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MISSION

We work with the people of Haiti in their non-violent struggle for the consolidation of constitutional democracy, justice, and human rights.

IJDH draws on its founders' internationally-acclaimed success accompanying Haiti's poor majority in the fields of law, medicine, and social



justice activism. We seek the promotion of the rule of law and democracy in the short term, and work for the long-term sustainable change necessary to avert Haiti's next crisis.

APPROACH

The Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) works in close partnership with the *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI) in Haiti.

Since 1995, BAI has partnered with grassroots groups and victims to prosecute



human rights cases, train Haitian lawyers, and speak out for justice. Since 2004, IJDH has been at BAI's side, bringing the Haitian fight for justice to the American people, publicizing and amplifying BAI's efforts in the US and abroad, and raising the funds to support the fight.

To achieve its mission, IJDH and BAI rely on four program components:

Documenting Human Rights Conditions in Haiti and Disseminating Accurate Information & Analysis

Thanks to a long tradition of legal work in Haiti and close collaboration with Haitian grassroots groups, IJDH and BAI are able to document human rights violations in Haiti, and provide consistent, credible information and analysis. The organizations share this information with the international human rights community, media, and grassroots organizations. BAI and IJDH also provide training and analysis to individuals and organizations. Shining a sharp spotlight on human rights abusers and their foreign support provides protection to potential victims, and empowers pro-democracy advocates in Haiti.

Pursuing Legal Cases

IJDH helps victims of human rights violations pursue cases in national and international courts. In Haiti, BAI's lawyers represent political prisoners, victims of cholera and rape victims. Outside Haiti, we pursue cases in U.S> and international courts. This work aims to stop current human rights violations, deter future human rights violations, and obtain compensation for victims of past violations.

Cooperating with Grassroots Organizations

IJDH works with grassroots groups both within and outside of Haiti. In Haiti, the goal is to help develop an effective human rights advocacy program with global outreach. Outside of Haiti, partners include faith-based, solidarity, development, and humanitarian organizations, as well as Haitian Diaspora activists throughout the world. The objective is to promote and coordinate advocacy in order to change the international environment that allows such massive disrespect for social, economic, civil, and political rights to flourish.

Capacity Building

IJDH and BAI provide training, resources, legal and organizational advice, meeting spaces and international connections to lawyers, grassroots activists and organizations.

CURRENT PROJECTS AND SUCCESSES

□ Rape Accountability and Prevention Project (RAPP) empowers Haitian women and reduces sexual assault by pushing rape cases through the courts and training grassroots women's groups to fight for their rights in court, on the streets, and in the media.

2012 Successes: IJDH and BAI won seven rape cases, resulting in convictions and prison sentences. Fifteen more cases completed the formal investigation stage and were ready for trial in 2013.

Two Haitian women lawyers specializing in rape cases and grassroots women's groups led press conferences, organized a trial observation program, and engaged international human rights support.

☐ **The Duvalier Prosecution** seeks justice against Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, one of Haiti's most notorious dictators. Accountability deters government corruption and political violence.

2012 Successes: After political violence charges against Duvalier were dismissed in early 2012, lawyers from IJDH and BAI appealed the dismissal on behalf of eight clients, all political prisoners of the Duvalier regime. The Court of Appeals began to hear the case in January 2013 and it continued through the end of the fiscal year in March. Duvalier himself



was brought in front of the three-judge panel to answer questions, as were about a dozen of his victims who had been arrested, deported, imprisoned, and/or tortured. BAI lawyers also presented legal arguments and documentation, especially regarding the applicability of the statute of limitations.

□ Cholera Accountability Project: The cholera case has generated substantial pressure on the UN to respond justly to its introduction of cholera into Haiti. This pressure comes from grassroots activists and elected officials in Haiti, human rights groups throughout the world, UN member states, members of U.S. Congress and international media. In December 2012, the UN launched a critical initiative in support of a government plan to eliminate cholera through improved access to water and sanitation in Haiti.

2012 Successes: IJDH and BAI secured the collaboration of influential decision-makers, including 106 members of the US Congress, who wrote a letter calling for a more just UN response to cholera. IJDH inspired

supportive editorials in the New York Times and Boston Globe; positive coverage on television, radio and print media throughout the world; and an award-winning short documentary, *Baseball in the Time of Cholera*. UN Special Envoy Bill Clinton also conceded that the UN troops were the "proximate cause" of the cholera epidemic.

☐ The Housing Rights Advocacy Project (HRAP) provides legal support and training to earthquake survivors who are fighting illegal eviction from tent cities, and to grassroots advocates who are fighting for a humane, sustainable housing policy.

2012 Successes: IJDH successfully advocated for the UN Human Rights Council to issue recommendations for an improved government housing policy; kept housing rights issues on the world's radar screen through media advocacy in Haiti and abroad, and through several demonstrations in Haiti. IJDH's report exposing gaps in the Haitian government's displaced persons relocation policy was presented to members of the U.S. Congress and widely reported in the press.

□ The Health and Human Rights in Prisons Project (HHRPP) provides legal and medical relief for prisoners held unjustly in some of the world's worst prison conditions, while advancing systemic reform of Haiti's criminal justice and prison systems. HHRPP is a collaboration among IJDH, BAI, Partners in Health (PIH), and Zanmi Lasante.

2012 Successes: The collaborators successfully freed 74 unjustly held

prisoners, provided legal and medical services to hundreds more, dropped the rate for pretrial detention to below 50% (the national rate exceeds 90%) at the three sites where IJDH works, and successfully advocated for the UN Human Rights Council to issue recommendations for an improved pretrial detention policy.



WITH THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

The successes and breakthroughs achieved during the year could not have happened without the generosity, effort, in-kind resources, commitment, and passion of IJDH and BAI's donors, volunteers, interns, and other supporters.

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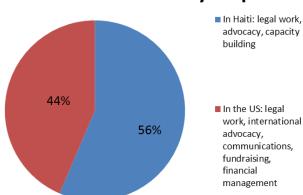
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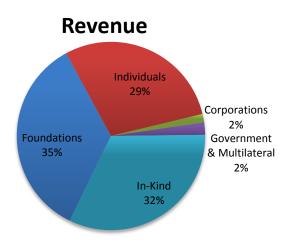
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ASSETS:		Changes in Unrestricted Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 192,187	Unrestricted Support and Revenue	\$	984,452
Long Term Assets	\$ 2,325	Net Assets released from restrictions	\$	142,005
		TOTAL REVENUES, SUPPORT		
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 194,512	AND RECLASSIFICATIONS	\$	1,126,457
		TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	\$	1,215,226
LIABILITIES:		DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$	(88,769)
Current Liabilities	\$ 79,551			
		Changes in Temporarily Restricted Assets:		
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$ 79,551	Grants and contributions from donors	\$	256,966
		Net assets released from restrictions	\$	(142,005)
NET ASSETS:		INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		
Net Assets Temporarily restricted	\$ 114,961	NET ASSETS	\$	114,961
		INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$	26,191
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	\$ 114,961			
		NET ASSETS AT Beginning of Year	\$	88,750
		Prior period adjustments	\$	20
TOTAL LIABLITIES AND NET ASSETS:	\$ 194,512	NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$	114,961

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