

Human Rights for Women ↔ Human Rights for All: UDHR60

I. Support Women Human Rights Defenders

Demand: Protect the rights of women human rights defenders and defenders of women's rights so they can engage in advocacy free from threats to their physical and mental well-being.

Around the world, women engaged in defense of all human rights are attacked in many ways because of their political agendas, their identities as activists, and simply because they are women engaging in advocacy. Men and women activists are also antagonized precisely because they are working on women's rights and sexual rights issues. As forms of punishment and to thwart political agendas, individuals are threatened with physical violence and harassment, their rights to organize, to freedom of assembly and to freedom of speech are limited, and their organizations are threatened with closure or other legal punishments.

- Protect rights of women defenders and defenders of women's rights, and ensure violators, whether state, non-state, family, or community actors, are brought to justice.
- Document and report on violations of rights of women defenders and all defenders of women's [and sexual] rights
- Confront political contexts such as the global rise in fundamentalisms that affect rights of women defenders
- Challenge regulation of consensual sexuality and attacks on women's sexuality as a form of punishment for their advocacy
- Call on governments and donors to commit resources for implementing the provisions of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders

Resources

- [Claiming Rights, Claiming Justice: A Guidebook on Women Human Rights Defenders](#)
- [Defending Women Defending Rights campaign](#)
- [Declaration on Human Rights Defenders](#)
- [Recommendations for Gender-Specific Implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders](#)
- [Special Representative on Human Rights Defenders Annual Reports](#) (2007 report includes focus on women and LGBT defenders)
- [Written Out: How Sexuality is Used to Attack Women's Organizing](#)