



Dear Yoyo,

Hello, नमस्ते, सलाम, ਸਤਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ, வணக்கம் and warm greetings!

Aditi Patil here, from the HRMI South Asia team.

Vibhaa and I make up the newest team here at HRMI and we are thrilled to embark on this journey together. In the next few months, we will be reaching out to experts and collecting human rights data in this region, starting with India. This means that next year, HRMI will measure the civil and political rights for 1.4 billion more people in India (and another 1.4 billion in China)!

HRMI has scored the performance of many [South Asian countries](#) on what we call 'quality of life' rights, including [India](#). However, 2022 will see the expansion of our human rights survey to India to collect data from experts on the ground and publish civil and political rights scores, and qualitative data on both sets of rights, on the Rights Tracker.

We are so excited to bring our data to you and see it used to improve human rights for people everywhere!

Until we meet again, signing off with an ancient Sanskrit prayer:

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद्दुःखभाग्भवेत्॥

May all sentient beings be at peace,
May no one suffer from illness,
May all see what is auspicious,
May no one suffer!

- Aditi

India expansion



If you are working for improved human rights in India, the arrival of HRMI data in India and South Asia is just in time for the new cycle of the United Nations [Universal Periodic Review](#). It is only with your support and inputs as human rights experts that we can produce data that is quantified, clear and comparable.

You can use these data for UPR reports, research, or advocating change in the lives of people in your country.

Would you like to know more? Please join us on 1 December 2021 (Wednesday) at 10:00 IST for a free workshop led by India and South Asia Coordinator, Aditi Patil.

This India and South Asia workshop is for human rights practitioners to learn how to use HRMI data in their policy and advocacy work.

Register here: [India and South Asia Workshop](#)

[Click here to see what time the workshop starts in your time zone](#)

Please get in touch with Aditi at any time for further discussions of the work in India and South Asia, or to get involved: aditi@humanrightsmasurement.org

Human rights and the private sector

In recent months HRMI vision and strategy lead Anne-Marie Brook has kicked off an exciting new project to explore how HRMI can make our human rights data toolbox more useful for the private sector.

Financial institutions and companies often have significant influence and leverage with governments. We want to figure out how to make our data as useful as possible so that they can use their leverage in the most effective ways, to positively influence government human rights behaviour.

With support from the Ford Foundation, we're partnering in this work with Russ Gaskin at [CoCreative](#) and Diane Johnson of [Mmapeu Consulting](#) to design a collaborative strategy process

to engage private sector actors in improving country-level human rights outcomes.

Right now we are assembling an experienced and passionate Design Team who will help lead the work through to a small co-design workshop in approximately February. Later next year we will be helping to host a larger convening to refine and advance the impact strategy.

If you would like to learn more, or get involved, Anne-Marie would love to hear from you. You can email her at anne-marie.brook@motu.org.nz

HRMI in the news



We continue to be encouraged to see media and others use our data.

Some highlights from the last month:

- RNZ's [Midday Report](#) talks to HRMI researcher Livvy Mitchell about her recent publication on the state of health and housing rights in New Zealand (more about this below)
- Son Jamba Hossi wrote [an article about the human rights situation in Angola](#) for Angolan news website Epito Repórter.
- Sajeet M Rajbhandari cited HRMI scores in [this article about graffiti in Kathmandu](#) for Nepalese architecture magazine Spaces.
- RNZ's Pacific Waves programme quotes HRMI scores in [this news segment](#) on Samoa's UN Universal Periodic Review.
- Malaysian media company Between The Lines released [this special report on women's mental health in Malaysia](#), quoting the country's HRMI empowerment scores.

Take a video tour of our Rights Tracker

Are you interested in our human rights data, but haven't had a chance to dig into it yet?

Our Strategy and Communication Lead Thalia Kehoe Rowden has recorded a friendly new video tour of the [Rights Tracker](#), ideal for people who want some help navigating the data for the first time.

See the tour below (if it displays in your email) or [here on our YouTube channel](#), and please share it around with colleagues.

Rights Tracker Tour 2021: how well are countries respectin...



New working paper on human rights in New Zealand

In news for human rights research specialists and National Human Rights Institutes, HRMI researchers have published a new Motu working paper using our economic and social rights metrics for New Zealand.

Monitoring the enjoyment of the rights to adequate housing and health care and protection in Aotearoa New Zealand

This paper helps to identify where resources are most urgently needed in housing and health care in Aotearoa. The research shows evidence of direct or indirect discrimination in the rights to housing and health care in Aotearoa's children and adults.

HRMI co-founder and economic and social rights lead Susan Randolph worked with Motu and HRMI research analyst Livvy Mitchell and intern Paddy Baylis to produce this detailed and ground-breaking paper, commissioned by the New Zealand Human Rights Commission. The Commission is now using the research to advocate for improvements in human rights in Aotearoa New Zealand.

[Read the paper.](#)

If you have human rights questions you would like help to answer, please contact one of the HRMI team to see if we have space for commissioned research.

Movement to Protect Moananuiakea

Last month, HRMI ambassador for New Caledonia and Indigenous rights expert Yolene

Koteureu joined New Zealand Human Rights Commission Advisor Charm Kataraina Skinner, and host Joshua Cooper on his human rights show, Cooper UNion.

You can follow the half-hour episode where they discuss the state of Indigenous rights in the Pacific on [YouTube](#) if it doesn't appear in your browser below:



First University of the South Pacific HRMI internship programme a beaming success



This year, we were pleased to bring our 12-week remote internship programme to students from the University of the South Pacific in Samoa.

The students who joined us this year blew us away with their commitment and enthusiasm, and we hope to welcome many of them back next year to continue the amazing work we started. In the photograph above, you can see our first group of wonderful USP interns: Sara, Siniva, Peggy, Fuatino, Otto, Tasman, Faye, Jennifer, and Lino. You can read more about them and the programme in this [feature article in the Samoa Observer](#).

The success of this partnership has led to a renewal of this programme in 2022, where we hope to welcome many more inspiring young leaders into the HRMI team.

These scholarships are part of HRMI's work in the Pacific, funded by the New Zealand Aid Programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We are very grateful to Ms Ronna Lee and To'oto'ooleaava Dr Fanaafi Aiono-Le Tagaloa from USP for their warm partnership in this programme.

If you're interested in joining our remote internship programme - in the Pacific or elsewhere in the world - or know anyone who might be, please contact julia.matsuda@rightstracker.org for more information.

Expanding partnership with the University of Connecticut

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the University of Connecticut's Human Rights Institute, who are supporting [Dr Christopher Shay](#) to update the annual SERF Index scores, among other projects.

The SERF Index is the basis of our economic and social rights scores for around 200 countries, developed by HRMI co-founder Susan Randolph, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, and Terra Lawson-Remer.

A warm welcome to our new team members



Aditi Patil – India and South Asia Coordinator

Aditi is working tirelessly to help HRMI measure civil and political rights in India and South Asia, working to build networks and train people in the use of our data. Join her at our upcoming [India and South Asia workshop](#)! Aditi is based in New Delhi, India.

Mariam Rasheed – Pacific Research Assistant

Mariam has joined us in the Wellington office while a senior law student to work on engagement in the Pacific and getting our data out into the world.

Callum Murray – Intern

Callum is joining the Wellington office for the New Zealand summer as part of his study towards a Master's in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. He is assisting on our project looking at private sector impact on human rights.

Katja Neef – Survey Engagement Intern

Katja is joining us from the University of Auckland as a Motu summer intern, helping coordinate the survey roll-out for this year.

Vibhaa Sreedharan – India team

Vibhaa is a law student in Chennai, India. She began as a remote intern at the beginning of the year, and has become a vital part of the HRMI team in a range of roles. She is now supporting Aditi in the India and South Asia team.

We are thrilled to welcome such brilliant individuals into the HRMI team!

Are you or have you been a survey respondent for HRMI?

We are preparing to send our human rights survey out to experts soon!

If you are a survey participant, please check your inbox regularly and make sure the email address survey@humanrightsmeasurement.org is in your approved list of senders. Don't miss out on being part of the awesome work HRMI does to measure human rights around the world.

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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