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Impunity Watch is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, and as such, seeks support through grants and donations. Initially conceived in 2004 as a project of the Dutch development organisation Solidaridad, it registered in January 2008 as an independent Foundation (Stichting) in the Netherlands. We receive grants from a variety of government donors and foundations.

### Get Involved

We welcome interest from organisations, experts and activists looking to cooperate or partner on projects and research to combat impunity and deal with serious crimes under international law. For more information or to discuss possible partnerships, please contact us at: [info@impunitywatch.org](mailto:info@impunitywatch.org).

### More Information

For more detailed information on our strategies and programmes, or for access to our research reports, data and methodologies, please visit our website at [www.impunitywatch.org](http://www.impunitywatch.org).

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Supporting societies  
and communities  
affected by violence in  
combatting impunity-  
to ensure that past  
atrocities will never be  
repeated.



Impunity Watch strives for societies in which state and society respond effectively to serious crimes and gross human rights abuses through redress and recognition. We aim for a culture where human rights and rule of law prevail, and where impunity is no longer accepted as the norm.

We produce research-based policy advice on processes intended to encourage truth, justice, reparations and the non-recurrence of violence. Using our in-house designed Research Instrument we examine institutional, legal, social, cultural and political obstacles to impunity reduction from a bottom-up perspective. This allows us to produce targeted and evidence based policy advice for stakeholders, and local and international actors. This provides the substance for advocacy, lobby efforts and the monitoring state compliance with international obligations.

Grassroots insight at the heart of our policy advice and we assist affected communities and local actors in developing their own transformative justice initiatives. We believe in innovative solutions and addressing impunity and the root causes of violence, to avoid a recurrence of violence. Our goal is to bring to light how impunity and measures to deal with violence and the past are experienced in practice.

Our conviction is that both state and societal transformation are needed in countries emerging from violence, which should be grounded in genuine local involvement. Working closely with affected communities and civil society organisations we increase their influence on the creation and implementation of policies. We seek to enhance the knowledge and capacities of local actors to develop their own strategies for societal transformation.

To ensure the positive impact of our research we conduct stakeholder consultations, support advocacy efforts for the uptake of policy recommendations, monitor state compliance with legal obligations, and empower and strengthen the role of local civil society.



Our work is based on three core strategies:

1. Systematic and comparative research into the root causes of impunity and obstacles to its reduction;
2. Stimulating the creation of bottom-up and complementary transformative justice initiatives, using audio-visual experiences of transitional justice from affected communities and local actors as a basis for international knowledge-sharing and local strategy building; and
3. Lobbying with key actors for the uptake of research-based policy advice on processes of truth, justice, reparations and non-recurrence.

### Country Focus Programme

As well as our international office in the Netherlands, we maintain two offices in Burundi and Guatemala. Staff in these offices focus their work on these countries and cooperate extensively with local victim organizations, donors and civil society. They also operate regionally to expand the scope and impact of the work we do.

### Selected Publications

- Recurring Obstacles to Gender Sensitivity within Transitional Justice, 2013
- Guiding Principles of Memorialisation, 2013
- Victim Participation in Transitional Justice: Real Power or empty ritual, 2014
- Nomination Commissions and Judicial Independence in Guatemala, 2014
- Enhancing the Societal Impact of International Criminal Tribunals, 2015
- Burundi's TRC Launched: but will Victims Participate?, 2016

*A full list of our publications can be found on our website at [www.impunitywatch.org](http://www.impunitywatch.org).*