



JUSTICE RAPID RESPONSE



Ensuring that **the worst crimes known to humanity** are investigated promptly and professionally

Catalina Sanchez testifies during the trial of former Guatemalan military dictator Rios Montt in 2013 for genocide linked to the massacres of indigenous communities in the early 1980s. (Photo: Elena Hermosa/Trocaire CC BY 2.0)



WHOWEARE

Justice Rapid Response (JRR) is the only global facility that provides rapidly deployable specialized justice experts to assist with investigations of reported war crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity, and serious human rights violations.

Our belief is that timely, impartial, and professional investigations are crucial for the credibility of any accountability process. Accountability strengthens institutions and enhances public confidence in the rule

of law. When impunity for mass atrocities ends, we can bring justice and dignity to victims and survivors.

JRR provides criminal justice experts to investigate crimes of the world's most violent conflicts including Central African Republic, Myanmar, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen and others.

Through these activities, JRR promotes peaceful and inclusive societies, as well as access to justice, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 16.



OURIMPACT

JRR contributed experts to several landmark cases, including the conviction of former President of Chad Hissène Habré at the Extraordinary African Chambers, the conviction of Congolese rebel leader Bosco Ntaganda at the International Criminal Court and to the documentation of extensive sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Myanmar.

JRR's victim-centred approach enables survivors to participate in justice processes and to define what justice means for their communities.

JRR helped to raise the investigation standard for SGBV crimes. Today, every UN Commission of Inquiry has an SGBV investigator on its investigation team.

WHATWE OFFER

Justice Rapid Response responds to requests from international organizations, States and civil society organizations **to assist in the investigation, analysis and documentation** of serious human rights violations and international crimes wherever they occur.

WHEREWE WORK



OUR EXPERTS & PARTNERS

JRR provides expertise in some 50 specializations, including criminal investigations, prosecutions, transitional justice, sexual and gender-based violence investigations, child protection, witness protection and military analysis.

Our experts work through United Nations investigations such as commissions of inquiry; national authorities undergoing transitional justice processes; and civil society organizations active in documenting violations in order to engage with justice processes.

In a long-standing partnership with UN Women, 230 sexual and gender-based violence justice experts work to strengthen accountability for crimes of sexual and gender-based violence.

JRR EXPERTS IN NUMBERS



700+
rapidly
deployable
experts



100+
nationalities



90+
languages



42%
from the
Global South



54%
women

JRR is registered as an international non-profit Association under Swiss law and is led by an Executive Board comprised of ten States (Argentina, Colombia, Canada (observer), Finland, The Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Switzerland and Uganda), UN Women and two individuals. JRR's operations are managed by a secretariat based in Geneva with a liaison office in New York.

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