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1. COLLECTIVE WORK OF THE REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS: POLICY & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 Government relations & policy advocacy

- Ongoing dialogues and consultations with the regional branches at Global Affairs Canada, in particular the Sub-Saharan Africa Branch and its Pan-Africa Bureau; the Americas Branch and its North America, Central America, Latin America & Caribbean Bureaux; and the Asia-Pacific Branch and its Southeast Asia bureau. As well, briefing meetings with Canadian diplomatic representatives in **Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru & Bolivia, and Philippines**;
- Ongoing facilitation of the RWG's perspective to Global Affairs Canada ongoing consultation on its "**Voices at Risk – Canada's Guidelines on Supporting Human Rights Defenders**";
- August 2018 | Supported the launch of the training manual "**Implementing a Human Rights -Based Approach**" with CCIC and Equitas.



HRBA TRAINING MANUAL

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1.2 Sector wide campaign

- Ongoing representation on behalf of CCIC and active support of the **Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability** and the campaign calling for the creation of an independent human rights Ombudsperson for Canada's international extractive sector.

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1.3 Coalition collaboration

- April 2018 | Supported the **Women Resisting Extractivism International Gathering** in Montreal. Along many RWG members, *45 land defenders from over 20 countries* spoke truth to power and strategized on global resistance;



- Fall 2018 | Collaborated with **AQOCI** on three regional forums on Latin America, Africa and Haiti to enhance greater coordination with RWGs;

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- December 2018 | Supported the “Women of Courage Speak Out for Peace” delegation led by KAIROS, during the *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence*, which brought forward the voice of inspiring and courageous women from **South Sudan, Palestine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia and the Philippines.**



2. ASIA-PACIFIC WORKING GROUP (APWG)

2.1 Academic collaborations & learning activities

- September 2018 | Launch of **collaborative research** between the APWG-Philippines subgroups and the University of Toronto on **Canada’s investment and defence spending in the Philippines;**

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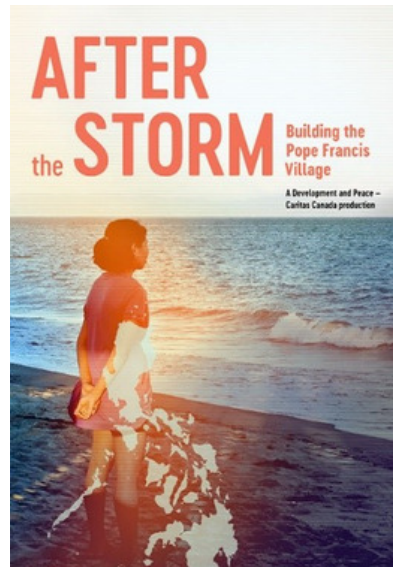
- November 2018 | APWG *held the documentary screening and panel discussion* “Five Years After the Storm: The Humanitarian-Development Nexus in Practice” on the humanitarian development nexus in practice marking the 5th anniversary of Super Typhoon Haiyan and recovery effort in the **Philippines**, in partnership with Development & Peace, and the CICC-CASID Next Generation Program.

The documentary follows a devastated community as it is empowered to take charge of its own future and build a new community and new lives, as the Pope Francis Village. Following the documentary, there was an interesting panel discussion with experts from different institutions.

CCIC’s Nicolas Moyer moderated the panel led by Jess Agustin of Development and



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Peace, Furqan Asif of the University of Ottawa, Carine Bigira, of the Humanitarian Coalition, and John Summerbell of Global Affairs Canada, who reflected on how to improve humanitarian responses and community preparedness to climate change and natural disasters. **Read more here;**

- February 2019 | APWG in collaboration with the CCIC-CASID Next Gen program held a *joint learning event* on “Humanitarian Aid & Development in **Palestine**”, as part of ongoing strategic discussion on creating a new Middle East subgroup.



2.2 Government relations & policy advocacy

- Ongoing policy recommendations and advocacy regarding the *deterioration of human rights in the Philippines* and the rise of extra-judicial killings and militarisation of the country;



- October 2018 | *APWG denounced the Sagay massacre* of 9 farm workers, including 3 women and 2 minors;



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- January 2019 | The APWG-Philippines subgroup held a meeting with GAC officials regarding the human rights situation in the **Philippines**, following a fact-finding delegation of Canadian civil society to the country;

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CCIC's APWG-Philippines working group is gravely concerned by recent assassination of lawyer & human rights defender Ben Ramos, founding member of the National Union of People's Lawyers [@nuplphilippines](#) and general secretary of NUPL Negros chapter. [#CCICAsiaPacific](#) [#Philippines](#)

Canada in the Philippines @CanEmbPH

"Working within the justice system to defend marginalized individuals promotes human rights and strengthens the rule of law. Killings such as this one risk hindering access to justice for the most vulnerable among us," according to Ambassador Holmes. [twitter.com/chrgovph/statu...](#)

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- Ongoing discussions with GAC's Asia-Pacific Branch and its Southeast Asia bureau to determine the framework and themes for the upcoming Joint Dialogue between APWG and GAC scheduled for June 2019.

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3. APWG MEMBERS 2018 – 2019

The APWG has 24 members

Aga Khan Foundation Canada

Canadian Labour Congress - CLC

Canadian Red Cross

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

CARE Canada

Christian Children's Fund of Canada

Cuso International

Development and Peace

ECTASE - Études Contemporaines et Transdisciplinaires
de l'Asie du Sud-Est

Equitas - International Centre for Human Rights -
Education

Humanité & Inclusion

Humber College

Inter Pares

KAIROS Canada

Leger Foundation

MiningWatch

Oxfam Canada

Pacific People's Partnership

Plan International Canada

Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)

United Church of Canada

USC Canada

World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

World Vision Canada

4. APWG COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Co-chairs

Joanne Owens (CARE Canada)

Elmer Lighid (World Vision)

Treasurer

Bing Arguelles (Equitas)

Members at large

Sarah Pentlow (Cuso International)

Maggie Zeng (Christian Children's Fund of Canada)

Patti Talbot (United Church of Canada)

5. RWG TEAM

Staff

Sebastián Vielmas
Regional Working Groups Officer

Laura Avalos
Regional Working Groups Program Assistant

Volunteers

Ben Powless, Emilie Sing and Sonja Mahaillet

Interns

Luanda Lima (Experica 2.0 program) and
Natalia Gonçalves (Michaëlle Jean Centre for
Global and Community Engagement, University of
Ottawa)



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6. FINANCES

BUDGET 2018-2019 & ACTUALS

INCOME	ACTUALS 2016-2017	ACTUALS 2017-2018	APPROVED 2018-2019	ACTUALS 03.31.2019
Membership contributions WGs	27,941.67	33,231.67	33,000.00	31,961.00
CCIC contribution	1,500.00	-	500.00	500.00
IDRC-CRDI contribution	-	6,415.00	6,607.00	5,094.56
Registration fee	2,100.00	750.00	2,200.00	-
Special contributions (e.g. special events, travel guest speaker, interpretation)	1,192.67	-	1,000.00	-
CCIC contribution in Kind	-	-	-	1,640.00
Carry forward WGs	32,379.05	13,624.74	5,371.66	5,371.66
Total income	\$65,113.39	\$54,021.41	\$48,678.66	\$44,567.22

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EXPENSES	ACTUALS 2016-2017	ACTUALS 2017-2018	APPROVED 2018-2019	ACTUALS 03.31.2019
Salary and benefits (RWG Officer and RWG Assistant)	45,523.28	47,340.52	41,501.00	35,962.84
Consultant 1	1,254.85	51.60	150.00	67.63
Postage	-	-	-	-
Photocopy	150.24	181.08	200.00	125.83
Supplies	133.41	23.56	100.00	47.00
Bank charges & fees	149.65	13.97	50.00	16.67
Communication (tel-fax-web)	518.60	233.91	200.00	187.45
Software/ computer purchase	71.30	-	-	-
Translation	-	-	-	67.08
Interpretation	-	-	-	-
Meeting expenses (venue rental, food)	2,072.44	320.41	1,500.00	251.38
Travel staff	746.59	172.68	500.00	84.52
Travel participants (e.g. special events, travel guest speaker & volunteers)	850.29	106.02	1,000.00	-
Recruitment	18.00	-	-	-
Rent, computers, phones, lincense	-	-	-	1,640.00
Other expenses	-	206.00	100.00	-
Total expenses	\$51,488.65	\$48,649.75	\$45,301.00	\$38,450.40
Deferred revenue to next fiscal year (surplus/deficit)	\$13,624.74	\$5,371.66	\$3,377.66	\$6,116.82