

## WOMEN Human Rights Defenders - WHRDs

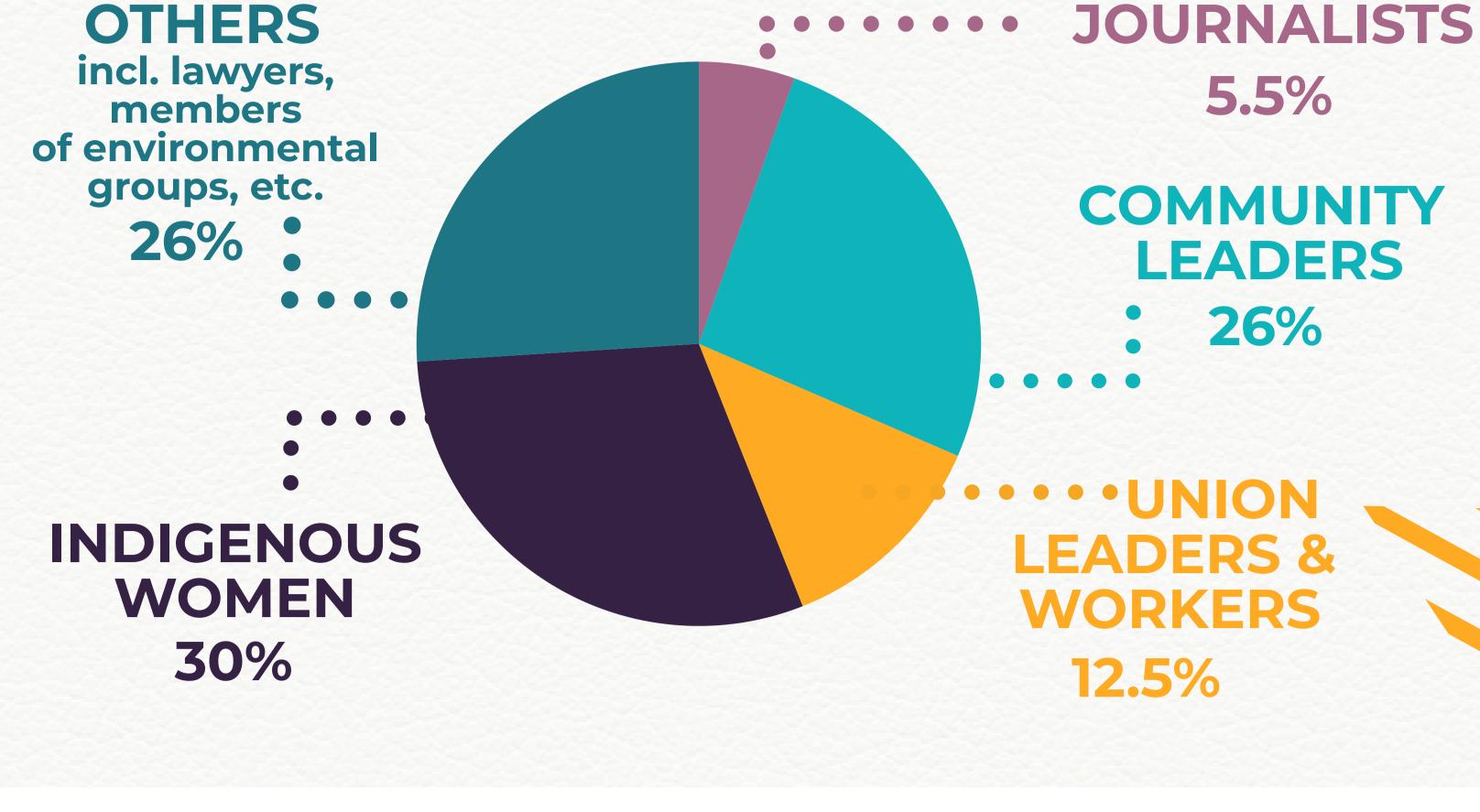
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working on business-related issues (data from 2015-2018)

Women and girls are at the forefront of protecting our water, land, environment and workers' labour rights, and yet are increasingly under attack. They are attacked because of who they are and because of what they do - challenging power and traditional gender roles.

Which **OTHERS** incl. lawyers,

WHRDs are most at risk?



different types of threats and violence due to their gender. This includes attacks on their honour and reputation, public shaming, sexual violence, and threats against their children and loved ones. Source: SR on HRDs' report on WHRDs, 2019 The triple impact of the physical

(19%)

Women defenders face the same attacks as men, as well as

What are the most common types of attacks on WHRDs working on businessrelated issues?

> Intimidation & threats (30%)

and emotional burden of domestic and community care work on women, in addition to their activism, is rarely recognized. Source: Just Associates, 2019 Lawsuits, incl. Strategic lawsuits

against

public

participation (SLAPPs)

(19%)

**Arbitrary** detention (16%)

**Other (5%)** 

Beatings &

violence

(11%)

Which are the most dangerous regions? Latin America





Whois

Which

sectors?











directly &

indirectly +







protection Violence inside & outside the home Gender based discrimination

**Prioritization of** 

profit over

respect for

human rights &

environmental

punishes women's leadership Businesses can entrench or worsen many of these root causes of attacks if they don't actively work to advance gender

results in unequal access to resources, **Increased Impunity** exclusion from militarization, for attacks decision-making, especially & lack of and discourages & related to access to extractives projects

civic freedoms Increased misogynistic & homophobic speech by political leaders, normalizing attacks on

WHRDs

**Criminalisation** of

dissent & shrinking of

attacks against

WHRDs?

justice

around the world. But freedoms in communities and in families were always 'shrunk' for women, who had to fight to claim these spaces. Therefore the attacks on WHRDs are also an attack on the progress women have made and push women

Shrinking civic freedoms are a growing concern

equality.

back to prescribed gendered roles, spaces and opportunities. "It will not be true if I say I am not afraid. Because I am. But there are things I need to do for my people. And so I continue,

and move on."

— Josephine Pagalan, "In Our Bones" report, Urgent Action Fund

Josephine has received death threats after campaigning against mining and logging companies in Mindanao, Philippines



