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Supporters celebrate after Gambian opposition leader Ousainou Darboe was freed on bail, Banjul, 5 December, 2016.

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The Amnesty International Global Finance Report shows information from our global movement as a whole. It is part of our commitment to be as transparent and accountable as possible.

For more than five decades, Amnesty International has shone a light on the world's torture chambers and the world's darkest corners.

We are a global movement of more than 7 million people who campaign for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all.

Through research, advocacy and campaigning, we bring torturers to justice, oppose oppression and help free people jailed simply for their peaceful beliefs. We take action – and empower and inspire others – to expose and stand against injustice and repression in all corners of the world. We stand together with those fighting for their rights.

Together, we take injustice personally.

We work to bring torturers to justice, oppose oppression and help free people jailed simply for voicing their opinions.

In 2016, we documented human rights violations in 159 countries and territories.

- War crimes were committed in at least 23 countries
- 36 countries illegally sent refugees back to a country where their rights were at risk
- 22 countries saw people killed for peacefully standing up for human rights

We investigated and exposed the facts.

We campaigned and bore witness. We mobilized millions of people worldwide to speak out for justice, freedom and dignity, and to help defend activists on the human rights frontline.

We kept the spotlight of international attention on the world's dictators, secret police, torturers and death squads.

All this was made possible through the support and generosity of our members, supporters and donors.

Thank you!

IMPACT

We know from campaigning for human rights for more than five decades that every individual can make a positive difference – while millions standing together for justice, freedom and dignity can change the world.

We are cautious about claiming credit for human rights victories. These are often achieved through many factors, actions and actors. Sometimes too change can take years. Yet no situation is beyond hope, and we never doubt that change is possible.

People united in common action – across borders and beliefs – make human rights change happen. And there were many stories of hope in 2016 where we believe our contribution was significant.

Throughout 2016, millions of Amnesty International supporters helped create positive change worldwide.

During the year, more than 600 people were released from unfair or other abusive imprisonment – almost two people every single day.

Your pressure was critical in protecting people's rights and saving lives.

“In my dark cell, I never felt alone or forgotten. I knew that Amnesty International members were speaking for me and this made me feel safe.”

Ahmed Abdullah, released prisoner of conscience, Egypt

MAKING HUMAN RIGHTS CHANGE HAPPEN

Standing up to the forces of repression and injustice is never easy. But together we can demand that governments end repression and corruption, and respect human rights. We can offer hope to the powerless and oppressed.

Amnesty International founder Peter Benenson demonstrated the difference one person can make by appealing to others to unite with him in common action. He turned powerlessness into hope, and he turned an ancient Chinese proverb – “Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness” – into a human rights rallying call.



“Only when the last prisoner of conscience has been freed, when the last torture chamber has been closed, when the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a reality for the world’s people, will our work be done.”

Peter Benenson



Amnesty International action calling for outgoing President Barack Obama to pardon Edward Snowden, 13 January, 2017, Paris, France. © cyril marcilhacy/Cosmos

IMPARTIAL. INDEPENDENT. ACCURATE.

Where our money comes from

Our deeply held core principles of impartiality, independence and accuracy underpin all we do. This is built on an understanding that all human rights must be respected together if we are to achieve a world free from fear and want.

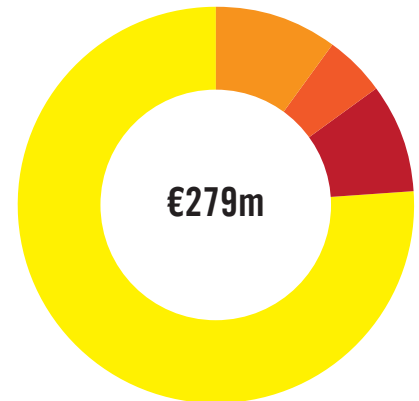
We are independent of any government, ideology, economic interest and religion. Our only interest is in achieving human rights for all.

In 2016, we raised €279m for human rights work, a minor increase from 2015 (€278m).

The vast majority of our income comes from small donations from private individuals. More than 2m individuals donated to Amnesty International in 2016.

We received only one restricted donation over €1m: the Dutch postcode lottery, which donated €1.8m. This was earmarked for protecting civic space and human rights defenders.

This means we are fully independent in setting our strategic and operational goals.



- 75% Regular and non-regular donations from individuals
- 10% Legacies and bequests
- 5% Grants from trusts and foundations
- 10% Other income



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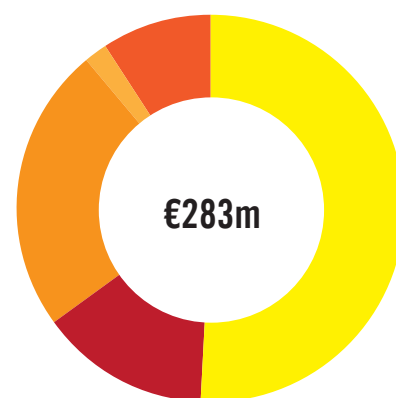
How we spend our money

Our global income is crucial to achieving human rights impact and positive change.

96% of our income is “unrestricted”. This means we are not asked to use it in a particular way – so we can spend most of our money wherever the need is greatest.

In 2016, our global expenditure was €283m (in 2015, it was €260m). The pie chart shows the breakdown of what was spent.

We spent €6m more on our human rights research, advocacy, campaigning and education compared to 2015.



- 51% Human rights research, advocacy, campaigning, raising awareness and education
- 24% Building our supporter base
- 14% Raising funds for human rights work
- 9% Cost of functions facilitating delivery of our core work
- 2% Maintaining our democratic systems of governance

RESEARCH. EVIDENCE. ACTION.

What we spend our money on

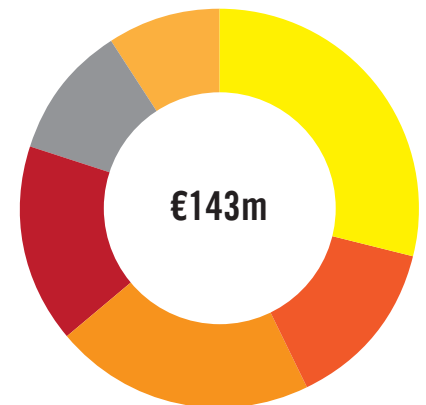
Our action for human rights is based on high-quality research, evidence and legal analysis.

This is accompanied by effective campaigning action, international solidarity and relentless global pressure to insist that governments live up to the promises made in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Our work covers the whole spectrum of human rights.

The top issues we spent money on in 2016 were:

- Reclaiming freedoms – including defending freedom of expression, protecting human rights defenders, and delivering human rights education.
- Securing equal rights for all – including opposing discrimination based on identity, gender or other grounds, and upholding economic, social and cultural rights.
- Responding to human rights crises – including protecting people on the move and those affected by conflict, and campaigning for international justice in crisis situations.
- Ensuring accountability – including working for international justice to ensure accountability for human rights abusers, standing up for human rights in criminal justice systems, campaigning for a world without capital punishment, and ensuring corporate accountability.



- 29% Goal 1: Reclaiming Freedoms – a world in which everyone knows and can claim their rights
- 14% Goal 2: Securing equal rights for all - a world in which human rights and justice are enjoyed without discrimination
- 21% Goal 3: Responding to crises - a world in which people are protected during conflict and crises
- 16% Goal 4: Ensuring accountability – a world in which human rights abusers are held accountable
- 11% Legacy campaigns including Stop Torture and My Body My Rights
- 9% All other human rights work

SUCCESS STORIES

Africa

GOOD NEWS FOR ACTIVISTS

There was good news for 10 anti-slavery activists who were released from jail in Mauritania following a court ruling in November. This offered hope to those campaigning for an end to the brutal crackdown on human rights defenders in the country, although the court ruling ignored the activists' allegations of torture – and others remained behind bars. <http://bit.ly/2gct19M>



RELEASES IN GAMBIA

In December, opposition leader Ousainou Darboe and over 40 other prisoners of conscience who had been arrested during peaceful protests in April and May 2016 were released on bail in Gambia. The news came days after Yahya Jammeh's defeat in the country's presidential elections. Further releases in January 2017 included another Amnesty International prisoner of conscience – Amadou Sanneh – who had been imprisoned since December 2013 and now serves as the country's Minister of Finance. The new government also reversed Gambia's planned withdrawal from the International Criminal Court and promised to repeal repressive laws.

CHAD'S HISSÈNE HABRÉ CONVICTED

In a landmark ruling for international justice, former Chadian president Hissène Habré was convicted on 30 May of crimes against humanity, war crimes and torture committed in Chad between 1982 and 1990. Among other evidence, the prosecution relied on Amnesty reports dating from the 1980s, as well as the expert testimony of a former Amnesty staff member. Habré was sentenced to life. His conviction was a victory for the tens of thousands of victims who have been demanding justice for decades. <http://bit.ly/1TXi4rA>

Americas

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RELEASED

Prisoner of conscience and opposition leader Rosmit Mantilla was freed in Venezuela in November. He had been unfairly imprisoned for his human rights work, and shouldn't have spent a second behind bars. Amnesty welcomed the news, and called on the government to build on this by releasing all those imprisoned just for expressing their opinions. <http://bit.ly/2gnht6n>



SUCCESS STORIES

YECENIA FINALLY FREE

After four harrowing years in a Mexican jail, Yecenia Armenta was freed in June. In 2012, police beat, near-asphyxiated and raped her during 15 hours of torture until she “confessed” to involvement in the murder of her husband. Hundreds of thousands of Amnesty supporters wrote letters as part of our Stop Torture and Write for Rights campaign, demanding her release. “Thank you and keep fighting for the rights of others,” she said. “Justice is sometimes slow, but it arrives.” <http://bit.ly/1Ufs1Rl>



EL SALVADOR FREES MARIA TERESA

Maria Teresa Rivera was freed on 20 May 2016. The 33-year-old had been sentenced to 40 years in prison in 2011 after she suffered a miscarriage. Suspected of having had an abortion – which is banned in El Salvador – she was denounced to the police by hospital staff. She served four years of her sentence, but was freed after a judge said that there was no evidence to support the charges against her. Thousands of Amnesty activists around the world have written letters on her behalf, urging El Salvador to stop criminalizing abortion. <http://bit.ly/1PiXUld>



ALBERT WOODFOX FREE AT LAST

In February 2016, Albert Woodfox was released – 44 years after he was first placed in solitary confinement in the USA. More than 240,000 of you had demanded his release and sent him messages of support during Amnesty’s annual Write for Rights campaign. Albert had spent more than 40 years locked up alone in a tiny cell with little natural light for 23 hours a day. He was convicted in 1973 for the murder of a prison guard, but there was no physical evidence linking him to the crime.



“I am very grateful to every man and woman who has been following my case with that lighted candle, and who hoped that I would be free.”

Maria Teresa Rivera

Asia / Pacific

HISTORIC TORTURE CONVICTION

There was a big win for our Stop Torture campaign in the Philippines after a police officer was convicted of torturing bus driver Jerryyme Corre. It was the first ruling under the country's 2009 Anti-Torture Act, and followed three years of campaigning by Amnesty supporters – including more than 70,000 people who took action for Jerryyme during Write for Rights 2014. <http://bit.ly/1q6bHX2>



HOPE AND BELIEF

In Myanmar, Phyo Aung, walked free in April 2016. Amnesty supporters across the world wrote more than 394,000 letters, emails, tweets and more for her as part of our annual Write for Rights campaign. She was released along with scores of student protesters. "Thank you very much each and every one of you," she wrote in a recent letter to supporters. "Not just for campaigning for my release, but for helping to keep our hope and our beliefs alive."



Europe and Central Asia

SHE IS NOT A CRIMINAL

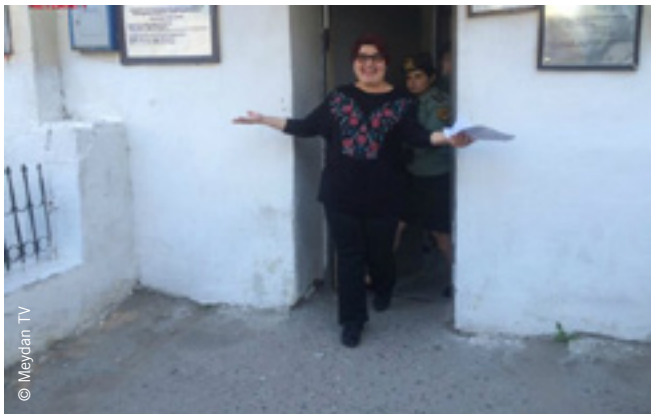
In a landmark decision, the UN Human Rights Committee ruled that Ireland's restrictive abortion law violated the rights of a woman who was carrying a foetus with a fatal condition. Under Irish law, women in this condition are forced to carry a doomed pregnancy to term – or travel abroad to get a termination. Through My Body My Rights, Amnesty has campaigned alongside local activists against Ireland's near-total ban on abortion. More than 275,000 people signed our She is #notacriminal petition. More than 2.5 million activists worldwide have taken action for My Body My Rights, our global campaign for sexual and reproductive rights. <http://bit.ly/1UpIp1A>



SUCCESS STORIES

JOURNALIST FREED IN AZERBAIJAN

Award-winning journalist Khadija Ismayilova was released in May. The Supreme Court replaced her seven- and-a-half-year prison sentence with a suspended three-year sentence following an appeal. Khadija was arrested in December 2014 and convicted on trumped-up charges. Before her arrest, she had been investigating and reporting on corruption at the highest levels in Azerbaijan's government, including family members of the president. <http://bit.ly/1VjQk1k>



NORWAY AND DENMARK – HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGH FOR TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

In June, Norway passed a new law that gives transgender people access to legal gender recognition through a quick, accessible and transparent procedure. Crucially, it allows individuals to self-determine their gender and does away with Norway's shameful legacy of compulsory requirements that are discriminatory and violate a range of human rights. In May, Denmark's parliament adopted a decision to stop classifying transgender identities as mental disorders.



Middle East and North Africa

WE SAVED ALIREZA

Iranian teenager Alireza Tajiki was saved from the gallows thanks to a global outcry condemning his imminent execution. He was scheduled to be executed on 15 May, but after intensive advocacy efforts by Amnesty, including through appeals by our members to the authorities, including on Twitter, the execution was called off. Alireza is not safe yet – we continue to call on Iran to quash his death sentence. <http://bit.ly/2nacwBB>



SAFE EVACUATION FOR ALEPPO

As Syrian government forces and their allies took almost all of East Aleppo in mid-December – amidst serious concerns of revenge attacks, including executions – Amnesty launched a campaign action calling on the international community to support the rapid deployment of UN monitors, and on the Syrian, Iranian and Russian governments to ensure the safe evacuation of civilians and allow unfettered humanitarian access to respond to the needs of the civilian population. The rapid campaign mobilized over 300,000 worldwide in just days and put pressure on the UN Security Council to act. This push resulted in the UN Security Council voting to deploy UN monitors and ensuring a safe evacuation of people from Aleppo.

Global

TORTURE TRADE LOOPHOLES CLOSED

Tighter restrictions on the sale, brokering and promotion of equipment that can be used to torture, ill-treat or execute people were introduced in the European Union in October, when the European Parliament voted to close loopholes in EU regulation on trade in such equipment. The regulation – legally binding on EU member states – is a major achievement following years of campaigning by Amnesty and the Omega Research Foundation.

WHAT'S IN YOUR SMARTPHONE?

In January, we told the world how major electronics brands – including Apple, Samsung and Sony – are failing to ensure that cobalt mined by child labourers has not been used in their products. In response to our research, a number of companies told us they would investigate their supply chains. The Chinese government also said it would work with the Chinese smelting company named in our report. <http://bit.ly/1T06hrA>



WORLD FOOTBALL AUTHORITY RESPONDS TO PRESSURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS APPROVED

In March, we exposed the exploitation of migrant workers building a stadium for the 2022 World Cup and maintaining the green spaces at the surrounding elite sports complex in Qatar. Our investigation – combined with the actions of our supporters – provoked reactions from the Qatar authorities, construction companies and football's global governing body, FIFA. Two companies returned confiscated passports to workers. Two companies at the centre of the worst abuses were suspended from working on World Cup projects and another from bidding for new contracts. Although not even a target of the report, the International Association of Athletics Federations – which will use Qatar sports facilities for its World Championship in 2019 – said it would look at the issues we raised. FIFA set up an independent Human Right Advisory Board to monitor human rights issues connected with FIFA activities, including at 2022 World Cup venues.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consolidated income statement for the period ending 31st December	2016	2015
	€m	€m
INCOME		
Donations from individuals	210	200
Legacies and bequests	26	33
Trusts and foundations	14	22
Other income	29	23
TOTAL INCOME	279	278
EXPENDITURE		
Human rights research, advocacy, campaigning, raising awareness and education	143	137
Raising funds for human rights work	40	40
Building our supporter base	68	52
Maintaining our democratic systems of governance	7	7
Cost of functions facilitating delivery of our core work	25	24
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	283	260
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Asset	-	14
Net (deficit)/surplus	(4)	32

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2016

2016

2015

€m

€m

ASSETS**NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

Property, plant and equipment	47	47
Intangible assets	4	3
Other non-current assets	7	3
Total non-current Assets	58	53

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	118	138
Trade receivables	21	23
Other current assets	22	18
Total current assets	161	179

TOTAL ASSETS**219****232****RESERVES AND LIABILITIES****NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Borrowing	3	3
Other non-current liabilities	6	2
Total non-current liabilities	9	5

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade and other payables	31	33
Other current liabilities	12	10
Total current liabilities	43	43

TOTAL LIABILITIES

52

48

RESERVES

Unrestricted reserves	141	152
Restricted reserves	4	4
Other reserves	22	28
Total reserves*	167	184

* The reduction in reserves is due to the 2016 result and the impact of foreign exchange movements on the consolidation of national entities' balance sheets.

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Our vision is for every person to enjoy all the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion and are funded mainly by our membership and public donations.



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