



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

**1. ACTIVITIES and NEWS**

**1.1 Funding**

A proposal for 2012 events and activities funding was submitted to Cordaid, we should hear back in early December.

**1.2 New Strategic Planning Consultant**

A strategic planning consultant has been hired to work on the evaluation, the membership assembly and of course the strategic planning for the next three years. Her name is AnnJanette Rosga, otherwise known as Anjie, and she works with Transpositions Consulting. She will be working remotely and you can contact her through email [<arosga@transpositions.org>](mailto:arosga@transpositions.org)

**1.3 Information for the website**

Are any members going to doing any activities, events, press releases etc for the Women Human Rights Defenders Day next week? Please share with the coalition, and also, if you would like any updates, resources, and announcements to go out to the coalition or on the website please forward them via [<whrd@apwld.org>](mailto:whrd@apwld.org).

**1.4 New Procedures**

A working sign on protocol has been finalised, this protocol outlines the procedure for public interventions, requests to endorse statements/interventions/initiatives emanating elsewhere, and procedure for when the Coalition is asked to initiate the drafting of a Coalition intervention, joint intervention, etc.

**1.5 Global report**

The draft Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRD IC) Global Report on the Situation of WHRDs 2006-2010 is in its last stages and is about receive final editing with copy editing, layout and design in Dec / Jan. Launches will occur in the new year; an application has been made to have a launch at the CSW in Feb / March 2011.

## **2. URGENT APPEALS**

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

- **Algeria, 28 November 2011:** [Arrest and threats against human rights defender Ms Nassima Guettal, before her subsequent release](#)
- **Colombia, 17 November 2011:** [House break-in, assault and threats against human rights defenders Ms Jackeline Rojas Castañeda, Mr Juan Carlos Galvis and family](#)
- **Turkey, November 8, 2011:** [Sentencing to prison / Judicial harassment of Ms. Buse Kiliçkaya, Ms. Selay Tunç and Ms. Naz Gudumen](#)
- **Mexico, 8 November 2011:** [Women's rights organization raided in Mexico](#)
- **Guatemala, 2 November 2011:** [Threats, intimidation and false accusations against human rights defender Ms Lucia Carolina Escobar Mejía](#)
- **Bangladesh, 3 November 2011:** [Harassment and intimidation of human rights defender Ms Shampa Goswami](#)
- **Turkey: 2 November 2011,** [Sentencing of human rights defenders Buse Kilickaya, Selay Tunc and Naz Gudumen](#)

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