



Protection International is an international, non-profit organisation that brings protection strategies and security management tools to Human Rights Defenders, women and men, (W/HRDs) at risk. Since 2004, Protection International has been working with local partners in over thirty countries throughout the world.

The organisation envisions a world where human rights and fundamental freedoms are universally recognized and respected, and where everyone has the right to defend these rights and freedoms without fear of threats or attack.

Our mission is to support W/HRDs through comprehensive protection and preventive security programmes that support defenders to build their capacities in order to manage their self-protection effectively. Moreover, our actions aim at creating networks to foster collective protection and collective advocacy actions to drive changes in public policies in order to promote a human rights friendly environments. In addition, our actions encourage key stakeholders to protect W/HRDs and promote the right to defend human rights and involve all other positive and negative stakeholders, either individuals or institutions, with a stake in the protection of W/HRDs to maximise their positive contribution and change any negative perception and attitude towards W/HRDs and their work. Protection International always works in partnership with defenders and with local grassroots organisations. However, the organisation also tries, whenever possible, to involve the institutional levels, thus engaging in its protection work local and national authorities as well as National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs).

Currently, Protection International works through projects and services, the latter being consultancy services offered to W/HRDs organisations that reach out to us for support to design their security plans and strategies to strengthen their comprehensive preventive security and protection skills and knowledge.

The main countries of interventions are Colombia, Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania and Thailand. However, the organisation can provide its services in almost every country of the world thanks to a team of senior advisors, experts in security management, who can be deployed where needed. Finally, the organisation is closely looking at W/HRDs in Europe and the challenges they face.

Protection International is a partner of ProtectDefenders.eu and of the European Union Human Rights Defenders Mechanism, established to protect defenders at high risk and facing the most difficult situations worldwide.