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*Rule of law is the most important element
in any civil society.”*

Mo Ibrahim

International Bridges to Justice is dedicated to ensuring the basic legal rights of ordinary individuals throughout the world. Specifically, IBJ works to guarantee every person the right to competent legal representation, the right to be protected from cruel and unusual punishment, and the right to a fair trial.

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Cover Photo by Ian Maclellan: IBJ International Programme Director Sanjeeva Liyanage (left) meets Evans Muswahili, a JusticeMaker from Kenya along with his wife.

International Bridges to Justice is a non-governmental organization in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Celebrating Years of Transformative Change

For fifteen years IBJ has pioneered access to justice programs around the world, to protect people trapped in failed legal systems and to produce durable, long-term judicial reform.

Thousands of individuals have been released from improper detainment because of our on-the-ground work. May others have been treated humanely rather than tortured by the very legal system meant to ensure their rights. Progress at the case level has been matched by achievements at the policy level. IBJ works collaboratively across all sectors with governments, legal actors, and civil society leaders, thus producing lasting improvements to the judicial infrastructure in more than 40 countries across four continents where we have run programs.

Our lawyers, staff and team members have persevered through many challenges. Yes, our lawyers themselves have been detained, threatened and abused. IBJ staff regularly face hardship and intimidation. Yet, we see signs of improvements everywhere. It is not only the overcoming of extraordinary challenges that we celebrate, it is also the day-to-day commitment and everyday actions of all of our

team members that has made all the difference. The world is undergoing a legal rights revolution in which access to justice is finally seen as part of the core development agenda. This is a message we have been proud to carry into prisons, courthouses, national ministries and United Nations conferences. International Bridges to Justice was founded in 2000 to apply innovation and new thinking to strengthen the rule of law and end the use of investigative torture. IBJ protects individuals, improves communities and transforms countries. The world is a safer, more prosperous place because of our efforts. By fostering the rule of law in some of the world's most broken places, IBJ is a catalyst to achieving the broader development goals on the global agenda, from political stability to economic progress. In recent years, IBJ has flourished. Our country programs are stronger than ever: there are 41 countries where we have overseen programs or have a JusticeMaker Fellow. It has helped create a shift in consciousness, a sense of urgency, and bring about lasting change. Yet we realized that only a worldwide movement provides the necessary critical mass for IBJ to realize

its vision. So in recent years we have expanded our work to new communities such as interfaith leaders and youth, to foster this movement at the local, national and international levels.

To be sure, the economic climate for non-profit organizations has been challenging in recent years. IBJ has responded by pruning certain activities. Yet we have also invested carefully to expand our reach and impact. The strategy paid off. We have made solid inroads in countries going through difficult transitions – notably Egypt post-Arab-Spring and Myanmar amid a democratic opening. We have

poured resources into innovative e-learning toolkits so that defense lawyers in distant corners can benefit from best-in-class materials to uphold the rule of law. The results speak for themselves: more people enjoy better access to justice than ever before.

This kind of transformational change does not happen without the resources and support of partners who share our ideals. We are grateful for your faith and contributions to all we have done. We need you to join us for the next phase of our growth, as we bring legal rights to more people in more troubled places, and make an even bigger impact.



IBJ Founder and CEO Karen Tse

I can look to the thousands of people who have participated in IBJ's innovative mission, who have given their hearts and minds in the service of others. Our people in the field are an inspiration. They have taken their own – sometimes harrowing – stories, and turned them into meaningful lessons for others so that they may not live through similar experiences. Without our generous donors and partners who have supported us with funding, resources and expertise, we would never have accomplished what we have. Our victories are yours, first and foremost. Thank you.

There is much to celebrate. IBJ currently runs Defender Resource Centers in six countries: Cambodia, China, India, Rwanda, Burundi, and Zimbabwe. IBJ has established itself as the leading online provider of information on the rule of law for defenders in developing countries, with more than one million visits annually to our Criminal Defense Wiki.

The IBJ JusticeMakers program supports legal reform projects that strengthen local communities through innovative legal reform. It is noteworthy that IBJ has once again awarded four fellowships to projects focusing on the intersection of HIV/AIDS and the criminal justice system, in partnership with the Levi Strauss Foundation. In 2014, we awarded nine JusticeMaker fellowships.


Today I look ahead to the work that remains. Access to justice is achievable, and we will monitor this as part of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Investigative torture is entirely preventable; just as previous generations abolished slavery and apartheid, the conditions are ripe to end this injustice in our lifetime.

And IBJ's innovation and fresh thinking continues. We are preparing an "Access to Justice Summit" to bring together the ever-expanding legal-rights community of nonprofit groups and international programs. As one of the earliest and most established access-to-justice groups, we understand we have a special responsibility. The event will also bring together leaders from around the world to commit to actions that will ensure that access to justice becomes the rule, and not the exception, in every country.

So to the IBJ community: thank you for sharing our vision and supporting our actions. These twin elements – vision and action – encapsulate what is needed to bring about profound, long-term change, and you are a critical part of it.

May we move forward boldly. Together we can serve others and build a more just world.

With gratitude,



“In our individual country trainings and conferences, the actual legal training is only one part of the whole. It is a place where lawyers and the judicial community come together and look honestly at the past, present and future ahead of them. In addition to legal tactics, we have sung songs, written poems, cried tears of grief and disbelief and then tears of joy with a desire to move forward, to make history and create a different reality for future generations.”

The Movement to Increase Access to Justice in Our Lifetime

With cooperation from the entire legal community, we can eliminate investigative torture and implement a more humane vision of criminal justice

Every day throughout the world, hundreds of thousands of individuals are detained arbitrarily, tortured, and denied access to counsel. Many will never receive a fair trial. These systematic human rights abuses suffered by countless individuals are a colossal injustice hidden in plain sight.

Many countries have made great strides in recent years toward formal recognition of international criminal justice conventions. But often, laws designed to safeguard defendants' rights lack teeth and are not effectively enforced. Today, 3.2 million people of the global prison population of 10 million are held without having been convicted of a crime. Broken justice systems victimize the poorest of the poor, who suffer the worst human rights violations. This is 100% preventable. IBJ believes that skilled defense attorneys, equipped with adequate training and support, are the key to unlocking the full potential of criminal justice reforms., IBJ was founded to bridge this gap between laws and how they are implemented. We focus on local laws, safeguarding individual rights, and strengthening the critical and most often

neglected defender side of the scale.

MISSION

IBJ works to guarantee all individuals the right to competent legal representation, the right to be protected from cruel and unusual punishment, and the right to a fair trial., IBJ recognizes the fundamental principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and is dedicated to protecting the basic legal rights of ordinary individuals in developing countries.

THEORY OF CHANGE

IBJ's mission is global in scope, marshalling a worldwide community of public defenders and legal rights advocates to support the work of defense attorneys in developing countries. In each of its country programs, IBJ works at both the national level, influencing decision-makers to institute system-wide reforms, and on the local level. IBJ fosters grassroots transformation through training sessions, criminal justice roundtables, rights awareness campaigns, and the provision of legal protection to the indigent accused through Defender Resource Centers (DRCs). Through its soft-governance approach, IBJ has developed a unique strategy of partnering

with criminal justice stakeholders, including judges, police and prosecutors, thus ensuring its relationships with key actors are cooperative and non-adversarial. With both in-country and global programs, IBJ seeks worldwide momentum to end custodial torture and to establish defender standards.

IN-COUNTRY PROGRAMS Trainings

Lifelong learning plays a crucial role in the development of lawyers around the world. IBJ's Legal Training Resource Centre increases defense capacity by offering general instruction on topics that all lawyers need to know, as well as more advanced practice courses in criminal defense. Through the provision of worldwide, on-demand web-based eLearning courses, IBJ builds the key skills necessary for criminal defenders to perform their jobs effectively and uphold the rights of the accused.

These educational materials are developed under a global curriculum that reflects local laws and international human rights standards.

Currently, there are simply not enough skilled defense attorneys available to provide adequate representation to

everyone accused of a crime, nor is there the necessary infrastructure to support their work. To address these shortfalls, IBJ provides training to both new and experienced criminal defense attorneys, increasing the number of lawyers taking criminal cases and improving each lawyer's ability to provide competent representation. IBJ also trains other actors within the justice system, such as police, prison officials, and judges in best practices for safeguarding the rights of the accused.

Justice Roundtables

To promote cooperation from the entire legal community and mutual respect among different stakeholders, IBJ regularly convenes roundtable meetings where defense lawyers, police, prison officials, prosecutors, and judges engage with one another to seek practical solutions and identify common ground. Representatives from local government, community members and legal academics are also included. By providing a forum for these parties to communicate constructively, IBJ fosters a deeper understanding of the role that defense attorneys play in the development of a functioning criminal justice system.

Rights Awareness Campaigns

Knowledge is a powerful tool in the fight for human rights. By equipping ordinary individuals with an awareness of their legal rights, IBJ greatly increases the likelihood that such individuals will assert their rights in case of arrest. IBJ publicizes the role that lawyers play in protecting the accused from illegal detention and torture. This encourages individual defendants to demand representation, widens the general public's understanding of the importance of defense attorneys, and increases public support for their work. IBJ employs a variety of media platforms to raise awareness, from posters to radio broadcasts.

Defender Resource Centers And Legal Services

Defender Resource Centers (DRCs) are IBJ's principal vehicle for transformative change. Serving as the hubs of IBJ's in-country activities, the DRCs enable IBJ to complement its legal defense trainings with mentoring and one-on-one case consultations, opportunities for networking and skill sharing, and providing technical support for defense lawyers. The DRCs also operate as community legal centers, the first stop for those seek-

ing help for themselves or accused family members. Through the DRCs, IBJ-trained lawyers take on hundreds of cases annually, increasing access to justice for the indigent accused and strengthening the country's pro bono culture. In such a way, DRCs provide a model for the implementation of a properly functioning legal aid system.

GLOBAL PROGRAMS Justicemakers

Through our JusticeMakers platform, we connect the best criminal justice defenders across the world to share intellectual capital and best practices. We fund innovative projects that bring change to local criminal justice systems and award \$5,000 fellowships to innovative lawyers and legal activists to spread their initiatives around the world.

Online Legal Resources

Our eLearning platform and Criminal Defense Wiki have had 1.5 million views since their creation, providing vital assistance to human rights defenders worldwide and allowing legal knowledge and best practices to be shared. No matter where they are, lawyers and legal activists can access these resources and

find out crucial information about everything from legal procedures, to the impact of new criminal codes, to how best to intervene and prevent custodial torture. By making these resources available on a global scale and organizing them in an accessible way, IBJ moves one step closer towards institutionalizing defender standards worldwide.

Lawyer2Lawyer

Our Lawyer2Lawyer program provides opportunities for the legal community to build links with courageous lawyers throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, who work in the most challenging places on Earth. Offering firms, public defender's offices, prosecutors and law schools the opportunity to help lawyers on the ground, Lawyer2Lawyer seeks to build enduring relationships between different legal actors.

Interfaith

IBJ seeks to build a community of faith leaders across the world, coming together to form supportive partnerships and bridges of support. A key part of this strategy is uniting faith-based institutions to stand unequivocally against the use of torture. IBJ seeks to build an interfaith move-

ment that unites spiritual and religious leaders to stand in solidarity to end torture with access to justice.

Youth Scholars

The Youth Scholars Program is an important component of IBJ's long-term vision and strategy. Seeking to engage and empower youth across the world, our Youth Scholars actively collaborate to raise awareness about legal and human rights, building bridges between communities that bring together the leaders of tomorrow. This next generation of social entrepreneurs are, in whatever way they can, helping our fight to end torture and achieve universal due process.

Providing Countrywide Legal Protection

IBJ Reaches 22 out of 25 Cambodian provinces

Continuing to tackle the problem of a shortage of lawyers and trained professionals, particularly in remote areas, IBJ extended its services to the remote province of Oddar Meanchey in December 2013



Provincial Investigator Chhim Rat works on the paperwork for a case with an officer from the provincial court of Banteay Meanchey

In 2013 and 2014, IBJ lawyers provided legal protection to over 3,200 of Cambodia's most vulnerable individuals. Providing legal representation to thousands that would otherwise be unable to exercise their legal rights, IBJ plays a vital role in reducing custodial abuse and torture in Cambodia. In 2014, IBJ also provided over 600 legal consultations, attained 397 reduced sentences, 66 acquittals, and got 16 cases dropped or dismissed.

IBJ provides comprehensive legal protection across the country, covering 22 out of Cambodia's 25 provinces. Continuing to tackle the problem of a shortage of lawyers and trained professionals, particularly in remote areas, IBJ extended its services to the remote province of Oddar Meanchey in December

2013. With no legal protection services available for accused persons in most parts of Cambodia, IBJ's nine Defender Resource Centres (DRCs) are a crucial resource for individuals in need of early access to counsel.

IBJ employs a wide range of activities to increase access to counsel. In January 2013, IBJ established a nationwide Legal Defense Hotline that helps establish faster contact between an accused person and IBJ's lawyers. Publicized through our radio broadcast programs, Rights Awareness campaigns, and at police stations in all provinces where IBJ is active, the hotline received 571 calls in 2013 and 490 in 2014.

Collaborating with the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC) and leveraging the expertise of some practitio-

ners at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) in 2013 and 2014, IBJ Cambodia organized a series of successful trainings enabling lawyers to advocate more effectively in the courtroom and provide a stronger defense. IBJ also worked with the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) His Excellency Hy Sophea and the Undersecretary of State of the MOJ His Excellency Pov Samphy to lead 116 lawyers in educational programs, which focused mainly on key aspects of the Criminal Code.

These events have solidified IBJ Cambodia's cooperative relationship with Cambodian state institutions, a partnership that is extremely valuable to IBJ's mission. Through its training activities, IBJ has endeavoured to share valuable insights on the crimi-

JUSTICE FACTS:

Cambodia

Rule of Law (Percentile Rank):

16

2014 Prison Population:

15,175

99 per 100,000

Justice Facts Sources (all countries):

Rule of Law indicator
World Bank, Worldwide Governance Indicators

Prison populations and rates:
International Centre for Prison Studies



Members of IBJ Cambodia gather at the IBJ Staff Retreat

nal justice system with justice officials, helping to reach a common understanding of key concepts in the newly enacted criminal laws and promoting a deeper and more uniform interpretation of the fundamental legal rights of accused people.

A key part of this strategy is IBJ justice roundtable discussions, which bring together government officials, prosecutors, judges, prison administrators, civil society organizations and police officers in a dialogue about how to best to implement laws and reduce human rights violations. In 2013, IBJ conducted four roundtable discussions in four different provinces focusing on the implementation of the Criminal Procedure Code, and on the particular challenges faced in each province. Chaired by His Excellency Hy Sophea, the roundtable were attended by 107 justice officials. The roundtables provided a valuable opportunity for cooperation across different professional groups involved in the criminal justice system, and resulted in several recommendations and commitments being made by the officials. In one province for example, justice sector officials committed to paying particular attention to the length of pre-trial detention and to transferring the knowledge gained from the discussion to their professional community.

In 2014, IBJ convened 11 roundtable events attended by 291 justice officials. The MOJ Secretary of State, the President of the BAKC, and the General Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal alternately chaired the events. These discussions built on past roundtables' enormous impact on changing the perceptions of justice officials towards legal procedure. In 2014, in Takeo and Prey Veng provinces, IBJ also piloted a new format of roundtables aimed at strengthening the skills of the local police.

IBJ Cambodia continues to actively reach out to the most disadvantaged Cambodian citizens through a series of rights awareness programs. In 2013, IBJ conducted 40 Community Legal Education (CLE) events involving 2,171 participants. In 2014, IBJ organized 47 CLE events attended by 2,664 individuals. IBJ radio broadcasts, which provide information on

the rights of the accused, legal access, and how to contact the nearest provincial DRC, were broadcast several times a day in provinces where IBJ has a center, reaching estimated millions of listeners. In cooperation with the East-West Management Institute, IBJ also organized Community Road Mobile Shows Movie Nights in 12 communes to inform more than 5,600 people about their rights.

Lastly, the legal awareness campaigns IBJ conducted in prisons in cooperation with the General Department of Prisons (GDP) was greeted with very positive feedback. IBJ organized 28 legal rights awareness sessions during 2014 that were attended by 529 prisoners. IBJ provided detainees with information on how to best exercise their legal rights, developed a manual for its lawyers on conducting legal awareness in prison, and distributed leaflets.

Recognizing the relevance of

these legal awareness sessions, the GDP requested IBJ conduct sessions for prison officers as well. Consequently, IBJ trained a total of 162 prison officers on criminal procedure and the legal rights of the prisoners across different provinces.

IBJ is committed to maintaining good relationships with local civil society organizations and state institutions. The close relationships IBJ has with the General Prosecutor of the Court of Appeal, the GDP, the MOJ, the Ministry of Interior, and the BAKC have significantly facilitated its ability to access prisons and conduct effective legal trainings. State officials have actively helped IBJ conduct its legal protection programs; when IBJ met challenges accessing prisons in some provinces, the GDP provided IBJ with a letter of support that gave IBJ's lawyers free access to prisons, helping IBJ gain access to clients in need.



International Program Director Sanjeeva Liyanage with Legal Fellow Mao Sary, Deputy Country Director So Being Tharun, and Country Director Ouk Vandeth

IBJ Lawyers Intervene to Save Young Boy After Forced Confession

In November 2013, 16-year-old Vannak was interrogated by two police officers while in an internet shop. The officers, who did not inform him of his right to a lawyer, accused him of serving as an accomplice with intent to damage property and intentional violence. Frightened of being subjected to violence if he did not confess to crimes he knew nothing about, he confessed. These were crimes that could garner up to 15 years in prison and over 10 million riel (about \$2,000 dollars) in fines. Vannak was arrested and brought to a police station.

Prior to Vannak's arrest, one of his friends had been in a fight. When police questioned a friend of the perpetrator, he lied and implicated Vannak in the crime. However, the day the attack took place, Vannak had been spending time with a friend playing volleyball.

After six hours in the police station located two hours from the Battambang/Thailand border town where Vannak lives with his mother, Vannak was allowed to call her. However, because the necessary prison admission forms had not been signed and it was too late at night to find a judge to do so, Vannak was detained for the night. It was not until his hearing the next morning that the judge informed him that he had a right to a lawyer.

When Vannak's mother arrived at the courthouse, a costly journey that she had to take multiple times, the court clerk referred her to IBJ, where she received assistance from Sothea, the provincial lawyer at the Defender Resource Center in Battambang. Sothea took on Vannak's case in its earliest stages. She presented Vannak's friend who had spent the day with him on the date of the incident as a witness, and pointed out that there was no evidence indicating Vannak's involvement in the crime. This speedy action resulted in the investigating judge dismissing the case against Vannak and ordering his immediate release.

While proceedings were underway, Vannak spent 15 days in prison. He spent his days in a five-by-five meter cell with 20 other inmates, finding both sleep and food scarce, but able to use his mornings for



Vannak recounts his experience in prison

exercise. Vannak felt he was lucky, as he said new prisoners were often made to stay in the bathrooms until space opened up in the cells; however, because the prison guards took a liking to him, he was allowed to stay in the overcrowded cell.

Upon his release, Vannak says he was "absolutely happy." His mother, too, was intensely relieved and had spent each day crying because she "knew it was a mistake" and kept wondering, "why they were doing this to her son?" As a single mother who makes only \$100 per month as the owner of a pharmacy, she was unable to visit him because the prison was too far away and she had already spent much of her income traveling to the IBJ office. Her sister attempted to visit, but the guards refused to let her in because their policy only allows for visits every 15 days. Needless to say, Vannak's mother was very happy upon her young son's release. Now 17, Vannak is in the process of completing 12th grade with hopes of becoming a doctor.

Thankfully, false accusations and a coerced confession will no longer hold him back as he completes his education.



IBJ legal intern Erika Larsen, Vannak, Vannak's mother, and IBJ legal assistant Ouk Kalyan

Working with Local Actors to Transform Criminal Justice

IBJ China Launches Two New Multi-Year Programs in 2013 and 2014

“I am neither a famous lawyer, nor a rich lawyer. But when I realize that some clients are very poor, ignorant of the law, and in need of legal aid, I cannot help but to try every means to help them.” Attorney Wang Yanmei, working with IBJ China

JUSTICE FACTS:

China

Rule of Law (Percentile Rank)

2013: 40

2014 Prison Population:

1,657,812

119 per 100,000

IBJ was able to reach every province and autonomous region in China in 2013 and 2014. With its live and online trainings, rights awareness campaigns, community building activities, and pilot projects in local districts, IBJ took significant steps forward in its mission to improve the rights of the accused. IBJ China works out of three offices, with the National Defender Resource Center (NDRC) in Beijing, the Southeast Defender Resource Centre (SEDRC) in Wuhan, and the Northwest Defender Resource Centre (NWDRC) in Xi'an.

IBJ has worked diligently to push forward a criminal justice system that is truly able to protect the rights of the accused. We were delighted when IBJ and many others' efforts advocating for legal reform culminated in China introducing a new Criminal Procedure Law (CPL), which came into effect on January 1, 2013. The new CPL greatly improves aspects of the legal system by expanding legal protection, introducing provisions for securing witness testimony in court, outlining new pre-trial procedures, excluding the admissibility of illegally obtained evidence, expanding the role for defense attorneys at early stages

of a case, and developing procedures for special juvenile cases.

IBJ's activities in China were conducted under the framework of three major multi-year projects: the China Defender Resource Center Project, the China Defending Marginalized Populations Project, and the Next Generation Chinese Rights Defenders Project.

Under the umbrella of the China Defender Resource Center Project, several capacity building activities were conducted. This included a train-the-trainer initiative called the Defender Empowerment Series (DES), an early access case-intake project consisting of five Defender Engagement Corps (DEC), a set of juvenile justice initiatives, rights awareness activities, and a series of salons and symposia aimed at developing solutions to criminal justice problems and

building the criminal justice community.

Under the DES initiative, we accredited 42 new IBJ expert trainers. IBJ's efforts at building capacity through training expert trainers filled a major gap in the local legal landscape. IBJ's new DES trainers went on to equip 5,194 legal professionals with advocacy skills through 54 trainings across 16 provinces and administrative zones.

Through our five DEC teams operating in Shaanxi, Hubei, Fujian and Shandong Province, and the cities of Beijing and Tianjin, IBJ's work extended beyond training and provided access to IBJ-mentored counsel for 450 individuals during 1,019 case stages. As one judge in an IBJ pilot district reported: "After the start of the program, the lawyers were given early access to the cases at the police station. This change is very good



Professor Ming, who was trained through the DES program now leads the training at a Series of Trainings (SOT) event.



Participants at the Series of Training (SOT) in China

for judges to have evidence from both sides and to be able to deliver a fair judgment.”

Through our final rights awareness activities under the same three-year initiative, IBJ distributed over 23,000 informational materials and provided free legal consultations for 2,351 individuals. These campaign activities took place all over China, reaching 12 provinces, three autonomous regions, and two separately administered municipalities. To carry out these campaigns, IBJ partnered with local police, university law school clinics, local NGOs, and law firms, thus building bridges between IBJ and the community.

Through this project, IBJ also worked to promote new models for handling juvenile cases, including the use of Social Background Investigation reports by prosecutors and defense attorneys, securing early access to counsel for all juveniles, and the use of Appropriate Adults (AAs) for children without guardians. In 2013 and 2014 alone, our team worked with 1,037 local stakeholders in 30 roundtables and one symposium to develop practical solutions to advocacy issues, both for juveniles and other vulnerable defendants.

In August 2013, IBJ

launched another major initiative, the ‘China Defending Marginalized Populations’ Project. This targeted the needs of defendants with disabilities, ethnic and linguistic minorities, women in the criminal justice system, and continued our important efforts to improve representation for all accused. In 2013 and 2014, we worked in partnership with experienced local and international actors in the disability sector to draft a set of guidelines to improve rights protection for suspects, which will be piloted in the upcoming year. In addition, we provided defense skills training to 282 justice sector workers in minority rich regions and reached almost 4,000 individuals in these underserved regions with direct access to rights awareness information and legal advice, including in Mongolian and Tibetan.

Expanding our vast online learning platform, we added nine new online courses to our 51 previous modules, and provided free, 24/7 online access to the latest in defender advocacy advice, forensic evidence analyses, and legal updates to criminal defense attorneys across the country. From the inception of our online project in 2010 through the end of

2014, these courses have been accessed over 50,000 times. Lastly, we signed agreements to work cooperatively with local defenders in two provinces to continue our early access case work now that our DEC project has finished.

Finally, in the second half of 2014, IBJ China commenced a third major initiative, its Next Generation China Rights Defenders project. This project aims to make online learning content accessible by mobile phone, foster dedicated teams of new defense attorneys through four multi-month series of trainings, and expand our work focused on defendants with disabilities through targeted live and online trainings for justice professionals. Through our online programs, numerous trainings, and pilot projects that constantly seek to find innovative solutions to some of today’s most pressing legal problems, IBJ China continues to work tirelessly to train human rights defenders and provide hope to the countless women, children and men who desperately need legal protection.

IBJ lawyer successfully defends mother of disabled son

In 2013, one of the legal protection programs implemented by IBJ China was the Defender Engagement Corps (DEC) program. The DEC is an early access case-intake project that spearheaded IBJ's efforts at providing early access to counsel to those who would otherwise have no access to justice.

The DEC helps hundreds of individuals get access to a lawyer when they would otherwise be left without the means to pay for legal representation. One such individual was Ms. Feng (whose name has been altered to protect client confidentiality). Ms. Feng, who lives with her disabled son and elderly mother, had a neighbor who built a new structure nearby to her house. This obstruction made coming and going from her home very inconvenient. An altercation ensued during which the neighbor allegedly bit Ms. Feng's disabled son. In defending her son, Ms. Feng injured her attacking neighbor. The prosecution brought charges against Ms. Feng for intentional injury, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years of incarceration.

Feng was the primary caretaker for both her disabled son and elderly mother, who had suffered brain damage as a result of a stroke. The prosecutor recommended a sentence of 4 years, but loss of the primary caregiver for this long would impose a great burden on her family. At this stage, during the early Public Security Bureau stage, an IBJ Defender Engagement Corps became involved with the case and was able to negotiate a reconciliation agreement with the neighbor including payment of 20,000 yuan. As a result, the court sentenced Feng to only 8 months incarceration with one year probation.

Despite the penalty, Feng was immensely relieved that the outcome was not worse and grateful for the help IBJ was able to provide. It allowed her to continue caring for her family, rather than spend several years in jail.

In 2013 and 2014, IBJ provided early access to legal counsel to 271 individuals through the Defender Engagement Corps project.



Newly accredited IBJ expert trainer Wan Yanmei (centre) with Anthony Natale, Expert Trainer (left), and Aurora Bewicke, China Program Director (Right) at Defender Empowerment Series Training.

An Integrative Approach to Strengthening Justice

IBJ Implements its Vision for Criminal Justice Reform in India

Along with roundtable discussions organized in Delhi, IBJ India also conducted a full day roundtable workshop for the prison administration of the State of West Bengal



IBJ India Country Manager Mr. Ajay Verma conducting capacity building workshop at Central Jail Ajmer, Rajasthan

In the last two years, IBJ's efforts in India have been expanded to reach 26 of the 29 states. In 2013 and 2014, IBJ placed a special emphasis on the vulnerable urban poor, who are typically unaware of their legal rights. Significant headway was made in strengthening the criminal justice system. The New Delhi Defender Resource Center, IBJ India's headquarters, regularly mentored volunteer lawyers and successfully trained almost 50 defense lawyers in pre-trial and trial strategies.

Through the Duty Lawyer Project, IBJ India provides early access to competent counsel for pre-trial detainees in Tihar Prisons in New Delhi, the largest prison in Asia. As of 2014, IBJ India

has provided free legal aid representation to 750 inmates through the Duty Lawyer Project. Three-quarters of bail applications made by IBJ lawyers were successful. IBJ India lawyers regularly visit prisons to take on cases. Early access to counsel has helped release many pre-trial detainees.

In the long term, IBJ India's efforts to provide legal representation has the potential to create a model for early access to counsel that can be replicated and rolled out in other parts of India. IBJ India has conducted numerous workshops and trainings aimed at building capacity in all levels of the prison administration, including prison welfare officers, guards and custodial staff, lawyers, judi-

cial and corrections officers. With the addition of Legal Fellow, Gulika Reddy to the IBJ team in Chennai, IBJ India is continuing to expand its services across the country. Gulika, who is part of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community, is leading the six-person pro-bono task force in Chennai.

Creation of rights awareness is a key part of the IBJ India portfolio, along with handling pro-bono cases and educating law practitioners. These campaigns have had positive impact on more than 4,000 pre-trial detainees and convicted prisoners. In 2013, IBJ India conducted two prominent legal awareness events in Tihar Jail, reaching more than 700 inmates during these sessions alone.

JUSTICE FACTS: India

Rule of Law (Percentile Rank)
2013: 53

2013 Prison Population:
411,992
33 per 100,000

Led by Mr Ajay Verma, IBJ Fellow and Country Manager, these provided crucial information to inmates about legal representation, the importance of effective communication with lawyers and judges, plea-bargaining, and bail procedures. These legal awareness events provide direct opportunities to address the most pressing questions and concerns facing detainees. In 2014, IBJ India conducted rights awareness events benefiting more than 1,000 inmates, including 862 adolescent inmates in Tihar Prisons.

In collaboration with the State and District Legal Services Authority of Rajasthan (RSLSA) and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), IBJ India conducted a series of trainings and workshops providing paralegal training in four prisons across the country. Organized by IBJ Fellow Ajay Verma, these sessions taught long-term prisoners how they can provide basic legal information to pre-trial detainees in their jail. Approximately 110 paralegals were trained in this initiative.

In an additional effort to increase legal protection, IBJ India with the support of prison administration officials created the Handbook on Prisoners' Rights and Duties.



Paralegal volunteers at IBJ Workshop in Central Jail Ajmer, Rajasthan



Mr. Adhir Sharma, IPS -Additional Director General of Prisons and Inspector General of West Bengal Correctional Services, interacting with the participants

It was distributed among inmates at Tihar Prisons and was followed by a rights awareness discussion, covering prisoners' right to appeal, parole, furlough, and sentences.

To help implement our vision for criminal justice reform, IBJ has reached out to numerous local organizations that share our goals. In 2013, IBJ Country Fellow Ajay Verma and other staff members participated in the Criminology Conference at the National Law University, Delhi. The event served as a platform for various local actors to discuss criminal justice policies in India and is one of many examples of our efforts made to expand IBJ's local network.

IBJ's roundtable discussions have been crucial in increasing dialogue between key actors in the justice system. In December 2013 and September 2014, IBJ India and Delhi Prisons organized two capacity-building workshops for prison welfare officers in Delhi Prisons. In December, under the guidance of Mr. Sunil Gupta, the Principal Law Officer of Delhi Prisons, and Mr. Ajay Verma from IBJ India, the participants examined the role of welfare officers in legal matters. They discussed the principal challenges they are facing in their daily work,

and the perception that jail in India carries a reformatory purpose. The two-day workshop in September was aimed at capacity building for warders, head wardens, and the assistant superintendents of all ten Delhi Prisons.

Along with roundtables in Delhi, IBJ India also conducted a full-day workshop for the prison administration of the State of West Bengal. The theme was "Custodial Violence: its Prevention and Remedies." The training promoted awareness for 35 lawyers and other key actors in the West Bengal criminal justice system.

We are deeply grateful to all the partners, organizations and individuals we have worked with to continue to expand access to justice. The constructive partnerships we have forged with the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, the Prison Ministry, NGO (Ajmer Unit), the National Law University in Delhi, the State and District Legal Services Authority of Rajasthan, Delhi Prisons, and many others are the cornerstones of IBJ's work to build a sustainable legal system.

Impacting the justice system to provide greater protection to individuals

New Criminal Code IBJ Pushed to be Enacted Comes into Force

The motto, “Freedom is the rule, detention is the exception ” is now codified in Article 110 of the new Criminal Procedure Code

JUSTICE FACTS:

Burundi

Rule of Law (Percentile Rank)
2013: 15

2013 Prison Population:
7,793
85 per 100,000

When IBJ first came to Burundi, there were approximately 100 lawyers working in the entire country, and no form of criminal legal aid available to its approximately 9 million people. This is not surprising given that Burundi, measured by per capita GDP, ranks among the three poorest countries in the world. With the agenda for development straining to meet a myriad of urgent needs, few resources are directed towards fostering the rule of law. It was in this context that IBJ opened its first Defender Resource Centre in Bujumbura in 2008.

IBJ's lawyers and local defense attorneys operate on the front lines of the battle to end torture. In 2014, IBJ signed an agreement with the Vice President of the National Independent Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) providing meals and transport to lawyers taking cases in Bujumbura. The agreement as a whole expresses NIHRC's commitment to aid IBJ in developing the neglected defender side of the criminal justice equation, which has always been at the heart of IBJ's approach to implementing legal rights at the domestic level. With a Defender

Resource Center (DRC) located centrally in Burundi's capital city of Bujumbura, IBJ has planted the seed of physical infrastructure that will need to grow if Burundi is to one day fulfill the promise of providing comprehensive legal protection to all its people.

While serving as the office and headquarters for all of IBJ's activities in Burundi, the Bujumbura DRC is also a welcoming place that invites lawyers to develop their skills, engage in one-on-one mentoring, and access online training and legal reference resources. In Burundi, neither Internet access nor even electricity is sure to be available to lawyers wanting to work on clients' cases. The DRC and IBJ's staff lawyers are always there to help criminal defenders to improve their ability to deliver effective counsel.

IBJ staff lawyers maintain and develop their skills by

defending the indigent accused. Over the past three years, IBJ staff lawyers and other volunteer lawyers have undergone extensive training and by 2013, they defended 360 cases, of which 318 were carried out on a pro-bono basis. By demonstrating the possibility of delivering effective legal protection, the Bujumbura DRC serves as a model for a nationwide system of defender services for the country's poor and helps instill a pro-bono culture that is crucially needed for indigent individuals to have access to justice.

IBJ has long partnered with the Burundi Bar Association. In 2013, fifteen Burundian lawyers attended a week-long Communities of Conscience (CoC) session held in Geneva hosted by the Geneva Bar Association and IBJ Geneva, with the support of the City and the Canton



Freedom is the Rule, Detention is the Exception – IBJ teaches community members about their rights in Bujumbura.

IBJ Burundi regularly holds roundtable meetings open to all justice sector officials in an effort to create a collaborative platform to seek practical solutions to pressing challenges within the criminal justice system



Burundian lawyers at the official opening of the Communities of Conscience event in the Alabama Room in the Town Hall of Geneva.

of Geneva. Taking place in the Maison des Avocats in Geneva, this program provided a unique opportunity for Burundian lawyers and their Geneva peers to share experiences, skills, strategies and best practices in defending the rights of ordinary citizens.

IBJ Burundi regularly holds roundtable meetings open to all justice sector officials in an effort to create a collaborative platform to seek practical solutions to pressing challenges within the criminal justice system. Participants range from officials from the Ministry of Justice and other state institutions, civil society representatives and local community leaders, police officers, prosecutors and members of the judiciary. Attendees are invited to discuss both obstacles for access to justice as well as the steps necessary to ensure greater fairness in the justice system.

These roundtables have been effective at both raising important issues on the national level and building an environment of open, frank, and constructive dialogue among disparate elements of the justice system. IBJ encourages roundtable participants to generate practical ideas to tackle the typical challenges that people working in criminal justice face

daily. Undoubtedly, IBJ's most notable achievement in 2013 is the new Criminal Procedure Code promulgated in April, 2013. IBJ persistently advocated for the enactment of the Code through roundtable discussions, radio campaigns, and rights awareness campaigns. IBJ's motto for the campaign, "Freedom is the rule, detention is the exception" is now codified in Article 110 of the new Code.

IBJ has a proven track record of effective public rights education, ranging from radio broadcasts to rights awareness campaigns on the streets, as well as outreach to detainees in prisons. IBJ rights awareness campaigns have reached thousands of Burundians in outlying rural communities, providing accessible information on the rights of the accused. IBJ looks forward to expanding these activities, particularly to support its effort to build grassroots support for the development of a national policy of legal protection for those in need in as many provinces as possible.

The IBJ Burundi office extends its legal protection to as many people in prison as possible, in particular to children in conflict with the law, women, and the elderly. In the second half of 2013, IBJ maintained its collaboration

with the Belgian Technical Cooperation in providing transportation to rural courts remotely situated from the prisons where defendants are held in pre-trial detention. From June 2013 to December 2013, IBJ handled a total of 112 new cases, helping many defendants who had been held in pre-trial detention for more than six months.

Building a strong foundation for lasting legal change, IBJ's relationships with the National Independent Commission of Human Rights, the Burundi Bar Association, the Ministry of Justice, l'Association Burundaise pour la Protection des Droits Humains et des Personnes Détenues (APRODH) and l'Action des Chrétiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture (ACAT) have enabled us to continue building the field to prioritise access to justice. Though we work in challenging times, we are continually heartened by how our defenders stand up for justice. They ensure that due process rights are respected not only on paper, but also in practice.

Wrongfully accused and tortured young man freed by an IBJ Lawyer

Claude is self-employed and runs a small business selling roasted meat. Among his clients are policemen and soldiers living in Muhuta commune (Province of Bujumbura) near to where his business is located.

One day, when he was returning home from work, he was arrested by a soldier and a police officer who suspected him of carrying illegal merchandise in his bags. Despite explaining that he was carrying food to his home, the police officer and soldier beat him severely, resulting in the loss of three teeth. His neighbors, including the Chief of the Zone, who accompanied him when he came to report the case at the IBJ Burundi office, helped him.

An IBJ lawyer followed this case under examination at the Bujumbura Province High Court. The case garnered IBJ's attention because the police officer, after his investigation, misrepresented the facts and misreported the case to the prosecutor. He defined what happened as

assault and battery whereas, in the view of IBJ lawyers, all the necessary elements of torture were there: the defendant was assaulted by men vested with public authority, falsely accusing him of carrying firearms and drugs resulting in acute injury to the victim, which was subsequently corroborated by a medical report.

Ill-treatment of prisoners remains a fact due to the difficult conditions that prevail in Burundi prisons. All eleven prisons remain overcrowded; the rate of occupancy is 190% of normal capacity. Insufficient food, water shortages, small dark cells, and old and few toilet facilities are the norm for all detainees. Sadly, the length of pre-trial detention remains uncontrolled and the enforcement of the new criminal procedure is still a challenge.

In the face of these challenges, IBJ is robustly working to reach its goals to build a nation free of torture.



IBJ Lawyer Astère Muyango assisting in a juvenile detention case.

Training the Next Generation of Justice Sector Leaders

Providing Defenders with the Skills They Need

As of January 2014, IBJ Rwanda had handled over 375 cases, reached 30,000 individuals through Rights Awareness campaigns, conducted trainings and roundtables for over 200 lawyers, and conducted two radio rights awareness campaigns reaching over 200,000 individuals.

The Defender Resource Center (DRC) in Kigali is only two kilometers from the Supreme Court of Rwanda and the Ministry of Justice and stands as a model of local criminal legal aid infrastructure that IBJ hopes to establish countrywide.

Of approximately 700 lawyers in Rwanda, more than 200 have undergone IBJ trainings designed to protect defendants' rights and to prevent torture and mistreatment by the police. The growing corps of task force lawyers who volunteer on IBJ's behalf to defend the indigent demonstrate that, with their hard

work, it is possible to deliver comprehensive legal aid to those who would otherwise have no access to justice.

Building partnerships with the Ministry of Justice, the Prosecutor General's Office, and the Kigali Bar Association, IBJ effectively delivers criminal legal aid to those most in need. With thousands of individuals reached through rights awareness campaigns and hundreds of cases handled by IBJ lawyers, IBJ continues its efforts to foster justice and the right to representation in Rwanda. IBJ also plays an active role in Rwanda's justice system by

working with the Ministry of Justice on plans for a comprehensive national legal aid policy.

In 2013 and 2014, IBJ's Fellow John Bosco Busingo worked with other legal aid team members to expand the legal aid culture in Rwanda. By hosting meetings of the Criminal Defense Task Force and the Legal Defense Skills Training Workshop, IBJ is preparing the next generation of legal talents and future justice leaders.

IBJ team members serve as excellent examples to their peers in the Kigali Bar Association. They each show

JUSTICE FACTS:

Rwanda

Rule of Law (Percentile Rank)
2013: 51

2012 Prison Population:
55,618
492 per 100,000



Country Manager John Bosco Busingo mentoring a young lawyer at an IBJ training in Kigali



Criminal Defense Task Force Meeting in Kigali

a commitment to public service that gives ordinary citizens reason to hope that, slowly but surely, their access to justice will continue to improve. With few resources directed towards rule of law and many poorly trained and poorly paid law enforcement

officers resorting to torture as the cheapest form of investigation, it is imperative that IBJ continue to train young criminal defense lawyers and educate ordinary individuals about their legal rights.

On the 23rd of July 2014, with the support of the Finnish Human Rights NGO Foundation (KIOS), IBJ Rwanda Fellow John Bosco Busingo conducted a training event for 23 lawyers from different civil society organizations in Rwanda. The training workshop was organized by Inara Legal Aid Service (INALAS), one of the legal aid organizations in Rwanda that provides assistance to indigent and vulnerable populations.

IBJ's mission is to establish goals for enduring legal change by working with NGOs, government

ministries, bar associations and other organizations. We are immensely grateful to all our partners for sharing our vision and supporting our work.

IBJ answers prayers to provide legal representation

On the 12th of February 2013 while on the streets of Remera Kigali, Nirere Dieudonne was arrested and tossed behind bars at Remera prison without an trial. Dieudonne remained there for over two years. 35-year-old Dieudonne is Catholic and an orphan — his parents were victims of the genocide. Being jobless at the time of his arrest, he had no funds for legal representation.

Before his incarceration, Dieudonne had no idea of the horrors that awaited him. He shared his experience of his two long years in prison with IBJ. "Life in prison is hard. Jail is not a place you are supposed to go. Being in a situation like that, you don't know whether you are going to make it out."

Dieudonne's 22 months of detention were spent in a large crowded hall living with numerous inmates. His previous hearings were unsuccessful due to the fact that he had no legal representative by his side when the trials were being conducted. His continuous prayer was to get a legal representative who would prove that he is an innocent man before a court of law.

Fortunately, IBJ legal representatives came across him at Remera prison and listened to his heart-wrenching story. IBJ was able to get him to court and after five weeks Dieudonne was declared innocent, for lack of evidence. It is almost certain that Dieudonne would to this day still have had no fair trial. With IBJ's legal protection, Dieudonne's sentence was reduced from seven years of imprisonment to a period of one year.

Dieudonne's case serves as a reminder of a larger issue. Many youth slip through the cracks of malfunctioning criminal justice systems, and an increasing number of cases result in unjust outcomes, primarily due to the lack of free legal representation.

It is essential that the exercise of police powers be rigorously monitored and controlled in order to prevent further brutality and injustice. IBJ's efforts seek to sensitize them on the rights of members of the community through various training programs. Maintaining a fair and accessible justice system is paramount at all times and is a supreme concern.

IBJ provides essential legal services in Zimbabwe

Changing the legal landscape through rights awareness campaigns, training sessions, and roundtables

Our relations with the Law Society of Zimbabwe have developed very well and we have collaborated with them in implementing training sessions



IBJ Zimbabwe Fellows, Innocent Maja and John Burombo, host a Roundtable Discussion in Harare

IBJ has proved to be an essential player in the criminal justice system in Zimbabwe. With support from the City of Geneva in 2014, IBJ Zimbabwe continued its efforts to represent the indigent accused. Assisting as many detainees as possible, IBJ's hard work has ensured that the 80 percent bail success rate we have had since 2010 is maintained.

In 2014, IBJ lawyers represented over 100 new cases primarily from Harare and Chitungwiza. It is of note that out of the 96 cases seen to conclusion, 23 were dropped after IBJ's involvement.

Thanks to IBJ's continual efforts to cultivate positive relationships with the prison authorities, we are pleased to report there have been no obstacles for our lawyers in gaining access to prison popu-

lations in 2013 and 2014. Soberingly, IBJ has observed a torture rate of 35 percent in the cases it has taken on. The real rate of torture may be even higher. This serves to highlight the need for IBJ Zimbabwe to maintain its efforts to represent the indigent accused. Due to IBJ's intervention, 23 percent of cases are dismissed or dropped due to lack of evidence and a further 16 percent are acquitted. This indicates that a total of 39 percent of all criminal charges were brought against innocent people.

Two capacity building training sessions for legal professionals were organized by IBJ and held in collaboration with the Law Society of Zimbabwe. The events drew 80 participants at sessions in Harare and Bulawayo in September 2014. These

sessions were facilitated by respected senior legal counsel in the country and focused on the rules of practice governing lawyers' work, pre-trial procedures, effective pre-trial preparation, cross-examination, legal interpretation, closing submissions, and legal drafting. The training sessions also focused on building networks between lawyers. Participants agreed to mutually support each other to provide these valuable legal services to the most vulnerable in Zimbabwe society.

Rights awareness campaigns are an important tool for IBJ and are conducted not only in prisons, but also on radio. The Wheels of Justice program on Zimbabwe Radio Corporation's SFM radio station interviewed IBJ lawyers on two occasions. These programs highlighted the constitutional rights available to an accused person concerning liberty, arrest and detention, human dignity, torture, the right to a fair trial and children. They also touched on proposed legal and institutional reforms to improve delivery of justice. These included the alignment of the existing laws with the new constitution, the improvement of the case management system in courts, improving access to state legal aid services and the contentious issue

JUSTICE FACTS:

Zimbabwe

Rule of Law (Percentile Rank):

2

2014 Prison Population:

17,484

135 per 100,000

of the moratorium on the death penalty. Approximately 500,000 people listened to the program during each broadcast, representing eight percent of Zimbabwe's population.

Two justice roundtable events were held in Harare in August and September 2014. The first discussion focused on whether there was a need to promote legal reform in Zimbabwe, particularly in line with the advent of the new Constitution that came into effect in May 2013. The participants agreed that there are many areas in need of reform. These include reform of legal processes and procedures, administration at the courts, conditions in prisons, and the on-going legal training of court staff. Participants also debated the need for institutional reforms to ensure implementation and compliance of laws and procedures in alignment with existing laws and the codification of crimes in the new constitution, as well as drafting comprehensive rules of procedure for the Constitutional Court.

The second roundtable discussion included participants from the Law Society of

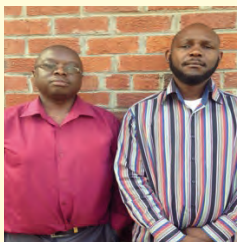
Zimbabwe and focused on the difficult issue of corruption in the Zimbabwean criminal justice system. The participants agreed that corruption is a major problem within the justice delivery system, with legal practitioners contributing to its growth. Looking at the major causes of corruption in the system and making recommendations on ways to assist in dealing with the problem, these recommendations included using organizations such as the Law Society and IBJ to lobby against corruption, compulsory legal education to continually educate lawyers, the Law Society acting decisively against members engaging in corruption, improvement of remuneration, particularly for junior lawyers, and running awareness campaigns against corruption.

Our relations with the Law Society of Zimbabwe have developed very well and we have collaborated with them in implementing training sessions. We will continue to host joint training sessions for legal practitioners in the future, which will form part of the Law Society's continuous professional development

program as well as IBJ's core training program. IBJ is also working in partnership with the Law Society to establish legal assistance programs in other major urban centers, similar to the one in Harare. In this regard, we are working towards a draft Memorandum of Understanding to cement our relationship going forward.

Through the relationships we have attentively cultivated, the trainings we have conducted, and the people we have directly assisted when they had no other access to legal aid, IBJ is slowly changing the legal landscape in Zimbabwe. Developing links with justice institutions in Zimbabwe, particularly the Law Society of Zimbabwe, IBJ's efforts to build institutional and government support for our programs is a crucial component of bringing about systemic change in Zimbabwe's justice system. Only by slowly building a sustainable legal infrastructure can we ensure that respect for the rule of law forms the fabric of society and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

IBJ provides pro-bono assistance to client in need



John Burombo with Tendai M

On March 19th 2014, Tendai M was arrested under section 124 of the Criminal Law Act for possessing stolen property after purchasing some clothes from a vendor. The punishment for possessing stolen property is a fine of up to \$5,000, 25 years imprisonment, or both. Married with two children, this left Tendai in a

horrible situation for a crime he didn't commit.

Unknown to Tendai, the clothes he purchased from the vendor were stolen merchandise. Tendai had previously bought clothes from the same person without any problem.

IBJ came to his assistance on April 1st, after he had already been in custody for 26 days. IBJ lawyer John Burombo successfully argued that at the time he took possession of the stolen clothes, Tendai did

not know that the property was stolen. He only became aware of the issue when the police came to arrest him. Obtaining bail for him for \$50, Tendai's case was closed and he was acquitted of all charges.

Tendai was intensely grateful for the legal assistance he received from IBJ. "When we were told by the prison officers that there were people from an NGO that provides legal assistance for free who were looking for people to help, I could not believe my ears. I had been scratching my head on how I was going to engage a lawyer, as I could not afford the fees that I had been told they charged. And now I was being told that I could be helped for free! I must admit that I was a bit wary, but once I met the IBJ people I was reassured. Thank you very much for your assistance IBJ. I hope your work continues, as it is greatly needed by many."

IBJ's Singapore Hub

Fruitful Partnerships and Successful Myanmar Legal Training

The week-long Legal Aid Systems Training for Myanmar was conducted in successful collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on the IBJ-MFA Joint Training Program



A Lawyer from the Myanmar Legal Aid Network participates in the SJTC training program

The Singapore Justice Training Centre (SJTC) has become IBJ's first regional hub, extending its reach and influence through South, East, and Southeast Asia. IBJ was one of the first NGOs invited to work in Singapore under the government's International Organizations Development Scheme of the Economic Development Board (EDB). The SJTC was established in 2010 with the help of a generous donation from the Lien Centre for Social Innovation. IBJ has developed numerous partnerships with private and public entities, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Singapore Cooperation Program (SCP), the Law

Society of Singapore (LSS), academic institutions, and leading international and regional law firms to lead trainings and other events. The SJTC has been crucial in bringing together lawyers, judges and government officials from across the region.

In May 2013, the SJTC conducted two back-to-back events: the Regional Legal Aid Forum on the 14th of May, and the Legal Aid Systems Training for Myanmar on the 15th to the 18th of May. Supported by SingTel, the Regional Legal Aid Forum brought together 80 participants and 17 speakers and panelists from Myanmar, China, India, Australia, Malaysia and Singapore. Topics included Myanmar

legal developments, legal aid systems across the Asia-Pacific region, and the promotion of pro bono work and corporate engagement. The numerous participants from law firms and bar associations in the region shared experiences, challenges and best practices to improve access to criminal legal aid.

The week-long Legal Aid Systems Training for Myanmar was conducted with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on the IBJ-MFA Joint Training Program. Seventeen senior government officials and lawyers from civil society attended and this marked an unprecedented step for Myanmar towards integrating legal aid into their criminal justice system. The Myanmar government delegation was comprised of officials from the Union Attorney-General's Office, the Supreme Court of the Union, the Myanmar Police Force, and lawyers from the Myanmar Legal Aid Network (MLAW). The training was attended by legal experts from diverse backgrounds, including law professors, presidents and senior members of regional law societies, senior lawyers and consultants, and inspirational legal aid lawyers around the world steered by IBJ's core team.



Professor Christie Warren speaking at the Myanmar Legal Aid Training

During the training week, the Myanmar delegation was hosted by the British High Commissioner, the Spanish Ambassador, and top international law firms for various aspects of the training program. The Myanmar delegation also spent a day with senior prison officers from Changi Prison, who shared their experience with prison management and the rehabilitation of offenders.

Sessions for skills training and capacity building were hosted by the National University of Singapore's Lee

Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Clifford Chance, and Shearman & Sterling. This proved to be a unique platform for open discussion and meaningful engagement between government officials and young lawyers.

This ground-breaking event heralded an exciting start for Myanmar projects by IBJ. Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received from participants who suggested that more should be done to pave the future path for Myanmar's legal aid system. IBJ is committed to further closer engagement with all stakeholders to promote criminal legal aid in Myanmar.

The SJTC's other major achievement in its third year was the launch of 50 eLearning modules. The modules are specific to seven ASEAN countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as India. The topics include rights of the accused, rights and obligations of defense attorneys, attorney-client relations, presumption of innocence,

defense strategies, evidence, cross-examination, complaint procedures, pre-trial detention and preventing investigative and other torture.

To ensure the accuracy of the modules, the SJTC has leveraged its relationships with international law firms to engage the services of lawyers within specific countries to review the material.

With these modules, the SJTC is helping an ever-expanding group of lawyers from around the world increase its skills and knowledge through an accessible on-demand training platform. This serves to fulfill IBJ's mission of providing ordinary citizens with early access to competent counsel.



Participants of the Myanmar Legal Aid Training

JusticeMakers

The First Global Program Sparking Innovation in the Justice Sector

IBJ awards fellowships of U.S. \$5,000 to projects that are selected after a rigorous vetting by a jury for their exceptional levels of efficacy, sustainability and ability to inspire others to initiate similar locally implemented endeavors

IBJ's JusticeMakers program is the first global justice competition seeking to empower defenders across the globe. Connecting legal activists around the world, the JusticeMakers Program is a crucial component of IBJ's strategy to tip the balance of justice in our favour and ensuring respect for due process rights worldwide. Since its inauguration in 2008, the program has steadily expanded today boasting 55 JusticeMaker Fellows. Their projects are supported in 37 countries across the globe.

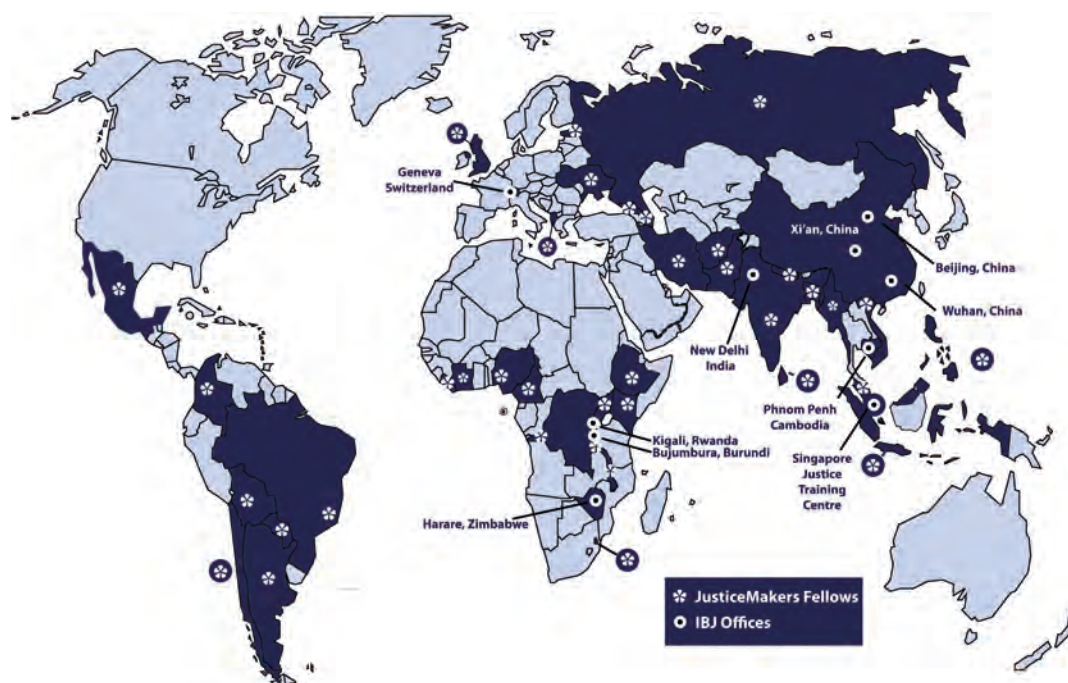
The online JusticeMakers platform ([http://justicemakers](http://justicemakers.ibj.org)

[ibj.org](http://justicemakers.ibj.org)) connects lawyers and legal activists across the world, enabling them to share intellectual capital and best practices in the field of criminal justice, and to support each other in facing challenges in the course of their work. The online effort is also supported by a partnership structure that brings the website's tools and wealth of knowledge to those living beyond the digital divide. This unique online community is able to unleash the collective energies of global criminal defenders and help realize the vast potential of international human rights agreements. Dealing with larger issues of

social justice, both in a local and global context, IBJ's JusticeMakers program is about inspiring and enabling ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Discovering these unsung heroes of justice is one of the goals of IBJ's JusticeMakers Competitions. IBJ awards fellowships of U.S. \$5,000 to projects that are selected after a rigorous vetting by a jury for their exceptional levels of efficacy, sustainability and ability to inspire others to initiate similar locally implemented endeavors. An important criterion for those selected as winners is that their project be based on a model that is replicable not only within the country of implementation, but also globally, so that IBJ can maximize the potential of each project. The competition is run via the JusticeMakers' online platform.

The widespread marginalization, prejudice, and discrimination faced by people living with HIV/AIDS often results in them being deprived of adequate legal representation. 2013 saw the implementation of the HIV/AIDS JusticeMakers Fellows' projects, which focused on the treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS within criminal justice systems. To address this, 12 Fellows from four continents were awarded



grants to carry out related projects. Fellows implemented projects in 10 countries: Burundi, Kenya, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Russia, Ukraine, India, Mexico, Estonia, and Liberia.

Their aim was to challenge assumptions that are typically made about indigent accused people living with HIV/AIDS. In an effort to begin to generate a shift in perceptions, our JusticeMakers Fellows established working relationships between State and prison officials, police officers, judges and NGO members, encouraging a more comprehensive and inclusive approach to the welfare and day-to-day living conditions of detainees and prisoners living with HIV/AIDS.

Our Fellows successfully set up a pro bono legal task force who helped carry out their projects. Some of our Fellows es-

tablished partnerships with local Bar Associations and relevant NGOs. These new collaborations represent an opportunity for the projects to make sustainable change.

In 2014, IBJ initiated another global call for innovative proposals through the JusticeMakers website. Nine very promising projects were selected from the 68 applications made from 40 different countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and for the first time, Central Asia and Western Europe. Four of the 9 Fellowships were awarded to projects focusing on the intersection of HIV/AIDS and the criminal justice system, which are supported by the Levi Strauss Foundation.

The 2014 Fellows will complete their projects in 2015.

2014 JusticeMakers Fellows



Lilian Ada Adakole, Nigeria

Project: "Building the capacity of stakeholders within the criminal justice system to end abuse and torture of accused persons within the criminal justice system in Nigeria"

Ms. Lilian Ada Adakole's project aims to offer early legal counsel to detainees in order to stop the police from using torture to obtain coerced confessions. As a JusticeMaker Fellow, she will organize trainings for police investigators, prosecutors and prison officials in an effort to improve their understanding of rule of law and eliminate abuse and torture. Ms. Adakole obtained her L.L.B. and B.L. degrees at the Benue State University and Nigeria Law School respectively. Her clear and unequivocal commitment to institutionalize respect for human rights and dignity demonstrates that she will be an honorable Fellow perpetuating IBJ's mission and vision throughout her lifetime.



Basavanagouda Shivaraj Patil, India

Project: "Right to legal aid and legal awareness"

Mr. Basavanagouda Patil aims to bridge the gap between written legal text and its implementation by creating awareness and providing adequate legal aid. His project aims to communicate a basic understanding of law, constitutional freedoms, and important procedures. This project will also provide legal representation to juveniles in the criminal justice system and raise awareness about policies concerning child welfare. Mr. Patil will be partnering with his alma mater to improve juvenile justice in the state of Karnataka. Mr. Patil graduated from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. The JusticeMakers program is delighted to have Mr. Patil as one of the youngest JusticeMakers Fellows of 2014.



Tesfaye Ayalew Mekonen, Ethiopia

Project: "Enhancement of the accessibility of justice to inmates of Debre Berhan prison and detainees in Wereda police stations of Semen Shewa zone of the Amhara state"

Mr. Tesfaye Ayalew Mekonen's project seeks to improve cooperation between the Debre Berhan Prison and the Wereda Police stations. This project aims to narrow the gap in the criminal investigation procedure, ensuring that torture will never be used as an investigative tool and avoiding long periods of pre-trial detention. Mr. Mekonen obtained his L.L.B. and L.L.M. at the Addis Ababa University and University of Mysore (India) respectively. He has worked as an instructor of law, as a free legal advisor, and is currently a lecturer of law at Debre Berhan University. With the JusticeMakers Fellowship, Mr. Mekonen will be empowered to effectively address prisoners' rights.



Jordan Daci, Albania

Project: "Writing a Legal Manual on Pre-trial detention in the Republic of Albania"

Dr. Jordan Daci will be developing a justice handbook that will clearly outline the fundamentals of Albanian criminal procedural law. It will be promoted through trainings and other means, along with complementary rights-awareness forms for detainees. Dr. Daci became a Doctor of Sciences in Public Law at the University of Tirana in 2010. He has experience with public administration, higher education, research, international organizations, legal industry, and NGOs. IBJ is extremely pleased to have him as one of our dedicated Fellows working to strengthen Albania's justice system.



Yvon Alphonse Mabofe, Ivory Coast

Project: "Advocacy group for the protection of Human Rights violations concerning HIV/AIDS – infected prisoners"

Mr. Yvon Alphonse Mabofe aspires to protect the rights of prisoners living with HIV/AIDS. This particular group of accused citizens is often denied or delayed access to competent legal representation in court. His project aims to create an advocacy group for the protection of human rights, which will also lobby decision makers to vote in favor of these prisoners' rights. Mr. Mabofe has worked in the field of human rights for many years and has studied in Cameroon, Switzerland and France. Since 2013, he has worked with an international organization that promotes and protects human rights in Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Mabofe interacts daily with the judicial, administrative, and civil society organizations on human rights issues.



Vitalii Gutnyk, Ukraine

Project: "Access to effective legal aid for indigent accused persons from the Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk regions"

Mr. Vitalii Gutnyk aspires to provide quality legal representation to the most vulnerable populations. Because lawyers are poorly compensated in Ukraine, few highly qualified lawyers provide free legal aid. He hopes to raise awareness about the ineffectiveness of legal representation in Ukraine, which often leads to the denial or delay of representation for vulnerable groups. Mr. Gutnyk studied Law at the National Law Academy of Ukraine, and then obtained his Ph.D. at the National University of Lviv. He advanced his education with a post doctorate at Vilnius University. Mr. Gutnyk has been named chairman of the Western Ukrainian Bar Association. With his outstanding performances and experience, Mr. Gutnyk is a valuable addition to the JusticeMakers Fellowship of 2014.



Tin Ko Ko, Myanmar

Project: "Promotion legal awareness and prevention from abuses towards the Transgenders in Myanmar"

Mr. Tin Ko Ko wishes to raise awareness about the legal rights of the transgender community. He hopes to develop guidelines to challenge abuse and to establish a list of supportive contacts for people in these situations. To highlight the situation of the transgender community, Mr. Ko Ko plans to organize three workshops in townships, via theatre performance, and to organize a transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20 for transgender victims of violence. Mr. Ko Ko has been the coordinator of Kings N Queens since 2011, where he actively develops activities and networks with other organizations in the pursuit of equal LGBT rights. He has broad volunteer experience, demonstrating his dedication and motivation to help those in need. His areas of specialization include human rights and advocacy, leadership and communicative skills.



Lillian Mworeko, Uganda

Project: "Women living with HIV at the center of addressing criminalisation of HIV and injustices resulting from a positive HIV status"

Ms. Lillian Mworeko's project will convene collaborative meetings between legal sector stakeholders, with the intent to challenge a recently passed law discriminating against HIV/AIDS+ people in the constitutional court, as well as institutional discrimination. She will also work to secure justice for a 64-year-old HIV positive nurse, who was unfairly demonized by the judicial apparatus and media. Ms. Mworeko studied at Makerere University Kampala, and has additional certificates in the areas of leadership and AIDS counselling. Since 2005, Ms. Mworeko has been the Regional Coordinator at the International Community of Women living with HIV/AIDS. Prior to this post, she has worked at various national HIV/AIDS organizations in Uganda. With her highly specialized background in the field of HIV/AIDS forums and platforms, we are sure that she will succeed at her endeavours as a 2014 JusticeMaker Fellow.



Frank Richardson, United Kingdom

Project: "Fair Trial Smartphone Apps"

Mr. Richardson's project is the development of a mobile application that educates citizens, public officials and lawyers about their legal rights. This technology will also help implement legal rights and publicly report violations. The most effective deterrent of legal system abuse and corruption is public exposure. This kind of interactive information sharing increases transparency levels and accountability and is likely to have an enormous impact on broadening access to justice and, thus, curb torture, corruption and other forms of justice perversion. Mr. Richardson obtained his degree in Quantitative Social Studies from the University of Kent. He is a very successful entrepreneur in the field of education in Indonesia and he currently works at OpenTrial, which strives to ensure legal systems deliver justice through modern technology. As such, the JusticeMakers program is delighted to have him committing to strengthen justice systems.

IBJ's Online Legal Resources

Using technology to institutionalize defender standards worldwide



Our online learning tools provide in-depth and country-tailored training tools to defense lawyers in 70 countries.

Building the capacity of lawyers on the ground is the core of IBJ's mission to end torture and guarantee due process rights. By creating a vast online network of defenders around the world, IBJ moves closer to institutionalizing defender standards. These programs harness the power of the Internet to deliver country-specific and topic-based materials around the world. Since launching these online resources in 2010, IBJ has focused its attention on developing content, building and supporting a global legal community, and increasing international awareness of defenders.

In the past three years, IBJ's extensive eLearning and Criminal Defense Wiki platforms have distributed legal knowledge and resources across physical and political barriers. Through the dedication of IBJ staff and legal volunteers worldwide, these interrelated web-based programs have provided vital assistance to human rights defenders in all corners of the globe.

Criminal Defense Wiki

IBJ's unique Wikipedia-styled legal resource, the Criminal Defense Wiki (<http://defensewiki.ibj.org>) offers comprehensive legal information on countries around the world, enabling and empowering lawyers in their daily criminal justice work. It also provides training in basic legal principles essential to all defense attorneys. We have received enthusiastic contributions from law students, criminal defense practitioners and academics across the globe. Currently the Criminal Defense Wiki consists of 1111 pages of content in 5 languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. The Defense Wiki includes online versions of IBJ's criminal defense manuals for Burundi, China, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe. It provides substantive research on the rights of an accused person, access to bail and legal aid as well as legal and constitutional provisions protecting accused persons from the use of torture as an investigative tool.

Since its inception, the Defense Wiki has received more than 7 million views. Our pages on India, China, Cambodia and Zimbabwe have been the most viewed. The content is expanding rapidly, and we now have completed pages for 70 countries.

In 2013, IBJ partnered with Linklaters (Hong Kong), an international law firm, and their affiliate firm, Allens, for the expansion of our Criminal Defense Wiki.

E-Learning and Legal Training Resources

IBJ's Legal Training Resource Centre (LTRC) (<http://elearning.ibj.org>) offers interactive eLearning courses, training lawyers to represent defendants in the criminal justice system.

The LTRC Global curriculum is designed to train lawyers worldwide and focuses on universally applicable subjects such as client interview skills, cross examination tactics, and legal intervention for prevention of custodial torture. It also provides training on domestic laws and criminal procedure of certain countries.

In 2013, IBJ expanded the number and types of courses available online, adding over 40 new e-Learning modules by June 2013. This increases the content of IBJ's global curriculum and establishes the foundation for a revolutionary global accreditation system.

For the period from June 2013 – December 2013, the LTRC had 62,089 guest logins and 1,531 student logins, indicating the number of people who have benefited from these courses. During this period, the IBJ team in China began developing new e-learning modules in Chinese, training on the use and admissibility of forensic evidence. An outside expert attorney will review these modules on completion, ensuring high standards.

The modules are based on universal legal concepts of effective advocacy. They are designed to provide a common, consistent level of understanding and knowledge among defenders throughout the world. Providing lawyers with the resources necessary to ensure the preservation of justice in domestic legal systems, IBJ is laying the foundation for sustainable peace in developing countries.

By 2014, we have 162 eLearning modules over 13 countries, accessed more than 200,000 times.

Country	Number of eLearning modules
Burundi	7
Cambodia	5
China	64
India	11
Indonesia	5
Laos	5
Myanmar	12
Philippines	5
Rwanda	6
Thailand	5
Tunisia	4
Vietnam	5
Zimbabwe	8

Creating Bridges of Support through Communities of Conscience

Field-building Partnerships Across the Globe

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Mead



Sanjeewa Liyanage, Astère Muyango, Hilde Schwab, Karen Tse, Aline Nijimbere, and Janvier Ncamatwi

Through its global networks, IBJ unites individuals across communities — public defenders, youth, spiritual leaders — to build a worldwide commitment to institutionalizing due process rights and to ending custodial torture. At IBJ we have realized that we need to engage all tiers of society and create worldwide momentum to ensure justice for all. Our lawyer-to-lawyer, faith-to-faith, and youth-to-youth “Communities of Conscience” (CoC) strive to ensure that rule of law becomes the norm, and not the exception.

One of the “Communities of Conscience” we bring together is the vast network of lawyers and legal activists around the world. Our Lawyer2Lawyer program of-

fers law firms, public defender’s offices, prosecutors, law schools and bar associations the opportunity to exchange best practices with local lawyers. Lawyer2Lawyer connects our team and JusticeMaker Fellows on the ground with essential legal resources. This vast legal network helps these brave human rights defenders to carry out their work.

Past events have included mentorship programs between Irish and Chinese lawyers in Dublin, trainings between American and Chinese lawyers in Washington D.C., and legal defense training for Indian lawyers by the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office. In addition, several law firms including Clifford Chance, Dechert, Hogan Lovells, Sherman and Sterling, Linklaters, and

Allen and Overy have been invaluable in supporting IBJ programs.

Our Communities of Conscience also engage young people across the world through the Youth Scholars program. Whether in high school, university, or law school, these are the world’s future defenders and leaders. As we engage them in legal rights issues, we hope to create a cross-generational commitment to ending torture for all.

IBJ’s next ambitious project with its Communities of Conscience is the creation of the Access to Justice Summit (AJS), to be held in Geneva, Switzerland. We will ask leaders across the world to make fair and equitable treatment of the indigent accused a top priority. This will encourage



Burundian lawyers at the official opening of the Communities of Conscience event in Geneva

dialogue between key players and the partnerships necessary to ensure the rights of all.

In September 2013, IBJ hosted a five-day Lawyer2Lawyer program in Geneva, Switzerland. The Geneva Bar Association, International Bridges to Justice, and the Burundi Bar Association participated in trainings on the rights of the accused. This event was a valuable opportunity for lawyers from Switzerland and Burundi to share knowledge, build enduring connections, and find innovative solutions to the very real problem of police beatings and other investigative torture. Thanks to the Canton and City of Geneva, this training took place in the Maison des Avocats (House of Lawyers) in Geneva, and provided an unprecedented opportunity for collaboration and dialogue between the fifteen lawyers from Burundi and their Geneva peers.

The program covered topics such as the Swiss Code of Criminal Procedure, the rights of the accused upon arrest, investigation techniques, how Swiss criminal law prevents ill treatment, the right to appeal, juvenile criminal justice, detention rules and

a question-and-answer session with the police at their headquarters (Les Violons). There were also visits to the Tribunal of binding measures (Tribunal des mesures de contrainte), the Human Rights Commission of the Geneva Bar Association, Champ-Dollon Prison, the United Nations, and hearings in court.

The program culminated with presentations on IBJ activities, the methodology behind IBJ's Communities of Conscience, and the Burundian legal system. Key speakers included senior criminal law practitioners from the Geneva Bar Association, judges, the warden of Champ-

Dollon Prison in Geneva, IBJ representatives, and lawyers from the Burundi Bar Association.

Through this event and our other global CoC programs, IBJ continues to build partnerships, create ties between communities, and bring rule of law to where it's needed most.



Karen Tse, CEO and Founder of IBJ, with Pierre Maudet, Vice-President of the Council of the State of Geneva and Hilde Schwab, Chairperson and Co-Founder of the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship

IBJ's Global Interfaith Movement

Ending Torture through Access to Justice

"We are at a time in history where standing on the side of righteousness says we will stand with everyone. We will stand because no one should be tortured."

*Reverend Karen Tse,
IBJ Founder*

"We give thanks to you, for those who defend human rights and the various people who work with determination and faithfulness for the care of all victims of violence. Let us never make peace with despair."

Reverend John Beach



IBJ brings together spiritual leaders and members of the Geneva community at the Interfaith Peace Vigil at the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Centre in Geneva

It is our deeply held conviction that the collective voices of the world, the voices of religious and spiritual leaders and every individual who bravely opens their heart to justice, have the power to bring this critical issue onto the world agenda. With this in mind, IBJ is building an interfaith movement which will speak out clearly and unequivocally against the use of torture.

IBJ is founded on a spiritual vision that recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of every individual and the interconnectedness of all beings. Throughout history, human rights movements have been rooted in spirituality – as was the case with the work of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day, Mother Theresa and countless others.

Spirituality not only sustained their movements, but qualitatively affected the approach of their work.

In order to realize our vision, IBJ works to build a global movement through engaging supporters at every level; through youth, faith-based institutions, national governments, and global media. From living rooms to town halls, IBJ seeks to spur discussions that bring rule of law to the developing world.

In 2014, IBJ hosted two Interfaith Peace Vigils: one in Davos, and one in Geneva.

Davos Interfaith Peace Vigils

In January 2014, IBJ hosted an Interfaith Peace Vigil to End Torture at the English Church in Davos, Switzerland, during the World Economic Forum.

The events were opened with remarks by Hilde Schwab, Chairperson and Co-Founder of the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, and reflections by CEO Karen Tse.

This vigil was a clear call to act now to end suffering and bring peace to the world; an imperative found in every holy tradition. From Kimihiro Kitawara of the Japan Buddhist Federation, to Rabbi Schmuley Boteach, founder of This World, to Cardinal John Onaiyekan, Archbishop of Abuja, to Mohamed Ashmawey, CEO of Islamic Relief Worldwide, leaders of different faiths spoke about the need for all humanity to act with compassion, warmth, kindness and forgiveness, even in the face of great adversity. Buddhist,



Geshi Luntok, Geshi Gedun, and Othok Rinpoche, from the Shedrub Choekhor Ling Monastery and Buddhist Center in Mont Salève offering a chant



John O. Onaiyekan, Cardinal and Roman Catholic Archbishop of Abuja, Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja

“We bring this energy of love and surround them with this light. This brings peace and justice and the qualities of love into those places where there appears to be separation, where there appears to be injustice”

Reverend Beth Linguri

Muslim, Catholic, Anglican, Jewish and many more faith groups were represented, sharing their passionate commitment to ending torture.

Geneva Interfaith Peace Vigil

IBJ organized a global interfaith event on the 26th June in 2014, on the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. Religious and spiritual leaders, country representatives, and members of the Geneva community at the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Center in Geneva came together to stand in solidarity with IBJ and the efforts of our JusticeMakers and Country Fellows around the world.

Geshe Luntok, Geshe Gedun, and Othok Rinpoche, Tibetan monks from the Shedrub Choekhor Ling Monastery and Buddhist Center on Mont Salève, began the ceremony with a powerful chant. Michael French from the Lutheran World Federation then welcomed

participants and spoke about the need to stand united in the face of injustice. Reverend Monsignor Richard Gyhra from the Holy See Mission to the United Nations in Geneva spoke about the responsibility every person has to bring peace, justice and love into their actions. “We also pray for a change of heart of the perpetrators of torture, because we want what is good, what is true, and what is just.” This was followed by moving

words from Hindu, Anglican, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist representatives who all came together to achieve the same peaceful resolution. “As numerous are the sentient beings, we make the vow to save them all,” said Master Vincent Keisen Vuillemin from the Zen Dojo of Geneva.

While IBJ gathered for a quiet moment at the World Council of Churches, supporters held their own Interfaith Peace Vigils in

cities around the world from over 16 different countries across four continents. Internationally, supporters gathered with friends and families to light a candle and say a few words in solidarity for the end of torture as an investigative tool in our lifetime.



Kimihiro Kitakawara, Vice-President of the Japan Buddhist Federation (JBF)



Reverend Monsignor Richard Gyhra from the Holy See Mission to the United Nations in Geneva

The IBJ Youth Scholars Program

Creating young social entrepreneurs for access to justice

One of IBJ's most dynamic projects is also one of its newest: a youth scholars program. IBJ is mobilizing a network of young people from around the world to promote access to justice, the United Nations' 16th Sustainable Development Goal. The initiative gives youth a stake in international policy debates, as well as in the future they wish to create. The work has been valuable to IBJ to raise awareness on legal rights. It also provides opportunities for personal development and greater confidence in their advocacy skills.

The IBJ Youth Scholars Program

After hearing IBJ's founder and CEO Karen Tse deliver a TEDtalk on the quest to end investigative torture, a young student from South Korea was inspired to call and ask how he could help. Responding to his bold initiative, we were inspired to think about how we could more deeply partner with youth providing them with opportunities to improve their advocacy skills and the use of those skills to help other young people in developing parts of the world.

Through 2013-2014 Ethan Tse has been continuing the work of the Youth Chapter in Sacramento, California. Together, they have engaged in advocacy activities raising

awareness on access to justice across California. With regular meetings through 2013-2014, the chapter sets an example for future youth chapters, not only in the United States but all over the world.

Meanwhile in 2014 in Singapore, Mindy Hsu and Bhavani Khemka organised a group of students to go to Cambodia and observe IBJ lawyers working with clients who had been wrongly accused of crimes in Banteay Meanchey and Siem. Witnessing the unfair treatment of rural Cambodians and the efforts of IBJ helped the students see the impact of their work within their chapter.

Youth Scholars have proven their remarkable capacity for creativity. 2014 saw internal alpha testing begin on IBJ's upcoming smartphone app, having been created and coded by Joshua Browder, a British student who has developed iPhone applications for several nonprofit organizations. This innovative piece of software is designed to be the user interface for IBJ's eLearning initiative, a global knowledge and learning platform designed to institutionalise criminal defender standards worldwide.

Our Vision Beyond 2014

Moving beyond 2014, we are beginning the ASEAN Youth JusticeMakers competi-



Youth raising awareness in Santa Monica, California

tion with the help of National Youth Council in Singapore. This project gives fellowships to young students to create innovative projects designed on improving access to justice and rights awareness in their local communities. We are consistently looking into forming new partnerships with funders and finding new ways to ensure the sustainability of the IBJ Youth Program.

Currently, IBJ has Youth

and Hong Kong. We are striving to expand this network, funding the creation of Youth Chapters in schools across the world. Not only will this help develop advocacy skills for students, it will also create a global support network with Chapters collaborating together on larger projects. Our long term vision is for Youth Chapters to link in with youth groups in-country where we work, creating bridges of knowledge and support.

All of our efforts are to culminate in a biennial World Youth Justice Summit. In line with our goal to ensure personal development of our Youth Scholars, the summit will be a platform to engage each other using their advocacy skills, debating important issues. The summit would focus on juvenile justice in developing countries and provide a forum for both experts, defenders and



Robert McDowell

Scholars in the United States, United Kingdom, South Korea, Geneva, Singapore



A Youth Scholar is someone who is part of IBJ's work and wants to be engaged in our fight to end torture as an investigative tool. Youth Scholars share a particular interest in the fields of legal and human rights

youth to engage with how best to protect young men and women from miscarriages of justice. IBJ believes involving youth in discussions on policy making is paramount. After all, they are the leaders and policymakers of tomorrow.

Interfaith Peace Vigil

2014 saw Youth Scholars become inspired to participate in IBJ's global peace-building activities, encouraging a global network of people, of all faiths, speaking up for access to justice. IBJ is excited about Youth Scholars helping us reach a global tipping point, placing access to justice at the forefront of the international development agenda.

On 26 June 2014, our Youth Scholars mobilized for the International Day Against Torture and Torture Survivors Day. Holding Interfaith Peace Vigils with their family, friends and classmates and raising awareness simultaneously across the world, these activities help demonstrate that people of all backgrounds and religious beliefs can come together against the practice of torture.

Online Conference Series

As part of our objective to create personal development opportunities for our Youth Scholars, in 2014 IBJ began connecting them to renowned leadership and advocacy trainers for a series of online conferences. Below are two key examples of the sessions we have hosted:

In July 2014, IBJ organized an online conference for our Youth Scholars on leadership and communication. Amy Carroll hosted the conference and explained her "Predator, Prey and Partner" model. Amy employs her background in psychology, improvisational theatre and mediation to lead training and coaching programs for multinationals worldwide.

In September 2014 IBJ hosted a seminar for our Youth Scholars titled "Activism through Storytelling". This was the latest addition to the Youth Program's Online Conference Series. Renowned poet, activist, and speaker Robert McDowell spoke with our student advocates to help refine their leadership and public speaking skills.

CrowdRise

In October 2014, IBJ's Youth Chapters around the world were involved in a campaign on CrowdRise for the Skoll Foundation's annual fundraising challenge. They helped raise money and awareness among other youth about the use of torture as an investigative tool. They want the youth community to be more aware and active in helping efforts to free juveniles, like themselves, from false imprisonment and harsh conditions.



Youth Scholar Jihun Hong in front of Seoul Arts Center in Seoul in South Korea



Youth Scholar Daniel Fung Jr. holding a vigil in Hong Kong



Youth Scholar Program Coordinator Shashi Sahadew and Youth Scholar Alyssa Rohan preparing the posters for the Interfaith Peace Vigil at IBJ HQ in Geneva



Ethan Tse, who founded the IBJ Youth Scholars Chapter in Sacramento



Youth Scholar Ethan Swift in front of the Merlion statue in Singapore.

Making a Real Impact to Increase Access to Justice Worldwide

In 2013 and 2014, International Bridges to Justice continued to make significant advances towards achieving sustainable criminal justice reform around the globe. Since assuming the chairmanship of IBJ's Board of Directors in 2009, I have had the pleasure of witnessing IBJ's work in action to bring about transformative change in legal justice systems. IBJ has worked tirelessly to not only resolve the immediate problem of systemic abuse and torture, but to ultimately build a functional and enduring legal aid system that is sustainable in the overtime.

"Sustainability" is a word that is all too often thrown around without real action behind it to transform the word into reality. I appreciate that IBJ is an extremely action-oriented organization committing itself to creating the tools necessary to educate, train, and align all those concerned with the goal of ending torture and ensure due process rights. Training and development is a crucial part of IBJ's work to bring about change.

In 2013 we hosted our first-ever training for Myanmar lawyers and officials, heralding the beginning of a fruitful partnership and an existing start for IBJ projects in the country. With numerous visits by Karen Tse and myself, we have established solid relationships both with the state and

civil society. Attended by the Myanmar government delegation comprised of the Deputy Attorney-General, high-ranking officials from the Supreme Court of the Union, Union Attorney-General's Office and the Myanmar Police Force, it was also attended by defence lawyers from the Myanmar Legal Aid Network. As requested by Burmese officials and civil society participants a legal aid training and round-table discussion took place in Singapore. IBJ is grateful for its collaboration with the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SingTel, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Clifford Chance and Shearman & Sterling in hosting this training and thus providing Myanmar justice officials with a unique platform for meaningful engagement.

IBJ, through its multi-stakeholder approach and building of networks, aims to ultimately institutionalize its programming so that legal aid will be carried forward as a government operated service rather than an NGO-led effort. Our Cambodia program stands out as being the most developed and comprehensive, and the closest to reaching this critical point of transition. With nine DRCs and 39 permanent staff members operating in 20 out of Cambodia's 25 provinces, IBJ Cambodia handled over 1,400 cases in 2013 and over 1,300 cases in 2014. I'm pleased to say

that IBJ retains excellent relations with the Ministry of Justice, with whom we signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2012. Continuing to work closely with the Ministry, the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, and many other organizations, IBJ's efforts pave the way for comprehensive legal protection for all people living in Cambodia.

IBJ's activities in China have been impressive for their scope, breadth, and effectiveness. With three offices able to reach every single province and autonomous region in China, IBJ has assembled a very competent group of about 40 lawyers that have taken over the responsibility of training other lawyers interested in defence and due process rights. In 2013 and 2014, IBJ trained over 3000 lawyers in 48 training sessions. Working as a community, lawyers supporting each other and truly capitalizing on their collective knowledge and experience have strengthened the networks between them and built a sense of belonging. Together with IBJ's commitment to build relationships with its Chinese partners, this is an important part of building local capacity and making IBJ's activities in China sustainable.

Looking back on our accomplishments of the past two years, IBJ has made

a huge impact around the world, with active country programs, a growing network of online resources, and grassroots initiatives such as the 2014 IBJ JusticeMakers competition. The work IBJ does is only possible with the generous support of those who believe in our mission. Your generous donations and partnership make it possible for IBJ to implement its work around the world. For all your support, thank you.



Daniel R. Fung, Chairman of the Board of Directors of International Bridges to Justice

"Daniel R. Fung was the first person of Chinese descent to serve as Solicitor General of Hong Kong. He did so both before and after Hong Kong's reversion to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. He is the President of the Hong Kong chapter of the International Law Association and Chairman of the Peace and Development Foundation, the official partner in Hong Kong of the United Nations Development Programme in China."

Handling the Obstacle of a Challenging Fundraising Environment

2013 and 2014 were exciting years for IBJ. With our in-kind donations and contributions from governments and multilaterals going up since 2012, we were able to launch comprehensive training programs, host roundtable discussions, conduct rights awareness campaigns, and ultimately move closer to our goal of ending custodial torture and institutionalizing defender standards worldwide.

IBJ, like many other non-profit organizations, has continued to overcome obstacles within a challenging fundraising environment: while the global economies are recovering, funding in the NGO sector has fallen from its pre-recession peak in 2007.¹ IBJ continues to benefit from generous contributions from existing funders, as well as actively building new partnerships. Our efforts towards fundraising have proven fruitful, targeting tailored short-term fundraising campaigns for specific projects in order to appeal more directly to our funders. In addition, larger institutional funders have also begun to engage with us with more long-term projects scheduled beyond 2014.

2013 presented obstacles for IBJ as our funding from private foundations decreased by 49% in 2013 from 2012 levels. Rising to meet the challenge, our fundraising efforts resulted in contributions from governments and multilaterals going up by 47% between

in the same period. Between 2013-2014 IBJ in-kind donations rose by over 40%.

The largest contributor to IBJ's funding continues to be governments and multilaterals. This is indicative of the trust these multi-laterals place in IBJ, and the value they see in our work. IBJ has always seen the value in these collaborative relationships, which is exemplified in the strides we have made in finalizing Memorandums of Understandings with Ministries of Justice and bar associations in the countries where we work. Although there is a slight drop in donations from private foundations and individuals, they still represent an invaluable asset to IBJ.

We are particularly grateful to the Skoll Foundation, AusAID, the European Union, the US State Department, the Hilton Foundation, the Levi-Strauss Foundation, La Ville de Genève, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Open Society Foundation, and many private individuals for their generous contributions. Humbled by the generosity of all our donors, both from the public and the private sector, these contributions have helped thousands of people access justice where none previously existed. While a portion of IBJ donations decreased, unquantifiable benefits of pre-existing networks allowed us to overcome our challenges.

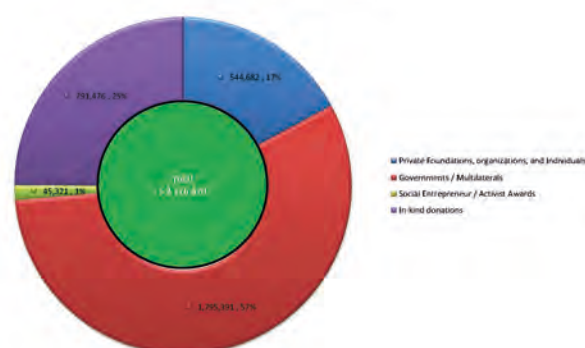
As Albert Einstein once said: "not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

IBJ is blessed by the generosity of a large team of volunteers (an increase of 40% between 2013 and 2014), which allows us to dedicate more funds to our international programs. These dedicated professionals include university graduates, attorneys, and management consultants. Our dedicated team members have risen to meet new challenges, and even during tough funding periods, country managers and team members continue

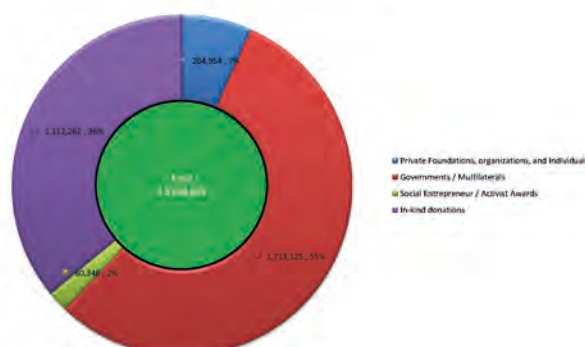
a portion of their great work on a pro-bono basis.

On behalf of the many individuals for whom we strive to ensure rule of law and early access to counsel, we would like to convey our sincere thanks to our donors and team members. To our donors, we are extraordinarily grateful for your support. To our team members, we salute your dedication and thank you for your time and expertise. To our clients, we dedicate our achievements to you, and commit to continuing our efforts to implement our vision and ensuring that the legal rights of every man, woman and child are met.

IBJ 2013 Income Distribution



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“In our individual country trainings and conferences, the actual legal training is only one part of the whole. It is a place where lawyers and the judicial community come together and look honestly at the past, present and future ahead of them. In addition to legal tactics, we have sung songs, written poems, cried tears of grief and disbelief and then tears of joy with a desire to move forward, to make history and create a different reality for future generations.”

Karen Tse
IBJ CEO and Founder

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Hilde Schwab, Chairperson & Co-Founder,
Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship

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I'm very excited about the International Bridges to Justice model. I think it has tremendous power and would love to see it spread throughout the world. There's a foundation that's been built and it's a foundation that I think is very strong. What I love about social entrepreneurs such as Karen Tse is that they are often quite resourceful in how they spread their work. They often do it with limited resources, they find creative ways to extend it, they experiment, they innovate, they test, they find what works, and they adapt it. IBJ has a framework template but they are also committed to the countries, in doing it in an in depth way in the local country environment, building appropriate links in partnership with those countries and I think that's a powerful way to go. I'm confident that IBJ will continue to pursue its mission and that it has a shot in eliminating torture in this century, which is very exciting.”

Gregory Dees, Founding Faculty Director at the Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE) at Duke's Fuqua School of Business

Greg Dees passed away at the age of 63 in December 2013, after spending decades showing how the theory and practice of entrepreneurship and innovation could be blended with social missions to tackle poverty, access to justice, and other global challenges in new, high-impact ways. Recognized internationally for developing social entrepreneurship as an academic field, he was the founding faculty director the the Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE) at Duke's Fuqua School of Business and Rubenstein Senior Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship with Duke's Innvation and Entrepreneurship Initiative (I&E).

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