achieved during the mandate cycle, for example, include an increasing number of joint press releases issued by the field presence of the IACHR; stronger collaboration in monitoring the situation of human rights defenders on the ground; joint capacity-building initiatives for human rights defenders and additional follow-up on the implementation of precautionary measures granted to human rights defenders at risk. The IACHR has submitted shadow reports to the sessions of the IACHR.

Mechanisms (M)

M1 – At least four Caribbean countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, Dominica and Saint Kitts and Nevis) conduct a human rights training for key government representatives in the country to support the establishment of an NMRF. In 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs submitted Cabinet papers in support of establishing an NMRF.

The Office advocated for the establishment of mechanisms for integrated reporting and implementation of the recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms, including by raising awareness and building their capacity on human rights reporting and implementation.

To address the long-standing challenges of reporting to the international human rights mechanisms in the subregion, the Office conducted trainings on human rights reporting and implementation for National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRFs) and for 30 participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis.

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M2 – At least five civil society organizations have produced alternative reports to a treaty body or a stakeholder report in the third UPR cycle (Jamaica, Barbados, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago).

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ND3 – In three Caribbean countries (Barbados, Jamaica, Grenada) legislative change and/or policy reform regarding domestic violence, marital rape and/or sexual harassment is underway.

The Office contributed to increasing the level of compliance of sexual harassment and marital rape legislation in the sub-region with international human rights norms and standards.

Both Barbados and Dominica amended their respective Sexual Offences Act to criminalize marital rape. Barbados recently introduced sexual harassment legislation that is applicable in the workplace. As of December, the draft disabilities policy was pending before the Cabinet in Saint Kitts and Nevis and disabilities legislation was pending in Barbados and Suriname.

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Follow the declaration of the unconstitutionality of the Amnesty Law in El Salvador, OHCHR provided technical, legal and political support to the Attorney General’s Office and to civil society for the investigation and criminal prosecution of crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict. After a research and consultation process involving the technical assistance, training and mediation.

The Office further promoted the functioning of oversight, accountability and protection mechanisms in conformity with international human rights standards. In September, OHCHR advocated for the election of the magistrates of El Salvador’s Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice to be carried out in accordance with international standards on judicial independence. To this end, OHCHR sent a letter to the Chair of the Political Committee of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern about the delay in the appointment of magistrates and urging the magistrates be selected in accordance with international human rights standards. Similarly, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of judges and lawyers spoke out publicly at the request of OHCHR. The magistrates were finally appointed in November.

A3 – The decisions of judicial institutions increasingly reference international human rights standards and principles of gender equality in cases of femicide and violence against women.

OHCHR worked to significantly improve the level of compliance of legislation and policy with international human rights norms and standards through capacity-building and advocacy efforts.

The Office has been monitoring and reporting on the human rights situation, providing technical and advocacy advice and preparing reports on the human rights situation in Barbados and Suriname since the beginning of the so-called protests in April by remotely monitoring the violations, including open source investigations, ongoing investigations and close contact with key national civil society actors and key regional NGOs; publicly reporting on the human rights situation in the country, including to United Nations and regional early warning mechanisms;
carrying out fact-finding missions to neighboring countries to interview Nicaraguan victims of human rights violations and their family members about the violations. The Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) and journalists; and, finally, closely coordinating and cooperating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. It also published a report entitled ‘Human Rights violations and abuses in the context of protests in Nicaragua,’ which created a follow-up implementation structure on reporting and follow-up and the implementation of UPR recommendations led to the establishment of the NMRF through an Executive Decree.

In Costa Rica, the Office provided support to the NMRF, as well as training on the definition and use of indicators for the monitoring of progress in public policies. OHCHR collaborated with the Resident Coordinator. UNICEF and OHCHR to strengthen the capacity of the Social Protection Cabinet and the Ministry of Education to document and report on human rights violations. These trainings took into account OHCHR’s monitoring work during the crisis and provided an opportunity to conduct in-person monitoring interviews of victims, thereby enabling OHCHR to document alleged human rights violations. The Office also contributed to initiatives for the protection and promotion of HRDs, including in coordination with the Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESEN). The Office supported Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Panama to strengthen their capacity to engage with the international human rights mechanisms, including the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, as well as with the treaty bodies. In this regard, the Office promoted the use of the Universal Rights Index Database as a tool to disseminate and analyze their recommendations and to facilitate follow-up through the elaboration of action plans.

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OHCHR contributed to increasing the meaningful participation of rights-holders, especially women and discriminated groups, in certain public processes through advice, advocacy and partnerships.

OHCHR continued supporting indigenous peoples and the Government of Costa Rica in establishing a permanent national mechanism of consultation with indigenous peoples, which was approved by the President. The Office also facilitated the internal organizations of 24 indigenous territories to participate in consultations on initiatives that may affect the enjoyment of their human rights.

The Office also contributed to advancing the participation of people of African descent in the preparatory process of the next census in Panama, which is scheduled to take place in 2020 and to carry out an evaluation of the progress being made in Panama to combat discrimination.

Following the Inter-American Court on Human Rights’ landmark Advisory Opinion 24/2018, which establishes important human rights standards concerning couples of the same sex and gender identity, OHCHR undertook and participated in different promotional activities carried out by LGBTI groups in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Panama to advocate for the adoption of relevant legislation and public policies.

In addition, as a result of OHCHR’s advocacy, the Attorney General of El Salvador adopted a policy on transitional justice, which created a follow-up implementation space with civil society participation.

Non-Discrimination (ND)

NDs – Official migration policies and programs recognize the need to protect the human rights of migrants, especially those who are in situations of vulnerability, and have taken steps to do so.

OHCHR supported selected State institutions and programmes to significantly improve their compliance with international human rights norms and standards on migration.

At the end of 2017, OHCHR conducted an assessment mission to better understand the challenges and the human rights protection gaps faced by migrants travelling from or through El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. The findings of the mission contributed to the development of a subregional and national strategy on access to justice for relatives of disappeared migrants and the documentation of human rights violations suffered by migrants. In 2018, OHCHR facilitated dialogue between the committees of relatives of disappeared and deceased migrants and the Governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. The Governments committed to continuing the dialogue to improve the protocols for missing migrants and the coordination with the committees of relatives, as well as for investigations and reparations.

The Office took steps to create synergies among national and regional organizations in Central and North America in order to share information and work in a coordinated manner. This enabled the submission of complaints, the identification of patterns of human rights violations and facilitated access to justice related to the documentation of violations suffered by migrants in transit and in destination countries.
During the reporting period, OHCHR supported the formulation process of the National Action Plan on Human Rights, which was led by the Presidential Council on Human Rights. As a result, the process was participatory, involved local level authorities and civil society organizations and ensured the incorporation of a human rights-based approach.

While most of the social dialogue processes that were undertaken by the previous government were inactive in 2018, OHCHR and the Office of the Procurator General continued to monitor the social dialogue in Caldas and Valle. In coordination with other UN agencies, the Office facilitated a dialogue between the Government and peasant settlers in southeast Colombia to address increasing deforestation while ensuring that the rights of settlers are being recognized and respected by the State. The Office also monitored student protests in various locations across the country, thereby contributing to reducing acts of violence and excessive use of force and encouraging compliance with due process.

### Key Pillar Results:

**P6 – Victims, indigenous peoples and women participate more fully in decisions that concern them.**

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OHCHR supported and strengthened the establishment of spaces for the meaningful participation of rights-holders, especially victims, ethnic groups, women and LGBTI persons, in various public processes. This was done by facilitating discussions, providing technical assistance, issuing recommendations, holding training workshops and undertaking monitoring.

OHCHR facilitated dialogue between the Special Jurisdiction of Truth, Reparation and Non-Repetition mechanisms and victims, the families of victims, human rights organizations, social processes and ethnic groups to discuss their expectations and proposals for the design, structure and regionalization of the mechanisms while also securing their active participation in these mechanisms. Moreover, OHCHR provided training on the scope and content of the mechanisms as well as technical assistance on creating the space for participation, intervention strategies, strategic litigation and the preparation of reports as a means to exercise victims’ rights before the comprehensive system and authorities of the ordinary justice system. Furthermore, the Office provided technical assistance regarding coordination between the special indigenous jurisdiction and the special jurisdiction for peace. It also made recommendations for the preparation of documents to be submitted to governmental and jurisdictional authorities, including Congress and the Constitutional Court.

As a result of OHCHR’s support, two Afro-Colombian communities have established protocols for relations with third parties. A total of 15 indigenous communities, including the Putumayo, the Pueblo Negro de Cocomama and the Afro-Colombian Community Council (Cauca) advanced with the formulation of these protocols. In addition, OHCHR supported the Ethnic Peace Commission in preparing a 2018-2019 workplan to address the serious human rights situation being faced by ethnic groups with the aim of increasing their participation in 2019.

Moreover, OHCHR built the capacity of five local-level networks of human rights promoters to improve their participation and dialogue with local and national public servants. This enabled the networks to file legal actions and judicial remedies, thereby providing them with opportunities to participate and secure the realization of their rights.

**Peace and Security (PS)**

PS4 – Transitional justice mechanisms increase accountability for conflict-related violations of human rights and humanitarian law.

OHCHR contributed to increasing the capacity of the transitional justice mechanisms to incorporate international human rights standards into their design and operations and to address the challenges deriving from the implementation of their respective mandates.

In this regard, the Office provided technical inputs and ongoing support to the National truth and Reconciliation Chamber for the Acknowledgement of Truth and Responsibility. The objective was to increase its analytical and methodological capacity to develop strategies to prosecute serious human rights violations constituting crimes under international law. OHCHR also carried out advocacy activities and provided technical assistance for the approval of the general regulations and the development of selection and prioritization criteria to strengthen the capacity of the JEP to effectively respond to the demands and expectations of victims.

In 2018, the legal and interpretative groundwork was laid for the substantive and operative implementation of the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Existance and Non-Repetition (CEV). OHCHR contributed to this process by providing technical assistance through 39 technical inputs, support for field missions to build bridges between public institutions and civil society and obtaining updated information on the situation in the regions. During the reporting period, the Office supported the analytical and methodological capacity of the CEV and worked on specialized research initiatives related to gross violations of human rights.

**Mechanisms (M)**

M2 – The national human rights institution (NHRIs), civil society organizations, individual and other UN agencies make substantive contributions to the Treaty Bodies, special procedures, and UPR submissions.

OHCHR worked with the NHRI, civil society organizations, individuals and the UN Country Team (UNCT) to ensure that substantive contributions were submitted to the treaty bodies, special procedures and the UPR.

The Office and the UNCT made seven joint contributions, including one to the UPR; three (two written and one oral) to CEDAW; and two to mechanisms deriving from Security Council resolutions 1820 and 1812.

On 10 May, Colombia underwent its third UPR cycle, during which 86 delegations made presentations. Colombia accepted 182 recommendations, of which 115 are related to economic, social and cultural rights and/or rights of women as well as vulnerable populations such as LGBTI persons, children, indigenous peoples, Afro-Colombian communities and persons with disabilities.

In collaboration with UN Women, the Office prepared a technical document that the UNCT submitted to CEDAW in Colombia.
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It also documented and expressed concern over changes that had taken place within the police force since the arrival of new authorities in the Ministry of Interior.

Upon request, OHCHR supported the national police in reviewing protocols on public demonstrations, road blockages and evictions. Jointly with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Presidential Commission for Coordinating Executive Policy regarding Human Rights, OHCHR held four workshops for police officers to improve these protocols and develop a single protocol on the use of force. As a result, police has played an important role in preventing forced evictions affecting indigenous communities.

Furthermore, OHCHR provided technical assistance to authorities and civil society in relation to documentation and investigation of complaints about torture, the confiscation of documents, arbitrary detentions affecting migrants and collaborated with local and national authorities towards the adoption of protection mechanisms as the establishment of shelters during their transit.

OHCHR closely monitored the human rights situation and documented various human rights concerns, as the establishment of shelters during the evacuation of Fuego Volcano and carried out nearly 20 missions to the affected area. It documented and expressed concern about the lack of adequate response to the forced displacement of the Popoluca indigenous community, as well as the identification of areas where more coordination is needed.

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KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

**Mechanisms (M)**

MI – The Interministerial Committee meets regularly and, basing itself on a national action plan, takes action to implement recommendations made by international human rights mechanisms.

OHCHR enhanced the capacity of the national mechanism for integrated reporting and the implementation of recommendations by providing specialized training and advocating for the development of a national human rights action plan.

The Human Rights Service (HRS) of MINUJUSTH consistently advocated for the appointment of a high-level human rights focal point in the executive branch in order to facilitate the development of a national human rights action plan. In September, the Prime Minister of Haiti appointed a Minister Delegate for Human Rights and the Fight against Extreme Poverty to coordinate the Interministerial Committee on Human Rights (IMCHR), the body in charge of developing the national human rights action plan.

In February, OHCHR facilitated a workshop to enhance the capacity of IMCHR’s 16 members (five women, 11 men) to draft reports and standards. In support of the implementation of treaty body recommendations. In October, the HRS and the IMCHR co-organized a workshop on the elaboration of Haiti’s second periodic report to the Human Rights Committee. On 20 December, Haiti submitted to the Human Rights Committee its second report on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

**Participation (P)**

PT – The Office of the National Human Rights Ombudsperson (OPC) retains its legal standing and receives the resources it requires to operate independently in all departments. The OPC has been acknowledged since 2013 as independent and functional, reflecting the highest status of compliance with the Paris Principles endorsed by the General Assembly. In 2018, the Executive announced a significant increase of the Ombudsperson’s budget.

By providing technical assistance, MINUJUSTH contributed to the effective functioning of the OPC, in conformity with international standards.

In October, following two workshops organized by the HRS to strengthen the capacity of the OPC to monitor, document and advocate on human rights violations, 66 members of the OPC and representatives of local human rights organizations enhanced their skills. Two additional workshops were organized specifically for civil society organizations in August and December, attended by over 70 participants. The HRS consequently observed increased professionalism and accuracy in the monitoring, investigation and reporting of allegations of human rights violations by the participating organizations.

MINUJUSTH also contributed to consolidating OPC capacities and to extending the regional coverage of the OPC by supporting the establishment of two regional offices in Jeremie and St-Marc.

**Accountability (A)**

AI – The General Inspectorate of the Haitian National Police (IGHNP) and the Superior Council of the Judiciary (SCJ) function effectively and consistently investigate and prosecute serious violations.

The Office contributed to an improvement in the compliance of the IGHNP with international human rights norms in its investigation and prosecution of human rights violations, including by documenting incidents and providing technical assistance.

With support from HRS, the IGHNP worked on standardizing its criteria for the qualification of human rights violations to improve accountability for violations committed by the national police. HRS provided technical assistance to develop the Inspectorate’s ability to distinguish between allegations of human rights violations and incidents of misconduct. Between January and December 2018, HRS documented 142 human rights violations. The IGHNP conducted administrative investigations in 82 of them and recommended sanctions in 21 cases, 11 of which were implemented. Only six allegations of human rights violations have been transferred for judicial proceedings. This reflects an improvement in relation to the previous reporting period in which only one incident proceeded to the prosecution stage.

Peace and Security (PS)

PS6 – HRDDP implementation mechanisms and procedures have been established; these ensure that HRDDP is implemented fully.

MINUJUSTH developed standard operating procedures (SOPs) on the basis of the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP) that were signed on 1 June. A presentation of the SOPs and the implications of the HRDDP were presented to national and international stakeholders.

A general risk assessment was developed regarding support provided by the United Nations Police to the Haitian national police, including in relation to demonstration and crowd control and unilateral or joint operations by the national police. The assessment covers human rights violations documented by the human rights components and identifies risk factors from 2015 until the release of the report in November 2018.

In addition, under the Non-Discrimination pillar, the Office worked to address and reduce discrimination against LGBTI persons. The Haitian LGBTI organization, Kouraj Pou Pwoteje Dwa Moun (Courage to Protect Human Rights), was awarded funding from MINUJUSTH for a six-month project titled Community intervention on violence and discrimination faced by LGBTI persons. This was part of the Office’s work to address discrimination being faced by LGBTI persons under the Non-Discrimination pillar. In order to address and reduce discrimination against members of the LGBTI community, between July and September 2018, Kouraj carried out 20 sensitization workshops with community members and provide training to 15 representatives of other NGOs on how to fight homophobia and promote tolerance, equality and security. Additionally, 15 LGBTI youth who have been rejected by their families benefited from psychological support and employ-ment assistance.
HONDURAS

Population size
9.42 million
Surface area
112,000 km²
Human Development Index
0.617 (rank: 132/188 in 2016)
Status
8, 2016

Type of engagement
Country Office
Year established
2016
Field office(s)
Teque\n
UN partnership framework
United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2017-2021
Staff as of 31 December 2018
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Total income
US$2,300,184
XB requirements 2018
US$2,946,800
Total XB expenditure
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**Key OMP pillars in 2018**

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**Mechanisms (M)**

**M1** – An effective national monitoring and reporting mechanism is established.

The Office supported preparations for the establishment of a national mechanism for integrated reporting and the implementation of recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms by providing expert legal advice and building the capacity of key stakeholders to ensure an effective transition.

The National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF) has not yet been formally established. As of December, the Council of Ministers had not yet adopted the decree to which OHCHR had provided expert legal advice in 2017 and 2018.

**M2** – The national human rights institution, civil society organizations, and UN agencies send information to UN human rights mechanisms and use their recommendations, guidance and jurisprudence in advocacy.

By building the capacity of relevant partners, including civil society organizations, individuals and UN entities, the Office sought to contribute to their increased engagement with and submission of substantive inputs to the treaty bodies, special procedures and UPR.

OHCHR provided capacity-building support to the Ministry of Human Rights, which chairs the State coordinating mechanism on the reporting obligations of Honduras. The Office provided technical assistance on the classification of recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms and the development of software, known as SIMOREH, to monitor the implementation of the recommendations.

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**Key Pillar Results:**

The Ministry of Human Rights, however, reaffirmed the interest and readiness of the Government to establish the NMRF. Meanwhile, OHCHR developed and started to implement a training programme for the government officials who will be nominated as agency focal points in the NMRF. The six-month training programme for 40 focal points from 50 State agencies was prepared in accordance with a needs assessment that was conducted with the participation of 27 State agencies. It covers a wide range of human rights and public policy subjects, including engagement with the international human rights mechanisms and the NMRF.

As of December, two modules of the programme had been delivered.

**Accountability (A)**

**A1** – Legislation, policies and practices on security achieve a greater level of compliance with human rights standards, such as in the areas of the participation of military forces in citizen security tasks.

The Office contributed to increasing the level of compliance of electoral and migration legislation/policy with international human rights norms and standards by providing expert legal advice and targeted recommendations.

In 2018, OHCHR focused on the documentation of violations and presented its findings in public reports that advocated for change, including on electoral violence, first presented in March 2017, was a key element of OHCHR’s findings on the Government’s security practices and consequent human rights violations. In the context of the UN-supported National Political Dialogue that took place between August and December, among which OHCHR acted as a thematic adviser on human rights, the Human Rights Working Group agreed on a set of useful recommendations and, in March, the six-month training programme for the government officials who will be nominated as agency focal points in the NMRF.

The Office contributed to the improved functioning of the oversight, accountability and protection mechanisms that conform to international human rights standards.

In collaboration with the Organization of American States and its Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras, OHCHR strongly advocated for public oversight in relation to the re-election of the Attorney General, including by promoting awareness about human rights standards, undertaking legal analysis, monitoring the process, organizing public fora and issuing publications. The re-election of the acting Attorney General, in apparent disregard of the legal procedure, clearly demonstrated the need for a comprehensive reform of the framework for electing justice personnel.

In terms of the investigation of human rights violations, limited political will was noted in the process of organizing the institutional framework of the Supreme Court or to adopt protocols to improve investigations. In late 2018, dialogue was resumed on the Latin American Model Protocol for the investigation of gender-based killings of women (miscarriages). This result came about after OHCHR facilitated joint advocacy with the UN Country Team, shared comparative experiences in public fora and organized technical workshops. In addition, following a dialogue with authorities, OHCHR developed and started a monitoring strategy on the issue of gender-related killings of women. As the development of a protocol on human rights defenders has been called for in recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms, OHCHR sought guidance on the topic from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, particularly in relation to the implementation of a judgement handed down by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

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In June, OHCHR collaborated with UNDP to provide training to 20 participants from six Jamaican NGOs that are working on LGBTI rights. The training was delivered within the regional programme known as Being LGBTI in the Caribbean and focused on international human rights standards and practices. More specifically, the knowledge, capacity and skills of the participants were enhanced in the areas of international, regional and national human rights mechanisms, including protection and complaints procedures and the monitoring and reporting of human rights violations, with a special emphasis on violations against LGBTI communities.

The Office supported the National Police College of Jamaica to integrate human rights into the curriculum for the police force. It produced a pocket guide on human rights in law enforcement entitled Human Rights: How to protect them, which was published in cooperation with the National Police College. The guide will be used as a resource for the police in their daily work.

During the reporting period, the Government of Jamaica adopted a Sexual Harassment Bill that established a Sexual Harassment Tribunal to hear complaints. In addition, the 10-year National Strategic Action Plan to eliminate gender-based violence, which was officially launched in December 2017, established a programme with specific targets to eliminate gender-based crimes. The Office provided technical assistance and advice to the Government in drafting the Bill and the National Action Plan.

OHCHR worked with UNDP to finalize the National Policy to Combat Trafficking in Persons in Jamaica 2018-2030, which provides a comprehensive framework to implement, monitor and evaluate the policy on human trafficking. It is expected that the Government will adopt the policy document in 2019. These efforts are a sign of significant progress as Jamaica is among the 130 countries and territories that the Government has identified as being at risk of or engaged in trafficking in persons, especially women and girls.

Under the Development pillar, OHCHR provided training to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and government stakeholders on climate change and human rights. It jointly advocated with the UNCT, UNEP and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the ratification of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Agreement, which is known as the Escazú Agreement, was adopted in March.

Under the Peace and Security pillar, the Office worked towards integrating human rights data into the emergency preparedness and response plan that was developed by the Humanitarian Country Team.

**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

**Mechanisms (M)**

**M1 – At least four Caribbean countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Jamaica) have established mechanisms for human rights reporting and follow-up.**

In Jamaica, the Office substantially contributed to the formal establishment of the national mechanism for integrated reporting and implementation of the recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms, including by consistently advocating for its establishment with other partners.

In a notable development, following OHCHR’s intensive advocacy efforts, the Cabinet approved the formal establishment and institutionalization of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights as the official national entity of Jamaica for reporting and follow-up to the UN human rights mechanisms.

On 14 December, the Office presented its database project on a National Human Rights Recommendations Tracking Database. The objective of the database is to facilitate recording, tracking and reporting on the national-level implementation of human rights recommendations emanating from the international, regional and national human rights mechanisms. Jamaica is expected to join the pilot phase of the project.

**Non-Discrimination (ND)**

**ND1 – In at least three countries (Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago), laws and policies protect the rights of women, persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV, LGBTI persons and religious minorities.**

The Office contributed to raising awareness about the rights of LGBTI persons by facilitating tailored training for civil society organizations that are working on LGBTI rights.

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The Office supported the institutionalization of human rights training for the judiciary and the police by providing technical assistance to build and strengthen national capacities for the promotion and protection of human rights.
The report brought about a dramatic change in criminal procedures and judges began to play a more active role in declaring testimony as inadmissible when it was allegedly obtained through torture. Due to the high profile of the Ayotzinapa case, it is anticipated that the case will resonate with judges in other tribunals.

OHCHR has taken steps to build partnerships with the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture (NMPT), the Attorney General’s Office, and the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit to push for changes in the implementation of detention safeguards. In partnership with the NGOs that are involved in enhancing the work of the NMPT, OHCHR co-organized a national workshop on detention safeguards, which also addressed cooperation between the NMPT and local NGOs.

During the reporting period, OHCHR sent communications to the NMPT regarding critical situations in places of detention, triggering an immediate response from the Mechanism that led to unprecedented prison visits and important findings.

KEY PILLAR RESULTS:

A1 – Effective steps have been taken to establish two or more of the following safeguards during detention, including a registry of detainees; a national mechanism for the prevention of torture; exclusion of illicit evidence. Mexico has adopted a national regulatory framework on detention safeguards, which also addresses cooperation between the NMPT and local NGOs. During the reporting period, OHCHR called for the implementation of CEDAW’s recommendations that were outlined in its concluding observations. It also stressed the need for CSOs to better understand the recommendations and construct strategies for follow-up on their implementation.

In 2018, OHCHR advocated before several Mexican tribunals for the compulsory implementation of the exclusionary rule that prohibits the use of evidence obtained through torture. In two workshops with federal judges, the Office presented information regarding the concrete application of the exclusionary rule in accordance with international standards. Also during the year, the Office published a report entitled Doble Injusticia, which deals with the torture of 37 persons who were criminally accused of the disappearance of 43 students from Ayotzinapa. The report had a significant impact on public opinion and in particular on members of the judiciary that are in charge of criminal procedures.

The Office contributed to the increased use of international human rights law and jurisprudence on violence against women by providing technical assistance to federal and state gender-based violence alert mechanisms and facilitating a follow-up visit on the implementation of CEDAW’s concluding observations.

OHCHR provided technical assistance in relation to gender alerts as a mechanism to combat violence against women through several protocols in five states of the country (Chiapas, Ciudad de Mexico, Estado de Mexico, Jalisco and Veracruz). It also worked on the coordination of the alerts with the National Commission for the Prevention and Eradication of Violence Against Women. OHCHR participated in the drafting and follow-up of the workshops for the implementation of the measures dictated by the five alert mechanisms and proposed the creation of a new human rights indicator for the evaluation of these measures. To this end, the Office worked with NGOs, the federal executive and local authorities from all branches.

Together with UN Women, OHCHR hosted the visit of an independent expert from CEDAW and the Committee’s country rapporteur for Mexico’s 2018 review. The visit was called for the implementation of CEDAW’s recommendations that were outlined in its concluding observations. It also stressed the need for CSOs to better understand the recommendations and construct strategies for follow-up on their implementation.

A3 – Relevant authorities take account of international human rights norms and standards in at least four prosecutions for violation against women, femicide or denial of sexual and reproductive right.

The Office addressed cases of human rights violations against women, human rights defenders and journalists with relevant judicial and executive authorities. As a result of improvements in OHCHR’s methodologies, record-keeping and the capacity for rapid responses in cases of violence against HRDs and journalists, the Office has become a key reference regarding human rights violations of HRDs and journalists in Mexico for authorities in charge of protection, investigations and the internal community. OHCHR documented at least 16 cases of reprisals against HRDs and journalists, including bogus accusations, the use of strategic lawsuits against public participation, and smear campaigns.

OHCHR submitted comments and recommendations to the National Special Prosecutor on crimes against freedom of expression, which were included in the allegations to investigate crimes against journalists. The 33 national institutions that are in charge of these investigations will implement the Protocol in 2018. The Office of the Special Prosecutor was more active than in previous years, leading to a greater number of convictions than in the past. In 2018, the Federal Special Prosecutor achieved six convictions compared to only four convictions between 2012 and 2017.

The Office documented a number of cases of criminalization, developed research on relevant international standards and shared its findings with judicial and executive powers. The campaign that was launched by the Office on the Tlaxco case resulted in the release of defenders unjustly imprisoned for over a decade. The next step is the transformation of that experience through the use of accessible tools for criminalized defenders, civil society, lawyers, public ministries and judges, to support their defence strategies.

M3 – The workplans and activities of national and local institutions of the executive, legislative and judiciary, and other relevant actors, have integrated at least four recommendations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, and related mechanisms.

The judiciary references international human rights standards more frequently in its decisions and activities; it does so in cases where the OHCHR has submitted a legal brief.

The Office supported several state institutions in improving their compliance with international human rights norms and standards in the areas of adequate housing, economic and social rights and the right to water.
housed and earthquake response to their agendas.

In 2018, CESCR reviewed the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Mexico. It has been 10 years since their last review. For the first time, the Office facilitated a dialogue between CESCR and CSOs on the list of issues. The Office also collaborated with CSOs and the national human rights institutions to organize an event to present the OHCHR’s work and mandate; share understandings with energy sector companies to support the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), and exchange relevant information. The Office also facilitated a workshop with private renewable energy companies on the UN human rights system and the UNGPs, the rights of indigenous peoples and due diligence principles. A seminar with corporate members of the Mining Chamber of Mexico on the application of the UNGPs, as well as the role of human rights defenders and organizations, represented a first step in a sector which is responsible for the greatest number of human rights violations.

OHCHR provided technical assistance to Grupo México, Mexico’s largest mining company, which was responsible for one of Mexico’s worst environmental disasters, the massive leak of toxic materials into the Sonora River. This had a dramatic impact on human rights of entire communities, as well as for other human rights challenges. The Office advised the company on the incorporation of a human rights-based approach into their community involvement policies, the development of a complaint and remedy system and the possible application of a due diligence policy in the future. Despite continued advocacy that was undertaken by the Office, the Ministry of Interior, in charge of the elaboration of the National Action Plan on business and human rights, decided to discontinue the process. However, two weeks before the administration ended its mandate, the Ministry signed an agreement with the Business Coordinating Council (COPARMEX) to create a Joint Committee for the implementation of the objectives, strategies and coordinated actions on business and human rights.

Through technical advice and advocacy, OHCHR aimed to contribute to the increased compliance of legislation and policy on business and human rights with international human rights norms and standards. In 2018, OHCHR initiated a series of meetings with energy sector companies to open a communication channel and present OHCHR’s work and mandate, share international standards and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), and exchange relevant information. The Office also facilitated a workshop with private renewable energy companies on the UN human rights system and the UNGPs, the rights of indigenous peoples and due diligence principles. A seminar with corporate members of the Mining Chamber of Mexico on the application of the UNGPs, as well as the role of human rights defenders and organizations, represented a first step in a sector which is responsible for the greatest number of human rights violations.

OHCHR supported civil society organizations report regularly to UN mechanisms, participate in sessions (including through the use of technology), and use concluding observations and reports for advocacy and follow-up purposes.

The NMRF database will be launched in 2019. As a result of technical support for the development of the NMRFs, as well as regular interactions with key counterparts, the Government of Peru developed a draft protocol for the establishment of an NMRF, expected in 2019. Furthermore, following a series of workshops on treaty body reporting that were facilitated by the Office, Bolivia and Brazil expressed interest in exploring the establishment of permanent structures for reporting and follow-up.

OHCHR supported civil society organizations and UN Country Teams (UNC Ts) in the submission of reports to a number of international human rights mechanisms. This was done by building their capacities in relation to the reporting procedures and deploying Human Rights Advisers (HRAs) to countries in the region that provided advice and support for the drafting of these reports. In Uruguay, one report from the UNCT and 20 reports from civil society organizations were submitted in anticipation of the country’s third UPR cycle. OHCHR coordinated one dialogue session among civil society organizations and state institutions, and held six workshops that were attended by approximately 150 participants from civil society organizations, the national human rights institution and the UNCT. The objective of the workshops was to build the capacity of these actors to develop and support the implementation of the recommendations accepted by Uruguay. In Chile, eight workshops were
carried out across the country in preparation for the country’s third UPR cycle. A total of 272 individuals were trained, resulting in the preparation of 37 individual submissions and 30 joint submissions. In some cases, the submissions were the first to be made by various indigenous peoples, persons of African descent and rural communities.

Non-Discrimination (ND)

D7 – States’ procedures for reviewing and follow-up make increasing use of national human rights mechanisms, and adopt a human rights-based approach to data.

Through technical guidance provided by national HRAs that have been deployed to countries of the subregion, OHCHR contributed to the improved compliance with international human rights standards of certain State institutions in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Paraguay launched its voluntary national review on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The review highlighted OHCHR’s technical cooperation in several areas, such as the development of SIMORE PLUS and the mainstreaming of a human rights-based approach into social protection policies. Examples of these policies include a prior consultation protocol with indigenous peoples that is under development, and a set of human rights indicators for programmes that are implemented by the Secretariat for Social Development. In May, OHCHR cooperated with the UNCT and the Centre for Judicial Studies of Uruguay to train 25 judges to increase their skills in addressing harmful gender stereotypes. Particular focus was placed on cases related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as gender-based violence. The activity also aimed at contributing to the comprehensive implementation of the 2017 integral law on violence against women. At the end of the workshop, the Centre for Judicial Studies and the Office of the Attorney General requested that the Office and the UNCT replicate these capacity-building activities throughout the country. Furthermore, a consultant was engaged by the UNCT to develop a guide for the judiciary on wrongful gender stereotyping, to be published in 2019.

In addition, OHCHR worked to enhance the capacity of State institutions and non-State actors to expand civic space and protect human rights defenders in Paraguay and Peru under the Participation pillar.

In Chile, the UNCT finalized the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework for 2019-2022, both of which fully integrate a human rights-based approach into all outcome areas and make linkages to the recommendations issued by international human rights mechanisms. OHCHR provided inputs to both documents.
motions to Cox’s Bazar with the objective of monitoring the deteriorating human rights situation in the northern Rakhine State. In the absence of a full-fledged field presence in Myanmar, OHCHR deployed a team of human rights officers to Bangkok and Cox’s Bazar.

In South Asia, there was an outbreak of protests in India-Administered Kashmir, also in mid-2018, which led to heightened levels of violence. Consequently, the High Commissioner requested access to the region from both India and Pakistan in order to make an independent assessment. 

As neither State permitted such access, OHCHR remotely monitored the human rights situation from both sides of the Line of Control. In June, OHCHR released a report of its findings regarding the excessive use of force leading to civilian killings and injuries, arbitrary detentions, effective legal impunity for security forces and violations of freedom of expression through extensive communications blackouts.

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AFGHANISTAN: UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN (UNAMA)

Population size1  
Human Development Index2  
NHRI (if applicable)3

36.37 million
653,000 km²
Status A, 2014

One UN for Afghanistan 2018-2021

Mechanisms (M)

M1 – Afghanistan submits its third periodic report to the Committee against Torture and subsequently provides information on how the Committee’s recommendations have been followed up.

The Human Rights Service (HRS) of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) advocated with and supporting civil society, the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) and the Government to promote the increased participation of civil society actors towards the functioning of transitional justice mechanisms, in line with international human rights standards.

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Peace and Security (PS)

PS1 – The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission works in conformity with international standards (Paris Principles) especially in the areas of independence and improving female representation and access to adequate resources for independent functioning.

The HRS contributed to the independent functioning of the AIHRC in conformity with the Paris Principles through regular engagement, coordination of activities, the sharing of information and other support.

Shifts:

Prevention
Civic Space

A3 – The Government adopts measures to improve implementation of the 2009 Law on the Elimination of Violence against Women. It effectively investigates cases of violence against women, prosecutes perpetrators, and introduces measures to support victims.

As a result of advocacy and technical support provided by the HRS, various State institutions and programmes improved their compliance with international human rights standards, in particular for the promotion and protection of women’s rights. Two draft policies, on women’s inheritance and property ownership rights and on the protection of women in war and emergencies, were resubmitted to the Cabinet’s Gender Committee for endorsement. The first draft policy aims at facilitating women’s economic empowerment and financial independence while the second is intended to ensure a holistic State response for the protection of women in the event of emergencies. In addition, following advocacy by the HRS and other partners, the Presidential Decree No. 262 was issued, in March, amending the Afghan Code to enable the 2009 Law on the Elimination of Violence against Women to remain applicable, including all crimes and punishments.

This was necessary to ensure that women and girls have continuing legal protection from crimes of violence against women. In May, the Attorney General’s Office recruited 93 female prosecutors, thereby enabling the deployment of more female prosecutors to the provinces and district courts. The increased number of female-headed prosecution units that are focused on cases of violence against women in 2018 compared to 2017 is a positive development in dealing with these violations also increased from 15 in 2017 to 22 in 2018.

Accountability (A)

A2 – Inclusive and accountable peace and reconciliation processes are established that conform to international human rights standards and internationally recognized principles of transitional justice. They include mechanisms for vetting ex-combatants and for identifying potential violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law. The HRS contributed to the functioning of transitional justice mechanisms, in line with international human rights standards, by advocating with and supporting civil society, the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) and the Government to promote the increased participation of civil society actors towards the functioning of transitional justice mechanisms.

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In June, the Government of Afghanistan submitted the follow-up report to CAT, outlining progress made in the implementation of some of the Committee’s recommendations regarding certain areas of concern, in particular, a culture of impunity, the protection of victims and the death penalty.

In October, the Government submitted its State report for the third UPR cycle review of Afghanistan. It also made progress in the drafting of its periodic reports under ICERD, CRPD, CEDAW and two Optional Protocols to the ICCPR.

Finally, in May, the HRS submitted a comprehensive report on the functioning of mechanisms to protect civilians, in line with international human rights standards. The HRS regularly engaged in advocacy with the Government to promote the implementation of the action plan of the National Policy for Civilian Casualty Prevention and Mitigation and relevant orders to reduce civilian casualties during military operations conducted by the Afghan national security and defence forces. Moreover, the HRS also engaged with the Taliban to emphasize the importance of protecting civilians during the armed conflict.

Between 1 January and 31 December, the HRS documented 10,933 civilian casualties, including 3,804 killings, representing a five per cent increase in overall civilian casualties and 10 per cent increase in civilian deaths compared to 2017. In addition, violence during the parliamentary elections, on 20 October, caused the most civilian casualties recorded in a single day in 2018 (435), as well as the most civilian casualties on any election day since the HRS began documenting such incidents in 2009.

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**BANGLADESH**

Population size: 166.37 million  
Surface area: 148,000 km²  
Human Development Index: 0.608 (rank: 136/188 in 2016)  
NHRIF (if applicable): Status B, 2015

**Type of engagement**  
Human Rights Adviser  
Year established: 2018 (following earlier deployment 2014-2016)  
Field office(s): Dhaka  
UN partnership framework: United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2017-2020

**UNHCR UA**  
Staff as of 31 December 2018: 2

**Key OMP pillars in 2018**  
- XB requirements 2018: US$242,000

**Secondary objectives**  
- To contribute to the adoption of the UN framework
- To strengthen the implementation of the national human rights mechanisms

**Key Pillar Results:**

**Peace and Security (PS)**  
PS5 – The UN system will systematically integrate a human rights-based approach into programming related to the humanitarian relief operations and in support of the dignified, safe and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingya refugee population.

From Bangladesh, the Office provided policy-related support to the Rohingya refugee response in Myanmar and sought to advance the integration of human rights norms and principles into the humanitarian response. It further supported the engagement of special procedures and the Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar.

Advice to the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar included accompanying the Special Rapporteur on two missions to Cox’s Bazar and facilitating engagement with the UNCT, development partners and other stakeholders in Dhaka.

The Office engaged with the RC, UN Women and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict regarding the impact of sexual violence post-conflict. Under the Accountability and Participation pillar, the Office advocated for the implementation of the moratorium of the death penalty in the context of drug convictions and for the increased effectiveness and independence of the NHRC.

**CAMBODIA**

Population size: 16.25 million  
Surface area: 181,000 km²  
Human Development Index: 0.608 (rank: 141/188 in 2016)  
NHRIF (if applicable): Status A, 2015

**Type of engagement**  
Country Office  
Year established: 1993  
Field office(s): Phnom Penh  
UN partnership framework: United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2016-2018

**UNHCR UA**  
Staff as of 31 December 2018: 36

**Key OMP pillars in 2018**  
- XB requirements 2018: US$1,673,774  
- Total XB expenditure: $796,201

**Secondary objectives**  
- To contribute to the adoption of the UN framework
- To strengthen the implementation of the national human rights mechanisms

**Key Pillar Results:**

**Accountability (A)**  
A1 – Laws and policies in the areas of justice and prisons increasingly comply with international human rights standards.

The level of compliance of legal aid policy with international human rights norms and standards has significantly improved by providing legal expertise to the drafting and consultation processes.

OHCHR produced a legal analysis of amendments to the Constitution and the Criminal Code and identified provisions that are inconsistent with Cambodia’s international obligations. The Office also began an analysis of the draft Law on Surrogacy and undertook consultations in the context of an OHCHR-UNFPA regional expert meeting on surrogacy that was held in Bangkok.

The draft legal aid policy was finalized in 2018. The consultative and participatory nature of the drafting process ensured compliance with the policy with international human rights standards and significantly extended its scope. OHCHR will continue advocating for the policy to be adopted in 2019. Due in part to OHCHR’s advocacy, the legal aid budget increased and at least one lawyer was delegated to each province. The administrative process of requesting a legal aid lawyer was simplified and made more efficient, resulting in increased access to legal aid for persons in all provinces.

The Bar Association also cooperated with some local prisons to construct new lawyers’ rooms to ensure that prisoners can meet in confidence with their lawyers. Thanks to three existing and new OHCHR grants to civil society partners, legal aid was provided in three types of cases: prisoners with a longstanding, pending appeal, land cases and cases involving persons with disabilities. Although some cases pending appeal were closed, many are still pending due to misplaced case files.

In some cases, authorities demanded bribes from lawyers seeking to obtain case files or to accelerate the process or because of difficulties in communication and information sharing between different stakeholders of the criminal justice system. Progress is slow in relation to land cases, but some achievements were made during this period.

**A1 – Allegations of torture and ill-treatment and cases of mob violence are promptly investigated; perpetrators are prosecuted and sanctioned**

Through OHCHR monitoring and advocacy with the Government’s Cambodian Human Rights Committee, some progress was made towards ensuring that authorities investigated all deaths that occurred in custody. The Kandal Provincial Court of First Instance took up a case of a reported...
death in prison due to physical beatings. Following its removal from the SPT article 17 list, in June, the Cambodian National Election Committee (NEC) formally launched, in early December, in an event co-organized by OHCHR and NCAT. At this sensibilization workshop, on the role and duties of NCAT, which brought together almost 200 senior representatives from the police, gendarmerie, prisons, social affairs and the offices of provincial governors, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior emphasized NCAT’s independence and its power to conduct unannounced visits to all places of deprivation of liberty.

The Office contributed to enhancing compliance of legislation and policies with international standards and oversight of protection for human rights defenders (HRDs), oversight of civil society participation in public life, rights of ethnic minorities and access to information.

While HRDs and political activists remained under pressure during and following the national election, OHCHR’s monitoring and advocacy efforts, including with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia and the diplomatic community, played a role in preventing further arrests and harassment of HRDs. OHCHR worked closely with local and regional human rights organizations to ensure that HRDs were protected. When HRDs and political activists who had expressed their opinion were threatened or charged, OHCHR intervened with relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Interior and the National Election Committee. Documentation related to 40 cases of human rights violations was shared with the Special Rapporteur, who focused on the elections in her public interventions in July, and in her subsequent addendum report that was presented at the Human Rights Council’s September session. Following the election, some prominent HRDs were released from prison and incidents of harassment and intimidation against others have reportedly decreased.

In its ongoing review of Cambodia’s access to the European Union (EU) market under the “Everything But Arms” preferential trade initiative, which links trade preferences to the release of human rights performance of beneficiary countries, the European Commission referred extensively to the conclusions of the UN human rights mechanisms, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, the treaty bodies and the Office’s analysis of legislation impacting on civic space, such as the Law on Political Parties and the Law on National Assembly and NGOs.

At the end of 2018, the Government announced the revocation of some administrative hurdles against CSOs, the establishment of a forum for regular civil society consultations and a possible review of problematic legislation.

OHCHR continued its support to local human rights groups, including the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC) and the Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights (LCADH) in order to better monitor, report and advocate on human rights issues in Cambodia. A grant that was awarded to LCADH, until the end of 2019, and a similar grant for ADHOC, that is pending approval, are anticipated in the target level of capacity of these organizations to use international mechanisms for the protection of human rights. Both NGOs shared reports of violations and conducted visits in cooperation with the Special Rapporteur. They were also part of an informal “inter-group,” together with OHCHR and another local NGO, that was set up to respond to protection concerns of HRDs in the context of the elections.

OHCHR monitored the situation of ethnic Vietnamese communities (EVC) to increase the awareness of authorities. Progress has been made towards the naturalization of some stateless EVC members and OHCHR monitored the registration process. In collaboration with the Special Rapporteur, the Office successfully advocated with authorities to delay a planned forced relocation of EVC floating villages until May 2019.

After several years of concerted efforts by OHCHR and UNESCO, the Ministry of Information Working Group (composed of representatives from relevant ministries, civil society organizations, OHCHR and UNESCO) adopted the draft Access to Information Law, in January, that is in line with international standards. In spite of lobbying efforts undertaken by OHCHR, UNESCO and the Special Rapporteur, the draft was not adopted in 2018. The Ministry of Information indicated that it would be adopted by June 2019.

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In 2018, a series of trainings on treaty body reporting were completed with support from OHCHR. Following the conclusion of the training workshops, State Party representatives submitted to CERD, CEDAW and CRC. OHCHR provided substantive support to the mechanisms that are responsible for drafting the CEDAW and CRC reports to ensure that they complied with the reporting guidelines. Consultations with CSOs were carried out during the drafting of the reports. At the end of the year, the overdue reports to CRPD and CESCER were in the final drafting stages. Initial work was underway on the respective report to CRC, yet no progress was made on completing the overdue response to CAT’s list of issues or the reply to the findings and recommendations issued by SPT. The State report for the UPR was submitted on time. Following an initial consultation with limited CSO participation, OHCHR supported a larger and more participatory event that included civil society as well as development partners and line ministries.

The National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow up (NMRF) was officially established in June 2018. Although it was not responsible for all treaty reporting in 2018, it should play an important coordination role for the protection of human rights. In 2019, the NMRF and shared examples of good practices and lessons learned from around the world. The Cambodian Human Rights Commission and the NMRF committed, in writing, to establishing a workplan to follow up on the UPR recommendations once they are adopted in 2019.

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M2 – Civil society organizations and the UN Country Team increasingly engage with the human rights mechanisms when they report to the treaty bodies, special procedures and the UPR.

D2 – Business actors increasingly implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including by engaging with local and national authorities, civil society organizations, local and indigenous communities and other stakeholders.

In 2018, the Office continued to raise the awareness of various business enterprises to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). The Office provided them with a video, in Khmer, on the implementation framework of the UNGPs. OHCHR also teamed up with the Resident Coordinator’s Office to engage with the private sector in the context of the SDGs.

With support from the Office, progress was achieved with regard to solving land disputes through non-judicial mechanisms. OHCHR provided technical assistance and observed a mediation process between the SOCFIN Company and the Bunong Indigenous Peoples’ Community regarding traditional land that was granted to the company in 2007 as an Economic Land Concession (ELC). The support from OHCHR contributed to solving most of the disputes related to collective land. Support for dispute resolution began in 2018. In 2017, the Independent Mediation Group launched a mediation process. To address the power imbalance between the company and the Bunong Community, OHCHR provided special support to the Legal Aid of Cambodia NGO. This enabled them to train community representatives in mediation skills and provide legal advice during the mediation.

Together with ADHOC and LICADHO, OHCHR advocated within and monitored the land dispute resolution process between a community and an ELC/Cerement Company in Sadao Commune, in the Ratanak Mondul District of the Battambang Province. As a result, in February 2019, the case received fair compensation and the case was closed.

D3 – Laws, policies and strategies on land, housing and property increasingly comply with human rights standards. Their implementation by the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Rural Development and sub-national authorities similarly complies with international standards.

Through capacity-building and awareness-raising activities, OHCHR aimed at improving the compliance of selected State institutions and programmes with international human rights norms and standards.

During the reporting period, OHCHR and various partners continued to raise concerns about the complexity, length and cost of the Communal Land Titling (CLT) process. With the support of OHCHR, and following advocacy by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, the five concerned ministries refined a discussion paper on the simplification of the CLT process. Following its endorsement at the technical level, OHCHR will convene a high-level seminar with the five ministries in 2019.

Pending the simplification process, implementation of the CLT process continued, including with the support of OHCHR. As a result, 11 indigenous peoples’ communities (IPCs) in the Ratanakiri, Pursat and Kampong Thom Provinces have now progressed through Step 1, two IPCs progressed to Step 2 and one progressed to Step 3, the last step before the issuance of a land title. In collaboration with OHCHR, authorities trained 24 IPCs in two provinces that are in possession of a CLT on how to resolve land disputes using their CLTs. OHCHR published a government-sanctioned manual on the three-step CLT process for indigenous peoples, which was developed through a consultative process with the five ministries concerned. The manual will assist local authorities and IPCs to progress more efficiently through the CLT steps.

Mechanisms (M) – Cambodia submits five reports to the treaty bodies that conform with reporting guidelines, as well as its report to the UPR. It adopts an integrated and participatory approach to preparing and following up these reports.

The four reports submitted during the reporting period (CERD, CEDAW, CRC and UPR) largely conformed to the respective reporting period (CERD, CEDAW, CRC and UPR) largely conformed to the respective
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Population size: 25.61 million
Surface area: 121,000 km²
Human Development Index: N/A

Type of engagement: Field-based structure
Countries of engagement: DPRK
Year established: 2015
Field office(s): Seoul, Republic of Korea
UN partnership framework: United Nations Strategic Framework 2017-2021
Staff as of 31 December 2018: 10

Total income: US$1,234,413
Total XB expenditure: US$81,500
Total RB expenditure: US$879,486

Key OMP pillars in 2018:

- Personnel: $41,670
  - Personnel: 57%
  - Non-personnel PSC: 43%

- Non-personnel: $25,277
  - Personnel: 32%
  - Non-personnel: 68%

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Peace and Security (PS)

PS3 – International approaches to the DPRK integrate human rights as a cross-cutting issue and recognize the centrality of human rights in the promotion of peace and security in the DPRK.

OHCHR consistently raised critical human rights issues and advocated for them to be taken up in international fora.

During the reporting period, OHCHR engaged with the Government of the Republic of Korea, the diplomatic community, human rights actors and the UNCT to highlight the importance of including human rights principles in all peace processes and humanitarian action. In March, OHCHR organized a briefing, in Seoul, for diplomats from 20 countries. As a follow-up to the briefing, bilateral meetings were held to discuss the possibilities for integrating human rights into ongoing peace talks. The Office also provided briefing papers for Executive Committee meetings, which featured a strong message about the need for the centrality of human rights in all peacebuilding and conflict resolution measures. The Office also worked closely with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK to reiterate the same messages. This sustained messaging enabled the media, civil society actors and victims groups to consistently push for the integration of human rights into peace processes.

Participation (P)

P4 – Human rights principles, norms and language are embraced by civil society organizations that work with the DPRK government or with DPRK escapees.

Through continued engagement with civil society actors and other stakeholders, OHCHR took steps to ensure that human rights principles, norms and language were increasingly integrated into their work and that the narrative on selected human rights issues significantly improved.

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As a part of its efforts to reach a broader constituency, in particular young people, the Office organized a series of lectures for students at Korea University. The students received information through interactive activities about OHCHR’s mandate, the international human rights mechanisms and human rights issues in the DPRK. In addition, during an international conference that was attended by youth from China, the DPRK, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States, a keynote speech was given on the role of youth in peacebuilding, including the peaceful resolution of conflict in the Korean Peninsula. These and other initiatives were instrumental in highlighting the role of the UN in addressing human rights issues in the Korean peninsula to a broader constituency.

Finally, the OHCHR field-based structure in Seoul worked with the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and the UNCT to support capacity-building for national reporting to the international human rights mechanisms and the implementation of their recommendations, especially in light of the DPRK’s upcoming third UPR cycle in 2019.

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M2 – Civil society organizations are empowered to effectively monitor and report on the human rights situations including freedom of expression, association, and media; and are able to submit UPR mid-term reports, and other shadow and alternative reports to the treaty body reviews.

As a result of OHCHR advocacy and technical guidance, civil society organizations made three substantive submissions to CAT.

In preparation for CAT’s review of the Maldives State Party report, OHCHR provided technical guidance on the submission of reports by stakeholders and raised awareness among civil society organizations to encourage them to submit reports to the Committee.

Throughout 2018, OHCHR communicated its concerns related to the absence of an environment that would be conducive to genuine, free and fair elections through the reporting period and advocated for the fundamental rights of individuals who have been considered to be arbitrarily detained by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and individuals who were arrested after the declaration of the state of emergency in February. The Office also conducted a mission to the Maldives during the state of emergency and engaged with the Government on concerns related to the suspension of key rights. After the change of the administration, some restrictive laws, such as the Anti-Defamation Law, were repealed.

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During the reporting period, OHCHR continued to fulfil its promotion and protection mandate with regard to the evolving human rights situation on the ground. In order to enhance human rights protection in Myanmar, the Office formulated a number of recommendations targeting parties to the conflict, Member States and UN partners involved in both the political and humanitarian response. Specifically, OHCHR produced a number of public reports, including on the human rights situation in Myanmar that was circulated in the context of the High Commissioner’s interactive dialogue at the thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council as well as the report The Invisible Boundary: Criminal Prosecutions of Journalism in Myanmar; in September. It also provided regular briefings and inputs to OHCHR and relevant international stakeholders.

To encourage the participation of civil society partners in the monitoring of human rights violations, the Human Rights Team organized a week-long workshop for a wide variety of civil society representatives in Myanmar. The training, which is intended as the first of a series of training, involved 11 participants (six women and five men) and focused on civil society engagement with international human rights mechanisms and on human rights monitoring, documentation and reporting.

The Office raised human rights issues in several relevant UN fora, including at the global and national levels. OHCHR supported and liaised with UN partners to strengthen the mainstreaming of protection concerns and human rights into humanitarian processes and the UN’s responses to the conflict. OHCHR provided technical support to various missions, including those undertaken by the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar (January and June/July), the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) on Myanmar and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights. The Office also contributed to the New York-based discussions in the Executive Committee and its Permanent Monitoring Group on Myanmar.

Moreover, OHCHR provided technical advice and policy positions to the UNCT in Myanmar and its sub-entities, including the Human Rights Theme Group, the Humanitarian Country Team and the Inter-Sector Coordination Group operating in Cox’s Bazar. The Office advised the UNCT on promoting the recommendations of the FFM report, which addressed alleged human rights violations in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states and urged greater adherence to the UN’s Human Rights up
The Rohingya population is severely affected by discriminatory laws, such as the 1982 Citizenship Law and the laws that make up the Protection of Race and Religion package. The Office drafted a paper that was circulated in the context of the High Commissioner’s interactive dialogue with the Human Rights Council at its thirty-eighth session, in June. The objective was to further the resolution adopted at the Council’s special session on the Rohingya on December 2017. To this end, the Office drafted and finalized a written report on the implementation of UN recommendations and Human Rights Council resolutions regarding the Rohingya, in December. The High Commissioner presented the report at the Council’s fortieth session on 20 March 2019.

The Office contributed data and reporting on discriminatory laws, policies and practices that undermine the right to equality and the rights of religious, ethnic or national minorities, and women, children, or persons with disabilities, are reformed or abolished. These include the 1982 Citizenship Law and the four laws associated with the Protection of Race and Religion package in Myanmar, discriminatory laws, policies and practices that undermine the human rights situation of the Rohingya.

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Accountability (A)

During the reporting period, the Government of Nepal actively engaged in the review process of their State Party reports by CERD (February), CEDAW (May) and CEDAW (October). OHCHR followed up with the Government of the Permanent Mission of Nepal in Geneva and encouraged their continued engagement with the treaty body reporting process. Nepal has a number of pending submissions to the international human rights mechanisms, including a State Party report for the Human Rights Committee, due on 23 March 2018 and another for CESCR, due on 30 November 2019. In addition, Nepal’s UPR State report is tentatively due in July 2020. Finally, the Government hosted a country visit by the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, in January, and a country visit by the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, in November.

ND1 – Marginalized and vulnerable populations, including Dalits, women, persons with disabilities, LGBTI persons, are able to enjoy their equal status protected by the Constitution and have access to a functioning mechanism to redress grievances related to discrimination. Through supporting the review of Nepal by CERD, CEDAW and CRPD, the Office promoted the compliance of oversight and accountability mechanisms with international human rights standards regarding the rights of Dalits, women and persons with disabilities.

Non-Discrimination (ND)

Mechanisms (M)

M1 – The monitoring mechanism for UPR and treaty body reporting is strengthened through timely report submission.
recommendations to advance the non-discrimination agenda.

In anticipation of CEDAW’s review of Nepal, OHCHR worked closely with the UNCT to identify strategic entry points that could be brought to the attention of the Committee members. The Office also gathered information from civil society members that attended the review in Geneva to gain a better understanding of key women’s rights issues in the country. Civil society organizations have expressed their great appreciation for the CEDAW recommendations.

The Office supported the process of submission of the State party’s national report by providing technical assistance and support. OHCHR also worked closely with civil society organizations to develop their written submission to CEDAW. In addition, the following activities were undertaken:

- OHCHR engaged with and provided technical assistance to the National Human Rights Commission and the Ministry of Law and Order to ensure the timely submission of the national report.
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The Office advocated on behalf of and raised awareness about the rights of refugees and asylum seekers in compliance with international human rights standards. To this end, it produced public reports and engaged in advocacy with national authorities.

Throughout 2018, the rights of refugees and asylum seekers were remotely monitored by the Office, including through media monitoring, information shared by refugees and information provided by UNHCR and other stakeholders. The Office contributed to a joint public report on the human rights of asylum seekers and refugees on Nauru and Manus Island. OHCHR engaged with national authorities and supported the Resident Coordinator in advocating for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers on key issues of concern, including access to adequate medical facilities for refugees.

Finally, under the Mechanisms pillar the Office collaborated with the UNCT to support the implementation of the recommendations issued during PNG’s second UPR cycle in 2016.
**PHILIPPINES**

- **Population size**: 106.51 million
- **Surface area**: 300,000 km²
- **Human Development Index**: 0.699 (rank: 111 in 2016)
- **NHRI (if applicable)**: Status A, 2017

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**Mechanisms (M)**

- **M2 – Civil society organizations increasingly engage with the treaty bodies, special procedures and the UPR.**

The Office contributed to increasing the engagement of CSOs with the special procedures by raising awareness, building capacity and providing substantive expertise.

During the reporting period, OHCHR supported several processes to promote the engagement of different stakeholders with the international human rights mechanisms. As a result, one joint UN Country Team submission was made to the CRPD, at least 12 communications were sent by CSOs to the special procedures and six press statements were issued.

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OHCHR contributed to improving the level of compliance with international human rights norms and standards by advocating with governments, facilitating dialogue between governments and civil society and strengthening the capacity of law enforcement authorities.

In Malaysia, the Office advocated with the Government to repeal the Anti-Fake News Bill. While the Bill was later revoked by the Lower House of Parliament, it remains on the books as the initiative did not pass in the Upper House.

In Thailand, the Office facilitated a high-level dialogue with the Justice Minister, in March, and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, in September, regarding the delay in the passing of the Suppression of Torture and Disappearance Bill. In December, the draft was resubmitted to the National Legislative Assembly for its consideration and adoption.

OHCHR contributed to increasing the participation of civil society organizations from affected communities in the development of a national action plan on business and human rights. To do so, it co-organized a consultation with the participation of 200 CSO representatives, together with the Ministry of Justice, the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRC) and UNDP. Participants welcomed OHCHR’s role as a convenor of the dialogue between CSOs and the Government.

In Thailand, the first execution took place in June, after nine years of a de facto moratorium on the death penalty. The Office issued a public statement urging the Thai Government to take steps to reinstate the moratorium as part of a process to abolish capital punishment.

To strengthen the capacity of law enforcement authorities, the Office co-hosted a regional workshop, in July, on the conduct of investigations into alleged unlawful killings and enforced disappearances. The workshop participants included government officials from Asia and representatives from the Ministry of Justice, the International Commission of Jurists and the Embassy of New Zealand. As a result of the workshop, 15 Thai officials (eight women, seven men) from several agencies, including the Central Institute of Forensic Science, the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) and the Internal Security Operations Command (Region 4), enhanced their knowledge on the subject.

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### Key OMP pillars in 2018

**Philippines-UN Partnership Framework for Sustainable Development (2019-2023)**

- **Purpose**: To align human rights programming and calls for capacity development on the implementation of these norms, standards and principles. The structure of the Framework provides a solid entry point for the engagement of different stakeholders.

- **Relevance**: OHCHR contributed to improving the level of compliance with international human rights norms and standards by advocating with governments, facilitating dialogue between governments and civil society and strengthening the capacity of law enforcement authorities.

- **Participating Stakeholders**: OHCHR co-organized a consultation with the participation of 200 CSO representatives, together with the Ministry of Justice, the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRC) and UNDP. Participants welcomed OHCHR’s role as a convenor of the dialogue between CSOs and the Government.

- **Outcome**: The Thai Government issued a public statement urging the Thai Government to take steps to reinstate the moratorium as part of a process to abolish capital punishment.

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and detention of victims, the authorities appointed a liaison member of a victim's family. In addition, and provided witness protection for the families of victims to four meetings with the authorities took steps to ensure the resumption of the death penalty. The Office also sent 10 official letters to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) during the year to raise concerns about arbitrary arrests, detentions, incompliance with relevant government authorities, ac- companying the families of victims and building the capacity of victims to access complaints mechanisms.

To enhance the awareness of law enforce- ment officials on the right to truth of the families of victims and the right to access to a lawyer in principle, the adoption of an amend- ment to the law that allows for the appointment of a family member, OHCHR was in close contact with the spokesperson and military officials from the law enforcement depart- ment of the National Council for Peace and Order. The Office also sent 10 official letters to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) during the year to raise concerns about arbitrary arrests, detentions, incom- municado detentions, deportations and the resumption of the death penalty. The Office issued two public statements, in February and June, regarding arbitrary arrests and the resumption of the death penalty and called for the right to infor- mation and the right to truth of the families of victims. OHCHR accompanied two families of victims to four meetings with the Ministry of Justice's DSI, the Office of Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission and the Attorney General's Office. As a result of this continuous engagement, the DSI agreed to investigate the case of a disappeared human rights defender and granted witness protection for one member of a victim's family. In addition, the authorities took steps to ensure the rights to information and participation of the two families by appointing a liaison of- ficer. Moreover, in cases of arbitrary arrest and detention of victims, the authorities allowed them to have access to lawyers and their families.

Peace and Security (PS)

PS3 – Relevant intergovernmental fora, processes and mechanisms, including the Human Rights Council, UN General Assembly and Security Council, integrate human rights concerns when they ad- dress situations of conflict and insecurity in the subregion. The Office helped to integrate interna- tional human rights norms and standards into dialogue related to the conflict in Indonesia and Thailand by strengthen- ing the capacity of government, NHRIs and civil society to engage with the inter- national human rights mechanisms and facilitate dialogue between these entities at the national level.

In Indonesia, the Office helped to strengthen the capacity of local civil society organizations in Papua and Maluku to monitor, document and report on human rights violations. As a result, civil society partners submitted information to the Working Group on business and hu- man rights, representing an important step forward in engagement that supports their advocacy.

In Thailand, the Office contributed to in- creasing the integration of human rights into the work of government officials, in- cluding the military. In January, OHCHR proposed a methodology for facilitat- ing constructive dialogue between civil society with the MOPA and the Internal Security Operations Command (Region 4 in the Southern Border Provinces). The recommendation was accepted by MOPA, which continued organizing monthly meetings with civil society organizations to discuss human rights concerns. The NHRC increased its capacity to inde- pendently raise human rights issues in the Southern Border Provinces and monitor places of detention inside military bar- racks. It also increased its coordination with the international human rights mech- anisms through the Human Rights School that was organized by the Office in May and September.

PS5 – UN country programs and pro- grammes, including UN Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs), suc- cessfully integrate international human right norms, standards and principles, including the recommendations made by international human rights mechanisms.

OHCHR provided systematic support to the UN Commission on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Mexico and India and we continued our involvement in the process of the CRPD with regard to the engagement and advocacy of the CRPD. The Office contributed to improving the level of compliance of housing and building legislation and policies with international human rights norms and standards by producing regional map- ping studies, monitoring human rights violations and supporting civil soci- ety engagement.

In 2018, on the occasion of the visit to Indonesia of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, the Office strength- ened engagement and advocacy with the government on land and housing rights together with national institutions and civil society. Emblematic cases were raised regarding various rights related to the environment, land, the extractive industries, energy and infrastructure projects. This enhanced the engagement of Indonesian civil society with the UN Human Rights mechanisms and deepened OHCHR's network with civil society.

In Thailand, the Office continued moni- toring strategic lawsuits that were filed against human rights defenders related to business and human rights cases. OHCHR observed four such legal proceedings and trials, sessions, between February and July, and the Criminal Court dismissed at least one of these cases. In November, the National Legislative Assembly approved, in principle, the adoption of an amend- ment of the Criminal Code that would enable judges to dismiss cases that were filed by companies against communities affected by their activities.

During the reporting period, OHCHR or- ganized a series of meetings with the Thai Government, the Ministry of Justice and civil society organizations to discuss the drafting process of the Thai National Action Plan on business and human rights. Through the meetings, OHCHR worked with all stakeholders to ensure that the draft was in line with international human rights standards, in- cluding the recommendations issued by the Working Group on business and hu- man rights and the UN General Principles on business and human rights.

D5 – Laws and policies on the envi- ronment, climate change, extractive industries and urban planning comply with international human rights standards and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. National institutions and civil society organizations act to en- sure that rights-holders can participate in decision-making processes on the envi- ronment and climate change and engage with duty-bearers and the private sector on these issues.

As a result of interventions undertaken by the Office, progress has been noted with regards to environmental and cli- mate policies and plans to protect and fulfill international human rights norms and standards.

At the regional level, OHCHR initiated its engagement on climate change and hu- man rights by promoting its partnerships with regional and national counterparts and by identifying partnerships and syner- gies with a number of NHRIs, NHRMs and civil society. The Office supported a regional workshop that brought together NHRIs from Asia and the Pacific. Participants discussed the impact of large-scale de- velopment projects on marginalized communities, including from the perspec- tive of climate change. As a result, in 2019
OHCHR will hold a follow-up event to enable NHRIs in the region to discuss joint action that needs to be taken on climate change, and the Office will prepare and release a publication on human rights and climate change in the Asia-Pacific region. The Office also produced a compilation of key recommendations issued by international human rights mechanisms in relation to countries in Asia. The compilation will be used as a mapping document and disseminated as an advocacy tool and will be complemented by trainings for NHRIs and CSOs at the regional level to strengthen participants’ capacity in monitoring and advocating for economic, social and cultural rights, including land, health and housing, and in the context of climate change.

Mechanisms (M)

M1 – In six countries, National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRFs) are established or strengthened; they report to the treaty bodies and implement recommendations made by all human rights mechanisms.

The Office contributed to the strengthening of NMRFs and the overall engagement of the Governments of Lao PDR and Thailand with various international human rights mechanisms. OHCHR consistently advocated for the establishment of accountability mechanisms for NHRIs and relevant UN agencies and to explore possible areas of current and future technical cooperation. This was the first such official consultation between a group of UN agencies and AICHR.

In addition, the Office provided support to a number of individual initiatives by AICHR Commissioners, notably two for Indonesia, including the AICHR High-Level Dialogue on Managing Freedom of Expression in the Information Age held in April, and the AICHR capacity building workshop on Article 14 of the ASEAN human rights declaration in August. In November, as part of a broader initiative led by AICHR Malaysia, the Office was invited by AICHR Malaysia on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, OHCHR provided technical support to a second thematic activity building on the recommendations that were made during the initial 2017 workshop.

M2 – The AICHR has more capacity and is fulfilling its protection mandate.

The Office contributed to enhancing the capacity of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) by supporting thematic areas of work and by providing technical support to an AICHR study on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation.

In May, the Regional Office, together with the Resident Coordinator in Indonesia, led a delegation of 10 UN agencies to meet with AICHR during their annual consultation in Jakarta. The meeting’s objective was to identify thematic areas of common interest on human rights for AICHR and relevant UN agencies and to explore possible areas of current and future technical cooperation. This was the first such official consultation between a group of UN agencies and AICHR.

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M2 – Civil society organizations, national human rights institutions, and non-traditional actors, particularly those working on emerging human rights issues (frontier issues), increasingly engage with the international human rights mechanisms and use their outcomes.

The Office contributed to the increased engagement of civil society organizations with the international human rights mechanisms in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

During the reporting period, CSOs working in Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam made submissions to several special procedures including Special Rapporteurs on freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, freedom of religion, situation of human rights defenders, torture, the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; the Working Group on Business and Human Rights and others.

The Office facilitated increased engagement of the UNCT, CSOs and the National Human Rights Commission of Malaysia with various international human rights mechanisms. This engagement took place during the review by CEDAW in February, during the UPR review in November, and in the context of country visits to Malaysia by the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children in September, and the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation in November.

KEY PILLAR PULLS:

Accountability (A)

A2 – Fulfilling Human Rights Council resolution 30/1, Sri Lanka implements a comprehensive transitional justice strategy that is victim-oriented, gender-sensitive and complies with international human rights standards. It establishes an Office for Missing Persons, a truth and reconciliation commission, a reparations programme and a credible special judicial accountability mechanism in which foreign experts participate.

OHCHR sought to contribute to the establishment of accountability mechanisms that conform to international human rights standards.

The High Commissioner’s report on “Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights” to the Human Rights Council’s thirty-seventh session, in March, (A/HRC/37/23) reviewed the Government’s progress from March 2017 to January 2018 on the implementation of resolutions 30/1 and 34/1. Emphasis was placed on strengthening the protection of human rights, democracy and the rule of law and on the comprehensive recommendations that were issued regarding the judicial and non-judicial measures that are essential to advancing accountability and reconciliation. In preparation for the presentation of the High Commissioner’s report 45/10 to the Human Rights Council forthwith session, in March 2019, the Office and the Transitional Justice Adviser conducted visits in the north and east of Sri Lanka to assess any progress made on the implementation of the resolutions 30/1 and 34/1.

In 2018, the Office on Missing Persons, a transitional justice mechanism, began operations with the support of OHCHR. In addition, legislation was adopted in the Parliament establishing a second mechanism, the Office for Reparations. The Cabinet approved a draft concept for a third transitional justice mechanism that will function as a truth and reconciliation commission. The concept is in the process of being turned into draft legislation. Despite OHCHR’s continued advocacy in its reports to the Human Rights Council, no progress was made in 2018 to establish a specific claim in accordance with resolution 30/1.

Peace and Security (P5)

P55 – The Human Rights Working Group (HRWG) operates as an early warning mechanism when the human rights situation deteriorates. The HRWG helps to integrate human rights approaches in specific programmes.

OHCHR aimed to support UN entities in incorporating rights-based approaches in their programmes. The HRWG met regularly during 2018, including as an ad hoc early warning tool during the riots that took place in Kandy, in March. During the political crisis of October and November, in keeping with OHCHR’s findings, the Office operationalized the Human Rights Framework, a multi-level approach, and participated in meetings with a focus on prevention, OHCHR developed a draft mechanism that will function as a truth and reconciliation commission. The concept is in the process of being turned into draft legislation. Despite OHCHR’s continued advocacy in its reports to the Human Rights Council, no progress was made in 2018 to establish a specific claim in accordance with resolution 30/1.

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POLICY AND PROGRAMME

P6 – Youth, women and discriminated groups, and those who represent them, regularly advocate for human rights.

The Office contributed to improving the narrative on the rights of persons with disabilities and LGBTI persons in Timor-Leste.

P6 – New laws establish transitional justice mechanisms and take into account the results of consultations in 2016. Wherever necessary, victims of violations, women, and groups with specific needs are consulted in more detail about each element of the transitional justice agenda.

OHCHR advocated for the increased participation of rights-holders, especially women and discriminated groups, in selected public processes.

The Office on Missing Persons was the first transitional justice mechanism established in the country. To date, six consultations have been conducted with stakeholders. When producing its first Interim Report with a set of priorities, the Office provided training on the Standards of Conduct to these six companies and other interested companies.

In October, two Timorese youth, one young man from the LGBTI community and one woman with a visual disability, increased their knowledge about human rights and effective advocacy by taking part in the two-week “Diplomacy Training Programme,” which was facilitated by the University of New South Wales. They joined 21 human rights defenders from the region to learn about international human rights law and the UN human rights mechanisms. OHCHR funded the participation of these two young persons and conducted sessions on the UN human rights mechanisms. The four young people who were supported by OHCHR to participate in the programme in 2017 and 2018 contributed to advancing the implementation of the CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The guidelines also called for gender analysis when drafting laws, policies and plans. OHCHR provided technical expertise throughout the drafting process. By the end of the year, the final version had been shared with various institutions and DPOs.

OHCHR contributed to the development of the national human rights strategy, which was submitted to the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The guidelines also informed by the recommendations and general comments issued by the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The guidelines also informed by the recommendations and general comments issued by the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The guidelines also informed by the recommendations and general comments issued by the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The guidelines also informed by the recommendations and general comments issued by the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The guidelines also informed by the recommendations and general comments issued by the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.
by providing expert advice on compliance with international human rights law and supporting advocacy campaigns.

In November, the Association of Persons with Disabilities in Timor-Leste (ADTL) successfully obtained a grant to conduct a public campaign on the equal rights of persons with disabilities under the UN’s “Empower for Change” project. The objective was to reduce violence and discrimination against women and children with disabilities. ADTL has begun preparations for the design of the campaign materials and events that will be conducted in the first half of 2019. As one of five UN agencies implementing the project, OHCHR provided technical advice to ensure that the messaging reflected the essence of the CRPD.

In 2018, civil society and the UN placed greater emphasis on advocacy for LGBTI rights. As a result of various outreach activities, the public was made more aware of the equal rights of LGBTI persons and the challenges that many people face in exercising their rights in Timor-Leste. Some of the outreach materials were developed by civil society partners, with support from the Office, and were aligned with the UN’s “Free & Equal” campaign. The second pride march in the country’s history, which was co-ordinated by OHCHR, attracted approximately 400 persons. There was also a considerably larger crowd than in 2017, which was co-funded by OHCHR, attracted approximately 400 persons. There was a considerably larger crowd than in 2017.

In 2018, OHCHR disseminated a publication entitled A Human rights-based approach to data: Leaving No One Behind in the 2030 Development Agenda, and initiated discussions with the UNCT Programme Management Team on operationalizing the “Leaving No One Behind” (UNOBD) principle in UN programming. OHCHR provided comments on a draft operational guide that was prepared by the UN Sustainable Development Group in relation to UNOBD. It also offered to provide pilot training for the UNCT and agency staff on the guide when it is finalized in 2019.

The UN partnered with the national NGO, Belun, in order to produce five policy briefs. These briefs analysed the situation of five specific groups of vulnerable youth and focused on how to address the challenges they face while furthering the 2030 Development Agenda in Timor-Leste. Entitled Leaving no youth behind in Timor-Leste, the briefs focused on youth with disabilities, LGBTI youth, young female farmers, youth who are not in education, employment or training and youth migrants. The briefs also described how these groups are in conflict in relation to the five pillars of the 2016 National Youth Policy that was adopted by the Timor-Leste Government, namely, health, education, work, discrimination and violence and political participation. The briefs provided concrete recommendations for the Government and other State institutions, as well as donors, on how to address the identified challenges. In close collaboration with the National Statistics Office, quantitative analysis of the 2015 Census Data was conducted for the policy briefs. The policy briefs were launched in a seminar, in April, with the support of the Secretary of State for Youth and Labour. Advocacy was undertaken throughout the year to raise awareness about the current situation of youth and to implement the recommendations of the briefs, including through meetings with officials on social media platforms. These efforts were jointly

led by UNFPA, UN Women and OHCHR, as well as by Belun, were carried out in coordination with the UN Youth Results Group and funded by the UNSDG Asia-Pacific.

In 2018, 91 staff (50 women 41 men) of various UN agencies and national partners in Government, the National Human Rights Institution, NGOs and Organizations of Persons with Disabilities improved their knowledge about the human rights-based approach to disability and the rights of persons with disabilities. Together with persons with disabilities, OHCHR co-facilitated a two-day training session, translated materials and tailored the training session in accordance with the local context. Subsequent to the training, UNICEF, as one of the UN agency partners of the project, used the materials and partnered with these trainers to build the capacity of teachers and officials from the Ministry of Education on disability rights.

Finally, OHCHR encouraged the adoption of an integrated and participatory approach to reporting to the international human rights mechanisms and the implementation of their recommendations under the Mechanism’s pillar. New policies and laws on housing, land and evictions were adopted that comply with human rights standards under the Development pillar.

In 2018, the work of OHCHR in Europe and Central Asia covered 54 countries, including nine territories run by de facto authorities. OHCHR established a new field presence in Belarus by deploying a Human Rights Adviser to the UN Country Team (UNCT). OHCHR stepped up its engagement with Armenia, Moldova and Montenegro through the deployment of human rights officers in each country, as surge capacity within the respective UNCTs. In other locations, OHCHR maintained a strong country engagement from Geneva and through its field presences, including the Regional Offices for Europe (based in Brussels) and for Central Asia (based in Bishkek). Human Rights Advisers in the Republic of North Macedonia and the South Caucasus (based in Georgia), human rights officers/staff in the Russian Federation and Serbia; one human rights component of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, and the Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

During the reporting period, the Europe and Central Asia region faced multiple challenges to human rights. These included rule of law challenges; the persistence of frozen conflicts in disputed territories; discrimination, hate speech and attacks against migrants, Roma, LGBTI persons and civil society; racism and xenophobia; threats against journalists and media freedom; reprisals against human rights defenders; corruption; terrorism; shrinking civic space; the use of legal regulations and sanctions to limit fundamental freedoms; the arbitrary deprivation of liberty; and the use of torture against persons in detention; and wide development disparities.

Table: Human Rights Missions

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UN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FIELD

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To evaluate the various challenges facing the region, OHCHR carried out field assessment missions, including to Armenia (on human rights aspects of mass protests), Austria (on migration with a focus on the return of migrants), France (on non-discrimination, the right to housing and related human rights of Roma), Hungary and Poland (on civic space, the rule of law and migration) and Moldova and Ukraine (on the overall assessment of OHCHR’s in-country presence, with a focus on early warning, human rights in conflict resolution and civic space). Through direct engagement and communication with Member States, remote monitoring and public advocacy, the Office identified early warning signs of potential human rights violations and crises and encouraged the development and implementation of recommendations to address such situations.

The Office also pursued a programmatic focus on providing advisory services, technical cooperation, training and capacity building and other requested assistance for Governments, national human rights institutions, the judiciary, lawyers, parliamentarians, civil society and UNCTs in their engagement with and follow-up to reviews undertaken by the international human rights mechanisms.

The Office ensured the full implementation of relevant Human Rights Council and General Assembly mandates, including through support provided to the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus; the drafting of annual reports to the Human Rights Council on the question of human rights in Cyprus and on cooperation with Georgia; and the provision of support for presentations of four quarterly reports and two thematic reports on Ukraine through an interactive dialogue with the Human Rights Council. The Office also supported remote monitoring of the human rights situation in Turkey and published a report, in March, on the human rights impact of the state of emergency.

During the reporting period, OHCHR organized, provided substantive inputs for and participated in missions of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to Austria and Slovenia, as well as visits to Bern, Brussels, New York and Paris. The Office was similarly involved in other senior level missions, including visits of the Deputy High Commissioner to Brussels, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden; the Assistant Secretary-General to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan; and other senior managers to Austria, Belgium, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. In the context of protracted conflicts in Europe, OHCHR conducted visits to disputed territories in order to directly engage with de facto authorities, rights-holders, de facto Ombudspersons and civil society. Of particular note, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, UN Senior Expert on Human Rights in Transnistria, prepared a report on the human rights situation in the Transnistrian region, based on his latest visit in 2018. This was a follow-up to his initial report issued in 2013.

The Office also supported integrated reporting and the implementation of outstanding recommendations issued by the treaty bodies, the special procedures, the Human Rights Council and the UPR by building the capacity of State officials to report to the treaty bodies and by raising awareness about the international human rights mechanisms across various stakeholder groups. Following the deployment of the Human Rights Adviser to the Republic of Belarus in July, a seminar was organized by the Office, in September, which increased the capacity of 30 State officials, of which 20 were women, from different line ministries to report to the treaty bodies and undertake human rights assessments. The seminar enhanced the understanding of participants on how to prepare State Party reports, including the upcoming report to CRPD. It also provided practical knowledge about the review process in Geneva and establishment of a NMRF.

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**Type of engagement**

- Human Rights Adviser

**Year established**

- 2018

**Field office(s)**

- Minsk

**UN partnership framework**

- United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2016-2020

**Staff as of 31 December 2018**

- 1

**XII requirements 2018**

- US$240,200

**Key OMP pillars in 2018**

- **P6** – The voice of people affected by decisions, particularly victims and those who face discrimination, is more clearly heard.

**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

**Mechanisms (M)**

- **M1** – A National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF) is existing and working to a substantial extent.

- OHCHR supported integrated reporting and the implementation of outstanding recommendations issued by the treaty bodies, the special procedures, the Human Rights Council and the UPR by building the capacity of State officials to report to the treaty bodies and by raising awareness about the international human rights mechanisms across various stakeholder groups.

**Participation (P)**

- **P6** – The voice of people affected by decisions, particularly victims and those who face discrimination, is more clearly heard.

During the reporting period, the Office consistently advocated for meetings between civil society, including victims of human rights abuses, and relevant parts of Government and the UN system, thereby ensuring the voices of victims were heard. For example, the Office supported a civil society meeting with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children and meetings between UNCT members and mother’s children and youth in prison for drug use. The HRA also ensured that a broader range of civil society groups was invited to Government consultations and meetings.
**CENTRAL ASIA**

**Type of engagement**
Regional Office

**Countries of engagement**
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

**Year established**
2008

**Field office(s)**
Bishkek, with field offices in Astana, Almaty (Kazakhstan), Osh (Kyrgyzstan), Dushanbe (Tajikistan), United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia in Ashgabat (Turkmenistan)

**Staff as of 31 December 2018**
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**Total income**
US$809,287

**XB requirements 2018**
US$1,401,000

**Total XB expenditure**
US$875,559

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**Key OMP pillars in 2018**
- Accountability (A)

**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

### Accountability (A)

**A1 – Governments act to ensure that legislation, policies and State practices with respect to the criminal justice system comply with international human rights standards.**

**OHCHR contributed to improving the level of compliance of legislation/policy with international human rights standards in the areas of criminal justice and justice system reform in the region.**

In 2018, the Office continued advocating for the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession, as well as comprehensive justice reform across all countries of the region, by facilitating high-level policy and legislative discussions. The seventh Regional Criminal Justice Forum, co-organized by OHCHR with the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and UNODC, resulted in fruitful discussions regarding achievements in legal and judicial reforms and challenges in implementing international human rights standards. Participants included parliamentarians, government officials, the judiciary, law enforcement, bar associations, academia, civil society and national human rights institutions (NHRIs) from all five Central Asian countries. Furthermore, the Asian Forum on Human Rights in Samarkand, which was, among others, co-organized by the Office, UNDP and Uzbekistan’s National Human Rights Centre, provided an example of the Office’s renewed engagement in Uzbekistan.

In Kazakhstan, the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), with the support of the Office, increased the capacity of its staff members to exercise their role in preventing torture, and was able to extend staff tenure to two years to ensure better continuity. The Office also successfully advocated for broadening the NPM’s mandate by defining places of deprivation of liberty in accordance with international standards.

In Kyrgyzstan, the Office maintained its long-term support for comprehensive reform of the criminal justice process. In preparation for the entry into force of the revised criminal code and criminal procedure code, comprehensive training was provided to all actors involved in the criminal justice process and specific manuals were produced. The Office also highlighted concerns – bilaterally and publicly – about the use of criminal justice legislation within the context of preventing and countering violent extremism.

In Uzbekistan, renewed engagement led to the preparation of specific guidance on several draft laws in the thematic areas of domestic and gender-based violence, prevention of violent extremism as well as on the NPM and the Decree of the President regulating the mandate and status of the NMRF.

In Tajikistan, OHCHR supported State authorities and civil society in advancing their work on comprehensive anti-terrorism legislation and drafting of the national action plan on implementing CAT concluding observations. The Office undertook an intermediary role and ensured that related processes of legislative development would be designed in a participatory manner.

**A2 – National human rights institutions are more effective, independent and interconnected in accordance with the Paris Principles (Paris Principles).**

- OHCHR contributed to increasing the compliance of NHRIs in the region with international standards (Paris Principles). In 2018, building on the achievements of the “Central Asia Support Initiative for National Human Rights Institutions” (CASI-NHRI), which was supported by OHCHR and UNDP and implemented at the regional and national levels, the regional cooperation platform of the region’s five Ombudsperson institutions was strengthened by leveraging synergies between countries. At the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), which was attended by the five Ombudspersons of the region, the CASI-NHRI was highlighted as a key example of the operationalization of the GANHRI-OHCHR-UNDP tripartite partnership. In addition, a regional capacity-development workshop on human rights education for mid-level NHRIs staff extended regional cooperation beyond the NHRIs’ leadership and established informal cooperation channels. The CASI-NHRI undertook advocacy and capacity-development activities at

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*Please refer to Data sources and notes on p.191.
the national level across the region. In Kazakhstan, advocacy efforts continued to focus on the need to substantially strengthen the Ombudsperson Institution.

In Kyrgyzstan, a strong working relationship between the Office and the Ombudsperson culminated in a joint event on the occasion of Human Rights Day (10 December) with the participation of the President. In Uzbekistan, a joint capacity assessment was undertaken with UNDP assistance in the Asia Pacific Forum, which contributed to the identification of capacity needs of the Office of the Ombudsperson in Uzbekistan. After the public launch of the capacity assessment report in early 2019, the Ombudsperson plans to develop a detailed road map to implement recommendations aimed at facilitating its compliance with the Paris Principles.

Mechanisms (M)

M1 – National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRFs) successfully fulfilled their mandates; they engage with international human rights mechanisms, and coordinate reporting and follow-up, and to that end consult relevant national actors and share information with them and with the public.

The Office contributed to strengthening NMRFs in relation to the recommendations issued by the treaty bodies, special procedures, Human Rights Council and the UPR.

All five Central Asian countries have fully operational NMRFs and national human rights focal points that are responsible for co-ordinating, drafting and/or compiling information for State reporting and follow-up in relation to the international human rights mechanisms. In view of the reporting cycle of countries in the region and the specific needs of their NMRFs, seven trainings were organized by OHCHR in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The objective of the trainings was to help the national teams overcome late reporting issues and/or improve the quality of their State reports. In Tajikistan, OHCHR’s technical support on alternative reporting to CEDAW resulted in the submission of several NGO shadow reports. The Office also provided technical assistance on engagement with the UN human rights mechanisms and alternative reporting to NGOs in Kyrgyzstan and the Ombudsperson’s Institute in Kyrgyzstan.

M3 – Policymakers, legislators and judges more frequently reference and apply the recommendations of international human rights mechanisms.

With OHCHR technical support, the level of compliance of legislation/policy with international human rights norms and standards has improved.

A series of compendiums of the recommendations issued by the UN human rights mechanisms that were in force in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan became the basis for a draft National Human Rights Action Plan and a National Human Rights Strategy respectively. These draft documents were elaborated with the help of the Office and other UN agencies, international organizations and CSOs. It is anticipated that they will be adopted in 2019. The Office provided technical support to the drafting of National Action Plans on the implementation of CAT, CRC and CEDAW recommendations in Tajikistan and advocated for a National Action Plan on the implementation of the Istanbul Protocol in Kyrgyzstan, which is pending approval.

Development (D)

DT – When they implement the SDGs and other development plans, more Central Asian States and UN Country Teams adopt a human rights-based approach and the recommendations of human rights mechanisms.

The Office contributed to the satisfactory integration of international human rights norms, standards and principles and recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms into the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) in Central Asia.

In all countries of the region, human rights standards provided the impetus for ensuring that a human rights-based approach (HRBA) was applied to the collection, analysis and dissemination of data and to the elaboration of relevant human rights indicators and their inclusion into national human rights strategies. The disaggregation of quality data remained one of the primary challenges in the region, as was a lack of inclusiveness in its collection, monitoring and evaluation.

Technical guidance was provided to the UNCts in Central Asian countries on integrating human rights standards into UN programming, including through information sessions on the application of a HRBA to data, in the creation of development programming and in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The skills and capacities of NMRFs and national human rights focal points to make linkages between the implementation of SDG targets and the recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms were enhanced during seven capacity-building activities. These training activities focused on the convergence between human rights and the 2030 Agenda and were held in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. In Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, the Governments were trained on how to pay specific attention to human rights in-dicators to creating linkages between human rights and monitoring mechanisms and the implementation of the SDGs.

Participation (P)

P1 – Civil society organizations, human rights defenders, and marginalized groups increasingly claim their rights and promote the rights of their constituencies, and can participate more freely in public life.

The use of national protection systems in compliance with international human rights norms and standards by supporting civil society actors to claim the rights of their constituencies has increased.

OHCHR and civil society partners organized one of the largest gatherings of human rights defenders of Central Asia in Kyrgyzstan, in May, that included the participation of the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights. The event provided a platform to discuss current security developments and challenges for defenders, including on reprisals for cooperation with the United Nations. The event also provided a unique opportunity for Uzbekistani human rights defenders to connect with the wider human rights defenders’ community in the region.

In Kazakhstan, nearly 100 human rights activists were trained on exercising the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, with a specific focus on practical application in Kazakhstan. A series of regional consultations was initiated, which brought together local authorities and civil society actors – for the first time – to discuss issues related to the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly and association on a national and regional level.
The Office undertook a major advocacy campaign on human rights in view of the development of the next EU budget (Multi-Annual Financial Framework). The campaign, which included the launch of the publication The EU budget: a tool to close in on rights gaps in Europe and several newspaper articles, contributed to the inclusion of programmatic and funding commitments for human rights in the European Commission’s budget proposals for the period after 2020.

Partially as a result of OHCHR’s advocacy with the European Commission, the EU adopted, in June, new standards to strengthen the independence and effectiveness of national anti-discrimination bodies, similar to the Paris Principles for national human rights institutions.

OHCHR’s continued efforts in favour of the human rights of the Roma sought to advance a human rights-based approach to Roma inclusion. OHCHR’s analysis of the mid-term evaluation of the EU’s Roma Framework contributed to steps by the European Commission to include the tackling of the segregation of Roma in education and housing in EU policy.

The Office resolutely challenged ongoing hate speech against Roma in numerous European campaigns. In 2018, the European Commission contributed to the adoption of a resolution by the European Parliament recognizing anti-gypsyism as a specific form of racism.

Building on the work of previous years, OHCHR continued to advocate for the deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities and children by influencing EU financial instruments. At the level of the EU member States, OHCHR conducted workshops on inclusive education in Belgium and the Netherlands, and underwrote migration missions to Bulgaria and Latvia.

During the reporting period, OHCHR’s support for LGBTI rights advocates in Romania and the EU delivered results when the Romanian Constitutional Court ordered that Mr. Robert Clabourn Hamilton, a citizen of the United States, be issued a residence permit in Romania and the EU delivered results when the Romanian Constitutional Court ordered that Mr. Robert Clabourn Hamilton, a citizen of the United States, be issued a residence permit in Romania. OHCHR called on the EU to re-focus the narrative on the positive contributions that migrants make to the EU. In the course of the Forum, OHCHR also raised the awareness of an audience of 800 people about racism, anti-gypsyism, youth and people of African descent.

In 2018, OHCHR strengthened its partnership with OHCHR and the European Network against Racism to draw attention of the European public to the International Day for the Elimination of Racist and Ethnic Discrimination. The US Commission for Human Rights, the Office participated in the launch of anti-racism campaign on racism being black in the EU. The Office further trained youth activists of African descent.

As part of its targeted outreach to youth, the Office organized or co-organized three other major initiatives. These were a regional workshop in collaboration with the European Youth Forum; a full-day discussion on human rights with students from Warsaw University, which was followed by 35,000 people online; and a youth event in Brussels with 2,000 participants.

Participation (P)

P7 – National, regional and international actors act promptly and more effectively to protect civic space, especially in Hungary and Poland.

Critical human rights issues that have been raised by OHCHR have been taken up to a greater extent in EU institutions in a timely manner.

A major achievement, to which OHCHR contributed through its advocacy campaigns and the next EU budget, was the European Commission’s proposal that the EU budget should include a “rule-of-law conditionality” clause (tying the use of EU funds to respect for the rule of law) and a “Justice and Values Fund” to help civil society organizations under threat. At various events by EU institutions, including the EU Fundamental Rights Colloquium and the EU Fundamental Rights Forum, OHCHR called for dedicated EU funding for national and local civil society organizations working on human rights in the EU.

Sustained engagement by the Office, particularly in its monitoring and advocacy, bolstered efforts by national, regional and international actors to respond more effectively to challenges to the rule of law and threats to civic space in a number of EU countries. A series of meetings, as well as engagement with EU institutions, demonstrated the need to continue exchanges with civil society and regional actors on developments in Hungary and Poland, helped to maintain a focus on the need for concerted international action.

The European Parliament made extensive use of UN human rights standards, for the first time, to take action against an EU Member State for breaches of values and rights. The European Parliament grounded its comprehensive resolution while opening the legal proceedings against Hungary.
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issued by the Human Rights Committee, the 2014 concluding observations issued by CRC, the recommendations issued by the UN Working Group on arbitrary
detention, the Special Rapporteur on ex-
treme poverty and human rights and the Special Rapporteur on the right to ade-
quate housing, and the statements of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The
increased referencing to the internation-
al human rights system is part of a wider
strategy of OHCHR to strengthen human
rights and rule of law accountability in EU
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wards building the capacity of national
human rights mechanisms under the
protection of women and girls from
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Key OMP pillars in 2018

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| At – Law enforcement institutions have substantially improved systems and pro-
cedures that protect the human rights of women, persons with disabilities, victims
of torture and ill-treatment, and Roma and other minorities. |
| OHCHR contributed to improving systems and procedures to protect the human rights
of Roma and of victims of torture by raising awareness, providing expert legal advice and
enhancing the interaction with international human rights mechanisms. |
| OHCHR and the National Association of Roma Community Mediators collaborated
to strengthen the awareness of 40 per-
cents of Roma origins (21 women, 19 men)
through training that focused on equality
and non-discrimination. |
| The number of Roma community medi-
ators increased from 17 in 2017 to 30 in
December 2018. |
| A conference on the implementation of CAT in the Republic of Moldova brought

together law enforcement officials to raise their awareness about combating torture.
The Office prepared an analysis for the
Ministry of Justice on the potential pro-
tection mechanisms that are in place for
whistle blowers of torture cases. OHCHR
also assisted the National Preventive
Mechanism with its submission to CAT as
part of its follow-up to the 2017 review. |
| **Participation (P)** |
| P6 – Vulnerable rights-holders, notably individuals with disabilities, participate
more frequently and more fully in forming public policy and drafting laws, including
by taking public office. |
| OHCHR advanced the meaningful par-
ticipation of persons with disabilities on
both banks of the Nistru River by facilitat-
ing learning, as well as dialogue between
diverse stakeholders. |
| During the reporting period, the Office provided financial and technical sup-
port for the first conference on the rights of persons with disabilities in the
Transnistrian region that was held in
Traspol in December. In the same period,
Chisinau hosted the National Conference
on the rights of persons with disabilities that has joined rights-holders from both
banks of the Nistru River. The objectives
of the conferences were to support the
establishment of policy priorities and raise
awareness about the rights of persons with
disabilities at the national level and in
the Transnistrian region. |
| To ensure greater social inclusion of per-
sions with disabilities in the Transnistrian
region, a total of 73 representatives of
the de facto authorities and service providers
from the left bank of the Nistru River were
trained on CRPD principles, human rights-
and community-based services. More
than 120 persons, including 40 women
and 30 men with disabilities, were trained
by OHCHR. |
| **EMPowered to Advocate for the Rights of Persons with disabilities** |
| Alexander Kovalchuk is a 37-year-old man using a wheelchair. He has been immobi-
limized in the chair for 19 years. The first eight years of his rehabilitation were the most
complicated as he spent them confined to bed. Alexander lives in the Transnistrian
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ways of improving the rights of those persons in the Transnistrian region. With support
and empowerment from UN Human Rights, Alexander transformed his role from a
beneficiary of support to a human rights advocate and a journalist. |
| In September, Alexander became the Secretary of the Sustainable (Community)
Development Platform, which was created as an advocacy tool for persons from un-
derrepresented groups from the Transnistrian region. He had been involved with the
Platform from the very beginning, when he participated in the conference that was held in
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ratify the CRPD in December 2017. The unilateral adherence to the
CRPD by the de facto authorities took place in June 2018. |
| In September 2017, Alexander joined the faculty of journalism at Tiraspol University,
where he is currently writing articles about persons with disabilities and subjects
that are related to his UN internship and Platform activity. He is also very active on
social media. Since July, Alexander has served as the Chair of the Board of a Transnistrian
NGO called “Participation.” Finally, as a result of his work as a journalist, he received
the Keystone Journalist Gran Prix for his articles on persons with disabilities. |
| In order to secure a permanent job, Alexander is undergoing training as a graphic de-
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Platform from the very beginning, when he participated in the conference that was held in
July 2017. He was also among the signatories of the petition to the de facto Parliament to
ratify the CRPD in December 2017. The unilateral adherence to the
CRPD by the de facto authorities took place in June 2018.

In September 2017, Alexander joined the faculty of journalism at Tiraspol University,
where he is currently writing articles about persons with disabilities and subjects
that are related to his UN internship and Platform activity. He is also very active on
social media. Since July, Alexander has served as the Chair of the Board of a Transnistrian
NGO called “Participation.” Finally, as a result of his work as a journalist, he received
the Keystone Journalist Gran Prix for his articles on persons with disabilities.

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sions with disabilities in the Transnistrian
region, a total of 73 representatives of
the de facto authorities and service providers
from the left bank of the Nistru River were
trained on CRPD principles, human rights-
and community-based services. More
than 120 persons, including 40 women
and 30 men with disabilities, were trained
by OHCHR.
OHCHR supported the creation and enhanced functionality of the two key national human rights mechanisms, which were established in 2018, by facilitating knowledge learning and the transfer of knowledge regarding engagement with the international human rights mechanisms.

Following consistent advocacy unnec- essary undertaken by OHCHR and its partners during the reporting period, the Parliament approved the National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP) and established the Permanent Human Rights Secretariat as the mechanism for the coordination and monitoring of the Plan’s implementation. The NHRAP was developed by taking into account the recommen- dations issued by the UPR in 2016 and those issued by several treaty bod- ies and special procedures in 2017. Staff members from the Permanent Secretariat Directorate, which hosts the Permanent Human Rights Secretariat and other hu- man rights-related bodies that are within the State Chancellery, were trained by OHCHR on human rights monitoring mech- anisms and the implementation of their recommendations.

The Office contributed to examining the level of compliance of legislation/policy with international human rights norms and standards and producing disaggregated data on the rights of those left behind in the Republic of Moldova. In December, the Human Rights Perception Study was completed and launched with the support of OHCHR. The study provided an assessment tool to determine the extent to which human rights are being respected, protected and fulfilled in the Republic of Moldova. Compared with its 2016 predecessor, the research was focused also on disaggre- gating data on perceptions on the rights of persons with disabilities, LGBTI per- sons, religious minorities, Roma people, people living in rural areas, persons living with HIV, ethno-linguistic minorities and non-citizens. The findings of the research will serve as a roadmap in shaping human rights interventions in accordance with the needs of the rights holders.

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women, including sexual violence, as a form of discrimination. To support civil society advocacy in addressing this omission, OHCHR translated and promoted CEDAW General Recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women. This contributed to civil society raising an issue with CEDAW and CRPD, which considered the report of the Republic of North Macedonia in 2018. As a result, CEDAW issued a specific recommendation (120), which the Law should recognize all forms of gender-based violence against women. The Parliament adopted the law in March 2019 but failed to follow up on this recommendation.

To improve its effectiveness in addressing discrimination, the Government established a national coordination body on non-discrimination, in April. At the request of the Government, OHCHR provided technical advice to the Body which has since adopted a Programme 2018-2020 and identified the legislation that will need to be aligned with the new anti-discrimination Law.

Under the aegis of the Free & Equal campaign, and in partnership with the Association of Journalists and UNDP, 18 journalists from national and local media were trained in non-discriminatory reporting about LGBTI persons and a guide on reporting was developed for their use.

ND1 – National mechanisms for the implementation and monitoring of CRPD are in place, are compliant with the standards and have sufficient capacities for effective functioning.

OHCHR contributed to raising the awareness and the capacities of government officials of the obligations under CRPD and supported them to engage with the Committee for the consideration of the State’s initial report in September 2018.

To promote in-depth understanding of the Convention and its implementation, OHCHR translated into the national language and disseminated the first six general comments by the Committee. As a result, the Government and civil society have increased their knowledge of CRPD. In April, the Government established a new coordination mechanism for implementation aligned with article 33.1 of CRPD, “the National Coordination Body for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities” (NKT CRPD). OHCHR provided training for its members to ensure their common understanding of the CRPD concepts and use of analytical and operational tools to improve the effectiveness of the coordination work. The NKT CRPD has since led the State delegation for the Committee’s consideration of the initial State Party report in September, disseminated the CRPD recommendations and prepared a plan for their implementation, as well as launched a sign language version of the Convention, on 3 December, with support from the UNCT.

ND2 – Increased public recognition of the need to combat child marriage as a harmful practice.

The level of engagement of the UNCT and its civil society partners in combating child marriage as a human rights violation and a harmful practice increased as a result of awareness-raising that was based on recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms.

In 2018, civil society and the UNCT focused their efforts on using the occasion of CEDAW’s review of North Macedonia’s sixth periodic report, in November, to raise the long-neglected issue of child marriage. In its concluding observations, CEDAW recommended a set of concrete measures to be undertaken by the State that would fully reflect the concerns raised by civil society. Civil society organizations have already begun using the recommendations as an entry point for making a stronger case with relevant authorities and the general public to combat this harmful practice.

Development (D)

D4 – The national strategy on sexual and reproductive health ensures that services, including modern contraception and pregnancy termination, are provided without discrimination, especially to marginalized women and girls.

The Office contributed to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights by conducting specialized training and guidance on engagement with the international human rights mechanisms for public health officials and providing technical assistance to organizations working on sexual and reproductive health.

In November 2018, OHCHR supported the national civil society partner, HERA - Health Education and Research Association, to conduct the first training for 18 public health officials (16 women and 2 men), on reporting and follow-up to the recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms. The training clarified the right to health and the role of public health officials in States’ interactions with the human rights mechanisms as well as in the ways in which they can contribute to the realization of human rights.

OHCHR’s engagement with civil society concentrated on technical advice and support for the organizations working on sexual and reproductive health and rights so they could bring the concerns of those most excluded to the attention of the international human rights mechanisms. This strategy was particularly timely as two treaty bodies, namely CEDAW and CRPD, were preparing to consider the reports of the State. With OHCHR’s guidance, several civil society organizations reached out to women farmers and Roma women living in sub-standard settlements to facilitate their participation in the civil society organizations’ oral presentation in front of the CEDAW Committee in November in Geneva.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Population size: 143.96 million
Surface area: 7,800,462 sq km
Human Development Index*: 0.81 (rank 49/188 in 2016)
Year established: 2008
Field office(s): Moscow
Staff as of 31 December 2018: 5

Key OMP pillars in 2018:

US$949,100

Participation (P)

P3 – The Russian Federation and selected countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) expand and strengthen their human rights higher education programmes.

The Office contributed to strengthening the narrative on human rights by raising awareness about and integrating human rights into university curricula across the Russian Federation and CIS countries. Building on progress made during the previous OHCHR Management Plan 2014-2017, the Human Rights Master’s Programme Consortium in the Russian Federation was institutionalized in 2018 as a legal entity called the “Research Institute for Problems of Globalization and Human Rights.” The aim of this institutionalization was to strengthen strategic planning and enhance the future sustainability of the Programme. To further consolidate the curricula of the Master’s Programme, the Consortium began developing, with OHCHR advice, two new textbooks on economic, social and cultural rights and the rights of the child.

The 2018 Summer School on Human Rights, hosted by the Consortium, brought together more than 200 university students from 17 universities in four CIS countries. The focus of the week-long programme was the seventeenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), its legacy and emerging challenges. The Summer School offered an intensive interdisciplinary learning programme aimed at expanding the students’ knowledge about the scope and content of the UDHR and the UN human rights system.
OHCHR supported greater awareness and use of international human rights mechanisms by NHRIs and government representatives from the Russian Federation.

In 2018, Russia’s High Commissioner for Human Rights (NHRM) submitted several reports to human rights mechanisms, with OHCHR assisting with information on procedures, timelines and substance. It prepared a shadow report for CRPD prior to its consideration of the Russian Federation’s initial report. A representative of the NHRI attended the sixty-fourth session of CAT and presented a shadow report containing 5,063 complaints received by the Ombudsman in 2017, mostly focusing on poor living conditions and medical services. The Ombudsman’s Office also submitted a report prior to the Russian Federation’s third UPR cycle.

Within the 2007 Framework of Cooperation between OHCHR and the Russian Federation, 13 Russian Federation co-representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Youth, Sports, as well as representatives from the Office of the Russian Federation at the European Court of Human Rights and the State Penitentiary Service, participated in a one-week human rights orientation programme that was held in Geneva, in November 2018. OHCHR facilitated a series of interactive learning sessions on the promotion and protection of human rights, and OHCHR’s mandate. The orientation programme, with support on the work of the international human rights mechanisms and the importance of following up on their recommendations. The participants found the programme to be particularly useful for coordinating efforts between government officials responsible for national reporting and interacting with the international human rights mechanisms.

The Office contributed to increasing the level of compliance of legislation/policy with international human rights norms and standards regarding the rights of indigenous peoples and minority rights. OHCHR continued to build the capacity of indigenous peoples to undertake advocacy and facilitated the selection of candidates (70 per cent of whom were women) from different regions of the Russian Federation for the Russian-language component of the OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship Programme. The Moscow segment, which was implemented by the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia and received technical support from the Office, involved experienced advocacy practitioners, such as representatives from the Ombudsman’s Office, government officials, members of the Council of the Federation, UN agencies and former Fellows.

Building on previous anti-discrimination work, OHCHR cooperated with the Moscow city Government and the Moscow Ombudsman to organize a high-level meeting on “Promoting diversity and a discrimination-free environment in cities hosting the FIFA World Cup 2018,” prior to the 2018 World Cup. OHCHR finalized the text of a “non-discrimination legacy package” that was elaborated by participants and circulated to relevant stakeholders for follow-up beyond the World Cup.

In collaboration with the Ombudsman in the Voronezh region and with the support of the local Government, OHCHR co-organized an interregional conference titled “Problems of persons with disabilities in the current situation and measures related to the realization of their rights in accordance with CRPD.” The conference was held in Voronezh and included the participation of high-level State officials, human rights commissioners, journalists and civil society representatives. Concrete proposals for improving the situation were reflected in a resolution that was addressed to relevant regional and federal authorities for action. The proposals were also presented at the Moscow Interregional Expert Forum entitled “Modern tendencies in the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.” The Forum was organized by Moscow’s Ombudsman, with support from the Moscow Government, and took place within the framework of celebrations of the seventieth anniversary of the UDHR and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Russian Constitution.

In addition, under the Development pillar, OHCHR took steps to strengthen collaboration with business through interactions with the UN Global Compact Network Russia to promote the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the role of the private sector in implementing the SDGs.

On 24 September, UN Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation co-organized a side event during the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council to promote the Human Rights Master’s Programme (HRMP) that had been developed by the Consortium of nine Russian universities. The programme aims to support a team at the University of Economics, Management and Humanities in Moscow. In less than 10 years since the launch of the programme, as a result of international cooperation, more than 60 students have benefited from internships in 20 universities associated with the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EUC). Over 100 individuals have participated in nine annual human rights summer schools in Venice and 216 graduates from universities across the Russian Federation, including in Voronezh, Kazan, Perm, Yekaterinburg and Moscow. As part of the development of the Master’s Programme, UN Human Rights facilitated access to international human rights expertise, advised on substance and methodology, promoted modules focusing on UN human rights mechanisms and reinforced collaboration and networking.

In her opening remarks, the Deputy High Commissioner emphasized the importance of human rights education in strengthening knowledge and skills that are necessary for the development of a human rights culture that is based on the principles of UDHR. In her opinion, “a successful partnership between the Consortium of universities, national human rights institutions and UN Human Rights serves as a very good example of inter-institutional collaboration in vulnerable fields, such as human rights education. For instance, the developmental courses of the Consortium include a ‘human rights education module’ that is provided by the Russian State University of Social Economy. The module is based on the ‘Human Rights Education in Practice: An Example of Fruitful Human Rights-Russia Cooperation’ programme as a tool to promote human rights through capacity-building, education and training and will continue rendering support for its realization. According to the Russian Federation’s Ambassador, “the cooperation agreement between Russia and UN Human Rights was signed in 2007 and human rights education – the Master’s Programme – was among its main priorities. When we started it, we definitely expected that it would eventually become a success. However, the outcome surpassed even our boldest expectations. The interest among both educational institutions and students was indeed huge, but this was more or less predictable. What we could not have predicted was the demand for graduates.” The side event gave the floor to representatives of Consortium universities who presented their achievements. In addition, two graduates of the Programme, who currently work in the Russian Permanent Mission in Geneva, also shared their stories.

The HRMP is structured around international law and political science, as well as a human rights and international law interdisciplinary approach. With UN Human Rights support, the Consortium developed human rights courses and textbooks on a wide range of issues, such as the work of international and national human rights mechanisms, protection of vulnerable groups, including women, children, migrants, indigenous peoples, social and cultural rights, business and human rights, environmental rights and human rights in conflict. The event became the major HRMP promotional event at the international level in 2018 and attracted huge support from the audience for the programme at the Master’s level, in Russia and abroad.
The Office contributed to improving the level of compliance with international human rights norms and standards of policies and legislation in three specific policy areas by providing expert legal advice to key partners. The Office facilitated, convened or participated in processes related to national strategic and legal frameworks that focused on housing, anti-discrimination, Roma inclusion, persons living with HIV, persons with disabilities and others by providing guidance and expert advice on achieving compliance with international human rights standards. In particular, progress was made concerning the rights of migrants and refugees due to the adoption of a new set of laws on foreigners and asylum seekers; the rights of persons living with HIV due to the adoption of a new national strategy on HIV, and housing rights due to the elaboration of a draft housing strategy that complies with international human rights standards.

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**Mechanisms (M)**

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**KEY PILLAR RESULTS:**

**Accountability (A)**

A1 – The judiciary more often and more comprehensively references international human rights law in domestic decisions.

OHCHR contributed to advancing the extent to which international human rights law and jurisprudence has been used in court proceedings and decisions by providing technical advice for the creation of the first national curriculum for the application of international human rights law.

Following the capacity-building efforts that OHCHR undertook in the past few years regarding the application of international human rights law domestically and jurisprudence of UN treaty bodies and relevant regional mechanisms, the courts are more visible in cases related to international human rights standards.

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**Governance (G)**

G1 – The national human rights mechanism is independent and effective in ensuring respect for human rights.

The Office contributed to the increased compliance of Georgian national institutions with international human rights norms and standards, including with regard to the use of new technologies in the context of the right to privacy, international standards on the prohibition of torture and the right to a fair trial.

The new Human Rights Department at Georgia’s Ministry of Internal Affairs was established in early 2018. This Department, along with the police academy, has become a major partner for the Office. The Department achieved good progress in becoming an investigation resource for crimes involving domestic violence, discrimination and hate crimes.

OHCHR contributed to capacity-building of the new Department through awareness-raising on universal and regional standards on combating discrimination and hate crimes and training its staff on jurisdiction of UN treaty bodies and
In Azerbaijan, OHCHR collaborated with the UNCT and the National Coordination Council for Sustainable Development Secretariat to organize a workshop in July, on SDG localization and prioritization. The workshop focused on the prioritization of SDGs, targets and indicators and their translation into the national context, the recommendations outlined in the Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) mission report, and the Baku Principles and documents related to voluntary national review (VNR) priorities. The outcomes of the workshop contributed to the preparations of Azerbaijan’s 2019 VNR and the concept development of its 2030 Vision. The event brought together representatives from government agencies, including the Deputy Prime Minister, UN agencies, international organizations and civil society. In May, following the completion of Azerbaijan’s third UPR cycle and the publication of the UPR Working Group report and adoption of its UPR outcome, OHCHR translated all UPR documentation into Azerbaijani and prepared a matrix of UPR recommendations. Both documents were submitted to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for further dissemination to the NMfir in order to facilitate their follow-up activities. OHCHR also disseminated these materials to the UNCT’s members, international organizations and national stakeholders. Late in 2018, OHCHR took the lead in coordinating the UNCT’s programme activities to support the implementation process of the UPR recommendations through the UN Human Rights Thematic Group. To this end, the UNCT produced a specific matrix that outlined the agreed inputs of its members. In Georgia, OHCHR provided technical advice to UN partners, in particular UNDP and UNICEF, with regard to localities and the justice sector, especially in relation to free legal aid. It also focused on a number of key issues, such as the relationship between the Legal Aid Bureau and the Bar Association, to ensure that legal aid is available to marginalized populations.

OHCHR contributed to the increase of the use of national protection systems in compliance with international human rights norms and standards by persons with disabilities in Azerbaijan. OHCHR established a legal aid resource centre in Baku, Azerbaijan. During the reporting period, the centre provided two types of services: free professional legal assistance to members of vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, those with a low income and others seeking access to justice or legal redress in cases of alleged human rights violations; and free space for capacity-building, awareness-raising and other outreach activities for the benefit of civil society and human rights defenders, with a particular emphasis on the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights. As a result, between February and December, 355 applicants accessed the centre’s legal services and received legal assistance on a broad range of matters, including representation in civil and administrative court cases, rights to social benefits, property rights, family law and labour rights. Clients received services regarding various administrative, civil and criminal cases, including representation on procedural matters and assistance in preparing and submitting lawsuits, motions and other documents to courts of different levels, as well as requests, instances and complaints to public institutions. In addition to legal services rendered in Baku, OHCHR closely collaborated with the NHRI and Bar Association to organize monthly on-site legal services in the regions of Azerbaijan, where 207 out of 355 cases were handled. According to the centre’s data, the 355 applicants that received legal services included 160 women, 100 persons with disabilities, 160 persons with a low income, 70 persons who were unemployed and 25 persons with internally displaced person status. The centre undertook litigation in 60 cases (i.e. civil cases and lawsuits) and the remaining cases were addressed through administrative proceedings and consultations. A total of 140 cases dealt with social security status, 60 cases were related to property and housing rights and 50 cases were focused on labour and civil disputes. The OHCHR-supported centre also served as a resource hub that provided access to national legislative, international human rights instruments and other human rights-related educational materials for CSOs and lawyers’ community members. At the premises, OHCHR facilitated nine capacity-building events, including seminars, round-table talks, trainings and workshops. In total, 156 representatives, including 54 partners, OHCHR, journalists, social workers, teachers and others. The events highlighted the promotion and protection of women’s rights and the rights of the child, the role of media in the protection of human rights, sensitiza- tion of the mass media on social issues, youth participation and leadership.

The Office contributed to building the capacity of civil society organizations working on human rights in Armenia and Azerbaijan to engage with international human rights mechanisms by producing educational materials and organizing training sessions for civil society and the legal community. In Azerbaijan, the Office translated into Azerbaijani 29 educational materials, including coperations of the international human rights mechanisms and their syner- gies and differences with regional human rights mechanisms.
In partnership with UNDP, the Office worked towards improving the legislative framework on torture prevention in line with the international obligations of Ukraine (CAT and the recommendations issued by SPT, CPT and SRT); ensuring the proper documentation of torture cases in line with the Istanbul Protocol; building the capacity of law enforcement bodies to more effectively investigate torture and ill-treatment; and building a zero tolerance culture for torture and ill-treatment committed by all national actors. Following UN engagement with the Ministry of Justice and the Ombudsperson’s Office, the Government approved a “Roadmap on implementation of the recommendations of the UN Office undertook Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment following its visit to Ukraine in 2016”.

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PS3 – State authorities and non-State actors respect and promote the human rights of populations living in territories affected by conflict.

The level of compliance of legislation/policy with international human rights norms and standards has improved in a number of areas, including the payment of pensions to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and conflict-affected persons; the registration of births and deaths occurring in territories not controlled by the Government; and the facilitation of movements across the Contact Line.

The human rights reports prepared by the HRMMU include an analysis of the human rights challenges being faced by populations living in the conflict-affected areas of Ukraine. These reports have become instrumental in discussions between stakeholders, including those across the Contact Line. Peace and Security (PS5)

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PS3 – State authorities adopt and implement laws and programmes that prevent sexual violence from occurring in the context of conflict, violence and insecurity; they investigate and prosecute cases of sexual violence that occur.

The UN guidelines on incorporating a human rights-based approach have been increasingly applied by specific programmes of UN entities in Ukraine. The Office provided technical support to the UNCT on the implementation of the UN Partnership Framework (UNPF) between the Government and the UN system in Ukraine by using a human rights-based approach to programming. Specifically, the HRMMU provided expertise on data that relates to human rights and gender equality to strengthen the accountability of governmental institutions towards rights-holders.

The Office co-led Pillar 3 of the new UNPF (“Democratic governance, rule of law and civic participation”), formulated its outcomes and indicators and was involved in the implementation of Pillar 4 (“Human security, social cohesion and recovery with a particular focus on eastern Ukraine”).
In November, the Ministry of Justice submitted amendments integrating OHCHR’s recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers for further revision and approval that are pending as of April 2019. In June, the HRMMU conducted a technical review of the draft methodology that was developed by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine to monitor and evaluate the National Human Rights Strategy of Ukraine and its Action Plan. The review included concrete recommendations on enhancing monitoring, reporting and evaluation processes. As a result, the Ministry of Justice approved the monitoring and evaluation methodology for the National Human Rights Strategy and its Action Plan, which reflected recommendations made by the HRMMU. The Ministry of Justice requested further assistance from OHCHR to implement the newly designed methodology in 2019.

The HRMMU continued mainstreaming human rights through active participation in the UNCT and Humanitarian Country Team as well as through leading the Human Rights Working Group in Ukraine. The HRMMU is a member and one of the main contributors to the Protection Cluster and its products. Also, the HRMMU participates in working groups created within the humanitarian structure, such as Housing, Land and Property as well as Age and Disability Technical Working Groups presenting findings, concerns and recommendations and providing expert advice. The HRMMU led the preparation of a joint UNCT submission to CESCR in relation to the Committee’s preparation of a list of issues prior to reporting for Ukraine.

As part of the humanitarian agenda, the HRMMU analysis strongly supported the development of the 2018 joint rapid response action to address the disruption of basic services in the conflict-affected area, together with OCHA, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, and the Office served as an important source of information on the situation in the conflict-affected areas in relation to the Ukraine Multi-Year Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2019-2020.

The work of OHCHR in the Middle East and North Africa region covers 19 countries. The Office supported two regional offices/centres, the Regional Office for the Middle East North Africa and the UN Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region; four country offices (State of Palestine***, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen); one Human Rights Adviser (HRA) in the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Jordan; two human rights presences in UN Peace Missions in Iraq and Libya; and a project presence to build national capacity in human rights-related fields in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Office provided support to two special procedures country mandates, namely, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran. It also served as the Secretariat to the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, which was mandated by the General Assembly.

During 2018, the region continued to face significant challenges, including in situations of armed conflict, rise of violent extremism and counter-terrorism measures that negatively impact on civil and political rights, as well as discrimination against various groups. Human rights violations and breaches of international humanitarian law have been reported in the context of violence and armed conflicts in Iraq, Libya, the State of Palestine, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen.
A number of these contexts have been characterized by civilian casualties, damage to civilian infrastructure and large-scale displacements. However, several States are increasingly engaged with the international human rights mechanisms and the Office. This notwithstanding, the death penalty continues to be used extensively in a number of countries and concerns persist in relation to discrimination and/or increment of hatred directed against women and numerous groups, including migrants, persons with disabilities and ethnic and religious minorities.

In the course of the year, OHCHR field presences supported governments, civil society organizations and other actors to prevent violations and strengthen the protection of human rights, including in situations of conflict and insecurity; strengthen the rule of law and accountability for human rights violations; enhance equality and counter discrimination; and enhance participation and protect civic space.

The Office supported monitoring, public reporting and strategic advocacy. It also called for the protection of human rights across the region and an end to the escalation of violence, including through the preparation of reports and briefings to the UN Human Rights Council, the General Assembly and the Security Council.

The Office also undertook capacity-building missions and initiatives in Algeria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia and supported training sessions and workshops for the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry, in line with Human Rights Council resolution 36/31.

Numerous field presences worked to address challenges related to shrinking civic space in the region. The Office supported capacity-building for key actors in this regard by convening dedicated workshops and study visits for 24 representatives of civil society. It also sought to strengthen cooperation with NHRRs in the region, including newly established institutions in Lebanon and Kuwait. In addition, the Office organized dedicated study visits for groups of women human rights defenders and journalists. The Office implemented a programme, which involved awarding grants to 11 NGOs, based in seven countries in the region, to fund projects on the rights of women and gender equality, the rights of minorities, human rights defenders and the rights of persons with disabilities.

Finally, the Office coordinated a project on the protection of religious minorities, which was enriched through several regional workshops, seminars, side events and advocacy activities. The efforts of the Office in this regard were recognized by civil society organizations, including the International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty. The latter granted its 2018 Initiative Award to OHCHR for its “Faith for Rights” programme. The Beirut Declaration and its 18 commitments on “Faith for Rights” have been translated by NGOs or UN entities into eight different languages and have been referred to in numerous reports by the UN Secretary-General, treaty bodies, special procedures and civil society.

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When we met Nadia, in October, at her temporary accommodation at the Kapartu camp for displaced persons, situated in the outskirts of Dohuk in the Kurdistan Region of northern Iraq, she had just returned from the camp clinic to give blood. The samples are needed to help with the identification of human remains in mass graves. The Government of Iraq is planning to begin the exhumation of mass graves in Sinjar, approximately 110 kilometres from Mosul, in the Nineveh Governorate. Nadia’s nightmare first began in 2014 when ISIL apprehended Nadia and 10 members of her family as they attempted to flee their home.

“Once they (ISIL terrorists) captured us, they took all of our possessions; money, gold and mobile phones and separated the men from the women. After that, they transported us to Rambusia...then to Baaj, before taking us to an agricultural area in Kabushe,” Nadia explained. Nadia wept as she recounted what happened next to her and her three sisters. “At Kabushe, at gun point, they separated me and my three sisters from our parents. The four of us were taken to Baaj and detained in a single room. One evening, the Wali (ISIL mayor of Mosul) came with a group of men and each man took a girl for himself. One of the men, called Abu Al Hassan Al-Iraki, took me. One of my sisters was taken by Abu Saif, the other by Abu Gohran, and the fourth one by Abu Aysa Shaia. Al-Iraki took me to Kochi village and married me,” she said. Through tears Nadia conveyed how she was used as a sex slave and repeatedly raped by multiple men. “I was sold six times before my uncle secured my release by paying some money in May 2015,” she recounted. Nadia now lives with her mother, sisters and little brothers who were also released after a ransom was paid to their captors in 2015. Her father and her elder brother are still missing. “It’s very hard for me when I think of my father and brother. I wish to see them one day. I was very close with my father. We lived a simple and happy life. I think of them all the time. Right now, there are no adult male members in the family. We are suffering. I want the Government to help us to find more survivors and victims,” she pleaded. More than 3,000 Yazidi women, children and men are missing.

On 6 November, UNAMI issued a public report entitled “Unearthing atrocities: Mass graves in territories formerly controlled by ISIL.” The report supports the call for justice from the families of the victims. The report highlights that determining the circumstances surrounding the significant loss of life will be an important step in the mourning process for families and their journey to secure justice. According to the report, there are broader justice dynamics at play, including the need to ensure an historical record of what occurred in those locations, memorialize these sites, and, where feasible, identify victims.
**LIBYA: UNITED NATIONS SUPPORT MISSION IN LIBYA (UNSMIL)**

**Population size** 6.47 million

**Surface area** 1,676,000 km²

**Human Development Index** (HDI) (if applicable) 0.706 (rank: 114/188 in 2016)

**Status** 8, 2014

**Type of engagement** Peace Mission

**Year established** 2011

**Field office(s)** Based in Tunis, Tunisia

**UN partnership framework** n/a

**Staff as of 31 December 2018** 12

**Key OMP pillars in 2018**

**UN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT 2018**

**OHCHR report on arbitrary detention**

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**PS1 – Violations of international human rights and humanitarian law are monitored and reported by human rights defenders, enabling the international community to respond effectively to abuses by armed groups and cases of arbitrary and unlawful detention, torture, hostage-taking, and extra-judicial killings, while protecting civilians, upholding freedom of expression, and halting discrimination against women and migrants.**

**PS2 – The Human Rights Due Diligence Policy is used to conduct risk assessments of all the main national security forces (as well as non-State actors and de facto authorities where applicable). The UN provides support and appropriate mitigation measures are adopted and acted upon.**

**The Office contributed to the enhanced integration of international human rights norms and standards in the work of the UNSMIL by providing technical expertise on implementation and monitoring of the UN Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDPP).**

**In its capacity as Secretariat of the Task Force on HRDPP implementation in Libya, UNSMIL continued its efforts to facilitate the implementation of the HRDPP. More specifically, the HRD provided technical and substantive guidance on how to evaluate information regarding the human rights records of potential recipients of operational support. A number of mitigating measures were implemented in relation to support provided to the Libyan Coast Guard and the Libyan Directorate for Combating Illegal Migration. These measures included increased monitoring of compliance with human rights law by recipients of support and improved screening in order to exclude from support anyone with a problematic human rights record and to strengthen accountability.**

**In October, in the framework of a joint UNSMIL-UNDP project on policing and security, the United Nations system in Libya endorsed a risk assessment and mitigating measures Acton Plan in relation to national security forces, including those under the Ministries of the Interior and Justice.**

**Measures included setting of recipients of support, oversight and monitoring and relevant training for unit commanders and other senior officers, including on human rights.**

**OHCHR contributed to improving the level of compliance of a number of selected policy areas and legislation with international human rights norms and standards.**

**The Office cooperated with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) of Lebanon to assess the compliance of Law 220/2000 with international standards related to the rights of persons with disabilities. The Office conducted a comparative study that identified gaps in national legislation and outlined recommendations for improvement.**

**The findings and recommendations of the study were shared with national actors, including the National Commission**
for Disability Affairs, and local civil society organizations.

The Office also developed a training manual for judges to combat hate speech and violent extremism, fostering freedom of expression in the region. In collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Centre for Women, the Office conducted a baseline study on women’s participation in the judiciary.

The Office developed a manual on international human rights treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in order to provide it with the necessary guidance on how to report to the treaty bodies. OHCHR contributed to building the capacity of governmental officials (over 50 per cent of whom were women) to prepare State reports for submission to CEDAW and the UPR.

The Office also developed a manual on the linkages between SDGs and relevant human rights provisions. The manual will be used to build the capacity of the UN Country Team to mainstream human rights into their programmes.

The Office further contributed to the improvement of the narrative on selected human rights issues. OHCHR worked on enhancing the role of youth in combating hate speech, building tolerant societies based on respect and understanding and enhancing the rights of youth to participate in public affairs. To this end, the Office organized two events, in Tunis and Marrakech, for 70 female and male youth who represented various countries of the region. This resulted in the establishment of a strong network through which participants can exchange ideas on how to combat hate speech in their respective countries and enhance the participation of youth in public affairs.

The Office contributed to increasing the use of national protection systems in compliance with international human rights norms and standards. OHCHR assessed the need for monitoring and reporting on human rights at international borders in Algeria, Egypt and Morocco and on human rights violations against migrant workers, particularly domestic and construction workers in Jordan, Lebanon and Gulf Cooperation Council countries.

Following a literature review, the collection of information from the media, CSOs, INGOs and other UN entities, the Office concluded that there is a need to conduct monitoring and reporting at international borders. This will therefore be a priority area of work for the Office in 2019.

In partnership with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in Lebanon and the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism in Morocco and Tunisia, OHCHR conducted training and capacity-building sessions on human rights at international borders. Participants included security personnel and senior officials from border, customs and immigration agencies and the national and armed forces. The trainings were based on OHCHR Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders.

The Office provided support to migrants’ rights organizations in Lebanon, in particular organizations that focus on the protection of the rights of asylum-seekers and refugees, in order to draft a shadow report in anticipation of the upcoming review of Lebanon by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2019. Through capacity-building and technical assistance, OHCHR helped to strengthen the monitoring and advocacy work of civil society actors on the human rights of migrants, establish and facilitate a dialogue on this issue between civil society and governmental bodies and increase the protection of the human rights of migrants in Lebanon.

OHCHR also produced two key publications, namely, OHCHR Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders and OHCHR and GMG Principles and Guidelines. These publications will be used for capacity-building and training in the region for security personnel and other relevant actors involved in human rights governance measures and providing assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations.

Peace and Security (PS)

PS5 – In two countries, United Nations’ support to national and regional security forces and law enforcement agencies, and to non-State actors, integrates human rights and complies with the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy.

OHCHR contributed to the increased application of UN guidelines on the incorporation of human rights-based approach to specific programmes of UN entities.

In cooperation with a committee of experts from the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), the Office supported the mainstreaming of human rights into law enforcement through the development of a code of conduct for the LAF.

OHCHR also developed a human rights curriculum for the LAF Academy and trained 50 senior LAF officials. Finally, the Office organized a study tour to Jordan for 10 senior LAF officials to introduce them to the Jordanian experience in mainstreaming human rights into law enforcement.

Mechanisms (M)

M1 – National mechanisms for reporting and follow-up (NMRFs) are established and strengthened in three countries in the sub-region; their mandates are comprehensive and clear.

The Office contributed to the establishment and/or functioning of mechanisms for the integrated reporting and/or implementation of outstanding recommendations issued by the treaty bodies, special procedures, the Human Rights Council and the UPR.

During the reporting period, OHCHR supported the establishment of the NMRF in Lebanon. A total of 27 human rights focal points were officially appointed in each ministry to follow up on Lebanon’s international commitments and their submissions to the international human rights mechanisms, including the UPR, the treaty bodies and the special procedures. The Office provided technical training to NMRF members to enhance their knowledge about their functions and to introduce them to successful models from the region. The workshops were designed to tackle the reporting requirements pertaining to the form and content of State reports and the technicalities of addressing the recommendations issued by the treaty bodies. This led to an improvement in Lebanon’s submissions to the treaty bodies. In 2018, Lebanon submitted reports to the monitoring committees of CAT, CRC, ICCPR and ICESCR.

In response to the request of the Algerian National Human Rights Council (CNDH), OHCHR organized a workshop on the role of national human rights mechanisms for reporting and follow-up in Algiers. The workshop enabled the Office to engage with national actors and explore further cooperative opportunities with Algeria.

M2 – Civil society organizations and national human rights institutions are recognized as key stakeholders in the work of the human rights mechanisms; they are protected from reprisals by States.

Through advocacy and lobbying, the Office supported the establishment of three human rights structures in Lebanon: the NMRF, the NHRI and the National Preventive Mechanism. OHCHR succeeded in reaching out to 108 grassroots organizations from four governorates in Lebanon (Mount Lebanon, Bekaa, North and South) to build their capacities and enhance their knowledge about the international human rights mechanisms, including the UPR, the treaty bodies and the special procedures.
OHCHR contributed to raising critical human rights issues when they demand accountability and information, analysis and recommendations. When OHCHR reported findings, OHCHR contributed to improving the level of compliance of legislation and policies with international human rights norms and standards related to the protection of civic space. Based on consultations with the Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA), the Office has developed a strategy to address restrictions on civic space. Consequently, the Office conducted a number of activities to address the shrinking of civic space and the role of human rights defenders. One such activity was a radio talk show that highlighted key human rights issues. In addition, OHCHR organized round-table discussions with human rights defenders and representatives of the diplomatic community in relation to women human rights defenders, journalists and youth. The Office also produced short videos featuring human rights defenders who reflected on their experiences and the described some of the challenges that they confronted in their work. 

**Non-Discrimination (ND)**

ND3 – Israeli practices (as the occupying power) and Palestinian laws, policies and practices increasingly comply with international human rights standards with respect to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and other discriminatory practices against women, as a first step towards the promotion of women’s equality.

The Office contributed to improving the compliance of legislation and policies with international human rights norms and standards through advocacy efforts on women’s rights from a human rights-based approach, capacity-building initiatives for authorities and activities to address legal gaps and revise existing laws that promote SGBV and discriminate against women in the State of Palestine. As the Protection Cluster lead in the State of Palestine, the Office continued to raise awareness among the general public and targeted groups regarding SGBV issues and other discriminatory practices against women. As an example, the Office organized a round-table with women human rights defenders and diplomats in order to hear their stories and find ways that the international community can help to tackle the challenges that they face.

OHCHR contributed to improving the narrative on selected human rights issues through capacity-building and monitoring initiatives. Discrimination against certain groups, in particular LGBTI persons, continued to be scarcely acknowledged by national actors, including civil society organizations. OHCHR’s monitoring team identified groups with hidden vulnerabilities that suffer discrimination and undertook an assessment of legislative and policy gaps related to discrimination faced by these groups. The Office carried out a number of capacity-building activities on disability rights. With the support of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, OHCHR organized a series of events in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on the protection of persons with disabilities under international human rights law and international humanitarian law. It also took steps to emphasize the importance of mainstreaming disability into the humanitarian response. Moreover, OHCHR monitored a number of cases, including during detention visits. For the first time in the history of the Office, information on LGBTI persons was incorporated into a report of the High Commissioner to the Human Rights Council.

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During the reporting period, the Office focused on empowering and enabling the ICHR to fulfill its role and mandate of holding the Government accountable for the implementation of its international human rights obligations. OHCHR undertook a capacity assessment of ICHR to monitor treaty implementation. This assessment will form the basis for training activities commencing in 2019. In addition, the Office successfully brokered a written agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and ICHR, which defines ICHR’s role in national consultations for the drafting of State Party reports. This agreement was applied in relation to the national consultations that took place in the first quarter of 2018. OHCHR also provided substantive support to the drafting of an ICHR shadow report for CEDAW and the development of a shadow report for CERD’s upcoming review of State of Palestine.

As a central part of OHCHR’s capacity-building of Palestinian civil society organizations on their engagement with the international human rights mechanisms, the Office supported a number of actors in the development of shadow reports to the human rights treaty bodies. As a result, six civil society shadow reports were submitted in anticipation of CEDAW’s review of State of Palestine. During the reporting period, the Office contributed to improving the compliance of selected policy areas and legislation with international human rights norms and standards through legal analysis and advice.

In its ongoing capacity as the Protection Cluster Lead Agency, IHCHR guided the protection response and helped to build a broad consensus on the legal analysis, human rights-based approach and intervention standards that need to be applied in the context of the humanitarian response in the State of Palestine. In particular, OHCHR’s legal analysis guided the overall Humanitarian Country Team’s (HCT) advocacy approach and the humanitarian response to the main issues on its agenda. OHCHR’s legal analysis and protection considerations were also instrumental to the shaping of the HCT’s Advocacy Strategy for 2019-2020. The Strategy situates respect for international human rights law and international humanitarian law and accountability at the centre of the HCT’s advocacy objectives.
The Office provided advocacy and technical support to each of the three hubs, including updates on protection, to the MRM Global Horizontal Notes (GHN) and to the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2139 and subsequent resolutions. The Office supported advocacy efforts of the respective humanitarian coordinators by providing inputs on human rights and humanitarian situation in Syria and ensuring the accuracy and inclusion of appropriate human rights language in messaging in their public statements.

OHCHR supported the regional humanitarian coordinator’s evidence-based engagement, including through the civil-military coordination mechanism, in relation to a number of human rights and humanitarian concerns, particularly in north-east Syria. In partnership with the deputy regional humanitarian coordinator, OHCHR implemented two workshops. The first was held to discuss issues of relevance for persons with disabilities and the second focused on an analysis of the counter-terrorism law and concerns regarding the protection of humanitarian workers.

In addition, OHCHR held 12 monthly and four additional ad hoc meetings with Syrian civil society organizations through the forum of the Human Rights Reference Group. The meetings addressed issues such as detention, enforced disappearances, persons with disabilities, engagement with the International Impartial and Independent Mechanism (IIIM) on accountability and violence against women.

On the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of UDHR, OHCHR’s Syria Country Office launched a social media video campaign that highlighted the experiences and viewpoints of young Syrians with regard to the concept of dignity, one of the foundational pillars of the UDHR. The campaign is the result of a two-month advocacy effort undertaken by OHCHR and civil society partners who collected the testimonies of young people in different communities in Syria and abroad. More than 45 testimonies were collected and 12 were selected for inclusion in the video. The campaign was used to convey the diversity of situations that young Syrians have encountered in the past few years during which they felt that their dignity was undermined. As of the end of December, the video had attracted more than 6,600 views and will be used by the Office in 2019 as an advocacy tool on key human rights issues in the context of Syria.

OHCHR’s efforts to provide direct technical advice to the RC/HC, the Office helped to integrate human rights into the drafting, review and implementation of the Strategic Framework for Cooperation between the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Nations 2016-2019.

During the reporting period, the Office engaged with international organizations working on accountability in Syria and with the International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic at both strategic and technical levels. OHCHR facilitated dialogue between the IIIM and Syrian civil society groups operating in Turkey, including by bringing the two parties together at meetings of the OHCHR-led Human Rights Reference Group. The meetings were held in Gaziantep on a regular basis.

The Office contributed to the integration of international human rights norms, standards and principles into the UN’s reconstruction and development assistance. OHCHR contributed to the discussion concerning the principles and parameters of UN assistance in Syria to ensure that it is in conformity with the UN Charter and international human rights law. By providing technical advice to the RC/HC, the Office helped to integrate human rights into the drafting, review and implementation of the Strategic Framework for Cooperation between the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Nations 2016-2019.

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P7 – There is increasing public recognition of the importance of human rights education. Public education helps to develop effective responses to violence, including terrorism and violent extremism.

OHCHR contributed to improving the narrative on select human rights issues through awareness-raising and capacity-building. As a result of a dialogue that was held with the Ministry of Religious Affairs, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in February 2019. The MoU focuses on developing a sustainable human rights education programme and a legal framework on the rights and responsibilities of imams.

The Office contributed to fostering a national, free, inclusive and peaceful debate related to the recommendations that were issued by the Committee on Individual Liberties and Equality (COLIBE). Specifically, the Office developed fact sheets on each of the recommendations and ensured their widespread dissemination.

Finally, OHCHR engaged with the Task Force on Human Rights and Citizenship Education and the Arab Institute for Human Rights in order to advocate for the inclusion of human rights education in the formal and informal education systems.

Non-Discrimination (ND)

ND – National laws, policies and practices combat racial discrimination more effectively, including discrimination against ethnic and national minorities, persons of African descent, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, migrants, women, and LGBTI individuals.

OHCHR contributed to improving the level of compliance of State institutions and programmes with international human rights norms and standards through awareness-raising, human rights education and mainstreaming.

During the reporting period, the Office took steps to mainstream a human rights-based approach into several key documents that were developed by the UNCT and the national government in relation to the SDG agenda. This led to the development of the Gap Analysis Report (GAR). The GAR was endorsed by the national authorities and contains several recommendations for a human rights-based approach to data collection on SDG indicators. Within the Rapid Integrated Assessment (RIA), the Office introduced links between SDGs targets and the human rights commitments undertaken by Tunisia through the Constitution and its ratification of international human rights treaties. The GAR complements the RIA, which assesses the alignment between the SDG targets and national development. This enabled the plans for the human rights-related legal framework to be included in the analysis.

The Office was also involved in two other aspects of the MAPS (Mainstreaming, Accelerating Policy Support) mission that took place in 2018 under the lead of the UNCT and SDG Task Force, namely, “No One Left Behind” and “Accelerating the implementation of SDG7.” OHCHR’s main contribution was to push for a broad analysis that goes beyond poverty as the sole source of exclusion. The recommendations of the Task Force will be ready at the beginning of 2019.

Peace and Security (PS)

PS4 – The Truth and Dignity Commission, Specialized Chambers, the Government, Parliament and civil society are equipped to fulfill their respective mandates and roles with regard to the transitional justice process.

The Office contributed to the establishment and functioning of transitional justice mechanisms that conform to international human rights norms and standards by strengthening their capacity to monitor and contribute to transitional justice processes.

In May, the first hearings of cases related to past grave human rights violations took place. A total of 104 cases, involving hundreds of victims and perpetrators, were submitted to the Specialized Chambers. Together with UNDP, OHCHR contributed to this achievement by providing expert advice to the Truth and Dignity Commission and by training judges, prosecutors, lawyers and administration of justice officials who were assigned to work in the Specialized Chambers. The Office monitored the trials and facilitated a dialogue between judges in order for them to share their experiences in the first hearings and identify existing and potential gaps. The dialogue was also held to ensure the availability of protection measures for victims and witnesses in court.

UNDP and OHCHR collaborated to support the work of the Truth and Dignity Commission. This support included technical advice for the elaboration of a global reparations programme in accordance with the human rights obligations of the State. OHCHR’s main contribution was to push for a broad analysis that goes beyond poverty as the sole source of exclusion. The recommendations of the Task Force will be ready at the beginning of 2019.
with legislation on transitional justice. They also provided assistance in relation to the national consultations on reparations. In addition, the Office contributed to the issuance of arbitration awards in cases of financial corruption. This was done by building the capacity of staff members in charge of arbitration and providing technical advice to the Truth and Dignity Commission to ensure that it was conducting the arbitration proceedings in accordance with international standards and national legislation.

In cooperation with the Resident Coordinator, UNDP and civil society, OHCHR closely monitored the transitional justice process and engaged in advocacy at critical times. In May, when the parliament voted against the prolongation of the Commission, the Office engaged with various national actors in search of solutions. It also engaged the Special Rapporteur and the High Commissioner in its advocacy efforts. Due to the combined advocacy efforts of the Resident Coordinator and the Office, an agreement was struck between the Commission and the Ministry of Human Rights, enabling it to continue its work.

**Mechanisms (M)**

MT – The National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up (NMRF), the National Human Rights Institution (NHRI), civil society organizations, and the UN Country Team engage with international human rights mechanisms.

Through the facilitation of dialogue between stakeholders on human rights issues, the capacity of NHRs, CSOs, UN entities and individuals that have made substantive submissions to the treaty bodies, special procedures and the UPR is strengthened.

In 2018, the NMRF submitted two State reports to the UPR (on the rights of the child and the rights of persons with disabilities). The Office supported a consultation process with civil society in view of the report preparation. The Office also supported the NMRF in creating a reporting calendar to meet all of the requirements and reduce reporting delays.

Finally, the OHCHR Office in Tunisia worked towards improving respect for international standards in prisons and engaged with civil society to advocate for the establishment of the Constitutional Court under the Accountability pillar.

### Key OMP pillars in 2018

- **Accountability (A)**
  - A1 – National institutions, including the Ministry of Interior’s Corrections and Rehabilitation authority and the national commission of inquiry, curb human rights violations.
  
  The Office increased the compliance of the Yemen National Commission of Inquiry with international human rights standards by providing it with specialized training and technical advice.
  
  Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 33/16, OHCHR continued to build the capacity of the Yemen National Commission of Inquiry. More specifically, it regularly provided the Commission with technical advice on its role in the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. Following seven training workshops that were organized by the Office, ten Commissioners and 52 other staff members enhanced their knowledge about international human rights law and international humanitarian law, human rights monitoring, documentation and investigation methodologies and the rule of law.
  
  OHCHR supported the Commission in developing manuals, tools and work methodologies by providing human rights monitoring manuals, documents and tools related to international human rights law and international humanitarian law as well as information regarding administration and finance. In February, OHCHR conducted a working visit to the Commission. Consequently, during the working visit, OHCHR held several meetings with the Chairperson, the Director and one of the Commissioners to discuss the human rights situation.

- **Peace and Security (PS)**
  - PS1 – Violations of international human rights and humanitarian law are monitored and reported; particular attention is given to abuses perpetrated by parties to the conflict, especially arbitrary detention and abuses that target civilians and civilian objectives. The information gathered informs UN responses.
  
  The Office contributed to monitoring and reporting on violations of human rights and humanitarian law by producing and disseminating relevant information on these violations and abuses in order to inform the responses of key stakeholders.
  
  OHCHR further strengthened the monitoring, documentation and investigation of violations and abuses of international human rights law and international humanitarian law through the deployment of eight field monitors in conflict-affected areas, including Dhamar, Abyan, Al Jawf, Sanaa, Sadaa and Lahej. Since OHCHR began monitoring civilian casualties in March 2015, 17,880 (6925 killed, 10,995 injured) civilian casualties had been documented until the end of December 2018.
  
  During the reporting period, 12 monthly update reports were prepared on the human rights situation in Yemen. These were shared with the UN Country Team (UNCT), the Humanitarian Country Team and the INGO Forum. The reports fed into the oral updates and reports that were submitted to the UN Human Rights Council.
by the Office to the Human Rights Council, the advocacy messages of the Office of the Special Envoy to the Secretary-General, Yemen and the work of the Humanitarian Coordinator. The findings of human rights monitoring efforts were shared with key protection actors, including members of the Protection Cluster, the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) on grave violations of children's and women’s rights. The Office also supported the Yemeni Women’s Union, the National Union of Yemeni Disabled Associations, academia, activists and other humanitarian agencies. In November, another consultative meeting was organized in Sanaa with participants from the National Union of Yemeni Disabled Associations, special academicians, activists and local NGOs, bringing together a total of 27 participants (9 women, 18 men). The two meetings produced several recommendations and a series of demands on how to improve the protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities in the context of armed conflict, build their capacity and provide them with support in minimizing the impact of the conflict.

Also in November, the Office organized a training course on the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of armed conflict to increase knowledge and awareness of the 15 participants (7 women, 8 men) representing local NGOs from Sanaa and different governorates. The workshop contributed to raising their awareness about the CRPD while also providing an overview on the monitoring of human rights violations and how it contributes to the protection of their rights. In light of the significant humanitarian needs in Yemen, OHCHR helped to improve access to basic social services by increasing awareness about available services and strengthening current referral mechanisms. Furthermore, the Office organized two awareness-raising sessions on the promotion and protection of human rights. A total of 210 community members (67 women, 143 men) were reached across the targeted governorates. Furthermore, OHCHR informed community members about the services that are available to victims of human rights violations. Finally, the Office established internal procedures to strengthen the referral mechanism, thereby contributing to increased access to protection and humanitarian services.
**UN HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE FOR SOUTH-WEST ASIA AND THE ARAB REGION**

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- **Total income**: US$288,000
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**Key OMP pillars in 2018**

1. **Non-Discrimination (ND)**
   - ND1 – National laws, policies and practices more effectively combat discrimination and in particular discrimination against religious, ethnic and national minorities, persons with disabilities, migrants and women facing discrimination, and responsible authorities actively work to “leave no one behind”, including by addressing the root causes of inequality and link the SDG agenda and HR.
   - The Office contributed to increasing the level of compliance with international human rights norms and standards in the area of minority rights by producing specialized guidance materials.
   - Two key publications on minority rights were produced by OHCHR during the reporting period. The first one, Compilation of recommendations of the first 10 sessions of the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues: 2008 to 2017 details the good practices that were developed and tested in many countries and were highlighted during the Forum’s first 10 sessions.
   - The second publication entitled Minority rights: Standards and guidance for implementation contains the main documents related to the rights of minorities, including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities; relevant general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee; and other OHCHR field presences in the Arab region.
   - The publication is aimed at lawyers, academics, journalists, human rights defenders, CSOs and NHRIs and is intended to serve as a guide and reference tool to enable these stakeholders to better advocate for the elimination of discrimination. It will also be used in trainings delivered by the Training and Documentation Centre and other OHCHR field presences in the Arab region.

2. **Mechanisms (M)**
   - M2 – Promotion of the role of CSOs and NHRIs as key stakeholders within the international human rights mechanisms by raising awareness and building their capacity for meaningful engagement.
   - In February, the Office organized an awareness-raising workshop, in Doha, aimed at raising awareness about the international human rights mechanisms. The workshop was held in cooperation with the Human Rights Department and the Diplomatic Institute at the Qatari Ministry for Foreign Affairs. A total of 20 participants (8 women, 12 men) were in attendance from governmental and non-governmental institutions, such as the Qatari National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice. In October, OHCHR partnered with the NHRC to hold an awareness-raising workshop for its staff, in Qatar, on the international human rights mechanisms. The workshop was attended by 13 participants (8 women, 5 men) and highlighted the engagement of the Government and the NHRC with the international human rights mechanisms. It also identified opportunities for further engagement.
   - In December, OHCHR began implementing the first phase of the Training of Trainers programme for NHRI trainers, in Khartoum, in partnership with the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions and the Sudan National Commission for Human Rights. This first phase focused on the interaction of NRHRs with international human rights mechanisms and targeted 24 participants from nine countries across the MENA region, including 10 women. The trainers committed to following up and exchanging experiences prior to the second phase meetings. They also agreed to allocate a bit of time each month to focus on a particular subject.

**ND4 – Enhanced positive and diverse image of women in public life and address the persistence of traditional stereotypes regarding the roles and responsibilities of women and men in society and, in particular, within the family.**

- OHCHR contributed to facilitating compliance with international human rights norms and standards by producing specialized guidance materials on the promotion and protection of women’s rights.
The Office published a compilation of the 37 general recommendations that have been adopted by CEDAW. The general recommendations cover a wide range of issues, including gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change and women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations. The publication is aimed at lawyers, academics, journalists, human rights defenders, CSOs and NHRIs and is intended to serve as a guide and reference tool to advocate for and protect women’s rights. It will be used in trainings delivered by the Training and Documentation Centre and other OHCHR field presences in the Arab region.

P4 – Further strengthened the network of Women Human Rights Defenders in the region who have increased their capacity to address areas of concern and to participate.

The Office contributed to increasing the level of meaningful participation of women in select public processes by building networks and alliances of women human rights defenders (WHRDs) in the region.

In November, 18 women human rights defenders from 12 Arab countries were brought together in a workshop organized by the Office. The objective was to develop a road map for the work of human rights defenders and WHRDs in the Arab region. The workshop aimed to increase their participation and expand their civic space in the context of shrinking civic space and governmental reprisals, particularly against WHRDs. The workshop resulted in the establishment of a regional coalition of WHRDs to increase women’s participation, including by advocating for a safer environment for their work.

OHCHR is closely following up on the coalition’s progress and will continue to provide technical support and capacity-building, especially regarding the use of digital spaces for communication and interaction with the international human rights mechanisms.

P7 – Public recognition that human rights and accountability make important contributions to effective responses to violence, including terrorism and violent extremism, increases.

In May, the Office organized a three-day regional workshop, in Tunis, on “The Role of Youth Faith Actors in Promoting Human Rights in the MENA Region.” The objective of the workshop was to enable consultations with young human rights activists and young religious leaders regarding the best ways to implement the Beirut Declaration’s 18 commitments on “Faith for Rights” in the MENA region. It also sought to address the vulnerabilities of young people in the region to the manipulative use of hatred and violence in the name of religion. A total of 25 participants (10 women, 15 men) of diverse backgrounds attended the workshop from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Qatar, the Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen. Participants analysed the Beirut Declaration and its 18 commitments and discussed potential ways they can be integrated into capacity-building and education programmes in order to combat the religious radicalization of youth. Participants recommended considering youth in the MENA region as key partners to promote tolerance, combat radicalization, strengthen OHCHR’s technical and financial support for youth-led projects and to help lead the development of capacity-building and training tools, especially for faith actors.

On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on 10 May, the Office organized a seminar on “Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law.” In Nouakchott, Mauritania. The seminar was held in partnership with the A1 Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights and the Union of Mauritanian Journalist. It was attended by approximately 70 participants, 25 of whom were women, including journalists and representatives from the Ministry of Communications, NHRIs and NGOs.

The same partnership facilitated another training workshop on “Media and The Rule of Law,” held in in Nouakchott from 12-13 May. The workshop was attended by 40 journalists, including 20 women, and addressed efforts to promote press freedom, access to information, the safety of journalists, a human rights-based approach to press coverage and the challenges of combating hate speech and respect for freedom of expression.

Furthermore, in partnership with the A1 Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights, the Office organized an awareness-raising workshop for journalists in September, called “A Human Rights-Based Approach to Journalism.” The workshop was attended by 15 journalists (5 women, 10 men) and enhanced the knowledge of participants about international human rights law and the obligations of States regarding several important topics. It also encouraged them to adopt a human rights-based approach in their work.

P7 – Public recognition that human rights and accountability make important contributions to effective responses to violence, including terrorism and violent extremism, increases.

Number of selected policy areas where the level of compliance of legislation with international human rights norms and standards has significantly improved.

As a follow-up to the recommendation issued, in November, by the Committee Against Torture with regard to mandate training for law enforcement officers in Qatar (CAT/C/QAT/CO/3 Para 30(b)), the Office organized a training workshop on the “Prohibition against torture in law and practice: From prohibition to prevention.”

The workshop was organized in partnership with the Human Rights Department at Qatar’s Ministry of Justice. A total of 30 people attended the workshop (10 women, 20 men). The participants included police officers, doctors and specialists from several ministries and representatives from NHRIs and the Prosecutor’s Office.

The workshop enhanced their understanding of the absolute prohibition against torture under international human rights law and under international law; the prohibition against torture under national law; the issue of torture in relation to Islamic law, the Istanbul Protocol; CAT’s working methods; and CAT’s concluding observations in relation to Qatar.

In May, in partnership with the police academy in Mauritania, the Office supported the implementation of a capacity building programme for law enforcement personnel in Nouakchott. The programme was attended by 30 participants, including 20 women, over 18 sessions on law enforcement and non-discrimination; law enforcement and democratic policing; human rights and the use of force; human rights in relation to arrests and detention; human rights and investigations; human rights and the policing of public assemblies; and human rights and gender.
In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 48/141, which created the post of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to promote and protect human rights and help prevent violations across the world. In the summer of 2018, the General Assembly appointed Michelle Bachelet to the position, who took up her functions on 1 September, succeeding the former High Commissioner, Zeid Ra’ad Al-Hussein.

Reinforcing existing partnerships and building meaningful new ones was a key feature of the High Commissioner’s work in 2018. As the United Nations system’s principal advocate for the rights of victims, the High Commissioner voiced concerns about global human rights issues through country missions, statements and briefings. The High Commissioner also worked towards strengthening the role of Member States as duty-bearers by proposing assistance to States that would enable them to build effective national human rights protection systems, including legal frameworks, institutions and practices, and promote respect for and enjoyment of human rights for all without discrimination.

Advocacy by the High Commissioner and the Deputy High Commissioner took the form of keynote speeches and participation at important events, such as Human Rights Day (to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), the annual Frontline Defenders event, the Locarno Film Festival and the TEDxPlaceDes Nations Women.

In fulfilling their mandates, the High Commissioner, the Deputy High Commissioner and the Assistant-Secretary-General for Human Rights were supported by the UN Human Rights Office, which hosts unique expertise at its Geneva headquarters, in New York and in the field.

The Executive Direction and Management supports the High Commissioner, the Deputy High Commissioner and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights in their work. It is composed of the Executive Office, the New York Office, the External Outreach Service, the Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Service, the Programme Support and Management Services and the Safety and Security Section.
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In 2018, the Executive Office supported a number of missions that were undertaken by the High Commissioner and the Deputy High Commissioner, including to Austria, Qatar, South Africa, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. In addition, the High Commissioner took an active part in the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which was held in Marrakech (Morocco), in December, and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP24), which was held in Katowice, Poland.

To promote innovation across the organization in accordance with the mandate of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Executive Office supports the High Commissioner and the Deputy High Commissioner in the establishment of a Steering Committee titled the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) New York Office (NYO) in order to increase efficiency. The legal office and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, particularly interacted with the Office of Legal Affairs at UN Headquarters, including by engaging with Member States, intergovernmental bodies, UN agencies and departments, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the media. To that end, NYO works through the following four substantive sections:

- The Intergovernmental Affairs, Outreach and Programme Support Section leads engagement with the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies, media correspondents, civil society organizations and academic institutions in New York;
- The Equality, Development and Rule of Law Section addresses thematic issues, such as economic inequality, racism, discrimination against older persons, gender equality, the rights of the LGBTI community, the rights of persons with disabilities, counterterrorism and the rule of law. It provides support to the Security Council, the Team of Experts under Security Council resolution 1888 on sexual violence in conflict. It follows up on issues related to the right to development and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also covers the reprimals mandate, under the leadership of the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, which seeks to strengthen the UN’s response to intimidation and reprimals against those cooperating with the UN on human rights matters;
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BACKGROUND
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The UN human rights of all migrants, particularly those in vulnerable situations, are protected. OHCHR facilitated panel discussions on issues related to non-discrimination and inequalities, including a high-level event for the Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination against People of African Descent, to raise visibility and support on structural discrimination against people of African descent. It also co-organized a high-level panel on cooperation between the UN and regional human rights mechanisms working on women’s rights. In addition, OHCHR’s advocacy contributed to the integration of rights-based language in the Agreed Conclusions of the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, including a paragraph on women’s human rights defenders.

Through OHCHR’s support to the eleventh session of the Conference of States Parties to CRPD, key human rights issues were integrated into the agenda, which focused on ensuring no one is left behind in the implementation of the Convention, particularly women and girls. Independent human rights experts actively participated in the Conference, including the Chair of CRPD and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. This led to the adoption of a final report that reflected a human rights perspective regarding the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

As a result of inputs provided by the Office and advocacy that was undertaken in several meetings with Member States, civil society and UN entities, rights-based language was included in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Several references were made to human rights, including a guiding principle on human rights which underpins the principles of non-regression and non-discrimination. The Global Compact includes a commitment to ending child immigration detention and protecting the human rights of migrants in vulnerable situations.

It also makes explicit reference to OHCHR publications and recommendations. The High Commissioner participated in the Intergovernmental Conference on Migration, which was held in Marrakech from 10-11 December. At the end of the Conference, the Global Compact was adopted, representing the first global framework aimed at fostering greater international cooperation to better address the complex situation of migration.

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The Communications and Public Mobilization Section focuses on the branding of the Office, as well as developing and implementing outreach strategies for the Office’s engagement with new audiences. Its main functions include the development and distribution of public information campaigns, the production of print, audiovisual and online outreach materials, engagement with the public through social media and the provision of support to the Office regarding relevant communications.

The Donor and External Relations Section (DEXREL) has primary responsibility for mobilizing adequate financial resources to enable OHCHR to implement its programme of work, as outlined in the 2018-2021 OHCHR Management Plan. It does so by building robust relationships with existing donors and exploring further funding opportunities with potential donors. The Section mobilizes funds, negotiates and manages a large number of contribution agreements and organizes and services numerous meetings, briefings and consultations with donors. In addition, it serves as an entry point for Member States and others seeking general information on OHCHR’s current work, future priorities and funding needs.

The Media and Public Positioning Section focuses on engagement with the media and promotes the messaging of the High Commissioner and the Office through speeches, news releases, press briefings and other media products and activities. The Meetings, Documents and Publications Unit is responsible for planning, coordinating and submitting all OHCHR official documents for processing and advising senior management on documentation and conference management-related issues. The Unit is also responsible for the OHCHR Publications Programme and organizes the meetings of the Publications Committee, advises on publishing and design, processes manuscripts and distributes publications around the world.
Partnerships

OHCHR has broadened and diversified its institutional partners and maximized the benefits of access to its expertise, reach and resources.

• OHCHR established a number of partnerships, mostly with the private sector, to amplify its messaging, including:
  › with the advertising company, JCDecaux Group, to undertake an advertising campaign in major cities of 13 countries around the world;
  › with the Magnum photo agency, which offered photos and social media support to illustrate all 30 articles of the UDHR;
  › with Le Journal de Spirou to launch a special issue on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the iconic comic magazine that is published in French-speaking countries;
  › with Poster for Tomorrow, an organization that issued a worldwide call for graphic contributions to illustrate #Standup4humanrights, resulting in a large number of proposed posters; and
  › with well-known influencers (i.e. Amber Heard, Angelina Jolie, Alyssa Milano, Kevin Prince Boateng, Ingrid Beck, Marie Lauguen, Rana Ayyub, Sabah Al Hallak and David Oyelowo) to share OHCHR’s messages through their social media channels.

• Partnerships were also established with UN agencies, NGOs and think tanks to develop joint publications and distribute OHCHR materials. For instance, OHCHR raised US$4.6 million from the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, the largest total contribution ever secured by the Office from this funding source.

• Following a concerted effort to generate broad-based support for OHCHR among Member States and the wider donor community, a total of US$187.1 million was raised in extrabudgetary contributions in 2018. This sum represented the largest amount of voluntary support ever received by the Office and an increase of approximately 31 per cent compared to 2017 (US$142.8). During the reporting year, 63 Member States made contributions to OHCHR (the same number as 2017), representing 82.2 per cent of the Office’s total extrabudgetary income (compared to 88.3 per cent in 2017). In addition, five foundations supported the Office in 2018.

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• Non-traditional funding avenues continued to be explored to increase the level of resources that are available to the Office. For instance, OHCHR raised US$28.2 million in 2018, an increase to 2017 (US$142.8). During the reporting year, 63 Member States made contributions to OHCHR (the same number as 2017), representing 82.2 per cent of the Office’s total extrabudgetary income (compared to 88.3 per cent in 2017). In addition, five foundations supported the Office in 2018.

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• The standard operating procedures on resource mobilization and engagement with the business sector were updated and disseminated to OHCHR staff members through the intranet and as part of the resource mobilization guide developed by DEXREL.

• A total of 47 OHCHR staff members from the Europe and Central Asia region, the Americas region and programme officers at headquarters increased their resource mobilization skills through three one-day workshops that were carried out by DEXREL. Furthermore, specific training modules and other guidance tools were developed for these workshops and to support OHCHR’s overall fundraising efforts.

• In June, the UN Human Rights Report 2019 was launched and widely disseminated via regular mail. It was also featured on the OHCHR website. Based on an analysis of previous annual reports and feedback that was received from donors and a review of good reporting practices in the UN system, the production of the 2018 Report began in November and features a stronger focus on results, data visualization and storytelling.

• Eight new stories (from Cambodia, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Thailand) were produced with the help of an external communications specialist. Three of these stories are accessible on the Exposure platform (together with stories that were produced in 2017 following missions to Colombia and Kenya). The remaining stories will be available in 2019.

Resource Mobilization

Institutional partnerships have expanded and donors are expressing confidence in the value delivered by these investments.

• A comprehensive resource mobilization guide was developed and made available to all OHCHR staff members through the intranet. In addition, standardized funding proposal templates were updated to reflect the structure and contents of the new OMP, which were posted on the intranet.

Dynamic Knowledge

OHCHR’s knowledge base is used strategically to actively shape programming, capacity, culture and structure.

• In terms of outreach to the private sector, OHCHR’s strategic partnership with Microsoft was cultivated and maintained. Through the UN Foundation, contributions were secured from H&M, Gap, Kenneth Cole, the Global Brands Group and Under Armour to support the Free & Equal campaign. Furthermore, external contractors were engaged to produce a list of high net worth individuals and foundations in Europe and Latin America, who could potentially support the work of OHCHR.

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POLICY, PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION SERVICE

BACKGROUND

The Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Service (PPMES) takes the lead in translating the High Commissioner’s strategic vision into concrete priorities and operational programmes that focus on the achievement of results. The Service works to instil a culture of results-based planning, programming and budgeting across OHCHR. It further ensures that programme implementation and results are effectively monitored and evaluated and that lessons learned and good practices are incorporated into programme design and implementation.

ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS:

Key OEAPs in 2018

• Strategic Leadership

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• As the Secretariat of the Programme and Budget Review Board (PBBRB), PPMES assisted the body in completing the review of over 55 fundraising and fund allocation proposals submitted by Divisions and field presences. PPMES facilitated efficient and effective meetings of the Policy Advisory Group (PAG), which covered thematic issues, country/ regional briefings, strategic partnership discussions and key management and organizational matters. PPMES further supported nine meetings of the Senior Management Team (SMT) to discuss internal policies, OHCHR’s positioning on various human rights issues (i.e., climate change and migration) and a review of the work of internal task forces convened by the High Commissioner, in October, on economic, social and cultural rights, the SDGs and the Office’s work on prevention. These task forces benefited from an extensive programme analysis and a comprehensive mapping of all OHCHR’s planned results around these areas that was prepared by PPMES.

• The year 2018 was the first of the new OMP. It was launched in June and includes a new results framework. Printed versions are now available in all six official UN languages. PPMES developed guidelines for the preparation of annual workplans and cost plans and for the development of annual reports, in line with the new OMP. Furthermore, numerous briefings and meetings were held during the year with entities at headquarters and in field offices to ensure OHCHR’s results-based management culture. The Office’s Performance Monitoring System was updated to accommodate the changes required under the new OMP.

• During the reporting period, PPMES focused on results and evidence-based exercises, including the Office’s support for the adoption and revision of legislation, the country programmes in Honduras, Seoul and Yangon, and the Dignity@Work Contacts Network. Substantive support was also provided to the assessment of OHCHR by the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network, which is composed of 18 governments that provide 95 per cent of Official Development Assistance to multilateral organizations. The draft report of the evaluation portrays OHCHR’s strengths, opportunities and challenges in fulfilling the mandate of the High Commissioner.

• To enhance internal communication within the Office, PPMES explored more innovative ways of communicating and sharing information. Six all-staff meetings were held with a changed format to facilitate a more horizontal exchange and dialogue. In addition, meetings with more than 20 different OHCHR entities were undertaken in order to hear directly from colleagues about issues related to internal communications. The feedback from these meetings was built into a draft standard operating procedure on internal communications. A redesign of the Office’s intranet has also begun to improve information sharing on this platform.

• Innovation

Across the Office, innovation is encouraged, supported and its results are implemented accordingly.

• As part of the internal “Light Up” challenge, launched in 2017 to generate ideas about how to transform the way OHCHR works, a number of projects were selected by popular vote and endorsed by the SMT. One of the selected projects, “My Human Rights in 180 seconds,” was successfully implemented in 2018. The project was an effort to engage young people in human rights by presenting the topic to them in an innovative way. Through a competition for young people aged 12 to 19 years, candidates were asked to create a three-minute video about themselves explaining what human rights meant to them and how they stood up for human rights in their everyday lives. The winners of the contest were announced on 13 December, during an event that was held in Geneva to celebrate Human Rights Day. More than 400 people, at least 200 of whom were young people, filled Room XX at Palais des Nations for the occasion. The participants also engaged with the High Commissioner during a round-table discussion. A small but significant network has been established that is composed of young human rights defenders and teachers in local schools with a keen interest in human rights and NGOs that work with children.

• Diversity and Gender

Respect for diversity, gender equality and inclusion is at the centre of OHCHR’s organizational culture and is fully supported by appropriate organizational arrangements.

• The results framework of the new OMP prioritized women’s rights and gender equality by identifying women as a spotlight population. With support from PPMES, a dedicated action plan on gender and diversity was developed. Four gender-specific results were integrated into three of the six pillars of the new OMP.

• The Office received two prizes from UN Women for its work on gender equality and the empowerment of women, following its participation in the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN- SWAP). The first prize recognized the Office’s efforts in piloting UN-SWAP and the second acknowledged OHCHR as the “Best among the UN Secretariats” in implementing the programme in 2017.

• In late 2017, the Office adopted its Dignity@Work policy, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring that all staff at all levels enjoy and actively promote diversity and dignity at work. A network of volunteer staff, called “Dignity Contacts,” was set up early in 2018 to confidentially help colleagues who experience prohibited conduct to understand the full range of formal and informal options that are available to them. An assessment was conducted after an initial six-month pilot period to identify lessons learned and provide inputs for the future of the network, including a potential expansion to the field.
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- OHCHR developed mandatory performance goals (based on differentiated responsibilities) for all staff members in order to promote an enhanced work culture, specifically in terms of gender equality, diversity and mutual respect. The Office commissioned an ethnographic study to analyse the culture of the organization and provide a more thorough understanding of the obstacles and enablers of greater equality and dignity within the workplace. The report of the study will be submitted in 2019.

Managing our Talent
- OHCHR is actively unleashing the full potential of its staff with more focused talent and career management that is accessible to all.
- During 2018, PSMS supported the strengthening of staff competencies and skills through a number of activities. For example, national staff members were provided with full access to the learning catalogue and e-learning modules in Inspira. In addition, opportunities for knowledge sharing on substantive human rights issues were offered through coffee briefings, which were made available to field-based staff through podcasts. Furthermore, 42 new staff members benefited from a three-day orientation programme on the mandate, strategy and functioning of the Office. A total of 38 interns attended two training days during which they were able to learn from and share insights with OHCHR staff members. PSMS organized five HARDTalks, with the Deputy High Commissioner, which focused on current international affairs and/or on internal organizational issues. Staff members and senior managers proposed topics of interest and the sessions were made available to colleagues in the field via podcasts.

Operations Management
- OHCHR managers are enabling the most efficient and responsible use of available resources supported by effective deployment of relevant technologies.
- Video conferencing and online meeting tools were increasingly used to reduce travel costs and contribute to the responsible and efficient management of financial resources. For example, the introduction and implementation of Skype for Business facilitated online meetings, as well as the undertaking of training sessions with field staff.
- PSMS finalized the rollout of the financial, procurement and travel modules of Umoja to the Office in Colombia. The rollout of the system to other field presences will continue in 2019. In addition, 42 staff members, from headquarters and the field, received Umoja training.
- Logistics and administrative support was provided by PSMS to facilitate the work of field presences, commissions of inquiry and fact-finding missions. For instance, missions took place in Burundi, Sao Paolo and Niger to identify appropriate office space for the G5 Sahel Project, while another was deployed to Chad to support the establishment of the new OHCHR Country Office.
- OHCHR has broadened and diversified its institutional partners and maximized the benefits of access to their expertise, reach and resources.
- OHCHR joined forces with 10 other UN entities to develop EMERGE, a Programme for Emerging Women Leaders aimed at promoting the leadership potential of female staff members within the UN system. Among other objectives, the Programme seeks to strengthen the negotiation skills of participants, facilitate the establishment of networks across the UN system and address work-related challenges affecting performance and career development. The first edition of the Programme brought together 33 participants from 11 UN entities.

SAFETY AND SECURITY SECTION

BACKGROUND
The Safety and Security Section coordinates security operations in accordance with the established UN security risk management practices and in close coordination with the United Nations Department of Safety and Security. The Section is an integral part of the OHCHR mechanism to support activities mandated by the Human Rights Council, such as fact-finding missions and commissions of inquiry. The Section participates in system-wide UN security policymaking fora to ensure that human rights are mainstreamed into staff security policies and that procedures are applicable to all UN agencies, funds and programmes. At the operational level, the Section conducts risk assessments, provides technical supervision and assistance on policies, procedures and minimum operating security standards for all staff, field presences and activities and manages the global security clearance and travel advisory service.

EFFECTIVENESS RESULTS:

- Dedicated security support was provided to 20 missions of special rapporteurs and treaty body experts and 24 activities that were mandated by the Human Rights Council, including fact-finding missions, commissions of inquiry, assessments and mapping missions. This support was developed in accordance with UN security management policies and has been very effective in ensuring safe missions.

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The Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division (FOTCD) is responsible for conceptualizing, overseeing and supporting the work and engagement of OHCHR at the national and regional level. This is done in 77 field presences through the monitoring and analysis of human rights developments, early warning, prevention, advisory services, technical cooperation for governments and other counterparts, as well as the deployment of missions (monitoring, fact-finding, emergency response). FOTCD provides substantive, programmatic and administrative support to OHCHR field presences and to the establishment and reinforcement of national human rights institutions (NHRIs). Moreover, FOTCD supports the implementation of the geographic mandates of the Human Rights Council (HRC) and the General Assembly, including 12 special procedures country mandates of the HRC as well as international commissions of inquiry, fact-finding missions and other investigations mandated by the Council. Furthermore, FOTCD is responsible for the implementation of the High Commissioner’s mandate and the specific mandates of the HRC and General Assembly in relation to public reporting on human rights issues in countries and disputed territories.

In cooperation with other parts of OHCHR, FOTCD contributes to strengthening the understanding of national authorities and civil society actors about international human rights standards and their capacities to translate these into legislation, regulations and policies. The ultimate objective of this work is to ensure that duty-bearers are better equipped to address chronic and emerging human rights issues and that rights-holders are better protected and empowered. FOTCD fulfills its consultation and cooperation role with national, regional and international partners, including government actors, NHRIs, civil society, regional organizations and the United Nations system.

FOTCD is primarily based in Geneva. However, the Peace Missions Support Section is located in the New York Office. The Prevention and Sustaining Peace Section, which is also based in New York, reports to the FOTCD Director regarding its geographic responsibilities. FOTCD is composed of three geographic branches (all of which are divided into two sections), namely, Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East-North Africa. The Americas, Europe and Central Asia as well as three specialized support sections, namely, the National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, the Emergency Response Section and the Peace Missions Support Section.

These geographic branches and sections contribute to the day-to-day work of OHCHR, including following human rights developments at the national and regional level, interacting with governments, NHRIs, civil society actors and the UN system, supporting field presences and engaging with the UN human rights mechanisms.

The Emergency Response Section coordinates OHCHR’s engagement in and effective responses to ongoing or emerging crises or, in a preventive mode, potential emergency situations through the deployment of fact-finding, monitoring or emergency missions and the integration of human rights into humanitarian action.

This includes the deployment of human rights teams in the context of complex emergencies or natural disasters or for the purpose of preventive advocacy and action, including participation in multidisciplinary UN teams under the Secretary-General’s Human Rights up Front (HRUF) Action Plan. The Section is responsible for the operationalization of activities mandated by the United Nations intergovernmental bodies (mainly the Human Rights Council), such as the establishment of and support to commissions of inquiry and fact-finding missions. Moreover, the Section leads the provision of early warning information and analyses to various UN processes, including the United Nations Operations and Crisis Centre and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee on Early Warning, Early Action and Readiness.

The Peace Missions Support Section, based within the New York Office, ensures that the UN peace and security agenda integrates human rights into activities undertaken at the political, strategic and operational levels. The Section provides operational support and guidance to human rights components of UN peace operations by gathering and sharing good practices and information on the integration of human rights into the work of peace operations.

The National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section provides advice and support for the establishment and strengthening of NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles and serves as the Secretariat for the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI). The Section is focused on strengthening cooperation and engagement between the regional human rights mechanisms and the international human rights mechanisms.

This is the case in relation to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK). OHCHR supported the establishment of the Accountability Project for the DPRK, which includes the strengthening of the OHCHR field-based structure in Seoul. In addition, the Office took steps in accordance with HRC resolution 34/24 to support the establishment of a repository of information on human rights violations in the DPRK, such as crimes against humanity, with a view to securing future judicial prosecution. At the thirty-seventh session of the HRC, following an oral update by the Office, the HRC adopted a resolution on the human rights situation of the DPRK. It welcomed the accountability efforts undertaken by the Office thus far and called on OHCHR to expedite the process for strengthening its capacity (HRC resolution 37/21). In October, General Assembly resolution A/RES/72/188 adopted by the Third Committee contained similar language.

On 14 June, the High Commissioner released OHCHR’s first report on the human rights situation in Kashmir. India rejected the report’s findings and recommendations and Pakistan supported the report’s observations on Indian-administered Kashmir (IaK). The report focused international attention on the human rights
situation, which was appreciated by a wide spectrum of stakeholders in IaK and Pakistan. It helped to highlight the complex human rights violations occurring on both sides of the border, such as arbitrary detention, restrictions on the freedom of expression, barriers to the right to education and the excessive use of force leading to extrajudicial killings and injures to civilians, including children, particularly through the mopping-up operations. Child soldiers that are used for crowd control. OHCHR also addressed the role of armed groups in the conflict.

In September, OHCHR organized a five-day human rights monitoring training for 15 human rights defenders (HRDs) and human rights lawyers working in IaK. As a result, a series of communications on human rights violations in Kashmir were sent to various special procedures.

Human rights defenders assisted OHCHR’s work on Kashmir through analytical reports and the elaboration of a longer-term international advocacy strategy.

On 22 June, OHCHR published a second report on Venezuela entitled “Human rights violations in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: A downward spiral with no end in sight.” The report addressed the use of excessive force by security forces in the context of protests; violations of the rights to truth and access to justice for the families of individuals killed during protests; the excessive use of force and extrajudicial killings by security forces in the context of security operations not related to protests; arbitrary detention and violations of due process and fair trial rights; torture and ill-treatment in detention; and violations of minimum standards for the treatment of prisoners. The report included recommendations on measures that should be adopted to remedy these violations and prevent their recurrence.

The report was welcomed by a large number of stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations. OHCHR conducted 150 interviews and meetings with a broad range of sources from different parts of the country and a variety of backgrounds, including victims and their families, witnesses, civil society representatives, journalists, lawyers, medical doctors and academics. It also undertook missions to Brazil, Colombia and Spain to interview Venezuelans who had been forced to leave their country.

In September, following a Regional Monthly Review, a light/multidisciplinary team was deployed to Comoros to assess the situation from a political and human rights perspective, including in relation to gender-related crimes. OHCHR contributed to the light team deployment through the participation of a human rights officer. OHCHR is waiting for DPA to finalize the report of the light team, which recommended the deployment of a response light team to strengthen the UN Country Team’s capacity in the country over a period of three to six months.

On mainstreaming human rights, developing a common strategy in accordance with the HRU Action Plan and the UN Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP). During 2018, OHCHR complemented the FMFF’s advocacy efforts and engaged with Member States and civil society on the adoption of HRC resolution A/HRC/39/L.22 that established an independent accountability mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence related to the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011. The resolution provides for the preparation of files to facilitate and expedite fair and independent criminal proceedings, in accordance with international law standards, in national, regional or international courts or tribunals that have or may have jurisdiction over these crimes in the future. The resolution adopted on 25 September 2018 calls on all States, including the Government of Myanmar and its independent commission of inquiry, and encourages civil society, business enterprises and other relevant stakeholders to fully cooperate with the mechanism to effectively fulfil its mandate. Finally, it requests the UN system to fully engage with the mechanism, including by providing access to all relevant information and documentation.

In October, OHCHR strengthened its cooperation with the Arab Institute for Human Rights through participation in workshops that were organized as part of the celebrations of the seventeenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Tunis. Several round-tables focused on serious human rights issues that occurred in the MENA region, including the analysis of equality and non-discrimination and regional legislation.

In October, OHCHR and the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS) organized a three-day regional training workshop for African civil society actors and HRDs in Banjul, the Gambia, on the margins of the sixty-third ordinary session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR). This joint endeavour aimed to build the capacities of HRDs in engaging with international and regional human rights mechanisms to better protect and promote human rights. The training workshop targeted 30 civil society participants from 25 countries in Africa.

In December, OHCHR and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) organized a meeting of experts on “Good practices in the protection, prevention and investigation of crimes committed against human rights defenders in the region.” The meeting was held as a preparatory activity for the development of a report within the framework of the Joint Action Mechanism. The objective of the report was to contribute to the protection of HRDs in the Americas region. The expert consultation included the participation of 15 experts from Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico, as well as international organizations working on the issue of HRDs. The expert consultation will be followed by a consultation with civil society organizations and an official public hearing that will be held during the 171st period of sessions of the IACHR, in Bolivia, in February 2019.

In 2018, OHCHR deployed surge capacity (three human rights officers) in the context of political or electoral violence in Cameroon, Comoros and Togo. In addition to human rights monitoring, the human rights teams provided additional capacity to OHCHR and UNCT teams on the ground and conducted awareness-raising activities aimed at authorities and civil society organizations. OHCHR was also involved in the analysis of equality and non-discrimi- nation, and engaging with international and regional human rights mechanisms to better protect and promote human rights. The training workshop targeted 30 civil society participants from 25 countries in Africa.

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In May, OHCHR organized a regional workshop in Tunisia on the role of youth faith actors in promoting human rights in the MENA region. A total of 25 participants (from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen) attended the workshop, including young HRDs, religious actors, women HRDs, human rights educators and government officials. They presented several youth-led initiatives from across the region, including the promotion of tolerance in schools, social media initiatives; the promotion of minority rights through advocacy with UN mechanisms; and youth entrepreneurship to combat radicalization.

OHCHR’s efforts and contributions related to promote and respect the universal human rights were recognized by civil society organizations. More specifically, the International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty granted its 2018 Initiative Award to OHCHR for its “Faith for Rights” programme. Furthermore, the Beirut Declaration and its 18 commitments were translated by NGOs or UN entities into eight different languages and were referred to in a dozen thematic or country-specific reports by the Secretary-General and High Commissioner, e.g., concerning the rights of minorities, combating intolerance, preventing human rights abuses and youth and human rights. The UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief referred to the Beirut Declaration as a soft law instrument in his reports to the General Assembly and Human Rights Council and stressed that its provisions provide “important opportunities for advancing respect for freedom of religion and societal tolerance.” Musawah, a global civil society movement for equality and justice in the Muslim world, utilized the Beirut Declaration and its 18 commitments for knowledge building, international advocacy and capacity-building.

In October, in the margins of the sixty-third ordinary session of the Human Rights Council on Human and Peoples’ Rights, OHCHR contributed to a panel that was organized by UN experts and the African Commission on Women Human Rights Defenders. The panel included two human rights defenders from Guinea and Madagascar who had previously received training from OHCHR. The panel discussed the state of women’s rights in Africa, with a particular focus on sexual and gender-based violence (GBV). The meeting enhanced the capacity of civil society organizations to monitor efforts to combat GBV.

In November, OHCHR collaborated with UN Women, UNFPA, the Commonwealth Secretariat, Save the Children and Plan International to organize a parallel session on “Gender-based violence: Addressing exploitation in conflict zones,” which took place in the margins of the second African Girls Summit on Ending Child Marriage and other Harmful Practices. The main objectives of the session were to provide an overview of child marriage and other forms of sexual exploitation in conflict, identify strategies and good practices to ensure the sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls; discuss the role of regional and international human rights mechanisms in addressing child and forced marriage in situations of conflict, crisis and insecurity; and identify key obstacles and challenges faced by States in addressing child and forced marriage.
**Development (D)**

D2 — Business actors implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights effectively.

The Africa Trade Policy Centre (ATPC) at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), OHCHR and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung initiated a partnership to assess the human rights implications of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). This partnership resulted in a well-received joint report entitled The Continental Free Trade Area in Africa: A Human Rights Perspective, which was published in 2017 and signalled the ex-

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OHCHR continued its multi-year capacity-building project with the State of Palestine to support its implementation of the core human rights treaties to which it acceded in 2014. OHCHR organized and supported the mission of the Special Committee to investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories to Geneva for annual consultations, in March, and to Amman, Jordan, in July. OHCHR also formulated the agenda, including by recommending organizations for the meetings, and kept the official records of the meetings. The reports informed the report that was drafted by OHCHR on behalf of the Special Committee, which was presented to the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, in November.

**PS5 – Strategies to prevent and respond to conflict consistently integrate human rights protection.**

During the reporting period, OHCHR worked on the development of an AU-UN Framework on Human Rights, as called for by the AU and UN during the first High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights. OHCHR provided support to the AU Joint Framework on Peace and Security by integrating human rights into its peace operations. AU-OHCHR annual/biennial meetings were held to coordinate institutional priorities, which were complemented by quarterly meetings to ensure follow-up and implementation of the joint action plans and decisions. The main objectives of OHCHR are to support the AU’s effort to strengthen the capacity of its human rights observers, including by providing expert support, sharing OHCHR practices on the development of rosters, training human rights observers and integrating UN human rights standards into the development of human rights manuals. OHCHR also provided support to the AU in the development and implementation of its human rights compliance and accountability framework for AU peace support operations.

OHCHR supported capacity-building activities, including training workshops for the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry in line with HRC resolution 36/31. During 2018, OHCHR organized seven training sessions and workshops for commissioners and the Commission’s staff members on applicable international law, human rights monitoring and documentation, investigation methodologies, report writing, administration, finance and information management.

With regard to monitoring the human rights situation in Israel and the State of Palestine, OHCHR highlighted ongoing human rights concerns with a view to promote action by those responsible, as well as by the international community, to prevent future violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law. Human rights violations and the associated lack of accountability perpetuate the cycle of violence. OHCHR prepared several reports related to Israel and the State of Palestine, including the Report of the Secretary-General on the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war, of 12 August 1949, to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the other occupied Arab territories (A/73/364, November 2018); and the Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories (A/73/499, November 2018). In addition, OHCHR prepared a Report of the High Commissioner on ensuring accountability and justice for all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/HRC/37/41, March 2018); a Report of the High Commissioner on Israel settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan (A/HRC/37/43, March 2018); a report of the Secretary-General on Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan (A/73/410, November 2018). Moreover, it provided substantive inputs to the Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of the Palestinian civilian population (A/ES-10/794, August 2018).

In the context of the unfolding massive protests in April and May, OHCHR deployed a surge capacity mission to the Resident Coordinator in Armenia. In addition to documenting human rights concerns during the political crisis, the mission identified issues of a structural nature that needed further attention. The main conclusion of the mission was that the political changes and statements of the new leaders on the fight against corruption and a more open, people-oriented Government provided an important opportunity for OHCHR to strengthen its engagement with the Government. It therefore recommended the swift deployment of an OHCHR presence in Armenia that was subsequently approved to take place in 2019. In Sri Lanka, in response to the constitutional crisis that began on 28 October, OHCHR deployed two human rights officers as part of the UN’s Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar during her field visits and provided support in the drafting of reports for the Secretary-General on various issues and concerns, including on the establishment of an independent accountability mechanism and the extension of the mandate of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar. OHCHR supported and accompanied the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar during her field visits and provided support in the drafting of reports that were presented to the HRC, in March, and to the General Assembly, in October. OHCHR also engaged with Member States and civil society during the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the Human Rights Council on various issues and concerns, including on the establishment of an independent accountability mechanism and the extension of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, OHCHR provided technical support to the Human Rights Commissioner for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and accompanied the Special Rapporteur during her visits, in order to better understand the scale of violence and violations of international humanitarian law. In addition, OHCHR supported the work of the Special Rapporteur on human rights in Eritrea and on the protection of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan, in the context of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

**PS6 – United Nations’ support to national and regional security forces, law enforcement agencies, and non-State actors integrates human rights and complies with the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy.**

In Sri Lanka, OHCHR collaborated with DPO to develop the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the domestic human rights screening of individuals and units nominated by the Government for service with the United Nations. In August, a final version of the SOP was shared with all stakeholders in a meeting hosted by the UN. The SOP was also shared with the Human Rights Commissioner of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) and the Government for their agreement and signatures. Based on the SOP, OHCHR recruited three staff members to assist the HRCSL in resolving the backlog of domestic human rights screening for Sri Lankan personnel who had been nominated for deployment to UN peace operations. To this end, OHCHR and the HRCSL agreed on a common screening methodology.

**Shifts:**

- OHCHR continued to closely monitor the situation in the context of early warning.
- OHCHR continued to support the capacity of the Resident Coordinator’s team. The rapid deployment enabled OHCHR to build and support the capacity of the Resident Coordinator to conduct a comprehensive countrywide assessment of the human rights situation through discussions with civil society organizations and community members. Based on this assessment and other reports, OHCHR continued to closely monitor the situation in the context of early warning.
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M1 – National institutionalized structures facilitate an integrated and participatory approach to reporting to the human rights mechanisms and implementation of their recommendations.

OHCHR supported Member States to increase their compliance with their international obligations. In particular, OHCHR enhanced its support for the implementation of recommendations issued by the UPR and other international human rights mechanisms through its regional offices in Africa. As a result, OHCHR regional offices in Africa organized capacity-building trainings for States to draft and submit their reports to the treaty bodies and the UPR and to implement and follow-up on their recommendations. During the period under review, the following 30 States benefited from training materials and guidelines on the international human rights mechanisms and trainings that increased their capacity to engage with the human rights mechanisms: Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Gabon, the Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tomé and Principe, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

OHCHR supported regional human rights mechanisms and cooperated with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to organize an annual focal point meeting in Washington, D.C., on 7 December. OHCHR and the Commission co-organized a regional consultation in the Americas region, aimed at establishing good practices, challenges and lessons learned in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the Americas region (with a focus on people of African descent).

In June, OHCHR launched a new fellowship programme for staff members of the regional human rights mechanisms, in accordance with HRC resolution 34/17. The first four fellowships from the African Union Commission, the Economic Community of West African States Court of Justice, the Arab Human Rights Committee and the African Commission on Human Rights participated in the two-month fellowship programme from 4 June to 2 August. The programme will be offered on an annual basis and will host four fellows per year. Fellowships are nominated by their respective regional human rights mechanisms and are then selected by OHCHR, with due consideration given to geographic and gender balance. The programme provides the regional human rights mechanisms with capacity-building support to ensure their enhanced interaction with the international human rights mechanisms.

In November, OHCHR organized a human rights orientation programme for 14 Russian Federation civil servants, including representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Defence, Youth, Sports and the State Penitentiary Service. Russian officials benefited from multiple learning sessions that were facilitated by OHCHR staff on the promotion and protection of human rights through the work of the High Commissioner, OHCHR and the international human rights mechanisms. The participants observed CERD’s review of Qatar, met with the CERD expert from the Russian Federation and attended the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights and the UN Forum on Minority Issues. This was the sixth human rights orientation programme that had been organized within the existing framework of cooperation between OHCHR and the Russian Federation. In December, a similar human rights orientation programme was organized by OHCHR for a delegation from the Republic of Moldova.

Since 2014, the European Union has granted Pakistan GSP+ status, providing it with tariff preferences that are conditionally ratified and effective implementation of 27 core international conventions on human and labour rights, environmental protection and good governance. In October, OHCHR and the UNDP co-organized a three-day workshop in Islamabad for national stakeholders, including the Ministry of Human Rights, the National Commission on Human Rights (NCHR), the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) and provincial-level human rights officials on human rights indicators and a human rights-based approach to data. A significant outcome of the workshop was the discussion of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the NCHR and the PBS. Following the formation of a new government in the second half of 2018, OHCHR initiated discussions on the possibility of establishing a National Mechanism on Reporting and Follow-up that would replace the current “Treaty Body Implementation Cells,” which have not been effective in assisting government officials on human rights indicators and implementing treaty body recommendations.

In the Middle East and North Africa region, OHCHR enhanced its capacity-building initiatives and programmes and expanded its cooperation with different stakeholders in the MENA region. In 2018, OHCHR organized four training workshops. A total of 53 civil servants, seven NHRI representatives and 24 CSOs were trained with a focus on understanding and engaging with international human rights mechanisms. Two of the trainings were organized on the margins of the Human Rights Council’s UPR sessions and during the CEDAW session.

In 2018, OHCHR took steps to establish technical cooperation programmes, including capacity-building and technical assistance, after many years of limited engagement in Algeria and Egypt. In May, OHCHR organized capacity-building workshops for 30 participants from the Algerian National Human Rights Council (CNDH), government officials and civil society organizations on reporting and follow-up with various human rights mechanisms. OHCHR organized the first workshop on international human rights law for 42 Egyptian judges, including seven female judges. The workshop focused on the implementation of the UPR recommendations related to ensuring fair, equitable and independent judicial procedures in accordance with international standards and strengthening the independence of the judiciary, thereby ensuring access to justice for all citizens. The participants enhanced their knowledge of the role of judges and international human rights standards, as well as other areas of human rights expertise, in line with OHCHR’s Human Rights in the Administration of Justice: A Manual on Human Rights for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers.

M2 – Civil society organizations, national human rights institutions and non-traditional actors, particularly those working on emerging human rights issues (frontier issues), increasingly engage with the international human rights mechanisms and use their outcomes.

OHCHR supported the engagement of several representatives from civil society with human rights mechanisms, in particular the special procedures and the treaty bodies. In addition, OHCHR briefed the experts of CMW on the human rights situation in the Americas region, at the Americas commission, and OHCHR supported civil society representatives who attended Human Rights Council sessions, including by taking preventive measures to ensure their security. OHCHR participated via video link in two important gatherings of HRDs in Venezuela, a national gathering that was held in Caracas and another that was held in the State of Carabobo. During these interventions, OHCHR presented its work on Venezuela, the mandate outlined in the Human Rights Council resolution, the human rights mechanisms that are available to HRDs and how OHCHR can support them in engaging with the UN human rights mechanisms. The Office also participated in a training on UN human rights mechanisms for HRDs from Venezuela that was organized by an NGO in Colombia, in September. OHCHR advised participants on how to make the best use of UN human rights mechanisms and OHCHR supported capacity-building for civil society, NGOs and HRIs by organizing a series of study visits. In June, OHCHR hosted 17 women HRDs and, in November, the Office hosted 16 journalists, including eight women, from seven countries in the MENA region and Sudan, in Geneva. Part of the objective of these visits was to build the awareness of participants about the human rights mechanisms and to strengthen their capacity to engage with the mechanisms. It was also anticipated that this knowledge would enable civil society organizations to engage nationally with the mechanisms charged with protecting and respecting civic space.

In October, OHCHR supported and participated in the fifteenth General Assembly meeting of the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions, in Cairo, Egypt. Besides strengthening regional cooperation among the NHRI, OHCHR aimed to build the capacity of the newly established NHRI in Kuwait and Lebanon and encourage their support and cooperation with other regional NHRI that can share their institutional and operational experiences.
In 2018, OHCHR sent a delegation to Tehran, Iran, marking the first OHCHR mission to Iran since December 2011. The primary objectives of the mission were to engage in an initial dialogue on human rights with Iranian authorities and explore potential areas of cooperation. OHCHR met with the Deputy Secretary General of the High Council for Human Rights; representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice; the Vice Presidency for Women and Family Affairs; the Legal and Judicial Commission of the Parliament; the Secretary General of the Assyrian Universal Alliance; civil society organizations and academics; and the UNCT. OHCHR also visited the Tehran Juvenile Correction and Rehabilitation Centre. Specific proposals were made to the Government in relation to follow-up. A recommendation on the administration of justice was accepted.

On the basis of recommendations issued by the Capacity Assessment of the NHRI of Pakistan, which was undertaken by OHCHR and the Asia Pacific Forum, OHCHR began conducting informal capacity-building training sessions for the staff of the National Commission for Human Rights. In February, OHCHR conducted a training on the international human rights system and its website tools for eight NCHR members and staff. In response to a request from the NCHR staff, OHCHR conducted an additional training on human rights monitoring and torture investigations, in May.

M4 – International human rights mechanisms contribute to the elaboration of international law and jurisprudence, in particular in the context of emerging human rights concerns.

During 2018, OHCHR supported the Resident Coordinator’s Office in Bangladesh with the deployment of a national analyst that enabled the Resident Coordinator’s Office to increase its capacity to monitor and report on human rights issues. The contribution from OHCHR also strengthened ties between OHCHR and the Resident Coordinator’s Office, particularly in coordinating responses to sensitive issues, such as the upcoming election, the Rohingya response in Cox’s Bazar and the Government’s crackdown on drugs. OHCHR engaged with the UNCT as well as DPA to develop and update a common messaging document. In addition, OHCHR worked with DPA to develop a mapping, which can be used for entry points on further human rights engagement. These documents enabled the UN to speak with a unified voice in relation to a sensitive issue.

M5 – International human rights mechanisms are increasingly effective in promoting and protecting human rights.

As the conflict dynamics in the Syrian Arab Republic changed in late 2017 and 2018, OHCHR restructured its Syria Team into a country office, which is based in Beirut. In addition to its ongoing focus on the integration of human rights into humanitarian action, the Office has been implementing a broader human rights mandate of protection and promotion. The new structure strengthens existing monitoring and reporting activities and includes two additional components, namely, the Rule of Law and Civil Society and Technical Cooperation units. The new structure enabled the Office to produce advocacy papers on several thematic issues, including the protection of humanitarian workers, counter-terrorism and housing, land and property rights legislation and key human rights messaging and recommendations targeting parties to the conflict, Member States and UN partners involved in both the political and humanitarian response, with a view to enhancing human rights protection in Syria.

OHCHR consistently contributed verified human rights information and analysis to the Secretary General’s monthly report, pursuant to UN Security Council resolution 2139 (2014) and subsequent resolutions. In addition, OHCHR prepared detailed human rights reports on thematic issues to provide the UN and external partners with early warning analysis tools that highlight human rights concerns in Syria. The three Human Rights Advisers that have been deployed in Beirut, Amman and Gaziantep since 2015 provided support to the leadership of the humanitarian response to the Syria crisis. This resulted in increased advocacy around violations of international law and the integration of human rights into strategic and operational humanitarian decision-making and response plans. The Office supported the engagement of various stakeholders, including civil society actors, with international human rights mechanisms, such as the Universal Periodic Review, special procedures and treaty bodies. It also interacted with accountability mechanisms, such as the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic and the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011.

NEW COUNTRY OFFICE FOR THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ESTABLISHED IN 2018, OPERATING FROM BEIRUT
OHCHR’s human rights impact and messages are effectively communicated, helping position the Office as a partner of choice for its key stakeholders.

• Stronger messaging included an increased use of advocacy tools to highlight the violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law across the region, as well as positive developments in many countries. In 2018, nearly 130 press statements, press briefings, media statements and media advisories on human rights situations in countries and territories were reviewed with inputs and advice from field presence and/or FOTCD. Approximately 40 reports on country situations published by the UN special procedures, jointly with UN peace operations or by human rights components of peace operations were reviewed, improved and cleared by FOTCD, as well as 53 reports to the Human Rights Council and 13 reports to the General Assembly.

• In the context of Iran, OHCHR intervened, through a UN special rapporteur, on behalf of child offenders at risk of imminent execution, which helped to prevent the executions.

• OHCHR broadened and diversified its institutional partners and maximized the mutually reinforcing human rights benefits of exchange of expertise, reach and resources.

• OHCHR supported the African Union in integrating international human rights norms and standards into its work and supported the development of increased institutional partnerships to benefit from their expertise. In December, OHCHR organized a conference in Addis Ababa with key partners, such as State representatives, the African Union Directorate on Women, Gender and Development, the AU Special Rapporteur on the rights of women in Africa and various UN partners in order to follow up on the joint report of the African Union Commission and UN Women on the status of women’s rights in Africa. As a result, participants developed an action plan and identified the role of civil society actors and policy interventions to accelerate ratification and advance the implementation of the Maputo Protocol (the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa).

• OHCHR broadened and diversified its institutional partnerships through fellowship programmes, including a 2018 fellowship programme for regional human rights mechanisms and an existing fellowship programme for “A” status NRHIs.

• Following interactions with the Russian Federation Ombudsperson, OHCHR agreed to formalize its cooperation through an exchange of letters (28 May and 16 July) identifying several areas of OHCHR engagement. These include initiatives to promote diversity, tolerance and non-discrimination; campaigns to raise public awareness about the UN human rights system; support for human rights education; the creation of a human rights web portal on human rights mechanisms that is connected to the server of the Ombudsman; various capacity-building programmes and seminars on human rights mechanisms and the role of NRHIs for the staff of the federal and regional ombudsmen. In a similar spirit of partnership, the Russian Federation Ombudsman invited the FOTCD director to attend a conference of Ombudsmen from the Eurasian region that was held in Moscow on 8 November.

• A new partnership with Belarus began with the opening of OHCHR’s field presence through the deployment of a senior HRA to the UNCT, in July. A formal agreement was reached with the Government of Armenia, in April, on the establishment of an OHCHR presence in Yerevan within the UNCT. This was preceded by the advance deployment of OHCHR’s staff member. In both Moldova and Montenegro, OHCHR increased its country engagement through the deployment of a human rights officer as surge capacity within the respective UNCTs.

• On 24 September, OHCHR and the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation in Geneva organized a side event on the margins of the thirty-ninth session of the HRC to promote the Human Rights Master’s Programme (HRMP) in nine universities across Russia. Since 2008, the programme has been managed by a consortium that initially involved three Russian universities. The programme was supported by OHCHR, which advised on the curriculum and teaching modules and facilitated the establishment of five resource centers. The feedback at the side event indicated that there is significant potential for the HRMP to widen the scope of its partnership with law schools in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

• In 2018, OHCHR provided grants for 11 NGOs in seven countries of the MENA region, namely, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, State of Palestine, Tunisia and Yemen. It is estimated that 7,716 individuals benefited from the project. The projects are in line with the thematic priorities of the Office and focus on the human rights of women and gender equality, the rights of minorities, human rights defenders, the rights of persons with disabilities and human rights and the environment.

• In cooperation with key stakeholders, OHCHR organized several workshops/seminars on a range of human rights issues. For instance, in cooperation with the civil society network Musawah and the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development, OHCHR co-organized a seminar in Geneva on 16 February 2018 on “Religion & Rights.” The seminar introduced international initiatives that promote a rights-based understanding of religion to build a common ground between faith and rights.

• With regards to Yemen, OHCHR’s fundraising efforts led to the establishment of a new office in Aden, which opened in early 2019. This will enable OHCHR to focus attention on alleged human rights violations in Aden and the south of the country. It will also strengthen the Office’s interactions with the internationally recognized Government of Yemen and with NGOs, human rights defenders, activists and journalists based in the south. The sub-office will facilitate technical assistance for the Yemen National Commission of Inquiry (based in Aden) as mandated by Human Rights Council resolutions 39/16 and 39/21.

• FOTCD participated in the OHCHR Peacebuilding Fund Working Group. It also coordinated and advised on field engagement with the Peacebuilding Support Office and the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF), offering specific advice on draft proposals for Chad, Liberia and Niger. As a result, OHCHR more than doubled the funds received from the Peace Building Support Office in 2018. The Division closely followed the implementation of PBF projects and ensured the anticipation of challenges and the implementation of redress actions when necessary.

• Resource Mobilization

Investment in and support for OHCHR has expanded and donors are expressing confidence in the value delivered by these investments.

• OHCHR managers are enabling the most efficient and responsible use of all available resources, supported by the effective deployment of relevant technologies.

• FOTCD managed the Regular Programme for Technical Cooperation, which is a capacity-building instrument for State officials and CSOs implemented by global and regional entities of the UN Secretariat. The Programme supported the framework for technical cooperation initiatives designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, institutional capacities and sustainability of participants. FOTCD provided substantive support to implement activities under the programme, reviewed all proposals, monitored implementation and reporting and provided OHCHR’s annual contribution to the Secretary-General’s performance report on technical cooperation.

• FOTCD contributed to the operationalization of the UNSDG Strategy for the Deployment of Human Rights Advisers and ensured the timely and effective processing of extensions and new approved deployments, including to Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Brazil, Ecuador, Jordan, Malaysia, Peru, Uruguay and Zimbabwe. It further contributed to the finalization of the deployment to the Dominican Republic and supported the request from the Resident Coordinator in Myanmar for a deployment in early 2019. The Division worked closely with UNDOCO and UNSDG to develop a new funding agreement and mechanisms to ensure enhanced sustainability of the programme. By the end of 2018, OHCHR had deployed Human Rights Advisers and staff in 32 countries in support of the respective resident coordinators and UNCTs.
The Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division (CTMD) is the Division of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with a core mandate to support the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary mechanisms, the Universal Periodic Review and the human rights treaty bodies. Over the last several years, OHCHR has consistently prioritized the provision of support to the mechanisms and its field presences, which is reflected in the Mechanisms pillar of the OHCHR Management Plan (OMP) 2018-2021. The Division is well placed to take a leading role in ensuring that the significant and cumulative value of the mechanisms is matched by committed follow-up to the implementation of their recommendations.

The Division consists of an Office of the Director, the Human Rights Council Branch (HRCB), the Universal Periodic Review Branch (UPRB) and the Human Rights Treaty Branch (HRTB).

The Human Rights Council is an intergovernmental body composed of 47 Member States that are elected by the General Assembly for a three-year period. The Council is responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe. It was established by and is a subsidiary body of the General Assembly.

In 2018, the Council discussed a wide range of thematic issues at its three regular sessions, including during panel meetings of the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary mechanisms, the Universal Periodic Review and the human rights treaty bodies. The third UPR cycle provided OHCHR with an opportunity to strengthen engagement with all Member States on the implementation and follow-up to the outcomes of the international human rights mechanisms, particularly those of the UPR, through cooperative efforts and the sharing of good practices between Member States and other stakeholders. The third UPR cycle provided an important basis for Member States to achieve greater results in the implementation of the SDGs and human rights protection at the country level created through national mechanisms for reporting and follow-up and comprehensive national human rights action plans or implementation plans, as noted in the Secretary-General’s report A/72/353 and HRC resolution 36/29. Since the beginning of the third UPR cycle, in May 2017, 84 Member States have been reviewed for the third time.

In 2018, OHCHR provided full Secretariat support to the twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first Working Group sessions and the UPR segments of the thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth plenary sessions. The Office prepared 168 documents for 42 reviews (84 summaries and compilation reports, 42 Working Group reports and 42 outcome reports) and published 42 national reports and 42 addendum reports.

Strong cooperation from stakeholders was evidenced in the contributions that were submitted to the UPR mechanism and 302 interventions that were made during the adoption of the UPR outcomes at the Human Rights Council plenary sessions.

The ten human rights treaty bodies are independent committees that were established under the nine core international human rights treaties and their optional protocols. They are composed of experts in human rights in their respective fields. The human rights treaty bodies monitor the implementation of human rights treaties through the examination of reports that are periodically submitted by States Parties to each treaty. All international human rights treaties are supplemented by optional protocols or conventions that provide an additional layer of protection to implement their treaty obligations. The treaty bodies also issue recommendations to States Parties, encourage priority follow-up on certain matters and adopt General Comments/General Recommendations on thematic or procedural issues. One treaty body (SPT) undertakes visits to States Parties with the objective of preventing torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. It also provides assistance and advice to States Parties regarding the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).

In addition to supporting the treaty bodies, the Division is responsible for promoting the continued improvement and harmonization of the work of the treaty bodies through the annual meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies (Chairpersons meetings) and consistent follow-up with the individual treaty bodies; and for preparing for the 2020 comprehensive review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on the human rights treaty body system. At their annual meeting in 2018, the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies endorsed a proposal for elements of a common aligned procedure for follow-up to Concluding Observations and Decisions issued by the treaty bodies. This should facilitate more nuanced and practical reporting on the implementation of specific treaty body recommendations in the future.

Furthermore, the Division manages the Treaty Body Capacity-Building Programme (TBCBP) that was established by General Assembly resolution 68/268 on 9 April 2014 as one of the outcomes of the treaty body strengthening process. Recognizing that some States Parties have difficulties in fulfilling their multiple reporting obligations, General Assembly resolution 68/268 designed a comprehensive capacity-building programme to support States Parties in building their capacity to implement their treaty obligations. The Programme was established at the beginning of 2015 with a team that operates from OHCHR headquarters and in the field.

CTMD also administers the following six Trust Funds:
- Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council;
- Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review;
- Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review;
- United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFTV);
- United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (UNVTFCFS); and
- Special Fund of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).

Detailed information on the Trust Funds is presented in the chapter on Funds Administered by UN Human Rights on pp. 98-113.
In the process of drafting a General Comment on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress, CESCR engaged with non-traditional actors, such as associations of scientists and researchers, as well as academics working on the issue of technological advances. More generally, civil society engagement with CESCR has increased. In 2018, CESCR received more than 200 submissions from stakeholders on the 23 countries that were subject to review or in relation to the adoption of LOIs/Lists of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPRs). More than 30 civil society organizations have engaged remotely with CESCR. The Human Rights Committee received contributions to its General Comment on the right to life from over 170 stakeholders, including 23 States Parties, academics and other professionals, NHRIs, NGOs and UN partners. In 2018, 16 Concluding Observations and 12 LOIs/LOIPRs, as well as CAT General Comment 4 on the principle of non-re-oulement, addressed frontier issues such as corruption and the displacement of people. Extensive information was provided through written inputs and during hearings with civil society organizations and NHRIs. CAT hosted several thematic briefings with civil society partners on various themes, including vulnerable populations in detention and protecting women from violence.

The importance of the 2030 Agenda was reflected in the work of the Council, which passed seven resolutions related to its implementation, and sought to identify entry points for the inclusive and participatory implementation of plans and national policies. It also took steps to mainstream human rights into integrated plans of action for achieving sustainable development.

Identifying and collecting soft law obligations aims at facilitating follow-up on recommendations and their implementation. This is primarily achieved by channeling information about obligations to UN Country Teams (UNCTs), OHCHR field presences and other partners in the UN system with a view to ensuring that the political commitments of States that sponsored and/or voted in favour of resolutions were being taken into account in monitoring and capacity-building activities to be undertaken by UN entities.
In 2018, OHCHR organized three regional UPR workshops in Kampala, Uganda for English-speaking African States; in Dakar, Senegal for members of the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) and in Praia, Cabo Verde for Portuguese-speaking States. The workshops focused on sharing good practices in terms of preparation and reviews and in relation to implementation and follow-up. The workshop in Cabo Verde resulted in concrete recommendations that were issued to strengthen human rights coordination and follow-up at the national level, integrate accepted UPR recommendations into efforts to implement the SDGs, and ensure better support to Member States from the UN system including through ODA. The workshops facilitated stronger partnerships with the African Union, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the OIF, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights.

The Office also organized pre-session information meetings prior to the UPR to provide information on the functioning of the review. Six in-session briefings were held during the twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first Working Group sessions. The briefings provided an overview of follow-up processes and measures for the implementation of recommendations issued by the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular in the UPR. OHCHR focused on parliaments and parliamentary human rights bodies as essential actors in the UPR process at the national and international level. On 28 June, NGO and OHCHR and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held a joint workshop at the IPU Headquarters in Geneva. At the workshop, the findings of the study on the contribution of parliaments to the work of the Council and the UPR, including the draft Principles on Parliaments and Human Rights (contained in A/HRC/38/25), were presented for discussion. Particular emphasis was placed on the rationale of a set of international principles to advise the human rights work of parliamentary human rights committees. In June, OHCHR hosted a high-level meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) with the aim of defining a road map for OHCHR-PAM cooperation.

M4 – International human rights mechanisms contribute to the elaboration of international law and jurisprudence, in particular in the context of emerging human rights concerns.

Treaty bodies examined a high number of cases related to frontier issues, including deportation and extradition cases, cases on the international custody of children; and international criminality, including human trafficking and cases of enforced disappearances of migrants. In all of these contexts, treaty bodies continued to define their jurisprudence and ensure a harmonized approach between treaty bodies. OHCHR provided legal analysis and guidance to support the elaboration of the jurisprudence of treaty bodies. The Human Rights Committee adopted General Comment 36 on the right to life. The General Comment recognizes that every person has the inherent right to life. It constitutes a fundamental right and its effective protection is a prerequisite for the enjoyment of all other human rights. The General Comment refers to the most pressing and serious threats to the ability of present and future generations to enjoy the right to life, such as environmental degradation, climate change and unsustainable development.

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With regards to the treaty bodies, the second Secretary-General’s report on the status of the treaty body system has been completed in 2018. Consultations were carried out among Member States and other stakeholders, including NGOs, and were reflected in the Secretary-General’s report. In partnership with the UNICEF Regional Office for East Asia and the Pacific, OHCHR reviewed the State Party reports of three Pacific Islands, namely, the Marshall Islands, Palau and Solomon Islands, via videoconference. This enabled the participation of larger and more representative delegations. CAT video conferencing and webcasting for private hearings with NGOs, NRMs and UN entities in the field and when undertaking a public review of State reports.

All TCBBP publications, outreach materials and training tools promoted a holistic approach to the implementation of recommendations issued by the international human rights mechanisms. The NRTD is the latest example of this approach as it contains, by default, recommendations issued by the human rights mechanisms and requires Member States to outline actions for their comprehensive implementation.

TCB BP is collaborating with the independent academic study on the impact of human rights treaties at the national level that is being carried out in 2018–2019 by the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, University of Pretoria. The objective of the study is to document the impact of the treaties in 20 countries. TCB BP is also collaborating with UNICEF to identify and document examples of successful engagement with human rights mechanisms that have had a positive and concrete impact on the lives of children and other vulnerable groups.

In 2018, the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the UPR, administered by OHCHR, facilitated the participation of government representatives from 22 Member States under review. OHCHR encouraged Member States under review to include female participants in their delegations for the Working Group sessions and to nominate a female delegate to be funded under the Trust Fund for participation at the UPR. During the twenty-ninth session of the Working Group (January), a total of 255 members of the delegations participated, 119 of whom were women. During the thirtieth session of the Working Group (May), 251 members of delegations participated, 96 of whom were women. During the thirty-first Working Group session (November), 323 members of delegations participated, 105 of whom were women.

OHCHR enhanced the visibility and accessibility of the UPR recommendations and related documentation through its UPR extranet site, webcasting and the country-specific webpages of Member States under review. In 2018, a website was launched for the HRC and its subsidiary bodies, featuring improved user friendliness and accessibility and easy language translation. In addition, UPR country pages were merged, providing a better overview of each Member State. Furthermore, OHCHR produced 42 webcast snapshots of the adoption of the UPR outcomes of the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions of the Working Group, which were widely circulated and made available on the UPR website, YouTube, Twitter and Facebook. UPR sessions and country reviews were regularly announced on social media platforms, including through live tweets during the reviews that included text, photographs and relevant hashtags. UPR general posts, session announcements and one post per each individual country review were published on Facebook.

Participation (P)

P2 – The UN system and international, regional and national mechanisms provide increased, timely and effective protection to civil society organizations and individuals (including from reprisals)

In 2018, OHCHR documented practices fostering the effective participation of civil society in the HRC and its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms to safeguard the space for civil society engagement with the HRC.

During the reporting period, with OHCHR’s support, NGOs and the President of the HRC maintained regular exchanges to provide a space for civil society to channel its concerns on participation to the highest level of the HRC. In addition, the Bureau held briefings prior to, during and after HRC sessions. These interactions facilitated exchanges on issues of critical concern to civil society, such as reprisals occurring in the context of HRC sessions and ways to enhance the HRC’s methods of work.

To better communicate the impact of the work of the HRC and to reach a younger audience, the Council’s presence on diverse social media platforms was increased. As a result of these efforts, the number of HRC’s followers on Twitter grew from 122,000 to 157,000 (12 per cent) and on Instagram from 200 to 800 (300 per cent). An emphasis on stories on Instagram fostered a vision of the work that were shared with the Secretary-General. In an effort to ensure that human rights defenders and civil society can engage with the UN without fear of attacks or intimidation, all treaty bodies, except CESCR, have endorsed the San José Guidelines against Intimidation or Reprisals. Some of the committees have incorporated the Guidelines into their methods of work and/or rules of procedures and most have appointed focal points on reprisals.

Treaty bodies have been working to facilitate access of civil society and defenders of alleged victims and have adopted decisions on cases of reprisals. For instance, in the case of Mr. Roubâ Ali Ahai (Communication 682/2015), the victim was released from arbitrary detention after being held as a form of reprisal following the coordinated intervention of his representatives and the Committee against Torture. In May, CERD adopted a decision (Decision 951) relating to alleged reprisals by the Philippines against indigenous human rights defenders, including present and former UN experts. In particular, CERD raised concerns about a court petition that was filed by the State Prosecutor, in February, seeking to declare the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People’s Army as terrorist organizations. The petition includes a list of more than 600 individuals alleged to be affiliated with those organizations, many of whom are indigenous leaders and defenders.

During constructive dialogues with concerned States Parties, treaty bodies flagged concerns regarding restrictions on the work of human rights defenders. Private hearings were more reflected in the recommendations made in relation to those States Parties and were raised with their permanent missions in Geneva. In some cases, the treaty bodies published the letters of delegations and committee webpages. When appropriate, the cases were shared with the Secretary-General for inclusion in his annual report on reprisals.
In 2018, SPT carried out six country visits (Belize, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Poland, Portugal and Uruguay), which centred on visits to places of detention under SPT’s mandate. In addition, SPT visited 34 prisons, including female and male facilities; 53 police stations; 11 juvenile detention centres; eight psychiatric/mental health institutions; and three closed migrant/undocumented centres. During these visits SPT conducted over 1,000 interviews, individual or collective, with detainees and others, including officials, law enforcement personnel and medical staff.

A2 – Strengthened national mechanisms provide redress to victims and accountability for human rights violations, including for economic and social rights.

Under the individual complaint procedures of the treaty bodies, individuals have the right to complain about alleged human rights violations. In 2018, treaty bodies registered 1,959 individual complaints and adopted 191 decisions, identifying situations where human rights violations occurred. The resulting body of decisions has provided Member States with recommendations related to redress that should be provided to victims, legislative amendments and administrative steps that should be taken, including the strengthening of national mechanisms.

A landmark judgment handed down by the Supreme Court of Spain, in July, implemented a CEDAW decision and compensated a victim of gender violence, thereby recognizing that decisions of treaty bodies are legally binding in Spain. The ruling also demonstrated the potential impact of the individual complaints procedures to provide redress to victims and ensure accountability for human rights violations when national justice systems fail. Additionally, the Committee on Enforced Disappearances registered 561 Urgent Actions requests between March 2012 and 31 December 2018. In 40 of these cases, the victims were located and the corresponding Urgent Actions were therefore closed. In all the registered Urgent Actions, the Committee on Enforced Disappearances sends recommendations to the State party concerned, including on the actions to be taken to search for the disappeared person and investigate alleged enforced disappearance, but also on the obligation of State parties’ authorities to ensure the protection of the relatives and representatives of the disappeared person and to provide them with the social and economic support they need as a consequence of the disappearance.

Development (D)

DT – States integrate human rights, including the right to development and human rights mechanisms’ outcomes, as they implement the Sustainable Development Goals and other development and poverty eradication efforts; and the UN supports them in these purposes, integrating human rights into its own development work.

UN leadership and advocacy capacity in linking SDGs and human rights was strengthened through a series of regional retreats for resident coordinators on leveraging synergies between implementation and monitoring of the SDGs and human rights. In 2018, TBCCP co-organized two retreats in Eastern and Southern Africa and in West and Central Africa. The retreats enabled the successful sharing of opportunities, challenges and good practices and elicited commitments towards stronger linkages between the SDGs and human rights, such as human rights-centred advocacy by resident coordinators, and explicit references to human rights in SDG reporting, such as the Voluntary National Review (VNR). Partnership with UN DESA was instrumental to increasing OHCHR’s involvement in the VNR process. In 2018, OHCHR contributed to the UN DESA workshop for the 2019 VNRs at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). This created opportunities for the Office to reach out to State structures involved in SDG processes, encourage coordination with NMRFs and provide assistance in relation to human rights reporting and implementation.

UNCTs enhanced their role to promote the implementation of human rights recommen- dations. This took place through regional training of trainers (ToT) for UNCT members, who were then able to integrate human rights implementation into their advocacy efforts and support to government. Regional ToTs took place in the Pacific and South America. This resulted in quality submissions of UNCT reports to the UPR and treaty bodies and fostered a greater sense of ownership and participation in the reporting process among UN agencies and the Offices of Resident Coordinators. Treaty bodies regularly encourage Member States to take into account their human rights obligations in the context of the implementation of the SDGs. A number of committees link recommendations in their Concluding Observations to relevant targets of the SDGs in order to facilitate the achievement of these targets by States Parties. Similarly, relevant SDGs are integrated into LOIPRs.

In 2018, during its seventy-first session, CEDAW adopted revised reporting guidelines that integrated SDG indicators and targets. CRC’s working group on SDGs has begun developing standard language on the 2030 Agenda for its Concluding Observations on the reports of States Parties. The objective is to provide guidance to States Parties on how to link their legally binding obligations under CRC with SDG implementation. At its twentieth session, CRPD adopted General Comment 7 on articles 4(3) and 33(3) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention. The General Comment calls on States Parties to actively involve and closely consult with persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, on the monitoring of the SDGs at the national level, international decision-making and international cooperation with other States Parties. They are also called upon to adopt development policies that mainstream the rights and opinions of persons with disabilities when implementing the 2030 Agenda at the national level.

CMW regularly references the links between the human rights of migrants and the SDGs, stressing that the efforts of Member States to implement the 2030 Agenda should address the root causes of forced migration and strengthen the protection for migrants in line with international human rights norms and labour standards. CMW provides the Council with the HLPF, including an assessment of the situation regarding the principle of ensuring that no one is left behind at the global level; the identification of gaps, areas requiring urgent attention and risks and challenges; valuable lessons learned in the transformation of sustainable and resilient societies; emerging issues that are likely to affect the building of resilient and sustainable societies; areas where political guidance by the HLPF is required; and policy recommendations.

The implementation of the SDGs is close- ly linked with the implementation of obligations under ICESCR. The Council consistently recommends that Member States take into account their obligations under ICESCR as they implement the 2030 Agenda at the national level, rather than highlighting particular SDG targets.
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PS3 – Strategies to prevent and respond to conflict consistently integrate human rights protection.
Treaty bodies complaints mechanisms can prevent potential violations through interim measures.
In 2018, interim measures led to suspended death sentences and forced evictions and the prevention of countless violations of the rights of individuals, including in the context of conflict. It is noteworthy that the implementation rate with interim measures is high (close to 80 per cent) and that some countries, such as Switzerland, have systematically complied with all interim measures that requested the suspension of deportations. Through its urgent action procedure, the Committee on Enforced Disappearances has received and considered urgent action requests in the context of conflict (particularly in Iraq). In response, the Committee provided States Parties with specific recommendations on the fulfilment of their obligations under ICPPED related to the search for disappeared persons and the investigation of alleged enforced disappearances, as well as the rights of their relatives. The Office contributed to the prevention and reduction of human rights violations, including in the context of conflict, through its work on reporting, follow-up, early warning, urgent action procedures (for CERD), General Comments, statements and other processes.
The CEDAW taskforce on women, peace and security integrates the Security Council Agenda and General Recommendation 30 on women in conflict prevention into LOIs/LOIPRs and Concluding Observations. In addition, OHCHR supported the signature of a Concluding Observations. In addition, OHCHR supported the signature of a Framework of Cooperation between the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG/SVC) and CEDAW, on 29 July. This is the first agreement between a Security Council mechanism and a human rights mechanism that is aimed at guiding joint efforts to address the structural drivers of sexual violence by promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls at risk. Under this Framework, the Office of the SRSG/SVC and CEDAW shared information regarding country situations under consideration by the Committee and those that are the subject of visits and reporting to the Council and the SRSG/SVC. With OHCHR’s support, the Office of the SRSG/SVC submitted reports to the OHCHR supported the Office of the SRSG/SVC and CEDAW shared information regarding country situations under consideration by the Committee and those that are the subject of visits and reporting to the Council and the SRSG/SVC. With OHCHR’s support, the Office of the SRSG/SVC submitted reports to the Security Council and General Assembly’s Third Committee. This address facilitates efficient media outreach and timely responses to generic queries. Synergies were also strengthened through the partnership with the Department of Public Information in New York and in the field. With regard to the UPR, the media team reached out and cooperated with more than 40 United Nations Information Centres.
• During 2018, the UPR Working Group sessions received broad media coverage. The twenty-ninth Working Group session was highlighted in 423 media articles. Of these, 226 were in English, 84 were in French, 83 were in Arabic and 30 were in Spanish. The thirtieth Working Group session was mentioned in 571 media articles. Of these, 261 were in Spanish, 207 were in English, 78 were in French and 25 were in Arabic. For the thirty-first Working Group session, 1,237 media articles referred to the session. Of these, 741 were in English, 161 were in Spanish, 107 were in French, 113 were in Chinese and 108 were in Arabic. It is also estimated that approximately 15-20 per cent of all media articles made reference to specific recommendations issued by the UPR.
• OHCHR regularly updates its online resources, including the Universal Human Rights Index, interactive maps on ratifications and reports, and background on the treaty bodies. Webcasting of sessions continues to be crucial in expanding the number of stakeholders who are able to follow the work of the treaty bodies.
Partnerships
OHCHR has broadened and diversified its institutional partners and maximized the benefits of access to their expertise, reach and resources.
• At each session of the HRC, the Secretariat of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund and the Commonwealth Secretariat organized a panel discussion on LOIs/LOIPRs and other mechanisms as ways to contribute to the implementation of SDG 5. All technical assistance efforts provided to Member States took gender balance into consideration in the composition of the facilitator’s team and participants. The training methodologies used were conducive to diverse participation.
Human Rights Council – Outcomes of sessions held in 2018

37TH SESSION (28 FEBRUARY – 23 MARCH 2018)
The Council adopted resolutions, decisions and President’s Statements on:

- The right to work; the right to food; adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context; integrity of the judicial system; the role of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights; promoting human rights and Sustainable Development Goals through transparent, accountable and efficient public services delivery; contribution to the implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regard to human rights; the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights; the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights; the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the need for an integrated approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the full realization of human rights, focusing holisti- ically on the means of implementation; the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities; cultural rights and the protection of cultural heritage; promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal; the right to development; the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation; the right to education; follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 18/4; the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet; human rights and international solidarity; enhance- ment of international cooperation in the field of human rights; human rights and climate change; human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisi- tion, possession and use of firearms; the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests; civil society space; engagement with international and regional organizations; busi- ness and human rights; improving accountability and due process in the military and the incompatibility between democracy and racism; the contribution of the Human Rights Council to the prevention of human rights violations; the Social Forum;

- The situation of human rights in Belarus; the situa- tion of human rights in Eritrea; the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic;

- Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic; technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; technical assistance and capacity-build- ing to improve human rights in the Sudan; assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights; technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights;

- Outcomes of the Universal Periodic Review: Afghanistan, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Botswana, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cabo Verde, Colombia, Cuba, Djibouti, Germany, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu and Uzbekistan;

- The Council adopted resolutions, decisions and President’s Statements on:

- Accelerating efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls: preventing and responding to vio- lence against women and girls in digital contexts; elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls; elimination of female genital mu- tilation; human rights in the context of HIV and AIDS;

- The right to education; follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 18/4; the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet; human rights and international solidarity; enhance- ment of international cooperation in the field of human rights; human rights and climate change; human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisi- tion, possession and use of firearms; the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests; civil society space; engagement with international and regional organizations; busi- ness and human rights; improving accountability and due process in the military and the incompatibility between democracy and racism; the contribution of the Human Rights Council to the prevention of human rights violations; the Social Forum;

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The Council also adopted, at a special session held on 18 May 2018, a resolution on the violations of interna- tional law in the context of large-scale civilian protests in the State of Palestine, including East Jerusalem and at its organizational session on 3 December, a President’s Statement on enhancing the efficiency of the Human Rights Council, including addressing financial and time constraints.
The work of the Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch and the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch includes: conducting thematic research and conceptualizing policy development and the mainstreaming of human rights across the work of the United Nations; producing tools and learning packages and providing expertise on human rights themes to many stakeholders, as mandated by the Human Rights Council (HRC), the Economic and Social Council and as specified in internationally agreed development goals; and leading efforts to advance the rights to development in accordance with the High Commissioner’s mandate to “promote and protect the realization of the right to development and to enhance support from relevant bodies of the United Nations system for this purpose.” They also undertake human rights research and advocacy work that contribute to country-level implementation through the provision of advisory services, legal and policy reviews and capacity-development, which is often undertaken by OHCHR field presences.

The Division’s main functions are:

- Supporting the High Commissioner’s global leadership role in advocacy on thematic human rights issues in terms of research, advice, advocacy and capacity-development.
- Developing methodologies and policies relating to human rights work, namely translating international human rights law and principles into practical methods, approaches, standards, procedures and tools for the human rights work that is being carried out by OHCHR and other UN, international and national actors.
- Promoting the integration of human rights into the policy, management and operational work of the UN in order to strengthen its normative and operational linkages. This is primarily undertaken in the course of OHCHR’s work with the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG), in connection with the Human Rights Up Front (HRUF) Action Plan, through participation with inter-agency groups, during meetings and through bilateral cooperation with UN agencies, programmes and UN Country Teams (UNCTs). The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda provide the framework for this work.
- Contributing to increased knowledge and understanding of human rights through education and training, the development of materials, policies, methodologies and programmes and the provision of training, advice and coordination under the Plan of Action for the Third Phase (2015-2019) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education.
- Supporting the international human rights mechanisms, in particular the special procedures and treaty bodies, in their work of advancing human rights concerns.
- Conducting thematic research and contributing to the enhancement of staff skills in this regard.

PHOTO: Special Rapporteur on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation during her official visits in 2018.

A dialogue with national human rights institutions (NHRIs) during the session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMIRIP) led to the adoption of a paper on enhancing cooperation between NHRIs and EMIRIP. NHRIs will be systematically included in the work of EMIRIP, including in its country engagement missions. To promote EMIRIP’s new mandate on country engagement, OHCHR developed a new webpage on the procedures and online forms for stakeholders to make requests for country engagement.

The Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation consistently used social media as an advocacy tool to engage non-traditional partners, such as youth, particularly during his official visits in 2018. On the occasion of International Youth Day, the Special Rapporteur convened an online initiative to raise awareness among youth on the human rights to water and sanitation. More than 150 youth from around the world sent human rights to water and sanitation. More than 150 youth from around the world sent letters to OHCHR on this issue.

In addition, OHCHR’s new webpage on the right to water and sanitation was also promoted through the provision of infographics, animated videos, videotaped interviews and on-site visits, short stories, poems, songs, academic works and essays.

OHCHR and WHO developed a Joint Workplan, which builds upon four areas from the agreed Framework of Cooperation between the two entities. Joint Advocacy was added as a fifth element.

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M5 – International human rights mechanisms are increasingly effective in promoting and protecting human rights.

The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants conducted joint advocacy activities with CMW. These activities included issuing a joint statement welcoming the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), issuing a joint press release after the presentation of their reports at the General Assembly in October, and participating in a side event that was co-organized by the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, in Marrakech, on the role of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and EMRIP. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, in Marrakech, on the role of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and EMRIP.

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In November the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences agreed on a Framework of Cooperation between the mandate and the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR). This enabled the mandate holder to raise awareness and strengthen the cooperation with the mechanisms of the African Union for the promotion and implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Albinism in Africa (2017-2021). The plan provided an opportunity for the Independent Expert to hold business and other economic actors to account for human rights violations committed in the region, particularly women and children regarding the gendered nature of slavery and trafficking in persons, in October. The side event led to increased visibility and awareness about gender considerations in these areas.

**Development (D)**

**D1 – Judicial and non-judicial mechanisms**

**Business actors implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights effectively.**

In 2018, the Office conducted a peer learning workshop, in Colombia, bringing together business representatives and human rights representatives for a constructive dialogue on the practical challenges they face in implementing the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in their activities. While the insights and experiences shared at the workshop contributed to a better and more practical understanding of the Guiding Principles, the workshop enabled actors operating in these areas to implement the Guiding Principles more effectively and encouraged them to strengthen their human rights performance.

**D2 – Business actors**

Through the finalization of its research and the submission of its report to the HRC on the second phase of its Accountability and Remedy Project, the Office provided clarity on State-based non-judicial mechanisms, delivered recommendations and suggested policy actions for States to enhance their effectiveness in securing accountability and remedies to victims of human rights abuses.

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D5 – Environmental and climate policies and plans increasingly respect, protect and fulfill human rights, guaranteeing those affected access to information, decision-making, public participation and remedies.

OHCHR advocated for the inclusion of civil society in environmental decision-making processes and supported the successful operationalization of the knowledge platform for local communities and indigenous peoples. This is the first UN mechanism to link climate change with equal participation from States and indigenous peoples. The decision text agreed at the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference (COP24) includes a clear reference to UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). OHCHR supported the intervention of the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment in climate litigation in Ireland. It also participated in the Philippines National Human Rights Commission’s national inquiry on the impact of climate change on the human rights of the Filipino people and the responsibilities of businesses in this regard. In addition, the Office facilitated the participation of civil society representatives in various UN meetings on the environment and climate change.

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An expert group meeting convened by OHCHR to consider gaps in, challenges to and best practices aimed at the full enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls and the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development produced a report submitted to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/39/34).

D7 – States integrate human rights, including the right to development and human rights mechanisms’ outcomes, as they implement the Sustainable Development Goals and other development and poverty eradication efforts; and the UN supports them in these purposes, integrating human rights into its own development work.

A national workshop on HRBAD, human rights-based approach to data (HRBAD) to leave no-one behind and its related collaboration with NHRIs, at international fora of the statistical community. This work was in connection with their efforts regarding data disaggregation to leave no one behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In Kenya, OHCHR helped to establish institutional collaboration between the National Commission on Human Rights and the National Bureau of Statistics with the aim of identifying disadvantaged groups. As a result, 25 population groups most at risk of being left behind were identified, including indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, slum dwellers and women from the poorest regions. This collaboration enabled the integration of a human rights-based approach into the 2019 Population and Housing Census, which included for example, a question related to persons with albinism.

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OHCHR collaborated with the Danish Institute for Human Rights on a pilot joint project to develop a methodological tool for national stakeholders to monitor and collect data on national implementation of human rights education in the context of the World Programme for Human Rights Education and SDG Target 4.7. The Danish Institute coordinated the piloting of the draft methodological tool by the NHRLs of Australia, Denmark, Ecuador, Georgia, Nigeria and the Philippines. A workshop with these actors was organized on 13 September and was followed by a public HRC side event on 14 September.

D8 – National institutions, assisted by communities, systematically collect, disaggregate and use data relevant for advancing human rights when they monitor and implement the SDGs.

A document was finalized proposing indicators to measure inequalities between people of African descent and non-African descent populations in the LAC region. The document will help Member States to include people of African descent in equality policies and implement and monitor the SDGs and Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. The paper was jointly drafted by ECLAC and OHCHR and will be launched in Santiago de Chile, in 2019.

For the first time, two Member States (Kenya and UK) explicitly referred to their work on implementing a Human Rights-Based Approach to Data (HRBAD) to leave no-one behind and its related collaboration with NHRIs, at international fora of the statistical community. This was in connection with their efforts regarding data disaggregation to leave no one behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In Kenya, OHCHR helped to establish institutional collaboration between the National Commission on Human Rights and the National Bureau of Statistics with the aim of identifying disadvantaged groups. As a result, 25 population groups most at risk of being left behind were identified, including indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, slum dwellers and women from the poorest regions. This collaboration enabled the integration of a human rights-based approach into the 2019 Population and Housing Census, which included for example, a question related to persons with albinism.

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Following the presentation of the thematic report on persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies to the Human Rights Council (A/ HRC/31/30), the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Team on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action was formed. OHCHR is a member of the Task Team. The special rapporteur participated in the first Arria Formula Meeting at the Security Council to discuss a more inclusive and participatory approach to persons with disabilities during conflict and emergencies and the role of the Security Council and the wider UN system. Participants agreed to move forward through targeted briefings, strengthened data collection and disaggregation and by ensuring that persons with disabilities are included in Security Council resolutions and reporting. Furthermore, through advocacy initiatives and other activities, including trainings in the State of Palestine1 and Ukraine on inclusive humanitarian action that were carried out by the Office in partnership with the General Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, OHCHR contributed to the increased attention on this issue at the global level.

PS6 – United Nations’ support to national and regional security forces, law enforcement agencies and non-State actors to respect, protect and fulfill the rights and comply with the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy.

Ohchr co-chaired the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP) Review Group with Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and finalized a review of implementation, lessons learned and good practices that was based on desk reviews and 40 reports received from UN entities and the field covering the period from July 2013 to April 2018. The review and report preparation processes were highly collaborative, leading to strong ownership of the report and its recommendations by members of the HRDDP Review Group. The review has proven to be a particularly relevant mechanism for promoting system-wide accountability for implementation and highlighting the importance of ensuring that the UN takes a principled approach to its support for the security sector. Its findings and 43 recommendations were endorsed at a meeting of Assistant Secretaries-General, in September.

OHCHR provided advice at headquarters to UNOPS, UNHCR and the Office of Counter-Terrorism on the development of internal procedures and to field presences, including UNCT and OHCHR presences in El Salvador, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi and Myanmar. With regard to Libya, the Office extensively liaised with the UNHCR and IOM HRDDP focal points, in Geneva, on the development of a risk assessment regarding the provision of support to Libya’s Department for Combating LGBTI Migration, which required significant coordination and the clarification of definitions and understandings of support, risk and mitigation measures. This engagement with IOM and UNHCR established channels for information sharing on implementation and also provided the space for a focused discussion on the application of the HRDDP in the context of migration. Following the report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, a broad human rights due diligence mapping and assessment of the UNCT’s engagement in Myanmar was initiated. This is the first time that the work of a UNCT will be assessed using an HRDDP-based methodology that was developed by the Office. It will potentially serve as a case study for future discussions in the UN system on expanding the scope of the policy.

COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK WITH THE AFRICAN UNION

UN Human Rights assisted the African Union (AU) in developing the concept and outline of a comprehensive training package for the AU Human Rights Compliance Framework and contributed to the human rights training of 65 officers. In November, OHCHR led the organization of an AU-UN workshop on selection and screening. It further supported and advised the AU on the development and establishment of a selection and screening policy framework and mechanism that will be applicable to all nominees to the AU. The AU provided possible areas for enhanced AU-UN cooperation on this issue, which could facilitate, speed up and save resources of the AU and the UN and avoid duplication in screening work. One of the key outcomes of the workshop was the identification of participants about concrete activities that are required to move forward with the development and establishment of the policy framework and mechanisms across all AU stakeholders, and the need for an implementation timeframe.

NON-DISCRIMINATION (ND)

ND1 – Laws, policies and practices more effectively combat discrimination in all forms and responsible authorities actively work to ‘leave no one behind,’ including by addressing the root causes of inequality.

OHCHR participated in a subregional workshop on enhancing inclusive development in the framework of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of the implementation of the rights of indigenous peoples, specifically the San peoples, and the development of an OHCHR-UN-DESA guidance note on National Action Plans on the rights of indigenous peoples. The event, organized by UN DESA, was held in Windhoek from 3 to 5 December and brought together representatives from governments, indigenous peoples and civil society from the Southern African Development Community, including Angola, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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Non-Discrimination (ND)

ND2 – Legal and social frameworks increasingly promote women’s and girls autonomy and choice and protect them from violence, including in the digital space.

OHCHR finalized a draft internal guidance note on the use of international human rights framework to support National Action Plans in African States assess criminal law from a gender equality and rights perspective.

The guidance note is available in a practical, user-friendly format and is based on case studies that examine the human rights impact, especially on women’s rights, of criminal laws related to adult consensual sex, abortion and HIV transmission, exposure and non-disclosure.

The Working Group on Discrimination against Women in law and in practice (WGDAW) presented its report on its visit to Samoa, which was the first visit by a special procedures mandate holder to the country. The report was well received by the Government, which committed to the implementation of the WGDAW recommendations. For example, to protect women from violence, the WGDAW recommended that the Samoan Parliament adopt a Bill to criminalize domestic violence and protect women from violence, including in the digital space. The WGDAW also recommended the implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Prevention and Eradication of Violence against Women and Children. The Government is currently working on the implementation of the recommendations.

After the 2017 country visit of the Special Rapporteur on the sale and exploitation of children, sale and child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, continued advocating for the adoption of legislation to criminalize online bullying, cybergrooming, pornography and violent content on the Internet. The Special Rapporteur is contributing to the work of the Inter-Agency Working Group on the draft Guidelines on the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography with regards to, inter alia, evolving terminology and developments in information and Communication Technology (ICT) and their impact on the sexual exploitation of children and sexual abuse of children.
NDS – Principles and practices effectively counter discrimination and hate speech in the digital space.

OHCHR significantly increased its engagement with the ICT sector, in particular with a number of online platforms, in order to focus on content moderation and combat online hate speech. As a result, several online platforms are in the process of integrating human rights principles into their policies and practices. In October, following the selection of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar’s report, OHCHR entered into substantive discussions with Facebook (at their request), to assist them in aligning aspects of their content/user policy with international criminal law.

The Office participated in various fora on machine learning and artificial intelligence, advocating for a human rights-based approach to machine learning and artificial intelligence, including in relation to the drafting of the Declaration: Protecting the right to equal treatment and non-discrimination in machine learning systems.

The Eastern Africa Regional Office and the Center for Reproductive Rights convened a strategy meeting composed of representatives from a cross-sectoral group of Tanzanian civil society organizations and networks to discuss ways and strategies to collectively address the permanent expulsion of pregnant girls from schools in Tanzania. The group ultimately achieved an agreement with external persons/institutions with a strong potential for influence, including donors and influential Africans. In November, the World Bank reached an agreement with the Government that will enable pregnant girls to return to school as one of the conditions of Tanzania’s loan release and academia.

The Special Rapporteur on racism engaged in advocacy for the implementation of the GCAM that would protect the rights to non-discrimination and equality of migrants. In June, the Special Rapporteur issued an open letter that underscored the importance of a formal role for the UN human rights mechanisms in the implementation of the GCAM.

During 2018, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences, focused on the linkages between migration and slavery/servitude. The thematic report presented to the HRC, in September, highlighted the impact of slavery and servitude on marginalized migrant women workers in the global economy.

The Special Rapporteur engaged with ILO as the Secretariat of Alliance 8.7, a global knowledge platform to Eradicating Forced Labour Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Child Labour, to ensure the inclusion of a human rights perspective in achieving SDG Target 8.7.

In June, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children presented a report to the thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council on the early identification, referral and protection of victims or potential victims of trafficking in persons in mixed migration movements. The report was timely for raising the importance of early identification, referral and protection in mixed migration movements, in the process leading up to the drafting of the GCAM. The report was key in bridging the gap between trafficking and migration, highlighting the importance of taking into account the special protection needs of victims of trafficking in mixed migration flows.

The Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity submitted his report to the seventh-thirty session of the General Assembly on the topic of solidarity towards migrants and refugees, stressing the importance of human rights-based international solidarity to address current global migration challenges.

NDT – Public support for equal, inclusive and diverse societies, without discrimination, increases.

In the framework of the AU-UN High-level Dialogue on Human Rights, the Decade for People of African Descent was officially launched, on 24 April, putting the continent on course to improve the lives of people of African descent within the next 10 years. The Office worked with the AU on the equal enjoyment of all human rights for people of African descent, access to justice for people of African descent, and education, employment and health. OHCHR supported the AU Action Plan on the Decade.

Cooperation with the Council of Europe (CoE), civil society and NHRIs resulted in awareness-raising about CRPD standards to advocate against the adoption of an additional protocol to the Oviedo Convention on the regulation of forced treatment. Building on the High Commissioner’s report (A/HRC/34/32) and following HRC resolution 36/13, OHCHR held the first consultation on promoting human rights in mental health to discuss system-wide strategies and human rights-based practices to combat discrimination, stigma, violence, coercion and abuse. The outcome report (A/HRC/39/36) contains a summary of the discussions, as well as the conclusions and recommendations for follow-up. It has been disseminated to CoE bodies and is being used in advocacy efforts.

NDP – The UN system implements a coherent and human rights-based response to inequality and discrimination, including intersecting and multiple forms of discrimination.

OHCHR supported the application of a human rights-based approach to mainstreaming disability issues across the UN system. The groundwork that has been laid in recent years led to the Secretary-General’s decision, in 2018, to develop a system-wide policy, action plan and monitoring framework to mainstream accessibility and disability rights across all UN operations. OHCHR is actively engaged in the development of these instruments to systematize and institutionalize the application of a human rights-based approach within programming and internal policies and practices, which will be adopted in 2019.

The Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities organized events with 25 judges from different regional groups to increase their understanding of article 12 of CRPD on the right to legal capacity and to support their work in identifying in which ways the rights of persons with disabilities can be effectively protected by the judiciary.
Accountability (A)

A1 – Laws, policies and practices increasingly address and reduce human rights violations in the context of law enforcement and justice systems.

The Office contributed to the drafting of a UN strategy on drug policy, pursuant to Executive Committee Decision 55/2017, and a policy document entitled The United Nations system common position supporting the implementation of the international drug control policy through effective inter-agency collaboration. This policy document, adopted by the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, in November, includes a human rights- and health-based approach to drug policy. The Office continues to engage in the drafting of Guidelines on Drug Policy and Human Rights.

During the reporting period, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD) issued a total of 90 opinions under its regular communications procedure, thereby maintaining the high number of opinions that it issued in 2017 (94). The WGAD continued to review its pending backlog of submissions/requests for intervention. More specifically, the review was undertaken to screen submissions and requests to determine their admissibility, prioritize and maintain a systematic procedure of registration and back the requests and responses to ensure the gradual resolution of the backlog, thereby establishing a more efficient and effective mechanism.

In 2018, the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) addressed 400 cases of enforced disappearances in the context of conflict, violence and insecurity through its Urgent Action Procedure. It also successfully reduced the backlog by 50 per cent from 608 cases in January to 321 as of end of 2018. The Working Group recommended the implementation of the provisions of the 1992 Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances.

During 2018, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers engaged in discussions with judges, lawyers and their respective professional associations to assess the essential role that national judicial councils and bar associations play in protecting the interests of judges and lawyers, and, more generally, the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession. Following his visit to Poland, in October 2017, the Special Rapporteur maintained a dialogue with national authorities to ensure that the ongoing judicial reform was brought in line with existing international and regional standards relating to the independence of the judiciary and the separation of powers. In December, the Government adopted a legislative amendment which withdrew its controversial decision to lower the retirement age of Supreme Court judges.

The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons provided technical assistance and advocacy to support the adoption of national laws, policies and practices that are compliant with the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention). The mandate provided inputs into draft national laws on internal displacement in Liberia, Mali and Nigeria. During her official visit to Niger, in March, the Special Rapporteur recommended the adoption of a national law for the assistance and protection of IDPs. Subsequently, in December, Niger became the first country in Africa to adopt a national law for the protection and assistance of IDPs, thereby translating the provisions of the Kampala Convention into domestic law.

A3 – Justice systems investigate and prosecute gender-related crimes more effectively.

OHCHR issued a publication, Integrating a gender perspective into human rights investigations: Guidance and practice, that provides step-by-step suggestions and examples of how to integrate a gender perspective into each stage of a human rights investigation. Capacity-building workshops were held for human rights officers and other relevant staff in UNMISS and MONUSCO. The Office also supported the Human Rights Division of UNMISS to finalize a country-specific guidance note for the documentation of conflict-related sexual violence. The Office continued to work with partners for the deployment of gender advisors and sexual and gender-based violence investigators to commissions of inquiry and fact-finding missions, including the Independent International Commission of Inquiry to investigate all alleged violations and abuses of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the State of Palestine with regard to the 2018 protests; the International Commission of Inquiry for Mali; and the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar.

Following the visit to the Dominican Republic by the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (WGAP) in December 2017, the Special Rapporteur recommended that the Dominican Republic (A/HRC/39/46/Add.1), and as a result of a successful national-wide campaign led by UNICEF and CSOs, the Chamber of Deputies of the Congress approved a landmark reform to raise the minimum age for marriage to 18 years. It was then passed to the upper house of the Chamber for approval. The Special Rapporteur’s visit provided a major impetus for the discussions going forward.

In October, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons presented a report to the General Assembly and addressed the gender dimension of trafficking in persons in conflict and post-conflict settings as it relates to the women and peace and security agenda of the Security Council. In particular, she called on the Security Council to apply a human rights-based approach to trafficking in the women, peace and security agenda of the Security Council as a decisive means to prevent human trafficking and take exploitation before, during and after conflicts. OHCHR has made significant progress in clarifying principles and standards in the area of the right to privacy. The report that was submitted to the Human Rights Council in 2018 developed guidance on privacy protection in the context of government surveillance and against privacy invasion by private sector actors. The report highlights human rights-based responses to threats emanating from data-driven technologies and provides a set of minimum standards for adequate data privacy legislation. The Office organized and participated in numerous local, regional and international public events that helped to clarify ways to address threats to the digital cивic space, such as privacy violations, hate speech, disinformation, content moderation by online platforms and non-transparent, automated decision-making. For example, in partnership with the Republic of Korea and United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), a side event and a film screening were organized at the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, focusing on emerging threats to the digital citizen.

In addition, OHCHR supported the drafting of the Toronto Declaration: Protecting the right to equality and non-discrimination in machine learning systems, a civil society-led formulation of core principles to ensure that machine-learning systems are developed and deployed in a way that respects rights. Moreover, the Office supported the broader work on digital civic space, reviewing laws with a detrimental impact on digital civic space. This included drafted and adopted legislation in countries such as Australia, Egypt, Fiji, Malaysia, the USA, as well as countries in the European Union, covering topics such as “fake news,” online safety, hate speech, cybercrime, anti-terrorism, encryption, espionage, biometric data, facial recognition and cross-border access to data.
humanitarian law. The Office supported the role of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) in the domestic screening mechanism as an independent and impartial human rights institution well placed to conduct human rights screening and assess the eligibility, on human rights grounds, of nominees to UN operations. OHCHR supported the development of and an agreement on a SOP between the concerned entities of the Government and the HRCSL. It also supported the HRCSL in the development of human rights screening methodology. Implementation of the agreed-on mechanism began in January 2019, and it is a requirement for further deployments and rotations of Sri Lankan personnel to peace operations. This is the first example of such a mechanism that was established with the assistance of OHCHR and may serve as a model for future engagement with other troop and personnel to peace operations. This is also the first example of such a mechanism that was established with the assistance of OHCHR and may serve as a model for future engagement with other troop and personnel to peace operations.

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The Office, in cooperation with UN Women, invested in integrating the issue of civic space into the UN system. This work culminated in an Executive Committee decision on 21 November to undertake further mapping with a view to developing a system-wide approach. Following a request from the HRC, OHCHR prepared the first UN guidelines for States on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs. The guidelines were drafted after a two-year consultation process that was based on online engagement with numerous and diverse stakeholders and through workshops that were attended by over 250 participants in five different regions. The guidelines include concrete and practical recommendations on how States can put into practice the rights to participate in public affairs.

P1 – Stronger laws, policies and practices protect civic space, including online, and the environment for civil society is increasingly safe and enabling.

P6 – The voice of people affected by decisions, particularly victims and those who face discrimination, is more clearly heard.

The Indigenous Fellowship Programme was successfully conducted from 18 June to 13 July, in Geneva. A total of 36 fellows from 29 countries participated in the various language components, including English (10), Spanish (10), French (7) and Russian (8). An additional Senior Indigenous Fellow (Spanish) was deployed to the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section (IPMS). The Minorities Fellowship Programme was successfully conducted from 5–30 November, in Geneva. A total of 40 fellows from 36 countries participated in the various language components, including Arabic (4), English (13) and Russian (13). Two minority fellowships were posted respectively in OHCHR’s Regional Office for Europe from (the English-speaking component) and in the Middle East and North Africa Regional Office (from the Arabic-speaking component). Two Senior Minority Fellows (Arabic and Russian) were deployed to IPMS. The fellowship programme for people of African descent was successfully conducted from 19 November to 7 December, and attended by 13 fellows from 13 countries, namely Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Honduras, Jamaica, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. OHCHR completed two methodological tools to empower civil society and other stakeholders to design and deliver effective human rights trainings and assess their impact. The Office is working on a compendium of good practices of human rights education and training (HRET) from all regions. The Office offered expert advice and other substantive input and participated in the UN Graduate Study Programme (July), reaching 60 students from 50 countries; an innovative global online education project on the SDGs that was led by the Centre for Innovation at Leiden University (October); the ninth International Conference on Human Rights Education, in Sydney (November); and a new civil society online website on human rights education (www.power-humanrights-education.org).

An evaluation demonstrated that the Office’s participation in Equitas’ International Human Rights Training programme (June), which was attended by 100 HRET practitioners from 50 countries, helped to facilitate alliances between the UN and civil society.

Following the issuance by the Inter-American Court on Human Rights of its landmark Advisory Opinion 24/2018, on 9 January, concerning the rights of same-sex couples and gender identity, OHCHR undertook and participated in different promotional activities carried out by LGBTI groups in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Panama. In doing so, OHCHR contributed to their advocacy efforts for the adoption of legislation and the establishment of public policies regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. Some of these activities were conducted in partnership with the Inter-American Court on Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.


In 2018, OHCHR’s human rights impact and messages are effectively communicated, helping position the Office as a partner of choice for its key stakeholders.

• TESPRDD staff participated in a one-day training that was facilitated by MediaTrain. The training provided staff with insights and information on how to deal with journalists, messaging for traditional journalism and interview techniques. Staff members who are primarily responsible for reviewing press statements and press releases noted that the training had an immediate impact on their work.

• The digitization project of the human rights education and training materials in the public domain began in 2018. The 454 items identified for digitization are being edited before being scanned and uploaded into the Library’s catalogue. In addition, the audio recordings of the plenary meeting of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights will be converted into digital files. These tapes are the only existing records of the Conference. Once digitized, the files will be publicly available online. The search guides that were created by the Library continue to be highly popular. The UDHR Children and Youth Research Guide has been viewed 5,844 times and came second as the most popular research guide.
• The Library maintains the HRET database, which contains information on 1,217 institutions and 364 active human rights training programmes, reflecting global efforts to increase knowledge about human rights. The Library’s HRET collection increased by 48 items, which were either purchased or donated. The new additions came in Arabic, English, French, Hebrew braille and Spanish.

• Five new translations of the UDHR were added in 2018. It also organized an exhibit dedicated to the seventieth anniversary of the Declaration. Respect for diversity, gender equality and inclusion is at the centre of OHCHR’s organizational culture and is fully supported by reasonable accommodation to perform their duties and effectively participate in the workplace and the activities supported by the Office on an equal basis with others. This policy is based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Strengthening Diversity, approved by the OHCHR Senior Management Team in 2017, and the mandate of the Secretary-General’s Bulletin (ST/SGB/2014/3) to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability.

• The OHCHR policy on reasonable accommodation was adopted to provide staff with disabilities and other persons with disabilities linked to the Office with reasonable accommodation to perform their duties and effectively participate in the workplace and the activities supported by the Office on an equal basis with others. This policy is based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Strengthening Diversity, approved by the OHCHR Senior Management Team in 2017, and the mandate of the Secretary-General’s Bulletin (ST/SGB/2014/3) to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability.

• TESPRDD supported the Office-wide call for expressions of interest to join an OHCHR Dynamic Knowledge Network. A total of 31 colleagues (18 women, 13 men) signed up from across the Office, including field presences. A one-day retreat was held in October, which generated ideas on implementing the Dynamic Knowledge Strategy and recommended the prioritization of developing an OHCHR knowledge management policy, as well as other actions to address the Office’s culture, capacity and systems-related aspects that are key to promoting dynamic knowledge at OHCHR.

• TESPRDD provides inputs and guidance related to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development to all parts of the Office on a daily basis. In 2018, the Sustainable Development Strategy International Group updated and supported the membership of the 2030 Agenda Contact Group, which is composed of SDG focal points that are based in headquarters and the New York Office. At least one focal point has been requested for each sectoral partners to enable each section to share consistent updates and information on issues related to the 2030 Agenda, notably the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. As part of the SDG Taskforce outcomes, TESPRDD produced templates for one-page information sheets that can help extend the OHCHR knowledge base and common messaging on SDGs and human rights regarding both specific and general SDG messages.

The Library is the center of OHCHR’s education technology sector to establish partnerships with the Center for Human Rights at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

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Diversity and Gender
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• OHCHR developed and began implementing a plan to upgrade the use of education technology in its training efforts. Based on research, interviews and consultations that were undertaken between July and October, TESPRDD developed an internal resource guide on technologies that are available for various trainings and produced innovative methodological materials and a roster of contacts within the UN, as well as other potential collaborators, that could provide support and expertise. It also purchased new training equipment and began infusing education technology into various projects.

• In accordance with the HRUF Action Plan, the online mandatory course for UN staff on UN human rights responsibilities equips staff with the knowledge and skills to uphold their human rights responsibilities in their daily work and take appropriate action for human rights protection. The course is available in four languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) on Inspira and UNICEF’s learning platform, Agora. As of 29 November, at least 29,877 staff members (10,892 female, 17,220 male, 1,765 not specified) had completed the course (compared to 21,176 staff as of December 2017 and 13,231 staff as of December 2016).

Innovation
Across the Office, innovation is encouraged, supported and its results are implemented accordingly.

• As part of the OHCHR Tech Working Group, TESPRDD engaged with academic institutions and businesses in the technology sector to establish partnerships for the adaptation or development of tools for monitoring and investigations. In November, TESPRDD organized training on online open source investigations for OHCHR staff in partnership with the Center for Human Rights at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

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Special Rapporteur on the right to education

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Ms. Boly Barry Kombou (Burkina Faso) since August 2016

2012
Mr. David R. Boyd (Canada) since August 2018

1982
Ms. Agnes Callamard (France) since August 2016

2000
Mr. Hilar Elver (Turkey) since June 2014

2000
Mr. Juan Bohoslavsky (Argentina) since June 2014

1993
Mr. David Kaye (USA) since August 2014

2010
Mr. Nyamnjoh Clement Youle (Togo) since May 2018

1986
Mr. Ahmed Shahed (Maldives) since November 2016

1995
Mr. Baskut Tuncali (Turkey) since June 2014

2002
Mr. Dainius Pūras (Lithuania) since August 2014

2000
Ms. Leilani Farha (Canada) since June 2014

2000
Mr. Michel Forst (France) since June 2014

1994
Mr. Diego García-Sayán (Peru) since December 2016

2001
Ms. Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz (the Philippines) since June 2014

2004
Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (the Philippines) since November 2016

2011
Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana (Uganda) since May 2018

2005
Ms. Obiora C. Okafor (Nigeria) since August 2017

Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

2005
Mr. Chris Kwaja (Nigeria) since May 2018

2012
Mr. Saeed Mokbi (Yemen) since June 2014

2014
Ms. Lilian Bobea (Dominican Republic) since May 2018

2015
Ms. Jelena Aparac (Croatia) since May 2018

2015
Mr. Sorcha MacLeod (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) since August 2018

2016
Mr. Felice González Morales (Chile) since August 2017

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Mr. Fernando De Varennes (Canada) since August 2017

2018
Mr. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte (Chile) since June 2014

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Mr. Philip Alston (Australia) since June 2014

2019
Mr. Joseph Cannstatter (Malta) since July 2015

2019
Ms. E. Tendiayi Achiume (Zambia) since November 2017

2019
Mr. Maud De Boer-Buquicchio (the Netherlands) since June 2014

2019
Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz (Costa Rica) since January 2018

2020
Mr. Urmila Bhoola (South Africa) since June 2014

2020
Ms. Fiona Ruia Ni Aoláin (Ireland) since August 2017

2020
Mr. Nils Melzer (Switzerland) since November 2016

2020
Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro (Italy) since August 2014

2021
Mr. Fabián Salvioli (Argentina) since May 2018

2014
Mr. Idriss Jazairy (Algeria) since May 2015

2015
Mr. Dubravka Šimonovic (Croatia) since August 2015

2014
Mr. Léo Heller (Brazil) since December 2014

Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

1994
Mr. Juan Bochalsky (Argentina) since June 2014

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Mr. David Kaye (USA) since August 2014

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