FIDH INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

2025 IMPACTS: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

On the offensive! A message from our new president, Alexis Deswaef

This overview reflects a year of determined action to defend human rights in an increasingly hostile environment. Amid heightened assaults on human rights, civil society, and international justice, FIDH acted swiftly and decisively to innovate and achieve concrete results.

Never in recent years have human rights been attacked with such brutality. Authoritarian regimes are gaining ground, human rights defenders are being targeted, and international law and the institutions responsible for upholding it are being weakened. In the face of this backsliding, we refuse to stand by. Instead, we are turning alarm into action.

In 2025, FIDH demonstrated what makes it unique: our Federation is a global movement able to take action on every front. We supported our member organisations when they came under threat. We secured tangible progress before national and international courts. We engaged in sustained advocacy with States and businesses.

Our Bogotá Congress also marked an essential milestone. It brought together our member organisations, who came from all over the world, to debate our priorities, share experiences, and prepare together for the years ahead: a moment of collective mobilisation and momentum for our movement.

These hard times test our resolve and require unwavering action.

Our strength lies in our movement. In each of our 196 member organisations. In every defender who refuses to succumb to fear, repression, or resignation.



↑ *Alexis Deswaef, president of FIDH, elected during the October 2025 Congress in Bogotá, Colombia. © N. Cardenas / FIDH*



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FIDH at a glance

Founded in 1922, the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) is the world's oldest international human rights organisation dedicated to the universality of rights. **It brings together nearly 200 human rights organisations worldwide.** FIDH's member organisations are at the heart of its work and democratic governance, and several of them have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Together, FIDH and its member organisations investigate human rights violations, support victims, pursue justice, and carry out advocacy. FIDH also brings together and protects human rights defenders.

Contribution to the release of

99 human rights defenders

80 ongoing cases

27 decisions adopted by intergovernmental organisations reflecting FIDH's requests

149 advocacy publications

226 urgent appeals issued in 69 countries

2 500 victims supported

76 human rights defenders from **37 pays**, countries supported advocacy missions, bilateral meetings, or international events

FEBRUARY – NICARAGUA

Recognition of the crisis in Nicaragua

Thanks to advocacy work by FIDH and civil society organisations on the continued repression carried out by the Ortega-Murillo regime, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) acknowledged the severity of the human rights crisis in Nicaragua.


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MARCH – UNITED STATES

Official launch of the Francophone Feminist Alliance

FIDH took part in the creation of the Francophone Feminist Alliance, launched during the 69th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, to amplify the voice of Francophone feminist organisations and activists in international bodies.

MAY – SYRIA

Conviction of one of the leaders of a Syrian armed group

Following FIDH's referral, the French justice system handed down a historic ruling on the basis of universal jurisdiction: Majdi Nema was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for crimes committed in Syria.



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MAY – SUDAN

Justice for the victims of repression in Sudan

To strengthen the fight against impunity in a coordinated, inclusive, and victim-centred way, FIDH and its member organisation the African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACJPS) published a report and recommendations on access to justice for Sudanese victims.


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JUNE – TUNISIA

Denouncing the dictatorship in Tunisia

In the report *From Coup d'État to the Suffocation of Rights*: The Modus Operandi of Repression in Tunisia, FIDH condemned the mechanisms of repression and the return of authoritarianism in the country.

FIDH AND ITS MEMBER ORGANISATIONS TAKE A STAND FOR PALESTINE

In response to the ongoing genocide in Gaza and the attacks targeting human rights defenders, FIDH strengthened its commitment in 2025 to international justice and to supporting its Palestinian and Israeli member organisations.

FIDH carried out a solidarity mission to Israel and the occupied West Bank, conducted an advocacy mission in France, and documented the interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla.

Together with its partners, FIDH filed criminal complaints against French-Israeli soldiers accused of carrying out summary executions in Gaza, joined legal proceedings as a civil party in an investigation into the obstruction of humanitarian aid, and continued its advocacy with European institutions to protect the International Criminal Court. Finally, in October, FIDH published a report exposing the repression of the Palestine solidarity movement in France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Read the report *Criminalisation and Narrative Control: The Palestine Solidarity Movement in the Crosshairs* at www.fidh.org



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SEPTEMBER – FRANCE

Defending civil liberties in France

FIDH and its member organisation the French Human Rights League (LDH), as part of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, published a report denouncing violations of freedom of association and peaceful assembly and the tightening of repressive practices targeting social and environmental movements in France.

OCTOBER – SAHEL

Alert on repression in the Sahel

FIDH revealed the mechanisms of repression deployed in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, and Chad against defenders and fundamental freedoms. It presented its report alongside the 58th session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC58), in Geneva.



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OCTOBER – COLOMBIA

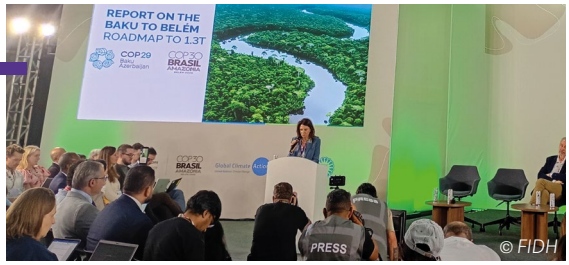
FIDH's 42nd World Congress in Colombia

From 27 to 31 October, FIDH brought its member organisations together in Bogotá for its triennial congress, structured around two key parts—the Forum, open to civil society and partners, and the internal Congress, reserved for the Federation itself—to meet, exchange, and set shared strategic priorities.

NOVEMBER – BRAZIL

Human rights included in the COP30 texts

At COP30 in Belém, Brazil, FIDH mobilised its partners and carried out advocacy to include human rights, gender equality, and the protection of environmental defenders in the final texts of the climate negotiations.



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DECEMBER – BELARUS

Release of Ales Bialiatski and Uladzimir Labkovich

LBelarusian human rights defenders and members of FIDH's network, Ales Bialiatski and Uladzimir Labkovich, finally regained their freedom, after more than four years of arbitrary detention in Belarus.

As a federation of 196 member organisations across 114 countries, FIDH's strength lies in this international civil society network, which shapes its priorities and drives collective action to defend human rights worldwide.

2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of resources and their use

These charts show where resources come from and how they are used

RESOURCES (IN €)



€8,337,485 (82,10 %)
Public institutional partners

€1,219,393 (12,00 %)
Private foundations, businesses and other private actors

€509,980 (5,00 %)
Donations from individuals (including donations from the SICAV fund)

€76,855 (0,80 %)
Other income (financial investments, other income and exceptional items)

€7,352 (0,10 %)
Member organisation subscriptions

€ 10,151,000

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE (IN €)



€7,427,015 (73,03 %)
Country and cross-cutting programmes: documentation, advocacy, strategic litigation,protection, support for member organisations and civil society

€1,254,773 (12,33 %)
Logistics costs, human resources and financial management

€428,664 (4,22 %)
Governance, network coordination, cross-cutting structural projects

€413,576 (4,07 %)
Communication externe, contenus presse, réseaux sociaux et campagnes

€344,089 (3,38 %)
Donor relations, private and institutional partnerships, prospecting and fundraising

€301,598 (2,97 %)
Information systems

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Our sincere thanks go to everyone who keeps FIDH alive day after day: our financial partners, our donors, our volunteer translators, and the tens of thousands of people who follow and share our work on social media. Thanks to your support and commitment, we can continue defending human rights wherever they are under threat. In 2025, you continued to stand with us—thank you for your trust!

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