



2016 Annual Report



EARTHRIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

Our Mission

EarthRights International (ERI) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that combines the power of law and the power of people in defense of human rights and the environment.

We specialize in fact-finding, legal actions against perpetrators of earth rights abuses, training grassroots and community leaders, and advocacy campaigns. Through cutting edge strategies, ERI seeks to end earth rights abuses, to provide real solutions for real people, and to promote and protect human rights and the environment in the communities where we work.

NO DAM

NO WAR

Cover: An EarthRights School Myanmar student looks back at the coal power plant while on a filed visit to Mae Moh in Lampang Province.

This page: Villagers in Sa-iab, Northern Thailand have been fighting a dam for more than 30 years. Graffiti like this is common throughout the village.

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EarthRights School Mekong students traveled to Ban Haeng in Lampang Province where communities came together to take action against the companies who operate or plan to construct mines and power plants nearby.



Letter from the Directors

A woman in Celendin, Peru.

Dear Friends,

What a difference a year can make. Of course we could say that every year, but 2016 certainly stands out as a year of extremes for us. We look back on our significant achievements with the sobering knowledge of the setbacks that have begun in 2017.

But let's consider the good news first. We celebrated a number of victories, including a long-awaited decision in our case against Chiquita for hiring paramilitary death squads in Colombia. Citing the dangers to Colombian earth rights defenders and their lawyers, the judge ordered the case to proceed in the United States, sending an important message to all corporations that the doors of U.S. courts remain open to victims and survivors regardless of where they come from. Likewise, our suit challenging the legal immunity of the World Bank's International Finance Corporation advanced quickly, as our lawyers prepared to

make oral arguments asserting that nobody—even the World Bank—is above the law.

Our success extended outside the courtroom as well, as we helped mobilize villagers in Myanmar to resist coal as a centerpiece of energy development. We continued to advance innovative strategies such as our Community Driven Operational Grievance Mechanisms in Cambodia, Vietnam and Myanmar, demanding that communities have a voice in development, and putting companies on notice of the financial and legal consequences of destructive projects. We put mining companies on notice in Peru and Canada, and we celebrated strong transparency rules that were finally promulgated under section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act. ERI had to sue the Securities and Exchange Commission twice over the past 5 years to issue those rules, but in 2016 we celebrated that good things come to those who wait.

Or do they? It's become clear now that the new administration has no intention of regulating or holding its corporate friends accountable; indeed one of its first acts was to gut those 1504 rules, enabling oil and mining companies to make secret payments to foreign governments once again. Our belief in legal strategies to address the injustices of climate change is strengthened knowing that our executive and legislative branches are even more stacked with leaders from the industry that caused so much of the problem in the first place. The courts have always been our focus, and are more important than ever in our mission to protect human rights over corporate rights.

The core purpose of the international human rights system is to protect citizens and communities against government power and abuse, and to establish a common core of dignity and justice that links all people regardless of who they

are. The hallowed notion of rule of law—a cornerstone of democracy—embodies the same ideals.

These are our ideals. ERI's mission to leverage the power of law to serve and build power of people and communities in the face of extreme corporate and government power could not be more urgent or timely. We find ourselves up against shocking setbacks in law and policy, and our deft and resourceful staff are reacting with renewed determination and creativity.

As an organization that has spent over 20 years representing the world's most marginalized communities against the world's most powerful corporations, we are keenly aware that the pendulum swings both ways. Organizations like ERI are the critical energy behind the arc toward justice. Thank you for sticking with us for the journey.

Katie & Ka Hsaw Wa

2016 At A Glance

By the numbers:

- We trained **12** indigenous activists in EarthRights School Mekong from ethnic Mekong River communities.
- Instead of one session at the EarthRights School Myanmar, we had **2**: one on strategic advocacy campaigns around coal and one on organizational strengthening.
- We released **4** storytelling projects that share the stories of earth rights defenders from Myanmar and Cambodia.

We won evidence from Newmont, a U.S. mining giant, to use in a criminal case against the company in Peru.

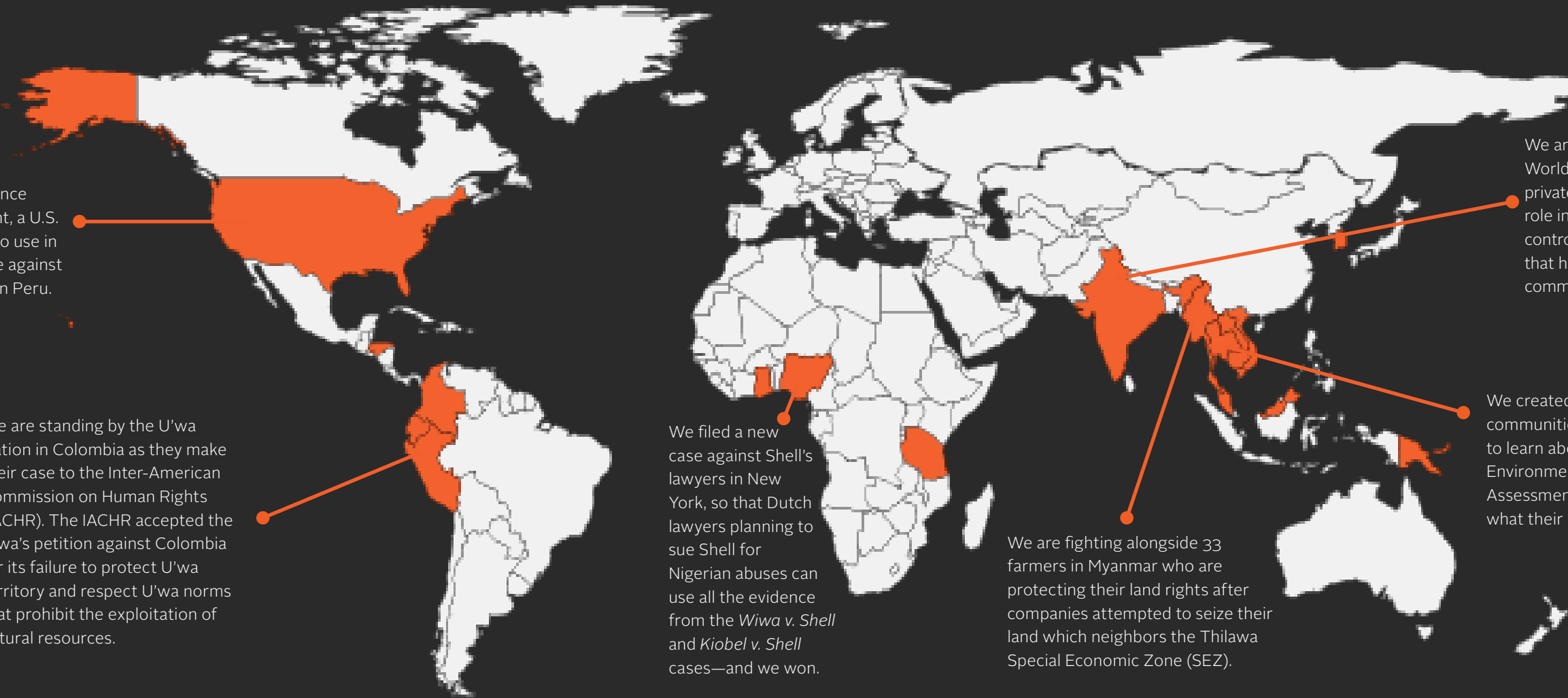
We are standing by the U'wa Nation in Colombia as they make their case to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). The IACHR accepted the U'wa's petition against Colombia for its failure to protect U'wa territory and respect U'wa norms that prohibit the exploitation of natural resources.

We filed a new case against Shell's lawyers in New York, so that Dutch lawyers planning to sue Shell for Nigerian abuses can use all the evidence from the *Wiwa v. Shell* and *Kiobel v. Shell* cases—and we won.

We are fighting alongside 33 farmers in Myanmar who are protecting their land rights after companies attempted to seize their land which neighbors the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

We are challenging the World Bank Group's private lending arm's role in funding a controversial power plant that has harmed fishing communities in India.

We created materials for communities in Thailand to learn about Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and what their rights are.





Legal & Campaigns

When bulldozers and guns destroy a village in the name of development, it's often due to decisions made thousands of miles away in a corporate boardroom or government office. We use the power of the law and the power of the people to fight alongside affected communities defending themselves.

The law has many tools, from litigation in U.S. courts and deploying legal arguments in large-scale grassroots campaigns, to using innovative ways of collecting facts and evidence: we have done it all this year.

Yahira Jazmine Zambrano Mollehuana from Puno, Peru, and other participants from various countries in Latin America work on an activity during the Indigenous Legal Seminar held in Lima, Peru.



The Amazon

Doña Teo, a Tacana woman from Bolivia, lives from harvesting Brazil nuts. The Brazil nut trees in her community are in jeopardy because of oil exploration. In this image, Teo is heading to the rainforest where she collects Brazil nuts during the harvest season.

Corporations are not people.

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights issued a strong advisory ruling that corporations do not have human rights in the Inter-American System. The Court used arguments that ERI made—including that indigenous organizations and labor unions do have rights that corporations should not.

Oil spills are devastating Peru.

Following major oil spills in the Amazon earlier this year, we helped Peruvian groups to petition the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) seeking urgent action from the Peruvian government to provide clean water to affected communities.

We won evidence from Newmont Mining to use in a criminal case against the company.

Elmer Campos was paralyzed in 2011 when Newmont's armed police shot him in the back during a peaceful protest near the proposed Conga mine. Due to our Foreign Legal Assistance Action, which allows people to request evidence in U.S. courts to use in legal cases in another country, Newmont turned over evidence relating to police violence against protesters.

Our Peruvian partner used the evidence we obtained to argue that Newmont's subsidiary should also be a defendant in the criminal case arising out of the shooting of Elmer. We are waiting for the Peruvian court to rule.

We stood with indigenous Peruvian women in front of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

In December, together with other civil society organizations and a group of Peruvian indigenous women, we spoke at a thematic hearing before the IACHR on the disproportionate human rights violations indigenous women experience facing the extractive industry in Peru.



A young boy sits down for a snack in U'wa territory, Colombia.

The U'wa Nation is fighting back.

Together with a Colombian and international delegation we participated in The Summit in the Defense of Life, Territory, and Natural Resources, held in November in U'wa territory, Colombia.

This year, the U'wa mobilized to protect their sacred Zizuma, a snow-capped mountain located inside Cocuy National Park, which holds deep sacred significance to the U'wa as the origin of much of their spirituality. The U'wa want to protect their sacred territory. The National Park Service wants to keep the park open to attract tourism.

The U'wa moved forward with their case at the IACHR against Colombia for its failure to protect U'wa territory and respect U'wa norms that prohibit the exploitation of natural resources. We worked closely with them to present the submissions in their case.

“We call this a summit, because it is as if we are climbing a mountain together.”

Edwin Tegria, Community Leader, U'wa Nation



The Mekong

Mekong Legal Director Rémy Kinna speaks at the launch of the Environmental Impact Assessment of the Mekong Region manual at Chiang Mai University in Thailand.

We created Environmental Impact Assessment materials for communities.

Together with the Mekong Legal Network, we produced a compilation of laws, regulations, and procedures concerning Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) across the six Mekong region countries in English as well as Vietnamese, Khmer, Thai, Burmese, Chinese, and Laotian. We are also developing a Community Toolkit for EIA advocacy as a way to ensure that impacted communities are aware of the EIA process in their country and know how to engage with it. We also created a Thai Community EIA video to allow communities to share in their own words their understanding of what an EIA is and their strategies for engaging with it, and through their experience, inform other communities in the Mekong region. We will create a number of other country specific EIA videos for communities in the coming years.

We developed a tool to promote Community Driven Operational Grievance Mechanisms.

We created an innovative and replicable tool to successfully facilitate community driven operational grievance mechanisms (CD-OGM) for land-related disputes in Cambodia and Vietnam. We are working with Mekong Legal Network partners and American University's Washington College of Law. The pilot project sites were selected in both Cambodia and Vietnam and we are now embarking on deep community engagement and developing preliminary legal and human rights impact analyses.

A transboundary complaint of villagers affected by a dam triggered an investigation.

The Malaysian Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM) published the outcome of their investigation of the Cambodian and Thai communities' against the Don Sahong Dam. Although SUHAKAM decided that they had no mandate to conduct an inquiry into a transboundary case, they did make a set of recommendations to the Malaysian government to ensure compliance with international human rights standards and adhere to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for Malaysian outbound investment.

Our Mekong Legal Network meetings focused on transboundary and regional legal approaches.

We convened the bi-annual Mekong Legal Network (MLN) meetings in March and during the Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute (MLAI). MLN support is now in its seventh year of programming with a focus on transboundary and regional approaches to earth rights challenges in the Mekong. We have also been focusing on developing the organizational strength of MLN law groups, which has made the MLN more independent and autonomous in devising transboundary and regional projects together, including the development of an EIA practitioners' manual tool kit.



To Hoang Nguyen (left) and Do Minh Tam were selected as representatives by other MLAI participants to give speeches at the graduation ceremony.



The sixth class of the Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute graduated.

MLAI took place from December 4-16 in Chiang Mai and widened its recruitment scope to include community campaigners and youth leaders, in addition to its traditional target audience of junior lawyers and legal advocates. This deliberate shift further integrates campaign and legal programming and advocacy strategies, evidenced by the MLN organization junior lawyers and EarthRights School alumni both attending.



To make way for the Thilawa SEZ in Myanmar, many families have had their land confiscated and have moved to a relocation site that lacks proper infrastructure and is not suitable for living.

We are fighting alongside villagers who are losing their land to Myanmar's growing economy.

In the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) we are working alongside community representatives to develop a grievance mechanism to address the impacts of the SEZ. We even accompanied the villagers all the way to Japan, so they could meet with the Japanese investors of the project, Japanese members of parliament, and corporations such as Mitsubishi and Sumitomo. We also conducted trainings with villagers on EIAs, land rights, and resettlement best practice.

We are fighting with 33 farmers who are protecting their land rights.

We are providing legal representation in the Yangon courts to 33 farmers facing criminal charges for asserting their land rights after attempts to seize their land which neighbors the Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

We co-hosted a report launch on community resource mapping.

In the Kyauk Phyu SEZ, community members are working toward community-driven natural resource governance. Four communities are in the process of researching and mapping their villages to document natural resources and identify how their livelihoods rely on those resources.

We are facilitating the establishment of an anti-coal movement across Myanmar.

In its early stages, we have conducted stakeholder mapping of NGOs working on coal issues and interviews with relevant groups are being used to inform a political economy analysis and assess campaign options for anti-coal advocacy. We also trained 13 community activists fighting proposed coal projects in their communities.

We brought activists together for a climate change forum.

We brought together coal and dam activists for the Green Energy Forum in Yangon this year. It resulted in a joint statement signed by over 400 groups.

We are supporting communities that have been impacted by mining activities and pollution.

We visited communities in Dawei and in the Mandalay region, affected by poorly regulated mining activities, to provide trainings on environmental law, focusing on EIA regulations, and are building the capacity of community groups to monitor and document environmental damage.

We are also supporting communities engaging with government stakeholders to advocate for the enforcement of environmental laws, and advising on avenues for redress through the Myanmar courts.



U.S. & International

Sidik Kasam Jam (left) and Budha Ismail Jam, plaintiffs in our case against the IFC for irresponsible investment, stand near the Tata Mundra plant that received funding from the IFC.

We continue to win against the banana giant Chiquita.

As we are inching toward holding Chiquita accountable in the court of justice, we are celebrating wins along the way.

After almost a decade of litigation, victims of Colombian paramilitary death squads funded by Chiquita are moving forward in a federal lawsuit against the banana giant. Florida federal judge Kenneth Marra rejected Chiquita's argument that the case should be heard in Colombia rather than the U.S., clearing the way for the historic case to advance toward trial.

We also won an order allowing us to continue with our lawsuit against individual Chiquita executives who approved and facilitated the company's illegal funding of Colombian paramilitaries.

We are suing the World Bank Group's private lending arm.

We are suing the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank Group's private lending arm, for financing a power plant despite knowing that it would severely harm fishing communities in India. The IFC argues it is above the law in all circumstances, regardless of how much harm it causes. The case was dismissed on immunity grounds. This was expected, however, and the dismissal allows us to directly challenge immunity in the Court of Appeals.

In defense of defenders.

When a Canadian logging firm sued Greenpeace over the group's campaign against the company, we used our legal expertise to assist in the defense of the lawsuit. And when Exxon filed numerous subpoenas against lawyers to try to obtain confidential files on climate change, we represented three of the subpoena targets in defending against this disclosure. So far, Exxon hasn't obtained any of their documents.

We used the Foreign Legal Assistance statute to support cases in other countries.

In 2014, ERI developed a new strategy to use the U.S. Foreign Legal Assistance (FLA) statute to obtain information for use in corporate accountability lawsuits in other countries. Since then we have won several FLA cases, and were able to provide valuable information and documents in human rights and environmental justice cases around the world.

- We won an order from the Colorado federal court requiring Newmont Mining to provide additional documents about repression of protesters in Peru. Our Peruvian partner introduced evidence from our FLA case in order to ask that Newmont's subsidiary be held criminally responsible for the abuse.
- We filed a new case against Shell's lawyers in New York, so that Dutch lawyers planning to sue Shell for Nigerian abuses can use all the evidence from the *Wiwa v. Shell* and *Kiobel v. Shell* cases—and we won.
- We filed a new FLA case against Southern Copper Corp., relating to a toxic mine spill in Mexico by its Mexican subsidiary. This is our first FLA case in which cooperating attorneys are taking the lead role, a model we are working to expand into the FLA Network. The court ordered Southern Copper to turn over documents relating to the spill to be used in a lawsuit planned in Mexico.



Training

We are building a global network of fearless advocates with the skills necessary to challenge damaging industries and protect community land rights.

This year we graduated 35 young leaders in our EarthRights Schools. They return to their homes filled with knowledge and passion to protect their communities.

We trained dozens more community members, lawyers, and judges throughout the world in our regional trainings.

The EarthRights School Mekong students hold flowers during their graduation ceremony.



The EarthRights School Mekong

EarthRights School Mekong students visited Sob Moel village near the Myanmar border and learned about irrigation systems in community agriculture.

We trained 12 indigenous activists referred by EarthRights School alumni.

In this year's EarthRights School Mekong, which marks our 11th graduating class, students represented 12 ethnic Mekong River communities, including an environmental educator from the source of the Mekong, an indigenous Cambodian land rights campaigner working to protect communities affected by economic land concessions and hydropower dams, and a Thai-Hmong activist engaged in campaigning against land grabbing in the wake of a new SEZ in her community on the Thai-Myanmar border.

They witnessed firsthand the impacts of mainstream dams and climate change.

Students traveled to downstream fishing and agricultural communities on a field visit to Chiang Khong, Chiang Rai province, which complemented our class on regional investment and the cross-border impacts of mainstream Mekong dams. They learned about strategies used in the regional campaign against the series of dams under construction on the mainstream Mekong River, and explored the legal strategies used by local communities to address earth rights abuses associated with regional investment.

They learned about a successful community campaign.

After intensive classes on the impacts of mining on communities, our students traveled to the village of Ban Haeng in Thailand to learn about the community's successful campaign to stop lignite coal mining and protect their land and livelihoods. This campaign was initiated by a core group of women leaders, who set up 24-hour patrols and roadblocks to prevent mining company staff from entering their land.



The EarthRights School Myanmar

EarthRights School Teacher Nikki Richard, left, and Myanmar students on a field trip.

This year, we did things a little differently.



EarthRights School Mekong students Ei Thet Mon (left) and Teresa Moe participate in a class discussion.

Instead of one session, we had two: one on strategic advocacy campaigns around coal:

The strategic advocacy training session had 13 students ranging from 21–48-years-old and included Bamar, Mon, Karen, Pa-O, Shan and Rakhine ethnicities. Participants were recruited from communities located in the proposed coal power plant areas in Myanmar.

...and one on organizational strengthening.

As Myanmar's social justice organizations are able to operate more freely in an increasingly democratic Myanmar, we learned that many organizations are looking to improve skills like donor relations, communications, and public speaking. We invited 10 Burmese activists from organizations within ERI's network, including alumni organizations, to improve their skills. Participating organizations included Youth Circle, Kayah Earthrights Action Network, Karen Lawyer Network, and Dawei Development Association. Participants play leading roles in their organizations and some had previous experience writing funding proposals and working with donors.



Khun Oo from the Pa-O Youth Organization, speaks at the Organizational Strength Training graduation.



EarthRights Schools Alumni

EarthRights School alumni participate in forum theatre to learn about Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

They met to discuss overseas investment in Thailand.

A group of alumni held a meeting to discuss overseas investment in Thailand and to implement a strategic plan of action, which includes data collection, collaboration and drafting campaign materials. In May, there will be a workshop to bring together all relevant groups and individuals to participate.

Another reunion among Thai alumni is planned for this year in Dawei to familiarize students with issues in the area. In an effort to provide assistance to local communities and CSOs in Myanmar, they will visit project sites and build relationships with local groups. From journalists to professors and lawyers to filmmakers, our alumni have a breadth of knowledge and skills to work together to improve the situation not only in Thailand but also in neighboring countries.

They led a field visit to Cambodia for EarthRights School Mekong students and local community members.

At the beginning of December, four community members joined the EarthRights School Mekong Field Exposure trip to the KenSuaTae community to learn about the dam campaign. Led by alumni Bhuntan and Thitda, community members and students learned campaign strategies to protest the dam and ways to collaborate on Lower Sesan 2 work. Together, students, alumni and community members are working to advance their campaign.

They organized data collection at the Heinda mine.

EarthRights School Mekong alumna Aye Mon Thu, who's involved in the Heinda mining case, asked a team of researchers from Naresuan University to travel to Dawei to collect samples from the mine. At the end of September, a small team, led by Dr. Tanapon Phenrat, visited the mine to collect data. Their trip was successful and alumni are in the process of testing the samples, making it possible for Aye Mon Thu and her organization to utilize the results for advocacy and campaigns.

“To change the situation, it is important to improve your situation first. Then you try to help your family change, then your neighbors, and then your community. And then, step by step, the change will grow.”

Khun Yo Thar
EarthRights School
Myanmar Alumni 2014



The Mitharsuu Center

The original drawing for the Mitharsuu Center for Leadership and Justice.

We built a one-of-a-kind building for our staff, students, and partners in Thailand.

Opening in June 2017, the Mitharsuu Center for Leadership and Justice, named with a word that means “family” in Burmese and connotes “friendship” in Thai, will act as a catalyst for strategic organizing, movement building, and leadership development for future generations of earth rights defenders and lawyers in Southeast Asia.

Located in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the center will bring all of ERI’s programs for the Mekong Region together under one roof for the first time. Staff, students, partners, and alumni will have a central campus to live, learn, work, and gather, facilitating collaboration and galvanizing the earth rights movement.

We designed the Mitharsuu Center with sustainability in mind.

The Mitharsuu Center received a Platinum-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Every square inch of the Mitharsuu Center is designed to create a close-knit community that works together every day to make the world a better place.

- › 16,000 ft² building on 2 acres of land
- › Offices for all of ERI’s local Southeast Asia staff
- › Living space for 42 EarthRights School students
- › On-site food production
- › Salvaged wood refinished without the use of toxic, volatile organic compounds



The Mitharsuu Center’s garden will provide fresh produce to students and staff year-round.



The materials used during construction were carefully vetted to ensure they were sustainably and ethically sourced.



The Mitharsuu Center is nearing completion and is on schedule to open its doors in June 2017 to welcome staff, students, and partners.

“We can build a world where profit does not outweigh the need to protect our planet and all of us who live here. A more just future where people’s rights are respected is possible. That future will live at ERI’s Mitharsuu Center.”

Kerry Kennedy

EarthRights International Leadership Council



2017 Sneak Peek

We testified before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

We joined a delegation of women environmental defenders from the Americas to testify before the IACHR, condemning widespread unjust criminalization and repression against those who assert their rights to land and environmental protection. The women highlighted abuses against defenders—including themselves—in the context of extractive industry projects, in order to shed light on this grave human rights situation and encourage governments in the Americas to stop perpetrating and permitting these violations, especially against those who are women, indigenous, Afro-descendent or campesino.

We sued the International Finance Corporation—again.

More than 100 farmers in the Bajo Aguán region of Honduras have been killed since November 2009 when the IFC disbursed the first tranche of a \$30 million loan to palm-oil giant Dinant.

The company has been at the center of a decades-long bloody land-grabbing campaign in the region, and scores of farmers have been shot, killed, and terrorized by Dinant and security forces working on its behalf.

In March, we filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of these farmers, marking the first time a community has sued the IFC in federal court for murder.

We showed Thai investors what their money is really buying.

Together with the National Thai Human Rights Commission (NHRC), civil society organizations and members of the media, we traveled to two Thai investment projects in Myanmar, the Heinda tin mine and the Dawei SEZ.

At the heart of the tragedy are the shockingly callous company practices, including lack of compliance with Myanmar's laws and lack of public participation by the affected communities.

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Foundation Grants	\$ 233,500	\$ 2,624,625	\$ 2,858,125
Individual Contributions	139,337	122,538	261,875
Investment Income	57,057	6,569	63,626
Other	10,400	-	10,400
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS			
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	2,897,960	(2,897,960)	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 3,338,254	\$ (144,228)	\$ 3,194,026
EXPENSES			
Program Expenses			
Legal	\$ 1,549,348	\$ -	\$ 1,549,348
Advocacy Campaigns	447,453	-	447,453
EarthRights Schools	267,977	-	267,977
International Cross-Cutting	503,306	-	503,306
Total Program Expenses	2,768,084	-	2,768,084
Management and General	237,216	-	237,216
Development	313,961	-	313,961
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,319,261	-	3,319,261
Change in Net Assets	18,993	(144,228)	(125,235)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,891,124	4,816,574	7,707,698
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,910,117	\$ 4,672,346	\$ 7,582,463

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The Hongsa Power Plant in Laos poses a threat to nearby communities.



Bertha Legal Fellow Maryum Jordan (left), U.S. Legal Coordinator Marissa Vahlsing and Amazon Program Coordinator Juliana Bravo Valencia in Celendín, Peru.

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EarthRights staff gather for the 2016 Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute Graduation.

Left to right: Chale Ditphudee, Chana Maung, Daniel Hessel, Thorntnan “Neung” Kanmangmee, Daniel King, Rémy Kinna, Chompoo Kornkanok, Jinmei Liu, and Oudom Ham.



ERI's Board of Directors.
From Top Left: Laura Levine, Katherine Tillery, Jasper Teulings, David Hunter, Jelson Garcia, Astrid Puentes, Sarah Singh, Aaron Eske, Abby Reyes and Stanley Corfman.

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