



Strategic Advocacy
Human Rights

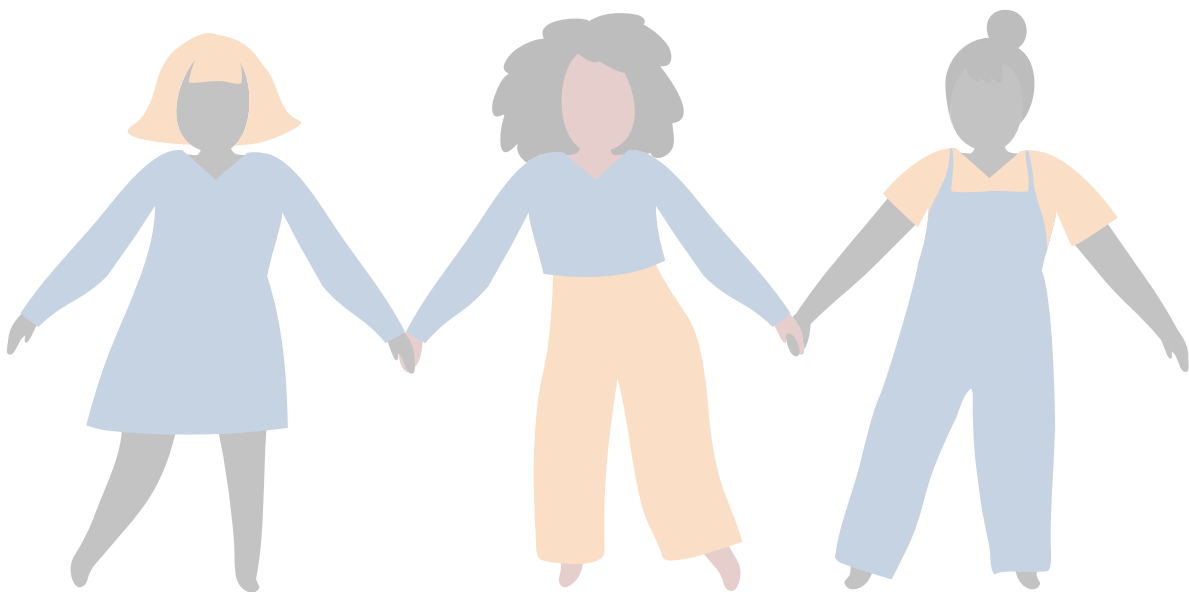
GENDER JUSTICE LEGAL DEFENDERS FELLOWSHIP 2020-2021

**** For human rights lawyers and defenders! ****

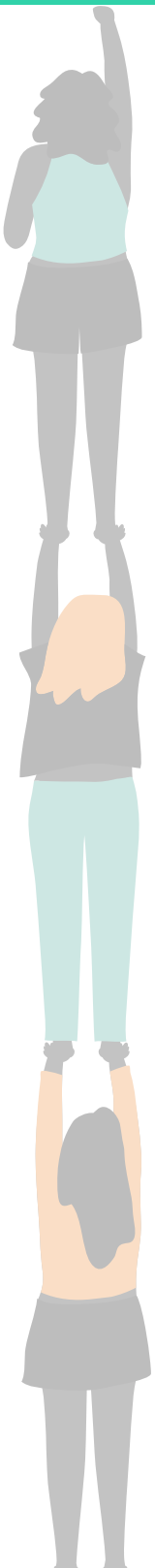
If you are working on a case of sexual violence or discrimination and could benefit from a team to work with, this Fellowship is for you!

We offer Fellows a total stipend of \$3,000.00 USD to run a case over a period of 6 months.

Deadline for applications:
30 October 2020 (midnight GMT)



ABOUT US



Strategic Advocacy for Human Rights (SAHR) is a global community of Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) working to end impunity for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and accompany survivors on their quest for justice.

SAHR envisions a world where every survivor - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or class - can access justice that is fair, equal and inclusive.

Since its inception, SAHR has been working with HRDs and survivor-advocates across Afghanistan, Kashmir, South Sudan, Italy, Libya, Russia, Vanuatu and India, to advocate for the human rights of survivors and ensure that their rights are vigorously defended in the judicial process.

SAHR has become known for opening new frontiers, developing legal standards and strategies that bring attention to rights violations that are undocumented, and, in the context of sexual violence, to the voices of survivors who are blamed for the very crimes committed against them.

By seeking out and taking cases of this magnitude, SAHR's gender justice programs create a lasting impact for justice and accountability.

CASES WE TAKE AND SUPPORT

When it comes to sexual and gender-based violence and discrimination, survivors face serious challenges in freely deciding on matters related to their own body and life.

Even when there are suitable laws, they are not always enough to protect survivors from these violations or they are not implemented. Survivors who brave the course of justice, are also often stigmatized, abused and excluded from society, for doing so. This is known as the "gender justice gap". The objective of this Fellowship Program is to resource and accompany human rights defenders and lawyers working to close that gap, by providing funding, legal expertise and tools.

Specifically, we are looking for defenders who can identify and work on the following types of cases:

- Sexual harassment
- Sexual exploitation
- Forced and early marriages
- Forced virginity examination
- Forced sterilisation
- Forced abortion
- Forced pregnancy
- Female genital mutilation
- Rape and sexual assault
- Revenge pornography
- Digital sexual violence.



THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Take on your own case

Fellows will identify a specific case of sexual based violence or discrimination in their community and execute a chosen intervention towards justice, reparations, and accountability.

In the process, Fellows will learn critical legal skills including fact-finding, collecting and documenting evidence, building a case, and drafting claims and petitions.

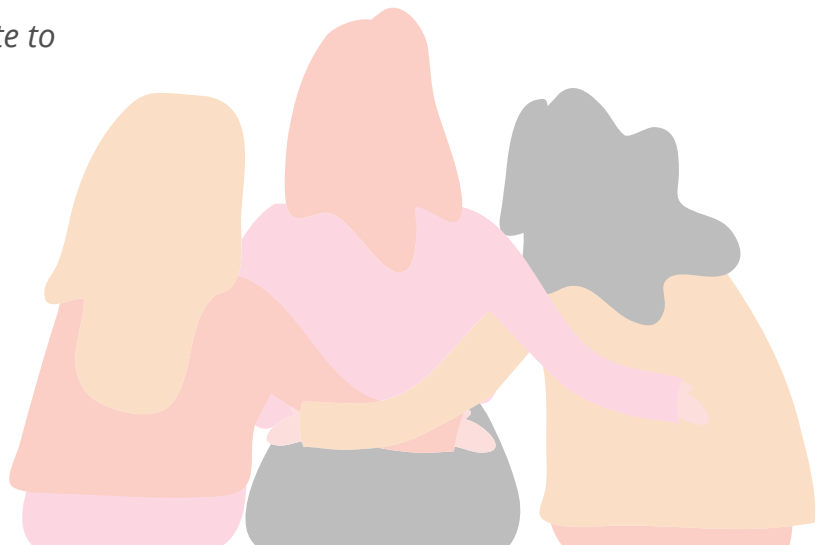
The goal is get Fellows to think and work like a lawyer to hold offending persons and institutions accountable, while shedding light on the abuses. Fellows will work on their case a minimum of 20 hours week for a duration of six months (or more as mutually agreed).

We encourage you to read the full guidelines here: <http://tiny.cc/2yg8rz>

Visit our website at www.sa-hr.org for more information about our work.

Email us at fellowship@sa-hr.org

If you need help with the application, write to njomza@sa-hr.org



ELIGIBILITY

**We are looking for defenders
who are committed to action.**

We welcome you to apply either as an individual or a group, so long as you:

- identify as a woman, trans or gender non-conforming person
- Are in contact with or can readily access survivors of sexual based discrimination/violence for the project
- Can connect the concerning violation to an institutional action or negligence (either by a state or non-state actor)
- Can demonstrate a strong command and solid understanding of the law and are able to use legal or other accountability procedures that are essential to her project
- Are an active human rights defender with experience in community organizing
- Are fluent in English and the local language or dialect which survivors speak.

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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

We are here to help you submit a good application. Write to us if you need help.

1. Read the Guidelines carefully:

English : <http://tiny.cc/2yg8rz>

Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/y5hkvp3b>

Turkish: <https://tinyurl.com/y42ouc26>

French: <https://tinyurl.com/y22hsqjz>

Portuguese: <https://tinyurl.com/yxe7rv4t>

Arabic: <https://tinyurl.com/y49sbnsy>

Russian: <https://tinyurl.com/y56ebqnj>

2. Preview and submit the application here:

<http://tiny.cc/kbr4rz>

3. You will be asked to upload the following documents to the application form:

> Resume or CV

> One Letter of Recommendation

> [Optional] URL Link to a 3- 5-minute video explaining your project and who you are (uploaded onto YouTube) OR alternatively a 3-5 minute audio/voice recording.

4. Deadline: Friday, 30 October 2020

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

