

MEXICO'S HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS IN NUMBERS

4th in the world in terms of impunity

More than **40.000 disappeared persons**

9 women are murdered per day

1.978 clandestine graves found
between 2006 and 2016

41,3% of women have been the victims of sexual violence.

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HUMANOS Y DEMOCRACIA, A. C.



ABOUT US

The Instituto Mexicano de Derechos Humanos y Democracia, A.C. (“IMDHD” or “Mexican Institute of Human Rights and Democracy”) is a civil organization founded in 2007 for the purpose of advancing democratic governance and human rights protection through research, advocacy and training. Additionally, the IMDHD promotes links and meetings among a wide variety of social actors, politicians, academics and the public in order to generate proposals and initiatives that guarantee respect for and compliance with human rights in Mexico. The IMDHD incorporates a gender perspective and intersectional approach in all of its projects and activities.

The IMDHD aims to promote and strengthen the principles of human rights, the rule of law and democracy in Mexico.

MISSION

To influence public policy related to access to justice, security and equality. The IMDHD utilizes strategic litigation, contextual analysis and proposal development, with a human rights and gender perspective, to contribute in the transformation of public institutions and society.

VISION

To be considered a point of reference and institutional liaison between governmental authorities and people, groups and organizations working for the comprehensive implementation of human rights.

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



To actively participate in society's mechanisms of enforceability and justiciability for the improvement of public institutions.



To influence public policy in order to promote citizen participation in the design, implementation and evaluation of these policies.



To consolidate our work and serve as a point of reference and an institutional liaison between society and public institutions.



To analyze issues as access to justice, security and equality in order to propose guidelines for public policy incorporating a human rights and gender perspective.



To establish a relationship of trust with organizations to generate strategic alliances for the implementation of human rights.



WHAT WE DO

To achieve our mission of influencing public policy to create a more just and equal Mexico, we engage in a variety of activities.

Amongst them are the following:

Advocating for the respect for human rights

The IMDHD tries to influence the political agenda by: organizing collectives of human rights defenders; arranging meetings with victims incorporating their proposals; elaborating reports and proposals regarding public policy; and meetings with government representatives to hand them proposals to influence new public policy laws.

Providing human rights training and capacity-building

Since its foundation, the IMDHD provides human rights training for: civil organizations such as organizations working with disabled persons and collectives of elderly; collectives of family members of disappeared persons; justice sector actors; and police officers.

Conducting thorough research on human rights violations

The IMDHD conducts investigations that contribute to: raising awareness on the causes and patterns of human rights violations among society and International Organizations; strengthening the work of collectives of family members of disappeared persons; and proposing public policy to advocate for institutional changes.

Documenting cases of disappearances

The IMDHD documents the cases of the disappearances related to the members of the collectives in Veracruz. This involves: the elaboration of registration forms; the construction of a database that enables the systematization of testimonies; and the elaboration of a contextual analysis on the patterns of disappearances.

Assisting collectives of family members of disappeared persons in the State of Veracruz.

Since 2016, the IMDHD assists collectives of family members of disappeared persons in the State of Veracruz to strengthen their influence in public policy. This includes: capacity-building workshops; technical support to support them in their dialogue with governmental authorities; and assistance in the process of forensic identification.

Strategic litigation

In 2017, the IMDHD began conducting strategic litigation in order to represent victims of enforced disappearance, femicide and sexual violence, while at the same time generating broad and systematic change.



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

Among many other achievements,
the IMDHD has:



Elaborated 41 publications

as the results of investigations, offering manuals with a human rights approach, as well as numerous outreach materials to share knowledge on human rights themes with society.

Participated in working groups

together with federal and local governmental authorities.

Carried out **61 successful** projects to date.



Collaborated in the implementation of the following laws:

The Constitutional Reform in the area of human rights.

The National Code of Criminal Procedure.

The General Law on Disappearances and the National Missing Persons Search System.

The Local Law on Disappearances for the State of Veracruz.

Together with victims, the IMDHD participates in the elaborations and implementations of laws regarding justice and human rights.

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