

Promoting HUMAN RIGHTS

Funding LOCAL PROJECTS

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THE FINNISH NGO FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

FUNDING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECTS

KIOS provides financial support to local civil society organisations in developing countries that work for the promotion and protection of human rights. KIOS funds especially projects that aim at strengthening and protecting the rights of the most disadvantaged groups.

Typical projects funded by KIOS include:

- ^ Human rights awareness raising and education
- ^ Human rights campaigning, lobbying and advocacy
- ^ Human rights monitoring and documentation
- ^ Providing legal aid
- ^ Capacity building

The thematic focus of KIOS funding is

- ^ Democratic Rights
- ^ Gender Equality
- ^ Right to Education

Geographically KIOS focuses its support primarily to

- ^ Eastern Africa
- ^ South Asia

KIOS holds an open invitation for applicants. Local civil society organisations in developing countries are eligible for funding. Funding is granted upon applications, which are accepted throughout the year.

For more information, detailed application guidelines and application forms see KIOS website www.kios.fi.

FOUNDER ORGANISATIONS

Amnesty International Finnish Section ^ Committee of 100 in Finland ^ FinnChurchAid ^ Finnish Disabled People's International Development Association (FIDIDA) ^ Finnish League for Human Rights ^ Finnish Peace Committee ^ Finnish Refugee Council ^ The Finnish UN Association ^ Service Centre for Development Cooperation (KEPA) ^ Unicef ^ Unifem

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The Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights KIOS works to promote human rights in developing countries, as human rights are defined in the treaties and other instruments of the United Nations, and in regional human rights instruments. ^

In Finland, KIOS aims at increasing the knowledge of Finnish civil society on the human rights situation in developing countries. ^

KIOS is an independent, non-political, non-religious and non-governmental foundation. The foundation was established in September 1998 by eleven Finnish NGOs working with human rights and development issues. ^

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HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

“Everyone has the right, individually or in association with others, to promote and to strive for the protection and realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the national and international levels.”

Article 1, Human Rights Defenders Declaration 1998

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