



# 2024 **ANNUAL REPORT**



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highlights,  
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# Letter from the Team

Dear friends,

**The year is drawing to a close, and our network – spread across both hemispheres and many time zones – are in reflection on the past year.**

Our goal remains the same: to equip those most harmed by systemic inequity to become leaders in the transformation of those unjust systems.



In a world where the rate of change continues to accelerate, we are watching an increasing polarization across our social and political systems. Disconnection between the powerful and the marginalized, regardless of where it is occurring, always stems from some form of supremacy.

Addressing those supremacist underpinnings requires a holistic transformation of the entire system, not just isolated parts of it. By fostering partnerships between grassroots advocates and those with access to resources and useful technical expertise, we are creating lasting shifts in how systems operate, ensuring that the voices of the most marginalized inform equitable policies, practices and structures. This approach strengthens community resilience and accelerates the dismantling of structural inequities globally.

Still, as we look ahead, the challenges we face are not merely extensions of the past but are shaped by emerging forces, including the rise of authoritarianism and the unchecked influence of technological determinism. Our work continues to serve as a bulwark against these challenges by integrating local insights with global advocacy. By co-designing solutions with our partners, we offer actionable strategies that are both rooted in lived experiences and forward-looking, ensuring that our collective efforts remain adaptive, equitable, and impactful.

Fostering partnerships where this is possible requires patience, openness, and agility, as we build trust and understanding. The solutions that are arrived at under these circumstances, however, are always more useful than premeditated, inorganic interventions. Our approach to any particular problem is determined in collaboration with our local partner organizations, in response to their unique contexts and resources.

We have loved connecting with you over our newsletter updates, and this report will serve as a high-level summary of our work this year. We are delighted to share with you what we have learned, the relationships that have brought us here, and the impact of our collective efforts that we have watched ripple across the globe.

Each act of advocacy can feel like a drop in the ocean, but the ocean is made of droplets. Here is what we have added in 2024.

Warmly,

The ICAAD Team

Adam Rohe, Jyoti Diwan, Erin Thomas, Jaspreet Singh and Hansdeep Singh

## ICAAD was recognized by the second highest elected office in NYC, the Public Advocate Jumaane Williams.



*Co-Founder and Legal Innovator, Hansdeep Singh and the Public Advocate for the City of New York, Jumaane Williams at the 1984 Exhibition at the Jutta Gallery on October 31st.*

The citation reads: “In recognition of your work to unite diverse communities in love, fellowship, and support. ICAAD works at the intersection of legal innovation and design justice to create evidence-based programs with organizations and communities to combat structural discrimination. By leveraging multidisciplinary teams and taking an integrated approach, ICAAD is able to improve resilience, safety, and equity across systems. On behalf of the City of New York, I would like to thank you for all your contributions to not only the Sikh community but all communities.”

# Acknowledgements

As we close this year, we want to thank you all. So many people make this work possible, and we are deeply grateful for each one of you – from those who have helped to resource us with donations and technical expertise to those who support us from afar by reading, watching, and sharing our work.

We also want to acknowledge our partners, collaborators, and local advocates who are the reason we exist. Their work never ceases to inspire and drive us to work harder and more creatively for the just and equitable futures we all deserve.

Throughout this report, we endeavor to name our partner organizations who helped bring these projects to life. You may not see the behind-the-scenes collaborations that involve mulling around complex concepts, testing new ideas, and conducting thorough desk research to assess new contexts. There are also a number of “horizon scanning” initiatives in the pipeline that you may not have seen yet. These initiatives among our main programs involve a number of pro bono partners who we’d like to acknowledge here:

Clifford Chance, LLP; MIT Executive MBA Program; International School on Climate Mobilities; LEAP; Clarke Gittens Farmer; Hogan Lovells, LLP; King & Wood Mallesons, LLP; Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP; Troutman Pepper LLP; StepToe LLP; WilmerHale LLP; DLA Piper UK LLP; Conduent; and Taproot



*ICAAD and the Sweetwater Foundation in Grenada*

# TrackGBV



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## Overview

TrackGBV is one of our longest-running programs, with far-reaching and tangible impacts. It began in Fiji, with an analysis of a small number of gender based violence (GBV) cases that pointed to GBV sentencing as a critical site in which survivors were facing discrimination. We then began conducting place-based research and brokering relationships with frontline partners across the Pacific Islands, all of which confirmed the significant need for reform within the justice systems in their support of victim/ survivors of gender based violence.

Since its inception, we have leveraged over 3,000 hours of pro bono support to analyze sentencing decisions from over 6,000 cases where GBV has occurred. We have built 15 data dashboards, including our flagship [TrackGBV Dashboard](#), which use this data to map the landscape of injustice across seven Pacific Island nations, and provide actionable insights and opportunities for intervention and transformation of those systems. These insights have already supported judicial and legislative change in the Solomon Islands and Fiji.



GBV Cases Reviewed

6,000+



Pro Bono Hours

3,000+

In 2024, we significantly progressed the program's Caribbean arm, publishing strategic assessments which reviewed the state of the justice sector delivery in both Jamaica and Grenada. These publications highlighted how inefficiencies in government systems combine with gender bias to create a network of barriers that survivors of GBV in Jamaica and Grenada must navigate. These survivor-centered reports, based on systems-focused research techniques like journey mapping, offer a rare, in-depth look at how colonial-era laws and discriminatory policies create obstacles for those seeking justice. ICAAD's findings reveal a hidden crisis in justice sector service delivery in the Caribbean, where outdated policies and systemic barriers impede even basic protections for survivors – especially LGBTQ+ individuals and people with disabilities.

We have also further leveraged the Pacific Islands data to conduct a training program in the Solomon Islands for SAFENET - their GBV referral network. The focus of this training was on how gender bias and discrimination manifest in the justice system, and how to address this better across agencies and service providers to support victims/ survivors of GBV.

## Spotlight

# TrackGBV Train-the-Trainers Solomon Islands

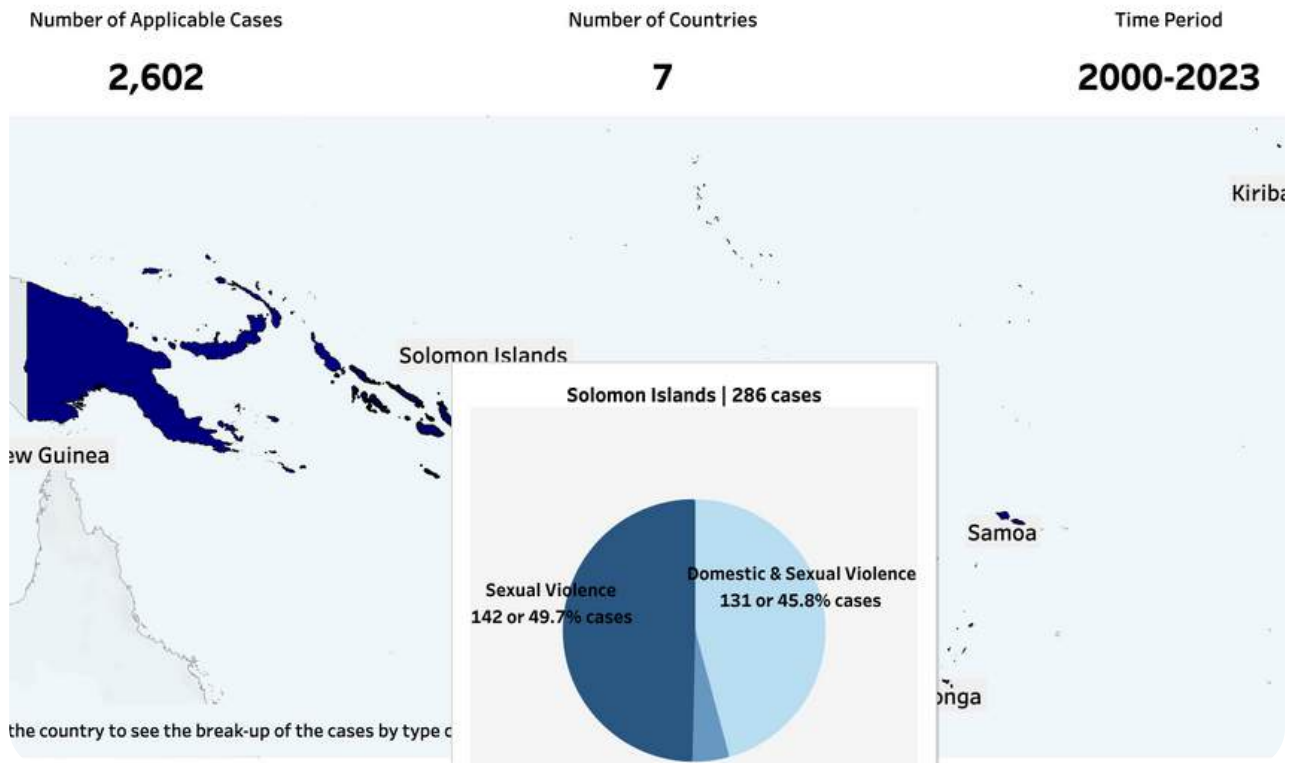
“Data is very important in this day [and] age. We use it to measure what it is we must do. In the absence of data, it's difficult to improve accountability, transparency, and consistency in the formal justice system.”

*George Hoa'au, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs,  
Solomon Islands*

In May 2024, 20 participants came together for a Train-the-Trainers program focused on how gender bias and discrimination manifest in the justice system, and how to address this to better support victims/ survivors of GBV in the Solomon Islands.

The program, TrackGBV Solomon Islands: Improving Access to Justice for Gender-based Violence Cases, was facilitated by ICAAD and hosted by the Ministry for Justice and Legal Affairs (MJLA) and the Ministry for Women, Youth, Children, and Family Affairs (MWYCFA).

We began with participants workshopping new strategies for training their teams on the concepts of gender, GBV, and discrimination. They explored the realities of a survivor's journey in accessing justice, and analyzed insights from the latest TrackGBV dashboard for the Solomon Islands. For example, from 2015 to 2023, judicial officers raised harmful stereotypes (e.g. victim blaming, or the 'sole breadwinner' argument) in over 1 in 4 cases, and the average sentence reduction due to contentious factors in cases similar to rape was 1.7 years.



Screenshot from ICAAD's TrackGBV Dashboard

Using these data insights as well as their own experience from within the Solomon Islands justice service sector, the cohort spent the second part of the training developing a set of policy recommendations to share with key stakeholders. These recommendations included:

- Eliminate the use of gender stereotypes in sentencing, particularly victim-blaming and myths that result in gender-based discrimination when applied to mitigation.
- Build the capacity of health and legal professionals to handle, present, and interpret medical evidence in GBV cases through a medico-legal train-the-trainers program.
- In cases where the sole breadwinner faces a custodial sentence, judges should advise victims/ survivors of the support available to them from social welfare.
- Increase funding to the Social Welfare Division to meet the needs of families of prisoners through the After Care Support for Prisoners Families program, and ensure survivors and their families are made aware of this support.

Perhaps the greatest result was the increase in motivation and sense of efficacy amongst the training participants. They were eager for all SAFENET data to be centralized, allowing for increased collaboration across their organisations and the ability to identify weak links in the access to justice journey.



ICAAD’s Director and Change Facilitator, Erin Thomas, who facilitated the training, shared: “It was really exciting to facilitate such an energized group. It goes to show how engaged the SAFENET partners are. There is a lot of momentum here for change across sectors. If key decision makers heed these evidence-based recommendations, we will have taken a massive step towards improving access to justice in the Solomon Islands.”

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Training participants represented the following organizations and agencies: Ministry for Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs; Honiara City Council; Ministry for Justice and Legal Affairs; National Referral Hospital; Seif Ples; Social Welfare Division; Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; Hope Trust; Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour, and Immigration; and Solomon Islands Planned Parenthood Association.

It was co-funded by the Clifford Chance Foundation, and lawyers from Clifford Chance LLP also contributed numerous pro bono hours to reviewing cases for the analysis and additional legal research.

# Artivism



*ICAAD Artist Dilpreet Bhullar speaking at her exhibition in New Delhi*

## Overview

Art is an increasingly important tool for human rights and building solidarity. Artists from marginalized communities harbor critical perspectives on issues of humanitarian and climate justice - yet, by nature of their marginalized positions, often struggle to access necessary resources and reach a wide and diverse audience. In recent years, we have supported six artists from around the world to produce and exhibit collections of their work, both in high-quality venues and online. These collections focused on issues of social justice, from the climate crisis to immigrant rights to minority rights.



This year, we have focused on brokering new relationships with exhibition venues, artists and advisors. We are looking forward to continuing to foster these relationships in 2025, and creating new opportunities for minority and marginalized artists to bring their insights, experiences and passion for justice to the fore.

If you are interested in supporting our activism program, we would love to hear from you. Our activism exhibitions have not only enlivened and connected their viewers, they also add momentum and weight to the activist initiatives they speak to.

## Spotlight



Attendees of the 1984 Exhibition in NYC

# Multimedia Exhibit in NYC and Online, Commemorating the 1984 Sikh Genocide

For one of our Artist's exhibitions, we partnered with the Sikh Coalition to bring together a multimedia exhibit titled 40 Years Later: Art, Resilience, and the Legacy of 1984. Artist, storyteller, advocate, and visionary for the exhibit, Vishavjit Singh, brought together the powerful exhibit at Jutta Gallery, NYC from October 31 to November 9, and it is now being exhibited virtually via ICAAD's virtual exhibition platform.

This exhibit marks the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Sikh Genocide on the streets of New Delhi and other cities throughout India. Beginning on October 31, 1984, the then Indian government launched a premeditated and organized campaign of violence against Sikhs, including killings, sexual assault, torture, the desecration and destruction of gurdwaras and libraries, and the destruction of Sikh homes and businesses. Tens of thousands lost their lives during the genocide and over a decade of subsequent violence, and millions carry the generational trauma of this tragedy around the globe. Vishavjit himself, along with his family, survived an attack by a mob on November 1, 1984, in Delhi.

“Attending the exhibit was a profound experience that allowed me to connect with our history in a way I never had before. Growing up hearing about the atrocities of 1984, I realized how much of the depth and emotion I had missed until I stood in front of the carefully curated family photographs and listened to the powerful testimonies of survivors. The exhibit masterfully captured the raw pain, unyielding resilience, and the untold stories of that tragic time, honoring the memory of those lost while illuminating the indomitable Sikh spirit of survival and resistance. I left feeling deeply moved, forever changed, and full of admiration for the enduring strength of the Sikh community.”

*Jag Gill*



To commemorate the tragic and pivotal moment in the annals of global history, over a dozen creators from diverse traditions exhibited their works of art. These included illustrations, sculptures, rare photographs, videos, poetry, typography, graphics, images from an Amnesty International Report and a collection of New York Times headline covers.

The exhibit, and many of its individual contributors, were recognized with citations from the second highest elected office in NYC, the Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. The most important citation was given to The Kaur of 1984, mothers and grandmothers who lost family members in 1984, some of whom faced direct assault as well, but who went on to nurture and support the next generation. The citation was accepted in person by Sanam Sutirath Wazir, author of the book *The Kaur of 1984*.

“The multimedia pieces—ranging from poignant illustrations to rare photographs—captured not only the atrocities of that dark chapter in history, but also the enduring strength and resilience of the Sikh community. It’s healing to see how far we’ve come in reclaiming our voices. I was especially moved by the discussions on how the genocide’s legacy continues to impact us today, as well as the ongoing struggle against transnational repression faced by Sikhs worldwide. I am grateful for the opportunity to witness such an important moment in history being commemorated with such respect, creativity, and dignity.”

*Jasmeen Nijjar*



# Human Rights Education



## Overview

Typically, each iteration of a Human Rights Education program is a design project. The facilitator arrives with a pre-determined set of materials and prompts - but all too often in traditional education settings, the nature of these structures (and the well-intentioned but egoic “leadership” of the facilitator) dominate the design process and its outcomes, relegating any participatory methods to mere tokenism. When a process doesn’t fully engage all collaborators and share power equitably among them, it will produce lackluster outcomes and disrupt relationships.



Participants

142



Countries Represented

20

At ICAAD, we are passionate about offering accessible training and tools for growing and emboldening the advocates in all of our programs. In our programs, participants are collaborators and co-designers of the learning experience and outcomes. Our role as facilitators is to uncover the inherent knowledge, insights, and experience within the group, and allow that to lead the design. We must support all involved in building trust in themselves, their co-designers, and this group's ability to move through the design process in a way that brings value not only to the problem at hand but also to themselves and each other.

This year we have had the joy of bringing 142 participants from incredibly diverse contexts through our programs. From a group of ambitious advocates from the Solomon Islands, supporting them in their efforts against the extractive mining industry, to a team of mental health professionals, identifying their individual and collective power to enact change within their work, the relevance of this work is proving itself time and time again.

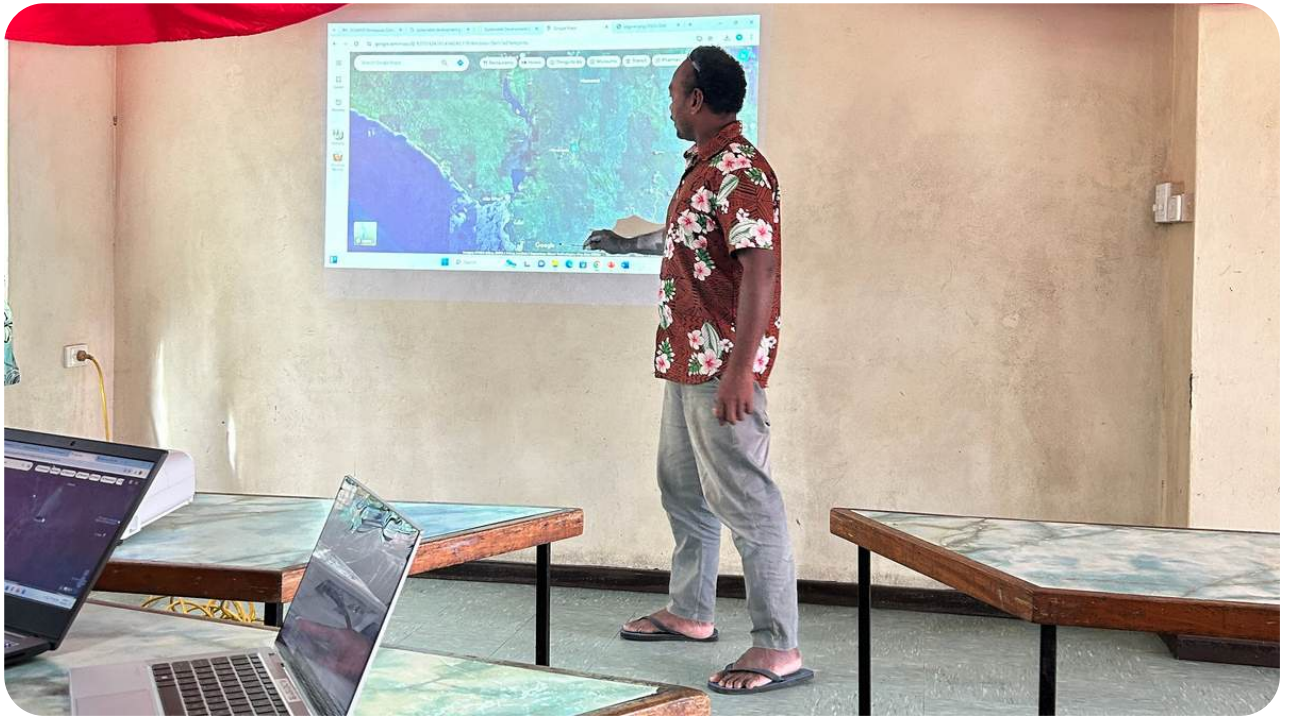
The growth, partnerships and solidarity that emerged from our cohorts of learners is evidence that our investment is justified. Once again, this is an excellent opportunity for you to become directly involved with ICAAD's work - as a participant yourself, or by sponsoring other learners to move through our programs. We would love to hear from you, and tell you more about what we have on offer.



ICAAD's Advocacy Training with the Banaban Human Rights Defenders Network in Fiji

## Spotlight

# Human Rights and Community Development Workshop in the Solomon Islands



*Human Rights and Development Workshop in Honiara, Solomon Islands*

An alumni of this year's re:flexing course, Nelson Kere, convened a small group of climate justice and emerging human rights advocates for a workshop in the Solomon Islands. The goal was to bring together Kere's experience in the development space, ICAAD's expertise in human rights, and the breadth of experiences of the course participants, to critically reflect on the discourse around 'development' and to look for better ways to engage with it that center human rights, equity and community voice.

In our [Human Rights and Development workshop](#) we worked through case studies from the Pacific to unpack the design justice principles, and workshop participants crafted useful questions they might ask if they were brought onto a "design team" for a given case study. For example: Is there anyone else impacted by this project who is not in the room? Who will have control over the concept when the project is formally complete? Are we staying focused on the outcomes desired by those most impacted? All of these questions direct us to improve the "how" – the design process of development projects – in order to produce the most equitable outcomes.



Building on these concepts, we concluded the session by exploring strategies for building solidarity among community members. We unpacked how understanding our self-interest and finding alignment in our visions for the future can be powerful tools for organizing people for change. With seasoned organizers in the room, we drew on our collective strength and brainstormed potential strategies as well as surfaced and troubleshooted persistent challenges.

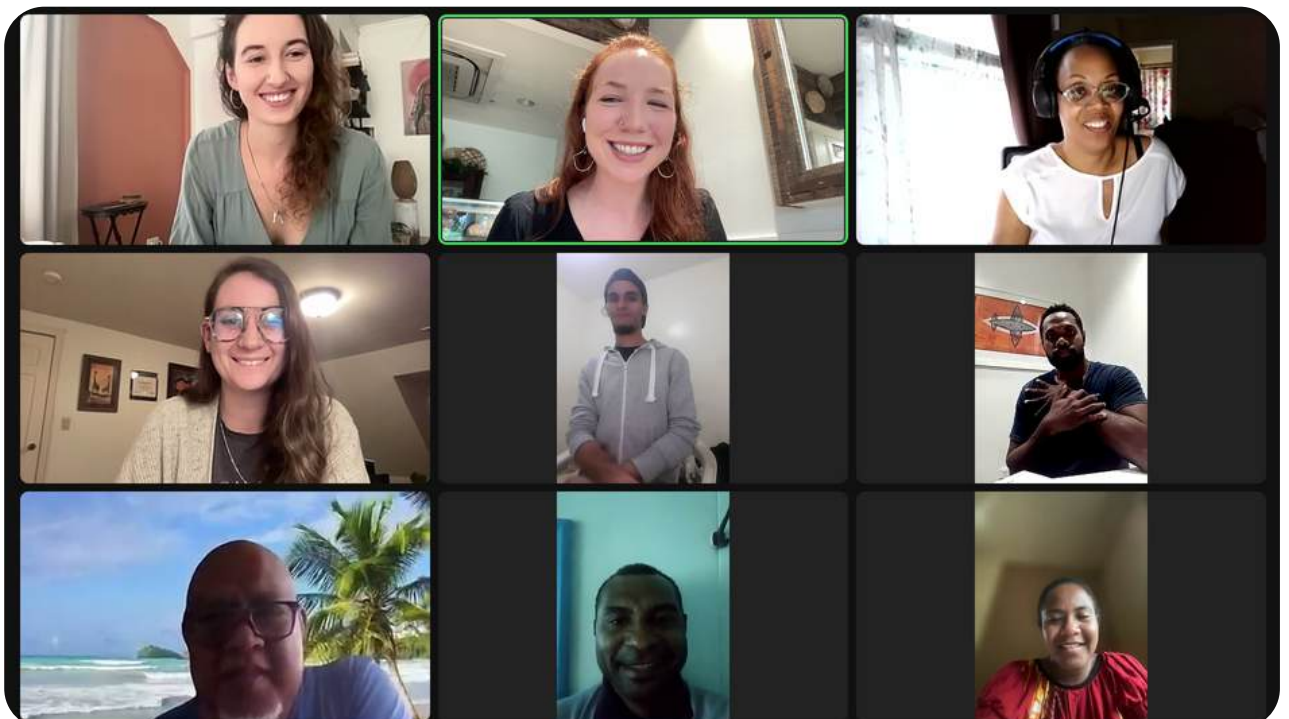
Finally, we identified a vision for the future that rang true for each workshop participant, and to the cohort as a whole. That vision included dismantling the export of wealth through extractive industry, protecting the environment for future generations, and upholding true fairness and equity in accessing the fruits of the land that we belong to.

## Looking Ahead

# Advocacy Academy in 2025

The education arm of our work at ICAAD is rapidly growing, and we officially launched our Advocacy Academy this year – a platform for all activists, artists, and professionals to build their advocacy toolkits online from anywhere in the world.

The flagship offering for the Advocacy Academy is the [Advocacy Essentials Certificate program](#) which features four month-long online courses which can be taken in any order. Informed by over a decade of proven experience, we've brought together theory, practical tools, and case studies to help participants amplify their impact.



Screenshot from *Foundations: re:flexing* Course Live Session

In 2024, we launched the first two courses of the Certificate Program: Foundations: re:flexing and Frames: Human Rights for Impact. The courses are unique in that they are equally focused on building learners' skillsets as they are about building relationships of solidarity. The courses have offered a unique virtual space to bring together change makers from all over the world who working on human rights issues we are all invested in addressing.

In the Foundations: re:flexing course, one participant shared: "This course opened my worldview. I was able to discuss the work others are doing, fighting oppression and seeking tranquility. I have never been in community with other members outside of the United States. To hear the struggles and to witness the perseverance of hope brought meaning to solidarity. This course allowed me to understand the term in a real way instead of using as a hashtag."

The Frames: Human Rights for Impact course has just concluded for 2024, and learners are still busy completing their Advocacy Roadmaps, applying everything they learned in the course. It is clear from everyone's engagement and the energy from our information sessions that there is a strong appetite for the Advocacy Academy.

We're excited to offer all four courses in 2025, and we would love for you to join in. If you'd like to take a course yourself, sign up for the waitlist to be notified as soon as enrollment opens. You can also sponsor scholarships for students around the world. Please email Erin if you're interested in sponsoring students (erin@icaad.ngo).

**Join the Waitlist**

#### **Foundations: re:flexing**

Reduce harm, align to your values, and build solidarity in your movements.

#### **Frames: Human Rights for Impact:**

Leverage human rights mechanisms with global and intersectional perspectives for justice and equity.

#### **Tools: Advocacy Strategy & Tools**

Develop effective advocacy strategies for local, national, and international impact.

#### **Futures: Shaping Change**

Address future challenges like AI, space governance, while centering dignity and ethics.



# Right to Life with Dignity



## Overview

It has long been clear that those who have contributed most to climate change (the Global North) are also the ones who now are the most resourced to combat it. Those who have had their resources depleted by decades and centuries of exploitation by the world's superpowers - particularly those in low-lying islands across the Pacific and Caribbean - do not have the capacity to meet this rapidly accelerating crisis.

Advocates and the legal community have a responsibility to build the safeguards into international law now that will guide us through the inevitable wide-spread resettlement of vulnerable peoples as climate change continues to progress.

Work on this project began in 2020 as the team grappled with the lack of legal protections for climate-displaced persons. Against one of the most pressing challenges of our lifetimes, we assembled a multidisciplinary team to ask the tough questions at the intersections of the law, climate science, technology, and of course the lived experiences of those on the climate frontlines. We centered our inquiry around the concept of 'dignity'.

Our goals for this project are many-fold, but underpinning them all is our conviction that **dignity itself is a right - not just something that illuminates or bolsters other rights**, and our desire to see a practical application of the right to life with dignity in cases of climate-displacement.

This required us to first build an understanding of dignity that was responsive to the myriad of human contexts in which the law would be applied, including amidst the climate crisis. We brought our commitment to design justice to this work, engaging deeply with Indigenous and climate frontline communities across the globe to understand the ways that they conceptualize and manifest dignity in their cultural context, and drew on international legal precedent on how dignity is understood by the courts. We also looked at religious and philosophical traditions before synthesizing these findings to articulate and propose a new evidentiary standard that is intrinsically responsive to context and culture.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that, after years of deep work, in 2024 we launched the final report. The report sets a new standard for protecting climate-displaced individuals' right to life with dignity. [This comprehensive report:](#)

- **Proposes a Legal Standard** rooted in international human rights norms and guided by local and Indigenous perspectives.
- **Defines Violations of the right to life with dignity**, encompassing deprivation of basic necessities, security, and cultural identity.
- **Introduces an Evidentiary Standard** that provides clarity regarding the application of the law.
- **Models a Case Study** to illustrate how one might scientifically identify when the threshold for a violation of the right to life with dignity may be crossed.
- **Discusses Policy Implications**, offering actionable insights for governments and organizations worldwide.

This report is the conceptual and proposed legal framework to support the efforts of those on the frontlines of climate change. Our grounded applications of this work with our partner organizations this year have been many.



*ICAAD's Advocacy Training with the Banaban Human Rights Defenders Network in Fiji*

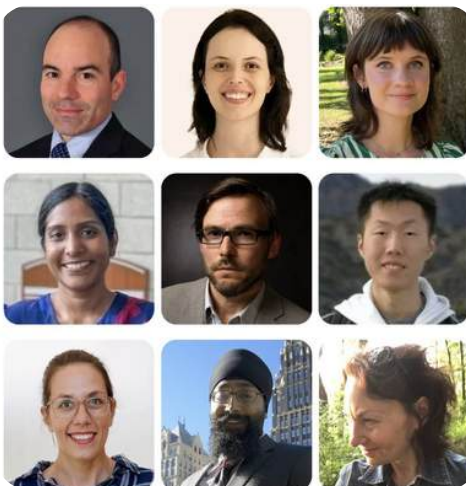
We have continued our work with the Banaban Human Rights Defenders Network, who are still struggling to access basic dignity and support on Rabi Island. Early this year we launched a [Citizenship Handbook](#) which walks them through how to secure citizenship to both Kiribati (their home country) and Fiji (the country to which they have been displaced), and conducted an [advocacy training program](#) with them in person in Fiji.



Recently, we accompanied one of their representatives to Geneva to highlight the human rights violations of Banabans during Fiji's Universal Periodic Review. We highly encourage you to stay abreast of the situations on Banaba and Rabi, as our friends there are still struggling against injustices - including the attempted re-mining of their already decimated homeland, and the ongoing denial of their legal and ethical right to self-governance on Rabi.

We will continue to utilize the frameworks within the [Right to Life With Dignity report](#) to build capacity with our partner organizations - but, if we zoom out once more to look at these people and this moment as only a part of the larger development of human civilization, it is clear that the way forward will be up to those who must confront the loss of their homes, livelihoods, and cultures.

The people who need these arguments now are only the avant-garde. They are the near ancestors of a tidal wave of need that is rapidly approaching. We have the opportunity to begin to pave in-roads for those who have been, or are about to be, displaced by our changing world into lives which are not only 'liveable', but which uphold their integrity, sovereignty and dignity. Please join us in welcoming a new possibility for international law which holds the dignity of all people at its core.



Hansdeep was invited by our partner, LEAP (Center for Learning the Earth with Artificial Intelligence and Physics), to speak at their Annual Meeting about the Right to Life with Dignity legal standard and climate modeling strategy. LEAP's event allowed for innovative ideas to be shared among experts as well as space for exploring methodologies and implementation pathways. Check out the modeling section of the Policy Paper for more.

## Spotlight

# Public Forum and Round Table on the Intersections of Climate Mobility in the Pacific

“...it’s not a lack of storytellers, but a lack of listeners and a lack of action in the international machinery that prevents people from getting fair reparations.”

*Desmond Narrain Doulatram*

After years of enduring oppression in the Pacific, one truth becomes undeniable: when you strip a person of their land, you strip them of their spirit. On August 15, we hosted a public forum on the intersections between resource extraction, militarism, climate change, and forced displacement in the Pacific. The forum was entitled “Lessons from Pacific Intersections: Climate Action, Migrant Rights, Anti-Imperialism, and the Fight Against Extractive Industries.” This public forum followed an Advocates’ Roundtable held two weeks prior. Both events were capstone projects with students from the International School on Climate Mobilities.

During the forum, a common theme that arose among the different examples across the Pacific was the colonial logic of harm perpetrated being “for the good of mankind,” whether it was the U.S.’s nuclear weapons testing program in the Marshall Islands or the UK, New Zealand, and Australia’s decimation of Banaba for agricultural phosphate mining. Beyond the damage to the land and seas, this logic was also employed to justify the forced relocation of communities. The matrix of domination (particularly white supremacy and capitalism) underpin this logic and explain why it worked for some communities and not others. We see this logic in many examples of environmental racism, including in the U.S., where poor and/ or communities of colour are sacrificed as sites for dumping toxic waste or building pipelines resulting in public health crises and environmental degradation.

Panellists: Itinterunga Rae Bainteti, climate justice campaigner, Rabi, Fiji; Desmond Narain Doulatram, Nuclear Justice Advocate, RMI; Reverend Billy Wetewea, Kanaky New Caladonia; Nelson Kumamusa Kere, Human Rights Advocate, Solomon Islands; Joey Tau, Media and Communications Specialist, Fiji.



# Scanning the Horizon



## Emergent Ideas

Our systems approach to addressing structural discrimination demands continuous forward-thinking to identify emerging trends, anticipate potential harms, and foster innovative responses. Horizon scanning allows us to provide critical insights into human rights trends and collaborate with partners and the public to co-design proactive solutions.

For example, ICAAD is partnering with a team of volunteers to automate the identification of discriminatory factors in GBV sentencing. By leveraging generative AI, we aim to drastically reduce analysis, quality check and validation time, which currently takes over 20-30 minutes per case - totalling more than 3,000 hours so far. This expansion of ICAAD's TrackGBV efforts, already benefiting 14 million women and girls in the Pacific and Caribbean, will first be piloted in U.S. states before scaling globally, advancing more equitable justice systems.

As we look ahead, the following initiatives are in the pipeline for further exploration with our partners. Please reach out if you would like to collaborate on any of these topics.

**Freedom of Movement:** Investigating regional freedom of movement policies to evaluate the feasibility of a flexible global framework. This initiative aims to balance human rights and international cooperation in exploring mobility justice.

**Space Governance:** Advocating for the recognition of outer space and celestial bodies as part of the global commons. This project challenges unilateral actions by states like the U.S. that undermine international law by asserting property rights over celestial resources. Instead, we're calling for inclusive global conversations, particularly involving the Global South, to shape a just and equitable future for space exploration.

**AI Harm:** Developing a comprehensive taxonomy of harm related to the deployment of AI technologies. By addressing the rapid cross-border impacts of AI, this initiative seeks to establish accountability mechanisms that protect human rights and uphold ethical standards in the digital age.

**Status Offences:** Envisioning a future free from the remnants of colonial-era laws that criminalize marginalized communities.

These projects reflect ICAAD's commitment to integrating innovative ideas into actionable human rights advocacy. Through collaboration with partners and communities worldwide, we aim to tackle emerging challenges and build the just futures we all deserve.



*Information Session and Workshop with the Niue Women Alliance for Climate Justice*

Additionally, our project with the Niue Women Alliance for Climate Justice has gained momentum. With a grant from the U.S. Consulate in New Zealand, we are supporting the development of an online culture and language bridging course for the Niuean diaspora. This course aims to connect Niuean communities globally while integrating ICAAD's human rights education methodologies, demonstrating the intersection of cultural resilience and rights-based approaches to learning.



# Team Updates

## Overview



Our work and impact always comes back to people. This year, we welcomed a new team member, Adam Rohe, who is our Communications and Research Specialist. Adam is a performer, Diversity and Inclusion consultant, and co-founder of trans inclusion consultancy Every Gender. Read more about Adam [here](#).

We also hosted Navreet Kaur as an intern in early 2024. She explored the state of play between generative AI and artistic rights including the current issues and legal disputes. You can read her report [here](#).

Co-Founder and Advocacy Strategist, Jaspreet Singh, also was selected as a Minority Fellow with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for a month-long immersion program. The fellowship offered a level of direct engagement with OHCHR desk officers, Special Rapporteurs, and other experts. It brought together 29 fellows from 26 countries, each representing ethnic, linguistic, or religious minority communities. [Watch his statement at the UN Forum on Minority Issues](#), and [read more about his experience here](#).



# In the Media



Media Hits in

5 news outlets

**“Groundbreaking’ Report Calls for Protecting Rights of Climate Refugees”** by Jessica Corbett in *Common Dreams*

**“Climate Refugees: How the World Must Act”** by Tim Smedley in *The New Climate*

**“Five things I’ve learned as a human rights campaigner”** by Katja Phutaraksa Neef on the *Amnesty International Blog*

**“Train-the-Trainers Program with New Data on Access to Justice in Solomon Islands”** by Robert Iroga in *Solomon Business Magazine*

**“They were deported to Tonga as strangers to their own land. Now these returnees are helping fight a drug crisis”** by Alice Lolohea in *ABC The Pacific*

“ICAAD’s report incorporates lived-experience testimony and in-depth cross-disciplinary research to propose an innovative and, most importantly, practicable legal standard for the right to life with dignity.”

Jessica Corbett in *Common Dreams*



Traditional tukul houses are partly submerged in floodwaters on land that was previously a residential community on November 29, 2023, in Bontia, South Sudan. (Photo: Luke Dray/Getty Images)

## ‘Groundbreaking’ Report Calls for Protecting Rights of Climate Refugees

“ICAAD’s report incorporates lived-experience testimony and in-depth cross-disciplinary research to propose an innovative and, most importantly, practicable legal standard for the right to life with dignity,” an advocate said.

By JESSICA CORBETT Jul 03, 2024

ABC NEWS



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## They were deported to Tonga as strangers to their own land. Now these returnees are helping fight a drug crisis

By Alice Lolohea

The Pacific

Immigration Policy

Sun 12 May



Latu Liava'a and Raymond Kafoa are helping resettle people deported to Tonga, after struggling to reintegrate when they returned to their home country. (ABC News: Alice Lolohea)

## Thought Leadership

### Space Equity Must Be Inherent in Space Governance by Hansdeep Singh

What can we learn from inequity on Earth to preserve and share the global commons?

### Is the United Nations Security Council Making Us Safer? by Hansdeep Singh

Charting a safer, more interdependent, and inclusive future in the ruins of liberal institutionalism

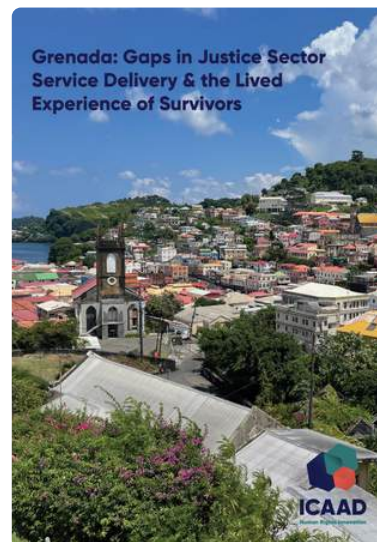
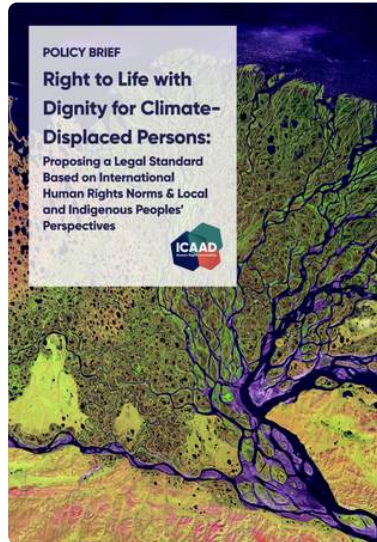
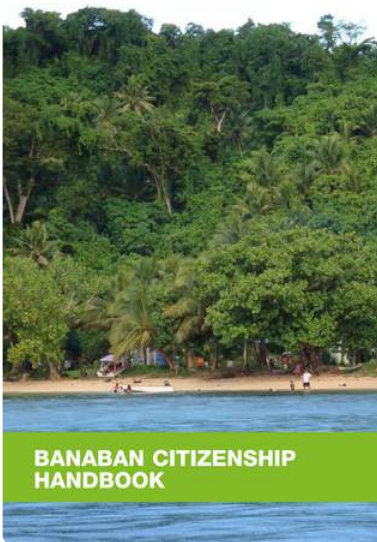
### Balancing Borders and Dignity in a Changing World by Jyoti Diwan

By embracing a commitment to human dignity, we can create a world where movement is not a desperate act, but an opportunity.

### Co-Creating Change by Erin Thomas

ICAAD's Relationship-Centered Approach to Education

## Publications



# Continuing to Grow

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There are many ways to continue supporting our work, and we would love to explore the many ways you can get involved in addition to the ideas below.



## Visit, read, attend

We host events, publish reports, and launch virtual exhibits when they serve our advocacy objectives. Subscribe to our newsletter to hear about all the latest launches, and show up when you can!



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Next year, the Advocacy Academy will open for its next course intake. Make sure to follow us on social media and sign up for the newsletter to get the reminders.



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Understanding our holistic approach means seeing the compounding impact of our relationship building and the way we emphasize sharing the tools for change with all our partners. You can resource this critical work by making a donation, exploring match opportunities with your workplace, and offering your time or technical expertise.



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