



## Human Rights Measurement Initiative

### Dear friend of HRMI,

Like most of the world, we are sorrowfully watching as a non-threatening sovereign country is invaded on the very continent where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed. But we're not just watching. We're actively doing what our expertise allows us to do best - producing robust data to show where all countries could be doing better in terms of creating the conditions that build respectful societies and allow all people to live with dignity and purpose.

The HRMI team is seeking funding *right now* to expand our expert survey to all countries in **Europe** - from Portugal to Russia, and everywhere in between. If you have suggestions regarding potential funders for the Europe expansion, please send me an email and I'll get straight back to you with more information about what this would involve.

Human rights are not a utopian vision. They are a work in perpetual progress - where all countries, no matter how rich, powerful, or resourceful, still have a long way to go. This is where the value of HRMI's data lies. We show how much more governments can achieve on economic and social rights outcomes, and we show how far they are falling behind on their civil and political rights promises.

The **HRMI 2022 human rights survey** is in the field *right now*. We always eagerly anticipate the results, and this year's anticipation is boosted by the expansion to India and China for the first time. Our survey this year will cover countries to include over half the world's population, keeping us on our way to achieving our goal of publishing a full suite of data for all countries in the world!

While the HRMI team has been working steadily to collect and analyse data for this year's launch, I have been investigating how the **private sector** can support better human rights performance by governments worldwide. We recently hosted a small co-design workshop on the topic and I was touched by everyone's generosity in sharing their time, knowledge, ideas, and enthusiasm. The seeds of several great ideas were planted and I'm excited to see what comes of them. Stay tuned for more on this in future newsletters.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or ideas. The work we are doing is a collective endeavour, and as one of our friends, your ideas and connections are vital to our mission.

Wishing peace to you and the world,

**Anne-Marie**

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## Survey in the field

**Our 2022 expert survey is live!**

Each year we collect data on civil and political rights, economic and social rights, and key issues in the Pacific, through our survey of human rights experts around the world.



If you have registered to participate in this crucial research, please **check your email** (and junk or spam folder) for your survey link, and set aside some time to share your knowledge.

When you tell us in the survey about what's going on in your country, we are able to take that information and amplify your voice on the global stage. Thank you for partnering with us in this way - we appreciate it enormously!



## First Arabic workshop

Our first Human Rights Measurement Workshop offered in Arabic was hosted this month by Mennah Abdelwahab, a member of the HRMI team based at the University of Georgia.

[HRMI workshop in Arabic](#)

Please share the link among Arabic-speaking colleagues.

Since January 2021, we've run **23 workshops and webinars**, with around a thousand participants! You can see many of the [workshops on our YouTube channel](#), including:

[HRMI workshop in French](#)

[HRMI workshop for India and South Asia](#)

[HRMI workshop for journalists in Nigeria](#)

[Universal Periodic Review: workshop with HRMI and UPR Info for civil society.](#)

Here's what one participant had to say: *"It was an excellent session today. Tremendously useful, very informative and hugely resourceful. Thank you."*

If you would like us to offer a free workshop on the data that is most relevant to you, please contact Yoyo Pasieka to arrange it: [yoyo.pasieka@motu.org.nz](mailto:yoyo.pasieka@motu.org.nz).

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## Development Advisory Committee

Our newly established Development Advisory Committee (DAC) plays an important role in supporting HRMI's development efforts. DAC members help us engage in

fundraising strategy, refine our engagement and development processes, and foster connections with their established networks of contacts.



**Lama Almoayed** is a human rights lawyer based in Bahrain. Having previously worked in Cambodia and Aotearoa New Zealand, her current focus is on the intersection of human rights and emerging technologies.

**Jasmine Herlt** is a human rights leader committed to improving the lives of people locally and globally. Most recently she was the Managing Director of Human Rights Watch Canada.

**Nazia Erum** is an advocacy and communications specialist using storytelling to promote human rights. Nazia has worked at many international human rights organisations, as well as being a best-selling author.

**Julie Verhaar** is a leadership advisor for global non-profits. Most recently she was the Acting Secretary General for the International Secretariat of Amnesty International.

We are very glad to welcome members of the DAC to the HRMI team!

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**The Canberra Times**



**Each Other** published [this article](#) on the HRMI's human rights scores for the United Kingdom.

## HRMI in the news

**The Loop** published [this article](#) about human rights in the United States showing the many different subjects our data cover.

**Open Global Rights** published a pair of [articles](#) about health and housing rights in New Zealand, based on research commissioned by the New Zealand Human Rights Commission.

**The Canberra Times** published [this article](#) on rights of refugees and asylum seekers in Australia.

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## Key partner: UPR Info

When civil society organisations take part in the United Nations' Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process, they can improve the human rights situation of all segments of society, empowering them to achieve their full potential.



[UPR Info](#) is a Geneva-based NGO that aims to strengthen the capacities of all stakeholders to engage in the UPR.

Since early 2021 we are very grateful to have partnered with UPR Info to bring workshops to civil society organisations all over the world to optimise their UPR reports.

So far, we have run five workshops together with a total of 196 live participants, and many more registrants who catch up on the recorded training afterwards.

We have been very pleased to see civil society organisations citing HRMI data in their UPR submissions, strengthening their own reporting with our data.

You can visit our [Data in Action](#) page to see specific examples of how civil society organisations have used HRMI data in UPR submissions.

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## The World Bank is using HRMI data

We are delighted that the World Bank has added HRMI's civil and political rights data to its [Worldwide Governance Indicators](#).

These data will help a wide range of users to assess the quality of governance in different countries, and to improve the lives of people around the world.

The Worldwide Governance Indicators cover six dimensions:

- Voice and Accountability
- Political Stability and Absence of Violence/Terrorism
- Government Effectiveness
- Regulatory Quality
- Rule of Law
- Control of Corruption.



## 2022 Global Internship

Just over a year ago, we piloted our [remote internship programme](#), where we welcomed students and graduates from around the world to be part of HRMI's work, and learn about the role of human rights measurement in improving people's lives.

In our first year, we hosted **100 interns from 29 countries**, who worked on a wide range of projects to help users make the most of HRMI data. Twenty of those interns have since joined the HRMI team long-term as volunteers, and are doing exceptional, meaningful work, spread across all our teams.

This year's internship programme has kicked off with an incredible new cohort of students, including from some more countries. We are excited to help these young leaders on their journeys to making the world a better place for everyone. In only three weeks, they've already shown us they are an investment worth making.

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the HRMI remote internship programme, please email Julia Matsuda [julia.matsuda@rightstracker.org](mailto:julia.matsuda@rightstracker.org).

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## Please keep in touch!

Thanks for your interest in HRMI. You are also most welcome to follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#) to keep up to date in between newsletters.

Please also feel free to [contact us directly](#) with feedback, ideas, and requests. We're here to help.

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