

**“WE ARE A SMALL,  
COMMUNITY-BASED  
ORGANIZATION IN  
HONDURAS WITHOUT  
THE CONNECTIONS  
TO DECISION-MAKERS  
AND MEDIA THAT  
WITNESS HAS.  
BUT BECAUSE OF  
YOUR INVOLVEMENT,  
OUR ISSUES AND  
CONCERNS ARE NOW  
BEING HEARD!”**

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## SEE IT.

WITNESS donates video cameras and provides technical and tactical guidance to human rights groups around the world. We work with our human rights partners to bring their compelling stories and images to the attention of people with the power to make a difference – knowing that for many people, seeing is believing.

## FILM IT.

WITNESS is a global pioneer in the use of video for advocacy. We have supported and trained human rights defenders worldwide to create video documentation of human rights abuses as a tool to combat injustice on issues including:

- the sexual abuse of women and girls during the Sierra Leonean civil war
- the dehumanizing conditions in state psychiatric hospitals in Paraguay
- the devastation of ancestral lands in the Ogoni region of Nigeria
- the mistreatment and illegal imprisonment of street children in Central America
- the trafficking of women for forced prostitution in Russia
- forced labor and the displacement of villagers in Burma
- child soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- sweatshops on U.S. soil.

## CHANGE IT.

WITNESS' partner videos are a critical new tool in the human rights landscape, catalyzing the public, governments, courts, and political institutions to act. They have been used:

- to corroborate allegations of human rights violations
- as a resource for news broadcasts
- to stimulate human rights advocacy via the worldwide web
- to promote grassroots education and mobilization
- as evidence in courts
- to complement official written reports of human rights abuses
- as a deterrent to further abuse.

**WITNESS** uses the power of video to open the eyes of the world to human rights abuses. By partnering with local organizations around the globe, **WITNESS** empowers human rights defenders to use video as a tool to shine a light on those most affected by human rights violations, and to transform personal stories of abuse into powerful tools of justice. Since its founding in 1992, **WITNESS** has partnered with groups in more than 60 countries, bringing often unseen images, untold stories and seldom heard voices to the attention of key decision makers, the media, and the general public – prompting grassroots activism, political engagement, and lasting change.



## BECOMING A WITNESS PARTNER

[www.witness.org](http://www.witness.org)

Human rights defenders who are trained to integrate video into their advocacy can play a critical role in helping to ensure that rights are respected. WITNESS chooses its human rights partners carefully, based on the strength of their human rights work, the clarity of their mission, and the ability of video to enhance their human rights campaigns. WITNESS provides its partners with equipment, training, and ongoing support and guidance in using video as a tool for creating change. To view a list of our global partners and learn more about how to become a WITNESS partner, go to [www.witness.org](http://www.witness.org).

### Get involved at [www.witness.org](http://www.witness.org):

- Watch WITNESS videos and take action to end human rights violations
- Partner with WITNESS to bring attention to human rights abuses
- Support WITNESS with a donation of money, goods or services\*
- Join the WITNESS Street Team of volunteers
- Subscribe to the free WITNESS e-newsletter
- Become a dues-paying WITNESS Member and support our campaigns to end human rights abuses.

\*WITNESS is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible in the United States.



## WITNESS MEDIA ARCHIVE

[www.witnessmediaarchive.org](http://www.witnessmediaarchive.org)

The WITNESS Media Archive is one of the world's most diverse and important collections of human rights video, dedicated to the acquisition, licensing and preservation of rare and politically sensitive media. Founded by and maintained at WITNESS, the Media Archive contains over 2000 hours of video, including documentary productions and original raw footage from human rights partners around the world. Archive footage covers a broad range of issues including indigenous rights, war crimes and genocide, refugees and internally displaced persons, violence against women, the effects of globalization, child soldiers, environmental justice, human trafficking, and others. The WITNESS Media Archive is committed to making hard-to-find footage of global events and injustices available to the media, advocates, lawyers, historians, educators, policymakers, and the general public in the interest of history, advocacy, and education.

WITNESS Media Archive footage has been incorporated into documentary and news reports on ABC, CBS, CNN, PBS, and BBC, as well as Internet broadcasts worldwide. Archive video has also been used as a tool for justice. It was used in the investigation of Slobodan Milosevic by the International War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, it has been presented to the InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights to document inhumane conditions in psychiatric facilities, and it has also been used to mobilize the U.S. government to pass legislation against the trafficking of women in the international sex trade.