



**Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition  
October 2011 Update**

**1. ACTIVITIES and NEWS**

**1.1 Funding**

Cordaid would like us to consider submitting a proposal for our work in 2012, and we have to submit by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, therefore WHRD would like ideas of new programs or activities to go in the proposal - other than the continuation of our current work. Email [whrd@apwld.org](mailto:whrd@apwld.org) by the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**1.2 New "Unit" on Rights of LGBTI Persons**

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights just created a "Unit" on Rights of LGBTI Persons (seems the Unit is not permanent, but this is a bold step nonetheless). Activists have been working at the Commission for many years, bringing various human rights issues and cases (including those focused on defenders), this is the result of a targeted, strategic ongoing process involving some WHRD member.

**1.3 New WHRD publication translations**

The publication "**Urgent Responses For Women Human Rights Defenders At Risk: Mapping And Preliminary Assessment**" that AWID produced with the Urgent Responses Working Group of the WHRD International Coalition is now available for download in English, Spanish, French, Russian, and Arabic! ([available here](#))

**1.4 Statement to the UN General Assembly**

Statement By Human Rights, Women's Rights And Health Groups On The Occasion Of The Presentation Of The Report By Anand Grover, UN Special Rapporteur On The Right To Health, To The UN General Assembly, 24 October 2011, We, the undersigned human rights, women's rights and health organizations, welcome the report (A/66/254) of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health, Anand Grover, to the UN General Assembly presented on 24 October 2011 as a milestone in the struggle for the full realization of the right to health for all... ([Read more](#))

## **2. URGENT APPEALS**

The Coalition and its members issued urgent appeals on: (available from the website)

- **Mexico: 18th Oct 2011,** [Demand Protection For Margarita González Carpio Mesoamerican And International Feminist And Human Rights Organizations Demand Protection For Margarita González Carpio, Mexico](#)
- **India, 12 October 2011:** [Police raid the home of human rights defender Ms Kavita Srivastava](#)
- **Zimbabwe, 7 October 2011:** [Judicial harassment against Ms. Jenni Williams and Ms. Magdonga Mahlangu](#)
- **China, 7 October 2011:** [Continued house arrest and isolation of Liu Xia, one year after her husband Liu Xiaobo received the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize](#)
- **Iran, 6 October 2011:** [Unfair trial and sentencing of human rights defender Ms Narges Mohammadi to 11 years in prison](#)
- **Uzbekistan, 4 October 2011:** [Arrest and detention of human rights defenders Ms Gulshan Karaeva and Mr Nodir Akhatov while monitoring the use of child labour in cotton fields](#)

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