



Call for Contributions.

"practical tools to assist law enforcement agencies in the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests."

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- 6) I confirm that You can include the name and logo of the Organization.
- 7) Are there examples in your country or region of laws, guidelines, protocols or mechanisms (including accountability mechanisms) that have been effective in ensuring that law enforcement forces respect and protect human rights before, during and after protests? Please describe.

As a non-governmental organization we developed a protocol to monitor the Use of Force and Use of Firearms by members of law enforcement agencies. In the context in which they were applied, they contributed to identify human rights violations, as well as to follow up on the respective cases and stop actions against human rights by members of law enforcement agencies.

- 8) To what extent have these laws, guidelines, protocols and mechanisms been successfully implemented, and are there any implementation gaps that need to be addressed?



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As a non-governmental organization, we continue to apply the monitoring protocol and, based on the findings contained in executive reports, we send recommendations to the institutions in charge of the country's security, and issue communiqués and pronouncements.

As a human rights organization, I believe that the process of reinforcing and updating knowledge on human rights, groups in vulnerable conditions and prevention of discrimination and torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of members of law enforcement agencies should be followed up, systematizing positive experiences and practices in terms of respect for human rights in contexts of social conflict and protests by the population.

There are state security institutions that are not willing to change negative human rights practices.

- 9) Are there examples in your country or region of positive practices and strategies by law enforcement authorities that have supported the protection of human rights before, during and after protests? Please describe

Training of instructors on the Use of Force and Firearms in the Armed Forces, provided by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

- 10) How consistently do law enforcement agencies apply these practices and strategies? Is there a need to expand or systematize the application of these practices and strategies?

It is necessary to motivate the Armed Forces to continue the process of training in the respect and protection of human rights, especially of people in vulnerable situations in times of social unrest and protests of the population.

Recommend to the Armed Forces to systematize positive experiences and practices in terms of respect and protection of human rights by the institution.



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11) Did civil society contribute to the adoption of the laws, guidelines, protocols, mechanisms, practices and strategies described above? Please explain in more detail.

As a civil society organization, we are involved in the education and training of members of the Armed Forces in Human Rights and Prevention of Discrimination.

As an organization, we developed a protocol for observing law enforcement practices during protests.

As an organization we developed a protocol for visits to police stations and other detention centers.

12) In your opinion, what other measures, mechanisms and actions are needed to promote respect and protection of peaceful protest rights by law enforcement in your country?

It is recommended that members of civil society organizations that monitor the activities of law enforcement agencies be trained in the use of force and the use of firearms by expert facilitators from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Reinforce the training of Instructors on the use of force and firearms, with the Course on Prevention of Atrocity Crimes Associated with Conflict, of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.

Ongoing training of members of law enforcement agencies in the protection of human rights in contexts of social conflict and ungovernability.

Monitoring and accompaniment of law enforcement agencies in the intervention of protests (using an observation protocol, agreed upon with civil society organizations).

13) Is there anything else about the general context for the exercise of peaceful protest rights in your country that you would like to add? Please feel free to



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provide links to any articles, reports or other resources relevant to the above information.

In the current context with the state of exception in force in the country¹, fundamental guarantees have been suspended, such as the right to association and to protest; there are already communiqués from the current government that those who demonstrate will be evicted applying a police protocol² for the national problem of seizures in national and international public roads of free transit, unlawful disruption of the functioning of institutions... (unknown until now to the population), violating the American Convention on Human Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and criminalizing the work of human rights defenders. (unknown until now to the population), violating the American Convention on Human Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and criminalizing the work of human rights defenders.

¹ <https://www.wola.org/es/2022/12/honduras-estado-excepcion-riesgo-derechos-humanos/>
<https://criterio.hn/amplian-estado-de-excepcion-a-tegucigalpa-y-san-pedro-sula-e-incluyen-48-municipios-more/>

² https://www.poderpopular.hn/vernoticias.php?id_noticia=3415

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