

2023–2025

GIAI Impact Snapshot

A civil society-led consortium advancing inclusive, survivor-centred justice for international crimes and serious human rights violations – in 28 countries worldwide.

Strategic objectives

- 1 Increased agency and participation of rights-holders**
Victims, survivors and CSOs supported to engage directly with justice and accountability mechanisms at all levels.
- 2 Strengthened accountability frameworks**
CSO-driven policy influence and engagement with duty-bearers advances legal norms, domestic legislation and institutional practice.

2,000+

Victims & survivors supported

186

Local civil society organisations benefiting from the programme

53

Complaints & communications filed

990

Serious human rights violations' cases documented in Y2

80+

Locally-driven FSTP activities

37

Research and analytical documents submitted to duty bearers

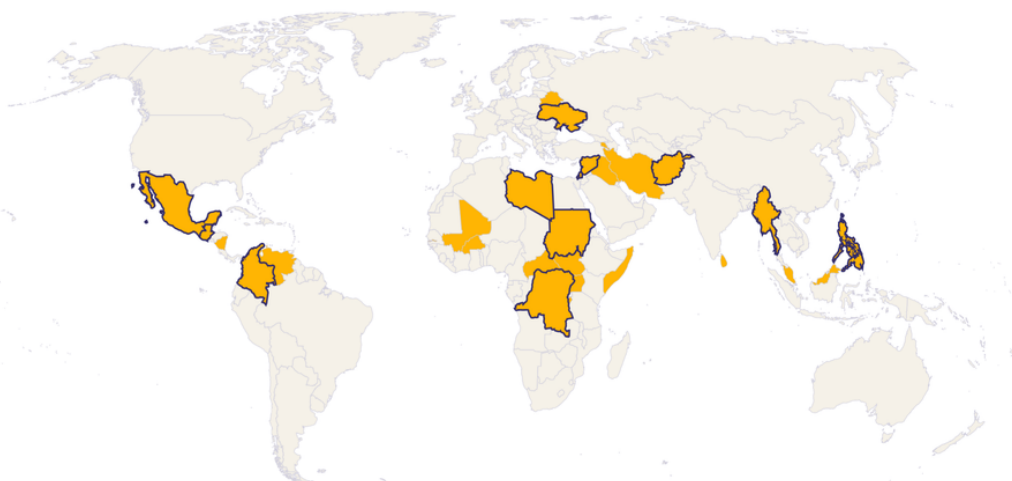
How GIAI works

From victims and civil society organisations to survivor-centred justice

- Psychosocial & non-legal support
- Legal representation and strategic litigation
- Capacity building for civil society and survivors
- Documenting and investigating violations
- Advocacy work, policy and legislative engagement
- Financial support to third parties (FSTP)
- Knowledge sharing and coordination

Priority and Target Countries

12 target countries out of 28 priority country situations



- **Afghanistan**
- Armenia
- Belarus
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Central African Republic
- **Colombia**
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo**
- Gambia
- **Guatemala**
- Iran
- Iraq
- **Libya**
- Malaysia
- Mali
- **Mexico**
- **Myanmar**
- Nicaragua
- **Palestine**
- **Philippines**
- Somalia (incl. Somaliland)
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- **Sudan**
- **Syria**
- Uganda
- **Ukraine**
- Venezuela

Priority Areas

Victims' Rights and Participation

- EU Victims' Rights Directive expanded to protect **victims of core international crimes**
- Indigenous Maya Achi women achieve sexual crimes convictions of **3** perpetrators and **19** reparations measures by Guatemala's highest court, after decades of mobilisation
- VRWG supports **107** members across **18** ICC situations & leads **anti-disinformation & outreach campaigns**
- **16** laws, policies or measures developed or revised with CSO engagement
- **92%** of capacity-building participants reported increased knowledge on justice & accountability

Immunity and Non-Cooperation

- French Supreme Court issues 2025 **landmark ruling** follows GIAI position rebuking functional immunities in international crimes cases
- GIAI joint submission influences **ILC commentary** on exceptions to immunities
- Marked a justice milestone in civil reparation for international crimes by briefing the ECtHR in **Ziada v. Netherlands** on immunities law
- Strengthened accountability efforts by **technically supporting** NGOs to **track suspects** of international crimes
- Victim-led advocacy was supported in **10+** side-events organised by GIAI members and in facilitating survivor's plenary statements during the **ICC's Assembly of State Parties** in 2025

Universal Jurisdiction

- **UJAR 2025** highlights **36** new UJ cases & **27** convictions & GIAI monitored **31** emblematic cases shaping global accountability trends
- Syrian victims joined investigations in Sweden and France on **chemical weapon attacks** – expanding UJ to non-state actors
- Monitoring of landmark **Lundin Oil trial** advanced knowledge of **corporate accountability** under international law
- Shaped EU anti-impunity cooperation through GIAI's role in the **EU Genocide Prosecution Network's** National Authorities Against Impunity steering committee
- **Lumbala trial** and sentence marks first UJ case in France related to events in the DRC, featuring **65+** testimonies, **30** witnesses, and **35** civil parties, challenging decades of longstanding impunity

Gender Justice

- **16** laws, policies and measures on GBV and gender-transformative justice shaped, including national reforms in South Sudan & Zambia
- **Gender Justice & ICL Conference** strengthened collaborations of over **1,200** organisations
- Amicus directly impacts gender-transformative reparations in **ICC Al Hassan case**
- Gender competence across the **Crimes Against Humanity treaty** advanced in advocacy, including towards codification of **gender apartheid**
- **4** Ukrainian lawyers mentored on conflict-related sexual violence, contributing to one **conviction**

Upholding and Strengthening International Justice

- Ukraine & Armenia **ratified the Rome Statute** following sustained GIAI advocacy and technical support
- Progress in implementing the Rome Statute in Armenia, Ecuador (adopted in 2024), Mexico, The Gambia, Ukraine
- Steered accountability responses by submitting **63** recommendations to justice providers and policy makers
- Helped advance **12** European Parliament resolutions on the **EU Blocking Statute** & **5** EP questions through advocacy & parliamentary mobilisation
- Advanced ratification efforts for the **Ljubljana-The Hague Convention** and the **Convention on Enforced Disappearances**
- Strengthened advocacy on the **Crime of Aggression amendments**, contributing to **3** related parliamentary questions
- Expanded victims' rights & mobilised mandate holders ahead of **Crimes Against Humanity** treaty negotiations

Financial Assistance

Strengthened frontline accountability efforts through programme, small, and urgent grants supporting local organisations and individuals across **5 regions**:
Africa · Americas · Asia · Europe · MENA

Knowledge sharing – [MakingJusticeWork.org](#)

Expanded access to international justice knowledge through **497** resources hosted on the platform, serving **2,597** registered users across the accountability field



Victims and survivors are participating in proceedings, consultations, advocacy spaces and institutional engagement, supported by legal, psychosocial, security, translation and logistical assistance.



Gender justice was reflected in litigation, documentation and policy work, including SGBV, conflict related sexual violence, women political prisoners, reproductive violence and gendered impacts of displacement and detention.



CSO recommendations reached national authorities, the ICC, UN mechanisms, EU institutions and regional bodies, with 59 recommendations endorsed by decision makers.



GIAI connects evidence, survivor priorities, legal expertise and advocacy through shared strategies, thematic working groups, country focal points and coordinated engagement.



Local community-based organisation from DRC

Survivors spoke publicly to leaders for the first time, reducing stigma and opening reporting pathways