

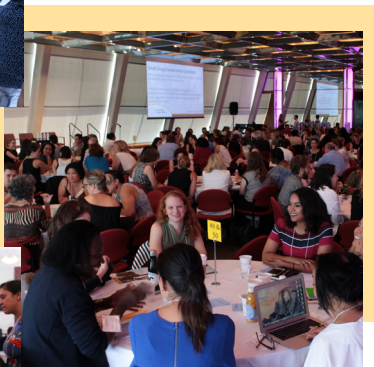


A Pivotal Year for Human Rights Funders Network

We [became Human Rights Funders Network](#) to reflect the increasing diversity and reach of our global membership. Our new website, launched in July 2017, serves as a platform for members to share [resources](#) and [perspectives](#).



In 2017, HRFN welcomed 342 new individual members from 26 countries across the world. Our membership is now over 1,550 grantmakers across 68 countries.



“HRFN looks very different from when I started coming to the conferences in 2010. It was very Global North–centric. As an African grantmaker, I was often assumed to be an activist brought to the conference by a donor. The funder landscape at HRFN looks more global now.”

— Wanja Muguongo, UHAI EASHRI

Building Trust and Facilitating Learning

In 2017, HRFN held 20 [webinars](#) that brought over 500 funders together in dialogue around grantmaking practice, human rights trends, and closing civic space.

Our July conference [Map --> Resist --> Support](#) in New York focused on responding to global trends of closing civic space and rising authoritarianism. Over 250 funders from 29 countries convened to assess risks, share concrete tactics to resist, and chart new ways to support human rights organizing under threat. The Funders’ Initiative for Civil Society launched its [strategy](#) at our conference.

We launched our *Foundation Leaders Circle*, hosting intimate conversations with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, in New York City and San Francisco. These opportunities fostered connections and community among leadership at member institutions.



Over **98%** of conference evaluators indicated that the conference helped them build new or stronger relationships with other funders, with **90%** agreeing that it helped them reflect on their own grantmaking practice and strategies.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 2017 MEMBER SURVEY

91% said they are more knowledgeable about the global human rights funding landscape.

75% feel less isolated in their work.

75% have made new connections with people who have expertise they don't have.

70% say their grantmaking strategy is more informed by the perspectives of human rights movements and/or activists.

62% said their work is more informed by what other funders have already learned.



Amplifying and Influencing

Our members led conversations on a range of pressing topics—from the implications of the Global Gag Rule in our post-US election series to the Rohingya crisis in Burma/Myanmar—sharing recommendations through partnerships and outreach. From environmental justice to closing civic space, we continue to integrate human rights philanthropy within diverse spaces, collaborating with peer networks such as Media Impact Funders, Funders for LGBTQ Issues, and Prospera.

The [Advancing Human Rights](#) initiative remains a key resource to inform human rights funders' grantmaking strategies and philanthropic advocacy.

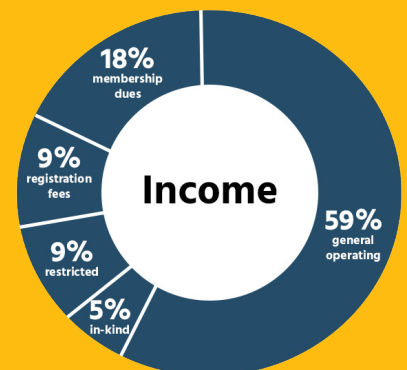
In 2017, in partnership with Foundation Center, we released two new years of data, bringing our analyses closer to real time. Our members continue to connect across regions, find new partners, and map their own grantmaking by using our funder-only [Foundation Maps: Human Rights](#). This map is updated on a weekly basis.

“One of the things I love about the network is the appetite for learning and willingness to try new things, [and its] appetite for experimentation.”

— Regan Ralph, Fund for Global Human Rights

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

HRFN's 2017 operating expenses totaled \$1,023,572. Our 2017 income breakdown was approximately **59% general operating**, **18% membership dues**, **9% restricted**, **9% registration fees**, and **5% in-kind**. HRFN received voluntary dues from 92 participating institutions.





Human Rights Funders Network

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