

RIGHTS ACTION

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Below, a summary of organizations, individuals and projects Rights Action funded and worked with, to date, in 2017. Rights Action receives our funds from individuals and a few institutional donors in the U.S. and Canada, including: FPSE International Solidarity Fund, Tikva Grassroots Empowerment Fund, Cut Foundation.

Honduras

Azacualpa Environmental Committee: \$3,360. Campesino communities denouncing environmental and health harms, repression and human rights violations caused by, and resisting the destruction of a 200 year old community cemetery to make way for illegal expansion of Aura Mineral's cyanide-leaching gold mine.

Berta Caceres family: \$8,450. Family of indigenous rights, anti-imperialist, feminist, environmental defender Berta Caceres, assassinated by Honduran regime on March 3, 2016. Funds for family security and struggle for justice in her case.

COPINH (Coordinator of Indigenous & Popular Organizations): \$3,500. Co-founded by Berta Caceres in 1992, COPINH works in indigenous Lenca communities in defense of the environment, human and indigenous rights, against illegal and violent incursions by national and international hydro-electric dam, mining and logging interests.

OFRANEH (Fraternal Organization of Garifuna & Black Peoples): \$4,500. Founded in 1979, OFRANEH is the leading Garifuna organization working in defense of the environment, autonomy, human and indigenous rights, resisting illegal and violent incursions onto their lands by national and international tourism operators and African palm producers.

Triunfo de la Cruz Garifuna education fund: \$1,400

Emergency response

Health and security support, shot journalist: \$1,000

Health and security support, university/ LGBT activist tortured by police: \$2,100

Guatemala

Education

Pacux refugee community – scholarships for children of Mayan Achi genocide victims: \$4,000

Rio Negro - primary school in Mayan Achi community, victim of Chixoy Dam project: \$1,550

San Miguel Ixtahuacan – scholarship, law degree, Mayan Mam community leader resisting Goldcorp Inc. mining harms: \$410

El Estor – scholarships, children of Mayan Q’eqchi’ community leaders seeking justice for Hudbay Minerals mining harms: \$4,000

Santa Maria Tzeja - Mayan community primary and middle schools, and scholarships to high school and university: \$11,750

Mining harms ~versus~ Community Development, Environment & Human Rights

La Puya resistance movement: \$800. Campesino community members working in defense of environment and lands, resisting violent mining interests of American company KCA Associates (and partial investment from Radius Gold).

FREDEMI (San Miguel Ixtahuacan Defense Front): \$3,700. Mayan Mam people working to document and denounce harms, violations and repression caused by Goldcorp Inc.’s open-pit and underground cyanide-leaching mine.

Consejo Sipakapan de Pueblos: \$1,325. Mayan Sipakapan people working (in conjunction with FREDEMI) to denounce repression, harms and violations caused by Goldcorp’s underground and open-pit mine.

Las Casillas resistance movement: \$750. Community members protesting in defense of community, the environment and human rights, against harms caused by Tahoe Resources’ silver mine.

Q’eqchi’ Nickel mining resistance: \$1,800. Mayan Q’eqchi’ fisherpeople and campesinos protesting health and environmental harms caused by CGN/ProNico nickel mining company (owned by The Solway Group, formerly by INCO and Hudbay). Support for family of Carlos Maaz Coc, shot and killed by police during a protest.

El Estor Territorial Committee. Mayan Qeqchi people seeking justice in Guatemala and Canada for harms and violations caused by Hudbay Minerals and its former subsidiary company CGN. in Guatemalan criminal court against Mynor Padilla, former Hudbay head of security, for murder and aggravated assaults: \$23,000

in Canadian civil courts against Hudbay Minerals & CGN for negligence resulting in murder, aggravated assault and rapes: \$10,700

emergency support for Angelica Choc, forced to leave El Estor after her house was shot up in September 2016: \$10,000

health support for German Chub paralyzed from waist down, victim of Hudbay linked shooting: \$7,200

Community Development & Environmental Protection

CEDFOG education & communication centre, Huehuetenango: \$13,000

El Estor - La Union community (victim of Hudbay Minerals evictions) women's chicken and pig project: \$600

El Estor - Lote 8 community (victim of Hudbay Minerals evictions) women's agricultural sustenance project: \$17,300

Rio Negro - outboard motor repair: \$300

Truth, Memory, Justice

Commemoration of March 13, 1982, Chixoy Dam/Rio Negro massacre: \$1,500

Commemoration of May 14, 1982, Chixoy Dam/Los Encuentros massacre: \$1,500

Annual commemoration for Adolfo Ich, assassinated September 27, 2009 by security guards hired by Hudbay Minerals: \$1,350

Mayan Q'eqchi' recovery of lands, Livingston: \$1,300

Emergency response and various

El Estor - health support, community leader, suffering from cancer: \$250

El Estor - health support, community leader operation: \$2,500

El Estor - support for Lote 8 woman, husband died of poverty-related health issues: \$450

San Miguel Ixtahuacan - support for Mayan Mam woman shot in head in 2010 after refusing to sell land to Goldcorp: \$125

El Estor - purchase wheelchair for Q'eqchi' woman house-bound, with no medical treatment for paralysis: \$605

North-South Education & Activism

Documentary film - Kukama people land struggle in Peru: \$3,700

Journalists and photo-journalists: \$4,000

Educational/activist delegation to Guatemala: \$4,800

MISN: Education and activism related to Canadian mining repression and harms: \$1,200

Other countries

Otros Mundos (Mexico), support for security needs and justice work of Gustavo Castro, survivor of and eye-witness to assassination of Berta Caceres: \$5,400

AYNI (Peru), community development project, northern Peru: \$9,500

Tropico Seco (Peru), flood relief: \$1,900