



2015 Amnesty International's annual report

With the support of TOBAM, Amnesty International continued its works to defend, protect and promote human rights all over the world. 2015 was a year of incredible success. The mobilization of millions people around the world has permitted the abolishment of the death penalty in Madagascar, Fiji, Surinam and Mongolia, the compensation by Shell of thousands people in the Niger Delta for the oil spills in 2008, the release of hundreds of prisoners of conscience in various countries. All those victories wouldn't have been possible without the commitment and support of all our donors.

But this past year has also seen horror and headline-grabbing crisis with a lot of serious human rights abuses. Not only the world is facing the largest refugee crises since World War II with thousands of people fleeing conflicts, but also those people are submitted to violence and persecuted in country they are trying to reach safety.

With your support, the amnesty International team was able to work on the ground, in increasingly dangerous situations, documenting the terrible reality for refugees and ensuring that our reports and recommendations get through to world leaders. The SOS Europe campaign has been influential in getting governments to respond to the European refugee crisis but the changes agreed by politicians do not yet go far enough and, together, we have to continue to advocate and to raise awareness to those violations among the general public.

Syria is the epicenter of the refugees crisis. Throughout the year internal armed conflict has continued relentlessly and has seen both government forces and non-state armed groups commit extensive war crimes and gross human rights abuses. The extremism of the group calling itself Islamic State (IS) in Syria and Northern Iraq is also extinguishing the freedoms of people, particularly women and minorities. It is because of the support of our donors that the vital work in documenting these abuses is continuing to highlight the situation in the region by putting pressure on governments to seek a political solution to this crisis.

It has also been another difficult year in Nigeria with crimes committed on both sides, by the Nigerian military and Boko Haram. With your support, the new Amnesty International office in Abuja opened its doors in October enabling us to better support human rights defenders fighting the serious human rights abuses that continue.

Amnesty International wants to express its gratitude to the Tobam team for its support, meaning a great deal to the lives of many thousands we have been able to help, especially as we look back on the sheer number of challenges and atrocities of the last months.