

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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IN MEMORIAM

# In 2019, we mourned the loss of dear friends of Human Rights Watch.



## Robert Bernstein

*“Bob Bernstein thought big. He believed citizens could take on entrenched dictatorships and get them to change their ways. He also thought small, by focusing on victims of abuse. He never let us forget the word ‘human’ in Human Rights Watch.”*

—Jeri Laber, Co-founder, Human Rights Watch

Bob Bernstein, who died in May, was a leading publisher who devoted his life to the defense of human rights and free expression. In the late 1970s, Bob convened the small group of activists that ultimately became Human Rights Watch. Bob served as our first board chair, then founding chair emeritus. Bob’s legacy includes the Bernstein fellowships for aspiring activists at Yale and New York Universities. We will miss Bob’s creative activism and his ability to inspire others to join the human rights cause.



## Herbert Sandler

*“Herb Sandler was a giant in the field of human rights philanthropy. His commitment to truth, justice, and helping people realize their rights was unmatched.”*

—Darian Swig, Board Member, Human Rights Watch

With Herb Sandler’s death in June, Human Rights Watch lost an insightful, passionate advisor and friend. Herb and Marion, his late wife and lifelong business partner, provided us with generous support for nearly 30 years. At key moments, the Sandlers gave the philanthropic boost needed to drive forward our organization’s capacity to defend human rights across the globe. They combined a big-picture vision with attention to the details of running an organization. The Leonard H. Sandler Fellowship, named for Herb’s late brother, continues to bring talented young activists to Human Rights Watch every year. We will be forever grateful for Herb’s dedicated support and guidance.



## Sid Sheinberg

*“Sid Sheinberg used his intelligence, compassion, and extraordinary network of contacts to help build Human Rights Watch into an international organization.”*

—Kenneth Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch

Sid Sheinberg, who died in March, was a legend in the US entertainment industry. He was best known professionally for launching Steven Spielberg’s career. Through much of his career, Sid was a leader in the civil rights movement and the battles for gender and LGBT equality. He brought that passion and principle to Human Rights Watch through his service as a board member for 24 years and as vice chair of the board for 13. He also jointly led our Los Angeles committee of supporters for more than a decade. We will always remember Sid as a mentor who was integral to building Human Rights Watch and defending its principles.



Iranian women, who had been barred for 40 years from attending football matches in Iran, cheer for their team at a World Cup 2022 qualifier in Tehran. © 2019 Atta Kenare/AFP/Getty Images

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Looking at the world today—marred by conflicts, forced displacement, compromised democracies, and shrinking space for activism—some may feel a sense of hopelessness. The situation is certainly challenging in parts of the world where the very values of human rights are under threat.

Yet, there is another side to this picture. Rather than accepting the degradation of their rights, people around the world are increasingly coming together to insist on change. In Sudan and Algeria, people have overthrown long-time tyrants. In Egypt, Hungary, Lebanon, Russia, Turkey, and Hong Kong, people have taken to the streets or deployed the ballot box to demand freedom and democracy. In many countries, women and girls are standing up for gender equality and inclusion. An extraordinary global movement is fighting inaction on climate change and its attendant threats to human rights.

We at Human Rights Watch are proud to play a central role in these movements confronting many of humanity's biggest challenges. By investigating human rights abuses, exposing them to public outrage, offering solutions and generating intense pressure for change,

we work alongside many others to promote justice, dignity, tolerance, and equality.

Success can be long in coming, but in 2019 Human Rights Watch made real progress. Highlights include significant movement to protect civilians in the war in Yemen, spotlight China's mass detention of Uyghur Muslims, defend democratic institutions in Hungary, release children from Nigerian military detention, and increase access to education for people with disabilities.

**The success of our staff working in more than 90 countries starts with you. In the following pages, you can read more about how you helped us to address today's most pressing challenges and secure change for the people who need it most.**

**Thank you for being a part of our movement.**

**Amy Rao**  
Board Chair

**Kenneth Roth**  
Executive Director

# PERSONAL STORY

OF A RESEARCHER

From the moment they are born, children with albinism in Mozambique face stigma, discrimination, and often rejection by their communities—even by their own families. Elisio, pictured here, narrowly escaped being sold by his father because of widespread beliefs that body parts of people with albinism hold magical powers and bring good fortune. Abandoned by his family, Elisio ended up in an orphanage.



Flavia Pinto holds Elisio, a toddler with albinism. Elisio's father was convicted of trying to sell him because of widespread beliefs that the body parts of people with albinism hold special powers and can bring good fortune. © 2019 Marcus Bleasdale for Human Rights Watch

Working as a Human Rights Watch researcher can be a somber experience. Our work often focuses on highlighting tragedies—collecting heartbreaking testimonies from survivors and witnesses. Only by shining a light on atrocities, can we hope to stop them.

But every so often we are reminded of why we do this work. One such day was when we screened our video “From Cradle to Grave” in Tete Province, Mozambique, last June. Together with Flavia Pinto, from local partner organization Azemap, we had

spent weeks documenting the violence, isolation, and discrimination that people with albinism experience their entire lives.

We had shared our findings with Mozambique’s government, the United Nations, and donor countries to ensure that children with albinism have the same opportunities as everyone else. But that day in June, we returned to Tete to screen our video to the local community. We were joined by Flavia, Elisio, and people with albinism whom we had interviewed for

the report—people who had tried to hide their whole lives. Many of our guests had never been inside a movie theater. Seeing themselves on the big screen, their eyes welled with tears—no longer invisible!

Elisio was having the time of his life. Curious and confident, he seemed transformed from the first time I met him, more than a year ago, in the orphanage. “I’m going to be his mom!” Flavia told me. She had bonded with him as she carried out her work for Azemap and was in the process of adopting him.

Their love, and his transformation, reminded me why we keep at this work—to bring about a world in which every human being is treated with dignity and embraced in their communities.

**Samer Muscati**

Associate Director, Disability Rights Division

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# OUR APPROACH

INVESTIGATE - EXPOSE - CHANGE



Two boys stand in a school building damaged by government shelling in Aleppo, Syria, February 2013. © 2013 Nish Nalbandian/Redux

Human Rights Watch employs a powerful methodology to defend human rights. We **INVESTIGATE** facts on the ground in more than 90 countries—often in partnership with local groups. We **EXPOSE** our findings to the broadest audience possible. We then meet with policymakers to offer realistic solutions, and we engage the public to join us in calling for meaningful, lasting **CHANGE**.



Students at Pakalusong Elementary School in southern Thailand line up to say goodbye to teachers at the end of the school day while a Thai Ranger stands guard nearby. © 2010 David Hogsholt/Reportage by Getty Images

## Our Approach In Action: Protecting Education From Attacks

### INVESTIGATE

Since 2009, we have conducted rigorous on-the-ground investigations of attacks on education in **21 countries**, speaking with those directly affected: children, teachers, officials, and experts. We have meticulously documented how armies, rebel groups, and even UN peacekeeping forces convert schools into barracks and military bases, endangering the lives and safety of students and teachers and jeopardizing children's right to education.



A student leaves al-Furadhi School in Sanaa, Yemen at the end of the day. Soldiers, who lived in third-floor classrooms for several months, chew qat, a mild stimulant, outside the school walls. © 2012 Priyanka Motaparthy/Human Rights Watch



Human Rights Watch staff speaking with schoolgirls in the eastern Indian state of Bihar. © 2010 Moises Saman/Magnum Photos

## EXPOSE

We were one of the first to expose the practice of using schools for military purposes in countries affected by armed conflict. We released **16 reports, 19 multimedia pieces, 37 news releases, 86 commentaries, and 50 submissions to UN treaty bodies.** We distributed our findings and recommendations widely to local and global media outlets, as well as our **11 million social media followers** worldwide.

## CHANGE

We engaged in strategic advocacy with world leaders, the UN, militaries, non-state armed groups, and others with the power to make schools, teachers, and students off-limits to warring parties. We co-founded a coalition of likeminded organizations and mobilized the public to join us in calling for change. In response, as of October 2019, **100 countries** committed to refraining from using schools as barracks and bases, the **UN** banned the use of schools by its peacekeeping forces, and at least **26 non-state armed groups** pledged not to use schools for military purposes. Incidents of militaries using schools appear to be on the decrease, and more children worldwide can now safely access an education.

# 2019 IN NUMBERS

## OUR ORGANIZATION

<b>465</b> staff	<b>83</b> nationalities
<b>33</b> Registered offices worldwide	Staff based in <b>84</b> cities
Revenue from <b>23</b> countries	<b>40,000</b> donors globally

**36%** of funding comes from outside the US

Annual budget of **93 MILLION** US Dollars

**NO** government funding accepted

## OUR WORK

<b>111</b> researchers and research assistants	Cover <b>90</b> countries
<b>17 MILLION</b> website visits	Advocates in <b>13</b> capitals
<b>11 MILLION</b> social media followers	

**6,000** products published in **60** languages

**250,000** media mentions

\*As of October 2019



# IMPACT

## BUILDING PRESSURE ON CHINA TO END MASS DETENTION

In the Xinjiang region of China, 13 million Turkic Muslims are enduring extraordinary repression at the hands of the government. Chinese authorities have detained more than 1 million people for forced indoctrination, pressuring them to renounce Islam in favor of allegiance to President Xi Jinping and the Communist Party.

To target people for detention, and to control the rest of Xinjiang's population, the government has built what may be the world's most pervasive and intrusive surveillance state.

Schoolchildren walk below surveillance cameras in Akto in China's western Xinjiang region. Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims face increasing pressure in the heavily policed region. © 2019 GREG BAKER/AFP via Getty Images

### Pushing Back Against Authoritarianism

China deploys its enormous economic power to squash international criticism. Yet the magnitude of its repression demands a response.

- Because China blocks independent investigation in Xinjiang, we traveled to Kazakhstan to **interview people who had fled the country**. They described the government's far-reaching efforts to monitor every aspect of people's lives.
- We "reverse-engineered" a mobile app used by Xinjiang police to **uncover the extraordinary array of data collected on residents**. This personal information, including religious and political affiliation, is used to determine who requires detention for "re-education."
- Our work **helped awaken the world to the largest case of mass arbitrary detention in decades**. Our report, released in 10 languages, was cited in 850 media stories across 71 countries. In 6 months, our China experts were interviewed more than 1,000 times. Our video was viewed hundreds of thousands of times.
- We leveraged the resulting public outcry to **urge governments to impose targeted sanctions** on companies that enable China's surveillance state. The United States has since blacklisted 8 Chinese tech companies and 20 government agencies for their involvement in human rights violations in Xinjiang.

- We played a central role in orchestrating a record number of countries at the UN Human Rights Council and General Assembly to issue **a statement of concern** about mass detentions in Xinjiang.
- Global alarm **triggered an immediate reaction** from China. The government organized its own statement of support for its conduct in Xinjiang, signed by fellow authoritarian leaders in North Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. China also arranged show-tours for select diplomats and journalists to portray detention camps as "vocational training centers," but for most independent observers, this charade only deepened concern.

China's defensive response demonstrates that international criticism struck a nerve. It reaffirms the importance of keeping a spotlight on Beijing until its oppression in Xinjiang ends.



# IMPACT

## ADDRESSING THE WORLD'S WORST HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

**A brutal war between a Saudi-led coalition and Houthi rebels in Yemen has displaced millions of people and sent millions more to the brink of famine.**

All sides have violated international humanitarian law. The Saudi-led coalition's violations, many apparent war crimes, have had devastating consequences. Using the best weapons money can buy, coalition airstrikes have hit markets, mosques, funerals, and even a school bus. It has also imposed a blockade that crippled commerce and helped create a famine. Tens of thousands of civilians have died during the conflict.

### Stemming Conflict Abuses in Yemen

Since the war began in 2015, we have pursued various avenues to end atrocities.

- Despite the difficulty of operating in Yemen, **we conducted in-depth research confirming that many Saudi-led airstrikes that killed civilians lacked a legitimate military target.** We also showed that the coalition's investigations of its own conduct were rarely credible.
- Together with Yemeni groups, we persuaded the **UN Human Rights Council to launch a war crimes investigation.** It issued two reports echoing our concerns, making it harder for the coalition to continue its denials.

### This pressure is beginning to show results.

- To avoid complicity in war crimes, a growing number of governments **reconsidered arms sales to Saudi Arabia.** Denmark, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, and Norway stopped them outright. A British court ordered the United Kingdom to suspend them. France ordered Saudi Arabia to stop using its arms in Yemen. The US Congress voted to stop arms sales, although President Trump vetoed the legislation.

- Since we decried the unacceptable harm caused to Yemeni civilians by the coalition's use of widely banned cluster munitions in early 2017, there have been **no further reports of the use of these weapons by the coalition in Yemen.**
- In December, the coalition and Houthi forces agreed to **a ceasefire in Yemen's port city of Hodeida**—a key to curtailing the famine. Fighting has reduced considerably as a result.

Even in a situation as disastrous as Yemen, concerted action can deliver concrete results. We plan to maintain pressure until the abuses and extraordinary hardship facing Yemeni civilians ends.

A photograph capturing a poignant moment at a border crossing. A young boy, with dark hair and a white shirt, is seen from the side, clinging tightly to his mother. The mother, wearing a red and white striped long-sleeved shirt, has her back to the camera as she holds the child. In the background, a border guard in a dark uniform stands with a serious expression. To the right, a white wall or barrier has the word 'BORDE' (part of 'BORDE' or 'BORDE') written in large green letters. The scene is lit with the warm, golden light of late afternoon or early morning, creating a somber and emotional atmosphere.

# Rising to a **GLOBAL CHALLENGE**

The young boy pictured here with his mother is just one of the 272 million people worldwide moving across borders. Conflict, persecution, poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation drive this movement, as do hopes of economic prosperity or family reunification in destination countries.

A year-old boy holds onto his mother at the US-Mexico border following their 24-day journey from El Salvador to escape gang violence in Central America. © 2015 John Moore/Getty Images

**Global migration is one of today's biggest challenges, and its driving forces are unlikely to change overnight. Countries around the world are taking increasingly abusive measures to prevent irregular migration. Some outsource migration controls to other rights-abusing authorities.**

In recent years, Australia has warehoused asylum seekers indefinitely on the remote islands of Manus and Nauru. The United States has forcibly separated children from their parents at the border, detained migrants in harsh conditions without adequate medical care, and forced asylum seekers back to dangerous conditions in Mexico. The European Union has negotiated a migration deal with Turkey, even though the government forces people back to war in Syria. The EU also aids Libyan authorities

as they detain migrants in nightmarish conditions and, by limiting search and rescue missions in the Mediterranean, effectively uses the threat of drowning to deter migration.

Meanwhile, demagogues around the world foment a sense of political crisis out of proportion with the number of people on the move, which they exploit to hollow out democratic standards and weaken rights protections.

To confront such global threats to human rights, Human Rights Watch needs to change the narrative and offer concrete, humane, and sustainable solutions to migration.

## A Rights-Respecting Approach to Migration

In the years ahead, we will work across Human Rights Watch, and in partnership with others, to respond to the most urgent migration challenges around the world, promote rights-based solutions, and help change the narrative. **With growing global displacement and declining international support for migrants, this work is more urgent than ever.**

Our global footprint enables us to document and mitigate abuses at each step of the migrant journey: conditions that cause people to flee, abuses they face along the way, and their treatment on arrival. We seek dignified, respectful treatment for all migrants, keep facts at the center of the discourse, and remind the public of the human beings at the center of the global migration debate.

While countries have a right and responsibility to secure their borders, they can do so in rights-respecting ways. Countries have legal obligations to treat everyone humanely, to assess refugee claims fairly, and to refrain from returning people to countries where their lives would be in danger.

## To meet these obligations, countries can:

- **Address driving forces** such as economic instability, conflict, persecution, and climate change.
- **Provide more support** to frontline countries hosting the vast majority of refugees, so that refugees can live decently near their countries of origin.
- **Help people migrate in a safe and orderly way** by issuing reasonable numbers of humanitarian, student, work, and family reunification visas.
- **Create wider avenues of lawful migration** to respond to an economic need in host countries.
- **Share responsibility** for the world's refugees by increasing resettlement admissions.
- **Save lives** through search and rescue operations at sea and along other perilous migration routes.
- **Protect and meet the special needs** of women, children, older people, LGBTI people, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups.
- **Build more just societies** by promoting inclusion of newcomers while countering xenophobia and discrimination.
- **Ensure fair, orderly, and safe returns** to countries of origin for people who do not have a valid claim to remain.
- **Oppose governmental efforts to shirk their human rights responsibilities toward migrants.**



Fisherman Arnovis Guidos Portillo watches his daughter and son in their home in El Salvador. After reaching the U.S. together in May 2018, father and daughter were detained by immigration authorities and kept in different facilities for more than a month before being deported separately to El Salvador, where they reunited.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MOISES SAMAN



“I gather my courage to face it all because if I don’t, who will guarantee the security and protection of the territory for the next generations?”

**Eyy Cy**

A Pyhcop Catiji village chief, speaking about the Brazilian government’s failure to protect the Amazon from illegal deforestation.

Chief Eyy Cy and his son in the Governador Indigenous Territory in Maranhão State, Brazil. The Pyhcop Catiji people depend on the Amazon rainforest for food, natural medicine, and building materials. They created a group of “forest guardians,” who patrol the area to detect illegal logging. © 2018 Brent Stirton/Getty Images for Human Rights Watch

# THANK YOU

In 2019 we faced considerable challenges —protracted conflicts, extreme poverty, unravelling democracies, and environmental decline. Yet, the global community was not silent. Courageous activists, human rights partners, and the general public rose up, spoke out, and built momentum for real change.

Alongside our civil society partners and supporters, Human Rights Watch works to uphold freedoms, promote democratic values, and defend the protections that ensure dignity, equality, and justice for all. Our collective efforts advance constructive and sustainable solutions to today's challenges.

Our dedicated community of supporters, listed in the following pages, makes this work possible. Human Rights Watch does not accept government funding. Our independence and impact result directly from people who share our commitment to truth, equality, and justice.

**Thank you for being a part of our movement for change.**



*Michele Alexander*

**Michele Alexander**  
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A protester makes a victory sign during a demonstration in front of the Defence Ministry in Khartoum, Sudan, April 2019. © 2019 REUTERS

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# This annual report is dedicated to the memory of our beloved colleagues.



## David Mepham OBE

Human Rights Watch’s leading UK advocate, David Mepham, passed away on October 21, 2018. David was awarded an OBE, in 2017, for services to human rights and left a remarkable legacy of work. He was instrumental in Human Rights Watch’s work convincing the UK government to suspend arms sales to Saudi Arabia, to sign a declaration preventing the military use of schools in conflict, and to make accountability a central element in British policy towards Myanmar. David combined a piercing intellect with extraordinary eloquence and compassion. He was a true champion of junior staff. To honor his memory, Human Rights Watch launched the David Mepham Internship Program, which will give young people an opportunity to gain experience and start a career in the world of human rights.



## Tejshree Thapa

Tejshree Thapa, a passionate human rights lawyer, passed away on March 26, 2019, after a sudden illness. Originally from Nepal, Tej was Human Rights Watch’s senior South Asia researcher. She worked tirelessly to assist marginalized groups, protect human rights defenders, and gain space for civil society groups to work freely and without fear. Vivacious, warm, and collegial, Tej always had time for people, whether it was displaced persons in Sri Lanka, refugees in Bangladesh, activists in Nepal, or colleagues across the organization. What mattered most to Tej in her work was helping people live in safety and dignity. We will always remember Tej as a loving, deeply empathetic human rights defender and fierce advocate for justice.

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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal year ended 30 June 2019

	USD			UNAUDITED		
	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTALS 2019 FY	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTALS 2019 FY
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>						€ (0.88)*
<b>Public Support</b>						
Contributions and grants	7,592,241	56,390,971	63,983,212	6,645,240	49,357,171	56,002,411
Contributed Services and Properties revenue	4,237,565	—	4,237,565	3,709,002	—	3,709,002
Special events	20,767,565	—	20,767,565	18,177,170	—	18,177,170
Less: direct cost of special events	(3,526,750)	—	(3,526,750)	(3,086,849)	—	(3,086,849)
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>29,070,621</b>	<b>56,390,971</b>	<b>85,461,592</b>	<b>25,444,563</b>	<b>49,357,171</b>	<b>74,801,734</b>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Net investment income (loss)	(227,740)	(378,997)	(606,737)	199,333	331,724	531,057
Publications	16,512	—	16,512	14,452	—	14,452
Change in value of beneficial interest in split-interest agreements	(201,735)	—	(201,735)			
Other	229,724	—	229,724	201,070	—	201,070
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(183,239)</b>	<b>(378,997)</b>	<b>(562,236)</b>	<b>(160,383)</b>	<b>(331,724)</b>	<b>(492,107)</b>
Net assets released from restrictions	61,327,877	(61,327,877)	0	53,678,283	(53,678,283)	—
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>90,215,259</b>	<b>(5,315,903)</b>	<b>84,899,356</b>	<b>78,962,463</b>	<b>(4,652,836)</b>	<b>74,309,627</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Program Services</b>						
Africa	8,288,083	—	8,288,083	7,254,288	—	7,254,288
Americas	2,923,308	—	2,923,308	2,558,676	—	2,558,676
Asia	7,852,699	—	7,852,699	6,873,210	—	6,873,210
Europe and Central Asia	5,848,752	—	5,848,752	5,119,221	—	5,119,221
Middle East and North Africa	6,969,945	—	6,969,945	6,100,565	—	6,100,565
United States	3,676,889	—	3,676,889	3,218,261	—	3,218,261
Children's Rights	3,283,251	—	3,283,251	2,873,722	—	2,873,722
LGBT	1,987,259	—	1,987,259	1,739,383	—	1,739,383
International Justice	2,515,736	—	2,515,736	2,201,941	—	2,201,941
Women's Rights	3,586,134	—	3,586,134	3,138,826	—	3,138,826
Other Programs	15,845,412	—	15,845,412	13,868,970	—	13,868,970
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>62,777,468</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>62,777,468</b>	<b>54,947,063</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>54,947,063</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>						
Management and general	9,850,567	—	9,850,567	8,621,879	—	8,621,879
Fundraising	16,469,600	—	16,469,600	14,415,302	—	14,415,302
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>26,320,167</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26,320,167</b>	<b>23,037,181</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>23,037,181</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>89,097,635</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>89,097,635</b>	<b>77,984,243</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>77,984,243</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets before foreign currency translation (loss) gain</b>	<b>1,117,624</b>	<b>(5,315,903)</b>	<b>(4,198,279)</b>	<b>978,220</b>	<b>(4,652,836)</b>	<b>(3,674,616)</b>
Cummulative Translation Adjustment	(89,316)	(197,652)	(286,968)	(78,175)	(172,998)	(251,174)
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>1,028,308</b>	<b>(5,513,555)</b>	<b>(4,485,247)</b>	<b>900,044</b>	<b>(4,825,834)</b>	<b>(3,925,790)</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>						
Beginning of Year	18,903,491	204,529,890	223,433,381	16,545,607	179,018,317	195,563,924
End of Year	19,931,799	199,016,335	218,948,134	17,445,651	174,192,483	191,638,134

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the fiscal year ended 30 June 2019

	USD		€ (0.86)
	2019 FY		2019 FY
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	43,624,583		37,685,532
Investments	150,902,909		130,358,985
Contributions receivable, net	24,527,887		21,188,660
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3,082,084		2,662,489
Fixed assets, net	7,278,779		6,287,846
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>229,416,242</b>		<b>198,183,512</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,590,114		7,420,656
Deferred rent	1,877,994		1,622,324
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>10,468,108</b>		<b>9,042,980</b>
Commitments and contingencies			
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Without Donor Restrictions	19,931,799		17,218,284
With Donor Restrictions	199,016,335		171,922,248
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>218,948,134</b>		<b>189,140,532</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>229,416,242</b>		<b>198,183,512</b>

A complete version of the Human Rights Watch financial statements for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2019 is available at: [HRW.org/financials](http://HRW.org/financials)

\*Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 were translated to Euros using a blended rate derived by Human Rights Watch. This method is not in accordance with US GAAP and has not been audited.

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