



ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

FY 2023-2024

Dear Friends,
Namaste!

As we present our Annual Activity Report for 2023-24, nearly two decades after the end of Nepal's armed conflict (1996-2006), the country continues to grapple with its complex legacy. The enduring impacts of the gross human rights violations committed during the 10-year armed conflict, combined with the ongoing transitional justice process and persistent human rights abuses, create a challenging landscape for justice and accountability.

This past year has been no exception. For many victims, justice and reparations remain elusive. Survivors are still waiting for acknowledgment, and perpetrators remain unaccountable. Ineffective processes and insufficient support systems only deepen their frustration. Even the TRC Amendment, which should be a step forward, has sparked mixed reactions—some victims feel it falls short of being truly victim-centered, while others see glimmers of progress. These struggles weigh heavily on both survivors and those of us advocating alongside them. Yet, despite these challenges, HRJC has remained steadfast in its mission to combat impunity, promote human rights compliance, prevention of torture, reparation and accountability in Nepal.

Throughout the year, HRJC undertook several critical initiatives to bring victims closer to justice. We've worked at both national and local levels, pushing for the implementation of HRC decisions and opening spaces for meaningful dialogue with stakeholders. We engaged in discussions with stakeholders regarding the implementation of United Nations Human Rights Committee (HRC) decisions (Views) on Nepal, collaborated with civil society organizations to combat gross human rights violations, and provided training to applicants, victims, law students, and lawyers on documenting violations and pursuing legal redress.

We've also taken steps forward in legal advocacy. We submitted a joint report to six UN agencies titled "The Impact of Enforced Disappearance on Women in Nepal," presenting a gendered perspective on the intersectional impacts of enforced disappearances. Additionally, we organized an international conference on implementing HRC Views. The conference drew diverse stakeholders, applicants, students, academics, civil societies members, UN representatives, and embassy officials. The focus was on discussing the current situation and exploring ways to advance the implementation of the HRC Views in Nepal.

The work we have done over the past year reflects the invaluable contributions of our board members, staff, partners, interns, volunteers, well-wishes donors, and, most importantly, the resilient victims who continue their fight for justice. Your unwavering support has been crucial in our ongoing efforts. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your immense support and look forward to another year dedicated to fostering accountability, transparency, and justice.


Kapil Aryal
Chairperson


Salina Kafle
Executive Director

Human Rights and Justice Centre (HRJC) is a non-governmental organization, registered in Nepal in 2016, improves access to justice for victims of human rights violations in Nepal, such as torture, enforced disappearances, extrajudicial executions, and sexual violence.

CUMULATIVE IMPACT SINCE 2017



85

Victims of gross human rights violations received legal assistance.



728

Lawyers, human rights defenders, law students, and NGO representatives trained.



34

Cases submitted and followed up before national legal avenues and the UN human rights mechanisms.



24

Advocacy reports submitted to national bodies and the UN human rights mechanisms.

THEMATIC AREAS

Extrajudicial killings



Enforced disappearances



Conflict-related sexual violence



Torture**



** Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment



Our mission is to create a culture of human rights compliance and accountability in Nepal and act as a catalyst for social change based on the principles of justice and substantive equality. We envision a just society where there is easy accessibility to justice for the victims for the victims of human rights violations and abuses.

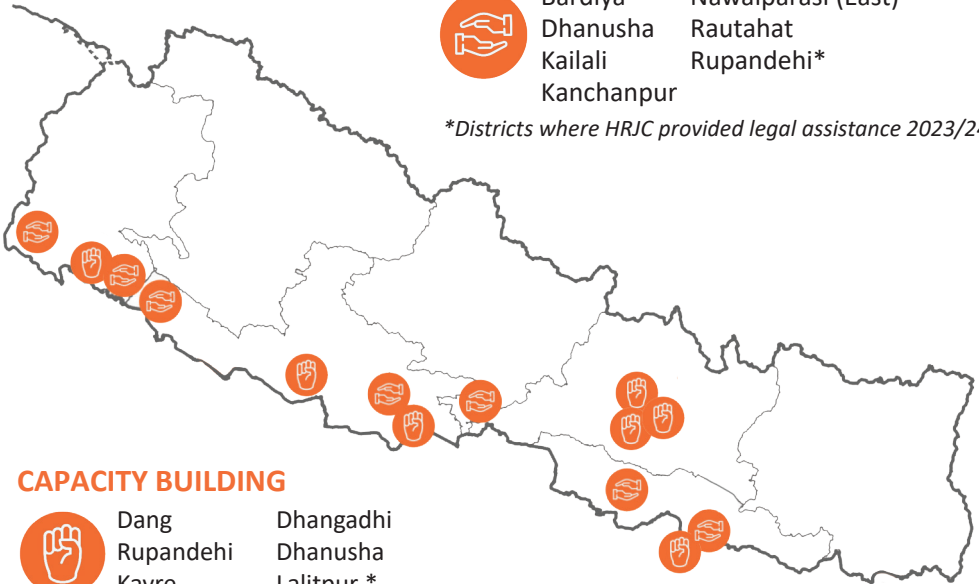
CUMULATIVE REACH SINCE 2017

LEGAL ASSISTANCE



Bardiya Nawalparasi (East)
Dhanusha Rautahat
Kailali Rupandehi*
Kanchanpur

**Districts where HRJC provided legal assistance 2023/24.*



CAPACITY BUILDING



Dang Dhangadhi
Rupandehi Dhanusha
Kavre Lalitpur*
Bhaktapur

**Districts where HRJC conducted capacity building activities in 2023/24.*

“HRJC has made my journey toward justice feel a little less heavy. They’ve supported me like family, helping me navigate the difficult process of questioning laws that impact victims like me. Their tireless work on the implementation of my case recommendations has kept the issue in the spotlight, actively pushing the government for timely action.”

Lakpa Tamang, United Nations Human Rights Committee Applicant
(Supported by HRJC)

Strengthening Advocacy and Solidarity Through Strategic Engagements for Implementing UN Human Rights Committee Views in Nepal

This year, HRJC has made significant strides in advancing justice and accountability for the UN Human Rights Committee (HRC) applicants in Nepal through a series of strategic engagements and focused advocacy efforts. Building on past dedication, this year saw a particularly resolute push towards amplifying applicant's voices and implementing the HRC views with renewed vigor.

Key Events

International Mission of UN Experts



HRJC hosted a pivotal week-long academic mission featuring two UN experts who engaged with HRC applicants, journalists, embassy officials, and UN representatives. This mission was crucial for strengthening international support and solidifying mechanisms for implementing HRC views. It culminated in a conference that explored strategies for advancing HRC views and showcased HRJC's commitment to both national and global advocacy.

Conference on Victims' Right to Reparation



In collaboration with other civil societies and intergovernmental organizations, HRJC co-organized a conference focused on "The Right to Reparation for Victims of Human Rights Violations". The event facilitated the sharing of best practices, discussed the transitional justice process, and examined the roles of federal and provincial governments in ensuring victim reparation. This conference was instrumental in aligning efforts with national priorities and enhancing a collaborative approach to implementing HRC views.

Two-Day Strategic Meeting with OPMCM



A highlight of the year was a two-day strategic meeting between the HRC applicants supported by the HRJC and the Office of the Prime Minister & Council of Ministers (OPMCM). This meeting provided an invaluable opportunity for applicants to share their stories, voice their concerns, and build solidarity. It also allowed HRJC to explore implementation strategies with the OPMCM, ensuring that applicants' needs and concerns were central to the mission.

Impact and Goal



These strategic engagements have significantly advanced HRJC's advocacy and solidarity efforts, with a clear aim of putting victims' needs and concerns at the center of the dialogue. By facilitating direct dialogue with key decision-makers and enhancing both international and local support, HRJC has established a notable foundation for implementing HRC views in Nepal. The focused approach of this year has strengthened HRJC's commitment to ensuring that the needs and experiences of the HRC applicants and victims are central to advocacy efforts. Through these initiatives, HRJC has effectively ensured that the victims' perspectives are at the heart of dialogue and decision-making processes, contributing meaningful progress in protecting and promoting human rights in Nepal.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

42

Legal counselling provided in 2023/24 to victims of gross human rights violations



3 Cases litigated by HRJC before national bodies in 2023/24

1 Case litigated by HRJC before international bodies in 2023/24

2 Public Interest Litigations on thematic areas of human rights



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Districts of the victims

ADVOCACY



1 International Conference with an international academic UN expert



1 Workshop with quasi-judicial bodies on implementing decisions of the UN Human Rights Committee



1 Factsheet published on the thematic area of gross human rights violations



2 panel discussions and 1 local radio program on thematic issues of gross human rights violations and implementation of the UN Human Rights Committee

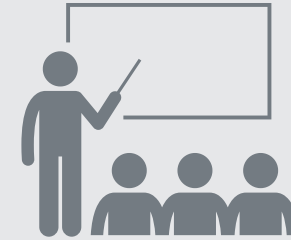


16 strategic closed-door meetings with national authorities on implementing decisions of the UN Human Rights Committee

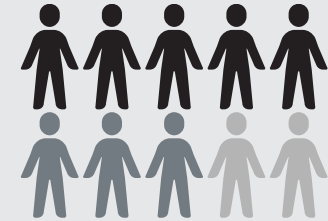


3 comprehensive reports submitted to national bodies and UN human rights mechanisms.
1 edit-a-thon on amplifying UN Human Rights Committee's Views on Nepal

CAPACITY BUILDING



2 six-month coaching and 1 workshop for lawyers
1 residential legal empowerment training for women victims of conflict and
3 legal briefing for law students



Beneficiaries
26 lawyers,
20 victims and
305 law students



Districts:
Lalitpur, Kailali, Dang,
Kavre and Rupandehi

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

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HRJC's Revenue contribution



MAY 18 FOUNDATION_4%

REDRESS_3%

Local Contribution HRJC_26%

MISEREOR_40%

UNVFVT_25%

CYRILLA_3%

NPR 12,787, 977.00

Total revenue

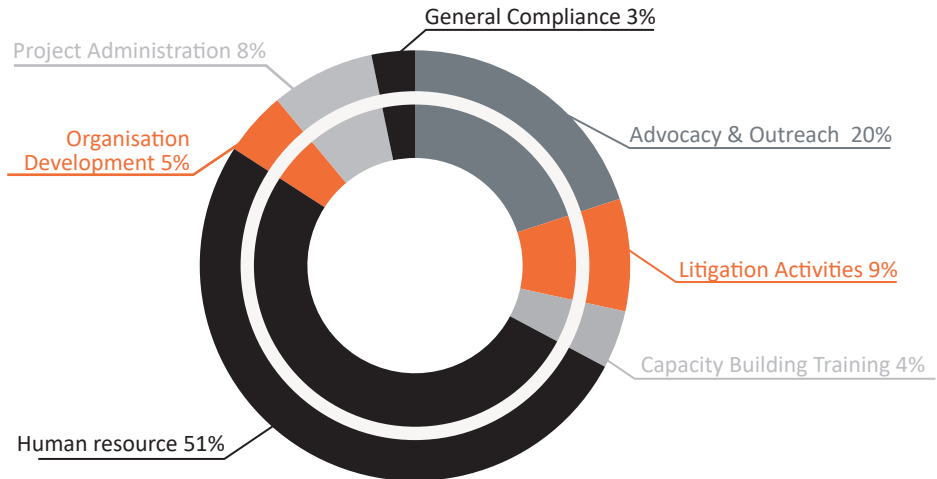
2023/24

NPR 11,129,840.00

Total expenses

2023/24

2023/24 Expenditure overview



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