



Inter Pares supports local activist organizations to build a more equal world. Thanks to our generous donors, throughout 2017, we have strengthened many struggles for social justice in Canada and overseas. Here is a snapshot of a few successes in 2017.

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Africa FOOD SOVEREIGNTY • ECONOMIC JUSTICE • WOMEN'S EQUALITY

Through our counterpart **COPAGEN's** *Train the Trainers* program,

37 women

in Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Senegal, and Guinea-Bissau received training in agroecology, which is sustainable small-scale farming rooted in biodiversity and local knowledge. These trainers shared agroecological methods with 2,300 women who will preserve and multiply local seeds.

In Guinea-Bissau, weak governance and political instability has led to the plundering of the country's rich natural resources. Coastal areas fall prey to foreign fishing fleets, illegal logging is widespread, and mining exploration occurs without community consent. Our counterpart **Tiniguena** is building communities' capacities to respond, and has organized

30 citizen watch committees

that will mobilize if illegal fishing, mining, or logging occurs.

The Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORD) provided free legal representation to poor women in Khartoum who have experienced discrimination and violence. In 2017, supported women in cases of early and forced marriages, violent spousal abuse, or child custody. We are pleased to support SORD in their efforts to challenge Sudan's patriarchal laws that discriminate against women.

18 SORD lawyers



RIITA MORRIS

Latin America WOMEN'S EQUALITY • PEACE AND DEMOCRACY • MIGRATION

Sexual and gender-based violence was used as weapon of war in Colombia's armed conflict. In 2017, our counterpart **Humanas** conducted interviews and gathered the testimonies of **7 women** from the department of Putumayo who were targeted during the conflict. On behalf of these women, Humanas plans to present these cases to Colombia's Truth Commission.

8 activist art projects

by youth groups from across Colombia were brought to life through Inter Pares counterpart **Fondo Lunaria**. These initiatives are aimed at promoting the peace process and ending violence. They included: community radio programs on sexual violence; poetry and hip hop to raise awareness on militarism; and workshops with demobilized guerrillas about trans rights and violence against the LGBTI population.

The Network of Women's Organizations of Ixcán (ROMI) brings together women from **103 communities** across Ixcán, in northern Guatemala. In response to high levels of violence linked to alcohol abuse, ROMI worked to ensure passage of a new bylaw which will better regulate the sale of alcohol in their communities.



GUILAUME CHARBONNEAU

250 people witnessed

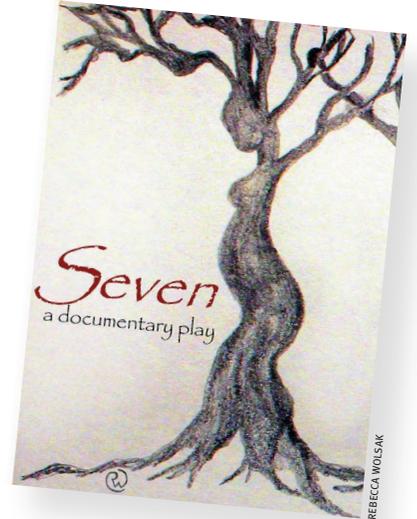
Inter Pares' Ottawa premiere of the documentary play **Seven**. The play traced the lives of seven women's rights activists in Russia, Cambodia, Guatemala, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Northern Ireland.

The threat of terrorism is being used to increase powers of Canadian security agencies, posing real risks to civil liberties. There is no evidence that this will increase safety. The **International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG)** created

6 public education videos to explain Bill C-59,

the new national security legislation. C-59 gives agencies widespread new powers to collect information unrelated to national security.

Over 4 years, more than **100,000 people** joined Inter Pares and 30 members of the **Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability** to demand an Ombudsperson for people whose human rights have been violated by overseas Canadian mining operations. This year, with thousands more Tweets, FaceBook posts and letters from members – including you – the federal government appears poised to create an Ombuds, and we are now in discussions about its essential elements.



Asia WOMEN'S EQUALITY • FOOD SOVEREIGNTY • HEALTH • HUMAN RIGHTS

In Burma, the **Rezua Women's Group** conducted surveys and held women's exchanges in Zotung communities in order to define key issues affecting them, and develop recommendations for changes to discriminatory customary laws. Thanks to their efforts, traditional authorities have agreed to fairer conditions around inheritance and family law, which will affect nearly

25,000 Zotung women.

In February, Inter Pares coordinated an exchange that brought

4 West African rural women leaders from **COPAGEN** to Telangana, India, to learn from women's community groups of **Deccan Development Society (DDS)**.

Over 10 days, the women learned about innovative strategies to reach urban consumers with organic produce. These include DDS' first Community Shared Agriculture model and the "millet food truck", which delivers highly nutritious meals using local organic millets to busy city centres.

Likhaan Centre for Women's Health in the Philippines carried out over **50,000 consultations** for services such as family planning, prenatal and postpartum care, as well as other reproductive health services. In 2017, for the first time, they also began providing free, safe, and high-quality birthing services.



In response to widespread sexual violence committed by Burmese security forces against Rohingya women, our counterpart **Kaladan Press Network**

21 Rohingya women survivors published the testimonies of who have fled to Bangladesh. This report *Witness to Horror* was one of the first firsthand accounts of the recent violence against the Rohingya in Northern Arakan State. Following a trip in November 2017 to Rohingya refugee camps Inter Pares staff was able to brief Canadian government officials about the ongoing crisis.



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