

UN Human Rights office (OHCHR) In the Field

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OHCHR Overall Budget + Workforce 2017 (Oct 2017)

Total OHCHR budget:

\$ 280.8 million – 54.1% field
RB \$ 115.9 million
XB \$ 164.8 million (30/9/2017)

Workforce:

New York	43	3.4%
Field	540	43.0%
Geneva	674	53.6%
total	1257	



What we do in the field

- Provide legal expertise and advice on HRs issues – based on International Standards / also advice on follow-up of engagement with international mechanisms
- Facilitate learning, knowledge transfer and exchange
- Outreach and human rights awareness raising
- Monitor and understand human rights challenges on the ground and provide advice and propose programmes to address these challenges



What we do in the field

- Provide support to protect CSOs, Activists and Human Rights Defenders
- Facilitate dialogues amongst all stakeholders on human rights issues;
- Build capacity in numerous areas at the request of governments
- Assist governments in their engagement with and implementation of recommendations from human rights mechanisms
 - Human Rights Council
 - UPR
 - Special Procedures
 - Treaty Bodies



Forms of OHCHR Field Deployment (as of January 2018)

Regional Offices (12)

Country Offices (15)

**Human Rights Components
Of UN Peace Missions (13)**

**Human Rights Advisors/
HR Mainstreaming Projects
in UN Country Teams (22)**



UN Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights (VFTC)

- Established by Commission of Human Rights 1987 - is the second largest trust fund administered by OHCHR. One of the tools for the Office to technical cooperation on the ground.
- It receives voluntary contributions States and organisations and provides financial support for international technical cooperation in the field, with a view to building and strengthening national capacities.
- Board of Trustees - assist the S-G and HC in streamlining and rationalising the working methods and procedures of the UNTC. It reports to the Council.



FIELD PRESENCES TO RECEIVE VFTC FUNDS IN 2017

Haiti
Afghanistan South S
Guinea B Liberia
CAR Somalia
Libya

Human Rights Components
Peace Mission

Mauritania
Mexico
OPT
Bolivia

Country Offices

Rwanda PNG
Georgia Kenya Sri Lanka
Niger Maldives
Chad Timor L
Madagascar Philippines
Moldova
Paraguay

Human Rights Advisers



Regional Offices/Regional Centres



- The Regional Office for Central America: a [Model Protocol](#) to guide investigations and prosecutions launched in the wake of gender-based killings of women in Latin America.

- East Africa
- Southern Africa
- Central Africa
- West Africa
- Middle East & North Africa
- Pacific
- South East Asia
- Central America
- South America
- SW Asia/Arab Region
- Central Asia
- Europe

Country Offices/Human Rights Missions



- Uganda
- Guinea
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Seoul (DPRK)
- OPT
- Mauritania
- Tunisia
- Yemen
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Guatemala
- Bolivia
- Honduras
- Ukraine

- Cambodia Country Office: OHCHR training to empower indigenous communities in Cambodia to facilitate their participation in processes relating to land and housing rights

Human Rights Advisors in UN Country Teams



- Discussion with national stakeholders in Kenya on the implementation of the UPR recommendations

- Chad
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- Malawi
- Nigeria
- Sri Lanka
- Papua New Guinea
- Timor Leste
- Philippines
- Asia-Pacific (Bangkok)
- Sth Caucasus
- FYR Macedonia
- Paraguay
- Jamaica
- Dominican Republic

Human Rights Components in UN Peace Missions



- Sudan
- South Sudan
- DRC
- Liberia
- CAR
- Guinea Bissau
- Somalia
- Mali
- Afghanistan
- Iraq
- Libya
- Kosovo
- Haiti

- United Nations Joint Human Rights Office in the DRC: OHCHR visiting a detention facility in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and as a result provides advice on capacity building and transformations needed

Addressing crises situations



In 2016, over 80 staff were deployed to support crises and related mandates, including commissions of inquiry (Eritrea, Gaza and Syria), fact-finding missions (Central African Republic, Iraq, Libya and South Sudan), and humanitarian missions (Mauritania, Nepal, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen).

Implementation through partnerships

- Government, including local administration
- Judiciary and parliament
- Law enforcement: police and prisons
- National Human Rights Institutions
- Civil society
- Media
- Academic institutions
- UN agencies
- Regional human rights protection mechanisms



Q&As

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