



Guidelines for Navigating the Database with Resources for Human Rights Activists in Danger

Target group – this parameter will help you identify tailor-made initiatives designed for different kinds of activists such as, for example, specifically for journalists or lawyers etc.

- **Human rights defenders** (HRD) – this category grasps all possible activities that HRDs may do, and when it is mentioned, organisations do not separate HRDs by their professions
- **Women rights defenders** – covers all activists that identify themselves as a woman
- **Artists** – all artistic and creative professions
- **Journalists** – all professions that are involved in media industry (multimedia, podcasters and others) irrespective of their gender
- **Women journalists** – journalists (and other media workers) identifying themselves as women
- **Photojournalists** – specifically for journalists working with photography and professional photographers
- **Lawyers** – legal workers who protect basic human rights of regular people or provide a legal assistance to HRDs
- **Researchers** – scholars, scientific workers and all people involved in academic or scientific field
- **LGBT+ Rights Defenders** – activists fighting for LGBT+ community people's rights
- **Writers** – poets, non-fiction and fiction writers or novelist writers and others.

Type of assistance – here you can find more detailed explanation of every kind of help mentioned in the database:

- **Funding** – money that an organisation provides usually for some purposes and goals to achieve or projects to implement
- **Emergency fund** – financial support that is required very urgent
- **Safety & Security** – all initiatives covering issues that activists may face due to security problems: insurance, safety equipment for journalists (vests and helmets and also press cards for freelance journalists), safety clinics, safety applications, and safety trainings (usually could be found together with Trainings)

- **Digital security** – help that solves internet security or data information security problems, internet freedom violations, also including data and technological support for HRDs and organisations
- **Hotline** – assistance that needs to be provided urgently. This includes press freedom violations for journalists, report harassment for women and other urgent requests
- **Trainings** – educational courses that improve some skills of activists as self-protection, first aid courses, risk analysis and protection planning, and even training to treat life-threatening injuries on the battlefield
- **Temporary relocation** – shelter programmes for HRDs who are in danger or having a burnout due to their work. Expenses are usually covered, however visa provision is rarely offered. This also includes Residency programmes where people can stay and continue their work together with other activists
- **Fellowships** – short term (from 1 months for 1 year maximum) programmes for activists that may use this time for rest and recharging, or to learn something. This is also available for scholars and researchers in exile but who would like to continue their academic work. Expenses are usually covered by organisations
- **Asylum assistance** – help for refugees (shelters to stay or legal advice on visa application). This could be useful for activists who were forced to leave their home countries forever
- **Career support** – assistance with jobs that includes qualification improvement courses, employability panels, provision of workspaces or assistance with networking
- **Legal assistance** – legal advices and support that provided by professional lawyer specialising in human rights
- **Awards** – usually money prizes that are given to activists for special achievements
- **Useful information** – any information that maybe relevant to activists and the problems they may face – guidelines, legal procedures information, toolkits etc

Language – most initiatives are provided in English, however there are a few organisations providing their assistance in other languages as well in Russian. Sometimes the official website is only in English, but if Russian language is mentioned in the database, you can write a letter or send an application in Russian, and it will be reviewed and answered by an organisation.

Country of origin – this is the country of your nationality. Several options could be chosen for those who have double nationality or more. However, when you look inside an organisation’s webpage, there is an information where the **organisation operates** – meaning that you need to reside in that specific country that is mentioned to be eligible for that help.

You can always use **Text search** function to find initiatives with a key word.