

# KILLINGS AND OTHER ATTACKS AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS AND TRADE UNIONISTS

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THE SLAYING OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS AND TRADE UNIONISTS REMAINS UNACCEPTABLY HIGH.

2024

## WHAT?

The indicator is the total count of human rights defenders, journalists or trade unionists who have been the victims of verified cases of killings, enforced disappearances and other attacks that occurred in the preceding 12 months.

## WHY?

This indicator contributes to measuring the enjoyment of fundamental freedoms (access to information and freedoms of opinion, expression, peaceful assembly and association) by those who actively defend human rights.

## METHODOLOGY



WHO IS THE VICTIM?  
THE ALLEGED  
PERPETRATOR?



WHAT  
HAPPENED TO  
THE VICTIM?



WHERE DID IT  
HAPPEN?



WHEN DID IT  
HAPPEN?



WHY DID IT  
HAPPEN?



### MINIMUM DATA REQUIREMENT

The minimum set of relevant information that defines the event as one that concerns the killing of a human rights defender, journalist or trade unionist



### VERIFICATION

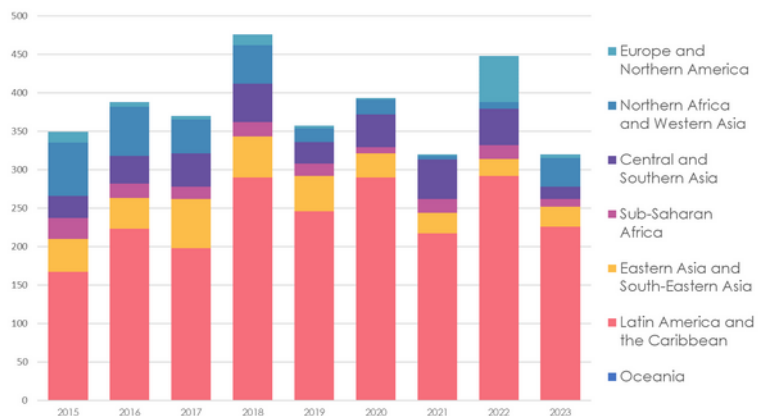
Process of checking relevant case information against other information obtained from independent and reliable sources to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that the event happened.

On average, at least one human rights defender, journalist, or trade unionist is **killed or disappears every day**.



In 2023, killings and enforced disappearance of human rights defenders, journalists, and trade unionists have been observed in **at least 97 countries and territories**, and across all regions of the world.

Source: The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Labour Organization of the United Nations (ILO).



Number of Human Rights Defenders, Journalists and Trade Unionists killed, 2015-2023, by Region

## WORK WITH US TO:



Expand data coverage and scope of the indicator.



Support country and thematic analysis of civic space and situation of human rights defenders.



Strengthen collaboration with National Human Rights Institutions, National Statistical Offices and civil society organizations.

