



AGIR ENSEMBLE

POUR LES DROITS HUMAINS



1 OUR STORY



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In 1989, André Barthélémy, the director of a charitable travel agency (ARVEL Voyages), traveled to Chile, where he met with local activists who were denouncing the human rights violations committed by the Pinochet military regime.

Struck by these activists' lack of resources, he decided to assemble a small group of people to form an organization that would support and defend human rights across the globe.

In 1992, after three years of informal existence, "Agir ensemble pour les droits humains" officially became a non-governmental organization. The following year, we obtained observer status within the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and in 1998, we were granted advisory status to the United Nations.



2 OUR VOCATION

To create alliances with local civil society actors around the world in the battle against human rights violations. Our actions contribute to reinforcing their capacities and supporting their growth.

3 OUR MISSION

Around the world, we further the growth and development of organizations that fight for the defence and promotion of civil and political rights as well as economic, social, and cultural rights. Our institutional partnerships with local organizations are based on **equality, trust, exchange, respect, and reciprocity**. Each party is autonomous and agrees to join forces in order to achieve our common goals.



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4 HOW WE INTERVENE

Thus far, we have supported nearly 400 local human rights non-profit organizations and 800 defenders of human rights in danger in more than 40 countries.

Our role consists of:

- **Acting to Protect:** In 1999, we created the first French – and one of the world's first – emergency relief fund dedicated to the protection of human rights defenders in danger.
- **Acting to Support:** We partner up with local non-profit organizations and NGOs and provide them with financial and technical assistance for their projects. We support their growth and leadership by reinforcing their capacities.
- **Acting to Denounce:** We develop networking and advocacy initiatives in close cooperation with our partners. We belong to several human rights defense networks and unite with other non-profit organizations and NGOs for joint action initiatives.

5 OUR MEANS OF ACTING



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Promoting the **rule of law**, **democratic governance**, and **calls to action**.



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Ensuring the **protection of human rights defenders** in danger and **denouncing torture** and **arbitrary arrests/detainment**.



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Protecting the **rights of ethnic and LGBTQ minorities** and **fighting against discrimination** of these individuals and communities.



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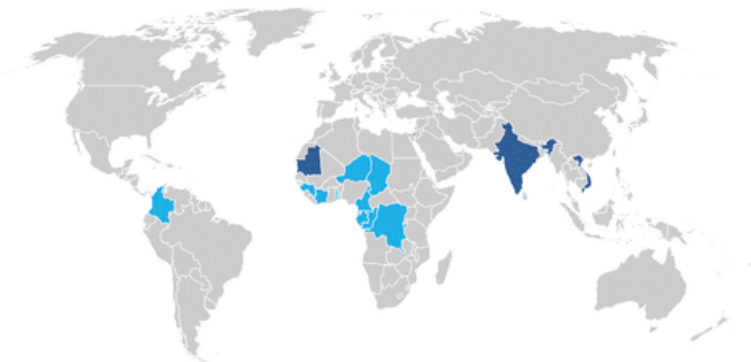
Promoting **women's rights**, **female leadership**, and the **fight against gender-based violence**.

6 OUR VALUES & SKILLS

- **Values:**
Human Dignity – Partnership – Activism
- **Skills:**
Multi-country and multi-actor coordination –
Expertise in human rights – Agility – Reactivity

7 OUR GEOGRAPHIC ZONES

We are currently active in twelve countries: Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Guinea Conakry, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Niger, Republic of Congo and Togo. Our flexibility enables us to intervene where human rights need to be defended. We have previously acted in many other countries, including India, Israel, Mauritania, Palestine, and Vietnam.



8 OUR ORGANIZATION

Our projects are constructed and implemented with local partners. All of our activities integrate an inclusive and sustainable development approach. We encourage the practices of consolidation and capitalization of learning outcomes, as well as the sharing of knowledge and experience amongst non-profit making organizations and NGOs by promoting collective brainpower and joint learning.

Our operational team—which is composed of staff members, interns, civic service volunteers, international solidarity volunteers, and other volunteers—works in our Lyon-based headquarters and travels frequently to on-site operations. Our Board of Directors consists of twelve members, and the General Assembly brings together the Board as well as our wider membership every year.

The financial resources necessary for carrying out our work come from donations from individuals and companies, as well as public grants (the French Development Agency, the European Union, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the Greater Urban District of Lyon and the City of Lyon, Rescoop, etc.) and private funds (the National Endowment for Democracy, Fondation de France, Fondation Un monde par tous, Sigrid Rausing Trust, Voice, etc.).



9 OUR NETWORKS

We collaborate with numerous other French and international NGOs involved in defending human rights. We are also active members of several French, European, and international networks that operate in the same countries as us or that are concerned with matters in line with our work and those of our field partners:

- Plateforme Droits de l'Homme (PDH) ("Human Rights Platform")
- Plateforme des ONG françaises pour la Palestine ("French NGOs for Palestine Platform")
- Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN)
- European Network for Central Africa (EurAc)
- Réseau France Colombie Solidarités (RFCS) ("France-Colombia Solidarity Network")
- SOS-Torture Network of the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)
- Mouvement Tournons la page (TLP) ("Turn the Page Movement")



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