




Global Human Rights Defence



Annual Social Report

2011

A group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are seated in a meeting room. They appear to be engaged in a discussion or presentation. One man in the foreground is pointing upwards with his right hand. The room has large windows in the background, and there are some papers or notices on the wall. The overall atmosphere is professional and collaborative.

“Freedom of expression is the right to be different, the right to offend – without this, freedom of expression cannot exist, without free expression, democracy cannot exist.”

**Taslima Nasreen,
Bangladeshi writer in exile.**

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Message from the Chairman

GHRD made some groundbreaking achievements in 2011, all culminating with our conference *Protecting Minority Rights in South Asia* - a key milestone for GHRD - being the first opportunity in over seven years of operation to bring our local South Asian partners to speak at the European Parliament.

It was a unique opportunity for South Asian human rights defenders to speak out on human rights violations committed against minorities, women and children in their home countries and to provide concrete recommendations for action by the European authorities.

The conference was the culmination of a year of grassroots activities and international advocacy: awareness raising events in South Asia and Europe for our *Fight Modern Slavery* campaign; educational events, capacity building and trainings through our Youth in Action and Grundtvig projects here in Europe (non-formal educational projects for youth and adult learners supported by the European Union); and our three-day capacity building symposium in Mumbai, India. GHRD also submitted an application for official NGO status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and travelled to New York to discuss the process with relevant United Nations Authorities.

In 2012, GHRD embarks on a four year human rights programme in Bangladesh and Pakistan, entitled *Raising voices for minority rights*. The project, funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will combine capacity building and training in the region with fact finding and investigation, lobbying and advocacy to better empower civil society and enable more systematic reporting of human rights issues in these two countries.

Despite funding constraints, GHRD managed to mobilise support from various new donors and sponsors in 2011 to continue our mission. I wish to thank you all for supporting GHRD's mission and activities and we look forward to future collaboration in the fight for minority rights in South Asia.

Sincerely,



Sradhanand Sital
Chairman
Global Human Rights Defence





About Us

GHRD is an international human rights organisation advocating for minority victims of human rights abuse in South Asia and focusing particularly in areas where international attention and media coverage is lacking. Our key countries of operation are Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

Our staff work directly with local grassroots organisations in our countries of operation and combine human rights reporting and advocacy with education, awareness raising and small-scale local aid projects.

Focus - Minority groups

GHRD's work centers on protecting and fighting for the rights and freedoms of minority and indigenous communities in South Asian countries who have received little or no attention from their governments or the international community. Amongst these are religious, linguistic, ethnic, caste, gender and tribal communities.

International platform

In Europe, GHRD provides an international platform for minority groups and victims of human rights abuse from South Asia and facilitates and promotes their active involvement in decision making processes and the execution of projects. GHRD also actively works on youth education projects related to human rights and migrant rights here in the Netherlands and broader Europe.

GHRD's work is undertaken through three interrelated pillars:

1. **Human Rights Monitoring and Advocacy:** The HRMA division is engaged in different forms of Human Rights documentation, monitoring and advocacy in the South Asia region in collaboration with local observers, human rights organisations and our implementing partners.
2. **Human Rights Education:** GHRD promotes both formal education programmes, particularly youth oriented projects at the European level, but also awareness-raising programmes for minority groups at the grassroots level.
3. **Human Rights Empowerment:** GHRD financially supports and coordinates aid projects driven and executed by small local partner organisations. Projects particularly center on education and rehabilitation for victims of trafficking and various forms of modern slavery.

GHRD has a distinctive approach to its work which is highlighted in the following ways:

What makes us unique?



Local grassroots observers

GHRD works and functions through the eyes and ears of its local observers and activists in the field. Due to their personal experiences and knowledge of the local situations, they are able to provide up-to-date information and accurate reports. Their presence at the locality and active engagement with local authorities and institutions also assists GHRD in the initiation of prompt responses to human rights situations.

Human rights education and awareness raising

GHRD places human rights education at the centre of all our activities and undertakes both formal and informal educational programmes both in South Asia and in Europe. Activities are wide ranging, including: awareness rallies, street dramas, workshops, trainings, lectures, film screenings, demonstrations and flashmobs.

Long-term assistance

GHRD conducts aid projects within small, local, grassroots communities. A great deal of GHRD's aid projects are related to education and training in order to assist minority victims of human rights violations by providing them with tools for their self-development in the long-term.



Key Achievements

2011

2011 was a groundbreaking year that was all about taking grassroots human rights activism to the international level.

Acting as a platform for grassroots human rights activists, GHRD enabled local partners from South Asia to bring their concerns for minority rights in their home countries all the way to the European Parliament. Throughout the year, these activists were involved in awareness and educational campaigns in their home countries, training and capacity building activities and finally, the development of a 'minorities manifesto' which was formally presented at the European Parliament in December.

GHRD also secured European support for key youth educational projects here in Europe on the topics of migration and cultural integration.

Key 2011 activities include:

▶ **EU Conference: *Protecting Minority Rights in South Asia* (8 December, International Human Rights Day, European Parliament, Brussels):**

In celebration of International Human Rights Day, South Asian human rights defenders spoke on minority rights in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan to over 130 attendees (including European parliamentarians, NGOs, embassies, media and relevant international authorities) at a GHRD conference held at the European Parliament in Brussels in collaboration with MEP Cecilia Wikström and the ALDE Group.

▶ **Symposium: *Grassroots Protection of Minority Rights in South Asia* (5-7 November, Mumbai, India)**

Twenty-five grassroots human rights activists from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan took part in a capacity building and training symposium on minority rights in Mumbai with the aim of enhancing cooperation and strengthening their capacity to conduct human rights activities.

▶ **Campaign: *Fight Modern Slavery* (September – December, multiple locations in South Asia and Europe)**

From September 6th (Anti-trafficking day in Nepal) until December 2nd (the United Nations day against slavery) GHRD organised events in 23 locations in South Asia and over 20 debates in Europe to bring attention to the issue of modern slavery in South Asia.

▶ **Educational Workshop: *Building Bridges for a Multicultural Europe – Grundtvig Project* (September, The Hague)**

Eighteen participants from Germany, Italy, Romania, Macedonia, Turkey and Bulgaria came to The Hague for a one week learning programme – a week of workshops, debates and discussion on migration and cultural integration in Europe.

▶ **Youth in Action workshop: *A home called Europe* (March, The Hague)**

GHRD hosted a ten-day youth exchange dealing with issues of immigration, modernity and tradition and the relationship between majority and minority groups in various countries across continental Europe. Thirty-six participants came from six countries.

▶ **International Women's Day: *Women Heroes—Stories from South Asia* (7 March, The Hague)**

GHRD hosted a delegation of business women and men, representatives from various NGO's and the Norwegian Ambassador to our head office in The Hague to celebrate International Women's Day 2011 with the event *Women Heroes – Stories from South Asia*.





Human Rights Monitoring and Advocacy

Investigation, documentation, legal assistance, reporting and advocacy

The Human Rights Monitoring and Advocacy division carries out a variety of activities in order to investigate and report on the human rights situation for minorities in South Asia and to advocate for positive change with international authorities, including:

- Coordination of investigation missions into human rights violations and provision of legal assistance to victims;
- Research, media monitoring and presentation of human rights reports based on field investigations;
- Providing trainings to practitioners working in the field in areas such as: fact finding and investigation, interview techniques, human rights documentation, effective communications and project management;
- Press outreach, urgent appeals, petitions and social media; and
- Lobbying and advocacy (with parliamentarians, government departments, policy makers, embassies, human rights commissions and other human rights organisations).

Human Rights Monitoring and Advocacy division Highlights:

2011

International Advocacy:

GHRD human rights officers and local partners from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan had various meetings throughout the year with European and international policy makers, parliamentarians, embassies and other civil society organisations. Key advocacy highlights for 2011 included:

- **Application for official NGO status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):** GHRD officers traveled to New York to discuss the ECOSOC process and GHRD's application with relevant United Nations authorities. The application is still in process.



“ We do not see this conference as a stand alone event, but as the opening chapter in what will become a longstanding cooperation between South Asian minority rights defenders and European authorities ”

GHRD Chairman, Sradhanand Sital



- **Hearing on South Asian human rights at the Dutch Parliament:** GHRD human rights officers and local partners from South Asia discussed human rights challenges in their home countries with Harry van Bommel (Socialist Party) and Wim Kortenoeven (Party for Freedom). A news team from India, IBN7, also interviewed the participants and parliamentarians.
- **EU Conference Protecting Minority Rights in South Asia, Brussels:** The conference was designed to create dialogue on South Asian human rights and to strengthen cooperation between grassroots human rights activists, NGOs and authorities. A joint manifesto on South Asian minority rights was formally presented and discussed. The conference was also broadcast on National Indian and Dutch television (Ibn7 and Nederland 2).

“ It [the Mumbai conference] is a very good opportunity to represent the problems of my area to the EU through GHRD, the people at my organisation will feel encouraged through this process.”

Training and capacity building

- **Symposium: Grassroots Protection of Minority Rights in South Asia (5-7 November, Mumbai, India):** The two day training symposium involved training sessions on human rights fact finding and documentation, project cycle management, project evaluation and project budgeting. Participants shared their work and concerns regarding current human rights issues in their regions and discussed possible crossovers and areas for future collaboration. The symposium culminated with the development of joint manifesto of the same name.

Bhutan highlights 2011

GHRD presents report on Bhutanese resettlement in The Netherlands:

In January, 2011 GHRD presented its main findings and recommendations from a one-year research project on Bhutanese resettlement in the Netherlands to the Dutch and European authorities. The research was published in the report *From Himalayas to the Lowlands – in search of peace and happiness*.

GHRDs presentation was the main starting point for discussion during a meeting on the promotion of resettlement in the European Union, organised by the Dutch Council for Refugees and the International Catholic Migration Commission. 40 stakeholders involved with resettlement took part in the discussion, including the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, municipalities, COA (Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers), United Nations High Commission for Refugees and International Organisation for Migration. Invited refugees from different countries were also present, including resettled Bhutanese, who shared their personal experiences.

GHRD conducted the research in collaboration with the Dutch Council for Refugees and interviewed Bhutanese all over the Netherlands during the summer of 2010, inquiring into their personal experiences.

The report has since been used to guide resettlement authorities working with Bhutanese both in Nepal and the Netherlands, and the results were highlighted in various forums during the year, including media, expert meetings, and published news articles drawing attention to the plight of Bhutanese refugees.

The situation of Bhutanese refugees was also a key issue on the agenda during the European Advocacy tour at the end of the year.



Justice for family of raped Dalit girl in Bangladesh

In 2009, GHRD local observers investigated the gang rape of a 16 year old Dalit girl in Bangladesh. The girl was on her way to a well to collect water, when four men attacked her from behind and raped her. After registering the case with the authorities, the girl and her family received repeated threats to withdraw the lawsuit.

Following demands from GHRD and our local partners, the victim received proper medical treatment and legal assistance and finally in June 2011 the special tribunal for women and children sentenced the four perpetrators to imprisonment.



2011 Bangladesh highlights

- **Press conference, Dhaka:** GHRD's local partners presented its 2010 year report on minority rights in Bangladesh during a press conference held in Dhaka at the beginning of the year. The conference garnered the largest media coverage to date in GHRD history and was covered in national Bangladeshi television, radio and print media.
- **Investigatory missions to Chittagong Hill Tracts ("CHT"), Bangladesh:** GHRD's local observers conducted several investigatory missions to the CHT region to investigate specific instances of human rights violations, particularly against the indigenous Jumma.
- **House of Lords conference on the implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord, London:** GHRD human rights officers shared their observations from monitoring the situation for the indigenous Jumma living in the CHT.
- **European Advocacy tours:** GHRD local observers from Bangladesh came to The Hague in 2011 to discuss the human rights situation for minorities in Bangladesh with relevant embassies, policy makers and civil society organisations.
- **GHRD became an official member of BOOM – the Dutch national coalition of civil society organisations working in Bangladesh:** The coalition operates as a platform for cooperation and the development of joint strategies on human rights and development assistance among Dutch civil society organisations working on Bangladesh.



Pakistan highlights 2011

- **New strategic partnership:** In 2011, GHRD embarked on a new strategic partnership in Pakistan with Human Rights Focus Pakistan (“HRFP”) – a local minority rights organisation based in Faisalabad. The partnership has opened the door to new opportunities and increased activities in Pakistan.
- **Press conference on minority rights, Faisalabad:** Christian, Hindu and Sikh leaders came together in a joint press conference to highlight the human rights issues faced by women and minorities in Pakistan. The conference was covered by key Pakistani news agencies.
- **Investigatory missions to Pakistan Administered Kashmir (“PAK”):** Local partners HRFP conducted initial investigatory missions to PAK throughout the year to interview minorities living in the region and begin to report on the situation for these groups. As a result of the two missions, GHRD has established a permanent local minority observer in the region.
- **Rally against bonded labour and human trafficking:** Over 200 political workers, human rights activists, teachers, lawyers, students and workers all came together in Faisalabad in a public rally to protest against bonded labour and human trafficking. The day’s events were publicised in local print and electronic media.

Success for Christian Minorities in Pakistan Administered Kashmir (“PAK”)

In 2011, GHRD’s observer met with the director of the Muzaffarad Development Authority (MDA) in PAK to discuss ways in which the Authority can assist in addressing the concerns of the Christian community there. Following the meeting, the Authority agreed to provide land for a Christian church, graveyard and homes for 22 families. The agreement has been formalised on paper.

The Christian community has in the past tried through the courts to gain permission to buy land for a church and residence. When GHRD’s observer submitted an application to the Supreme Court for equal rights of minorities he asked the judge directly “Why don’t you give us permission to buy land for a church and residence?” The judge replied, “You will never get this right. That is the rule here.”

The meeting and its outcome are therefore a great achievement and a first step for the Christian community to be able to freely practice their religion without fear of reprisal.

Human Rights Education

In Europe, GHRD promotes both formal and informal education programmes, particularly youth projects and informal adult learning programmes in partnership with migrant platforms, civil society organisations, schools and university student societies. As a result, GHRD's educational events can take various forms – from more traditional lectures and workshops to less traditional awareness raising events such as our Flashmob against modern slavery, held in Dam Square, Amsterdam in December.

In South Asia, GHRD promotes a variety of formal and informal educational techniques combined with human rights activism within grassroots communities.

2011 Human Rights Education division highlights

Educational Workshop: Building Bridges for a Multicultural Europe – Grundtvig Project (September, The Hague):

Participants from Germany, Italy, Romania, Macedonia, Turkey and Bulgaria participated in a one week adult learning programme on European immigration and migration policies, European culture and sexual identity.

The project aimed to provide practical tools such as project design and management, to adult learners who were already working with these issues at a grassroots level.

Youth in Action workshop, A home called Europe (March, The Hague):

During a ten-day youth exchange in the Hague, GHRD hosted 36 participants from the Netherlands, Germany, Portugal (traditionally EU destination countries for immigrants) and Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro (non-EU countries with a large number of emigrants).

Workshops were based on intercultural learning techniques and dealt with issues of immigration, modernity and tradition and the relationship between majority and minority groups.



Lectures, workshops, trainings:

Students from universities all over the world have the opportunity to come to GHRD's head office in The Hague to learn more about human rights. GHRD officers also speak on these issues at various universities throughout Europe upon invitation.

In 2011, GHRD received several study visits and spoke to students and civil society practitioners from:

- United States of America: University of Southern Utah, Lynn University, and Lipscomb University Tennessee.
- India: MIT School of Management, Pune.
- Italy: Università Ca' Foscari, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute in Turin.
- Sweden: Lund University.
- Senegal: World Social Forum.





Fight Modern Slavery (FMS) campaign:

The FMS campaign raised awareness in Europe and within grassroots communities in South Asia about the various forms of modern slavery taking place in South Asia today and how to combat them.

Activities included awareness rallies, door-to-door information campaigns, discussions and debates, street performances, data collection on different forms of modern slavery, and screenings of the GHRD documentary *SOLD – A Child Trafficked*.

The campaign took place during four months, from September 6th (Anti-trafficking day in Nepal) until December 2nd (the United Nations day against slavery) and activities were organised in 23 locations in South Asia. In addition, over 20 debates were held in Europe (in the Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy and Sweden) and also at the World Social Forum in Senegal. A flashmob was organised in Amsterdam, the Netherlands at the close of the campaign.



The following key events were organised in various South Asian locations:

- **MAITI Nepal - National Anti-Human Trafficking Day 2011 (Nepal):** Street drama, rally, school lecture and door-to-door campaign.
- **Village Development Foundation - Campaign against Child Labour (Nepal):** Door-to-door campaign and rally.
- **Human Rights Focus Pakistan - Stop Bonded Labour and Human Trafficking (Pakistan):** Street rally.
- **Jabala Action Research Organisation - Stop Modern Day Slavery, Child Marriage and Trafficking (India):** Cycle rally and school campaign.
- **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Sevabhavi Sanstha - Say NO to Child Labour, Say YES to Right to Education (India):** Door-to-door information campaign.
- **Parittran - Fight Untouchability, Let Humanity be Free (Bangladesh):** Street drama and discussion session.

Human Rights Empowerment

GHRD financially supports, provides advice and coordinates aid projects driven and executed by small local partner organisations in South Asia. Projects particularly center on education and rehabilitation for victims of trafficking, poverty and caste discrimination and various forms of modern slavery.

2011 Human Rights Empowerment division highlights

Right2education: Socioeconomic Rehabilitation for children affected by trafficking and socially oppressed children

Udgir, Latur District, Maharashtra, India

Netaji Subhaschandra Bose Sevabhavi Sanstha (Foundation)

GHRD is working actively together with a locally based NGO Netaji, to ensure that more children belonging to marginalised communities in Latur District get access to basic education. Through our joint project *Right2education*, GHRD and Netaji aim to provide facilities and programmes to confront the prevalence of child labour and illiteracy among youth in the rural village of Udgir in Latur District – a semi-forested, tribal area plagued by poverty – through education and community building activities.

During 2011, the first year of the project, 50 candidates were selected to take part and were provided with regular schooling, school supplies, clothing, food and regular health check ups. In addition to education and health, the participating children took part in community activities and celebrations, including cultural games and sports competitions.

GHRD human rights officers completed an on-site evaluation of the project in October 2011. Following positive evaluation, the project will continue in 2012.





Economic Rehabilitation of Survivors

Kolkata, India

Jabala Action Research Organisation

GHRD supported Jabala Action Research Organisation to implement the project: *Economic Rehabilitation of Survivors* - The economic survival of victims of abuse and human trafficking through skills development. Jabala provides case management services to vulnerable girls and survivors of gender violence and trafficking. In addition, the project aims to boost the self-confidence levels of the girls by providing psychological rehabilitation and basic assistance.



GHRD officers visit local NGOs in Pune, India

In October, GHRD officers visited local NGOs focusing on LGBT rights and the rights of sex workers in Pune, the second largest city in the state of Maharashtra.





Media Outreach

press coverage, urgent appeals and social media

In 2011, GHRD received our largest media coverage to date for our activities - both in Europe and in South Asia. Key media highlights included:

- The release of our year report on human rights in Bangladesh received wide coverage on national Bangladeshi television, radio and print media and was the most comprehensive media coverage of any GHRD event to date;
- GHRD's EU Conference *Protecting Minority Rights in South Asia* gained television coverage on Indian and European news channels and print media;
- GHRD's documentary *SOLD – A Child Trafficked* was screened on National Dutch television.

Urgent Appeals Desk

The Urgent Appeals Desk is an important tool which GHRD uses to immediately inform national and international authorities of our most serious cases and issues. It enables GHRD to quickly disseminate information so that immediate action may be taken.

In 2011, GHRD submitted over 20 urgent appeals. Recipients of the urgent appeals include:

- United Nations working groups and UN Special Rapporteurs,
- Embassies,
- Relevant civil society organisations,
- National Human Rights Commissions,
- European Union representatives and policy makers,
- Local and national government officials, parliamentarians and policy makers.

Social Media

GHRD has seen increased interaction on our social media channels in 2011. During the year, GHRD facebook members increased and website statistics revealed a huge improvement in the visibility of GHRD's website, including an increased number of website visitors and a wider geographic spread.



Human Resources

In addition to our small team of paid staff, GHRD depends on the support of committed individuals to intern or volunteer throughout the year. In return, GHRD provides provide interns and volunteers with informal education, hands-on experience and opportunities to attend local and national forums and youth exchanges.

In 2011, GHRD implemented a new internship agreement with the Human Rights programme at Lund University in Sweden and welcomed interns from India, Sweden, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, England, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Spain.

Partners Donors and Sponsors

Operating without ongoing structural funding in 2011, GHRD's key funding came from private donors, small Dutch foundations (stichtingen) and the European institutions. Funding was provided by donors largely on a project basis.

Looking Ahead

2012
2016

From 2012 – 2016 GHRD will implement its largest project to date, entitled *Raising voices for minority rights*. The four year human rights project, supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, focusses on two of the most dangerous countries for religious and sexual minorities in the world: Bangladesh and Pakistan. The aim of the project is to better empower civil society and enable more systematic reporting of human rights violations in these two countries.

Raising voices for minority rights will be executed according to three key thematic pillars: freedom of religion and belief, freedom of sexual orientation and sexual identity and freedom of human rights defenders. It will combine capacity building and training of human rights defenders in Bangladesh and Pakistan with fact finding investigations into specific human rights violations, awareness raising activities, and advocacy, both at the national and international level.

Alongside this project, GHRD will continue to work on minority issues and support aid projects focusing on marginalised groups in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. In Europe, GHRD will continue providing human rights education on human rights and issues of migration, integration and respect for diversity.

2012 will therefore be a year to consolidate GHRD's achievements, to build long lasting partnerships both in Europe and with grassroots civil society organisations in South Asia, and to continue to raise the importance of respecting minority rights in South Asia among international authorities.

Appendix I: Calendar of activities, 2011

Month	Event	Location
January	National expert meeting on Bhutan	The Netherlands
February	GHRD panel discussion at World Social Forum	Senegal
	Press conference – Minority Rights in Bangladesh	Dhaka, Bangladesh
	GHRD report published: <i>From the Himalayas to the Lowlands</i>	The Netherlands
March	International Women’s Day	The Hague
	GHRD lecture and radio interview at Lund University	Sweden
	GHRD participation in Youth Exchange programme: <i>Our fortress Europe</i>	Austria
	GHRD hosts Youth in Action programme: <i>A home called Europe</i>	The Hague
	GHRD enters BOOM network - a coalition of Dutch civil society organisations active in Bangladesh.	The Netherlands
April	SOLD presentation - Universita Ca’Foscari	Venice, Italy
	European advocacy tour with GHRD partners from Bangladesh	Europe
	GHRD presentation at Gymnasium Sorghvliet.	The Hague
	SOLD presentation to students of the Master of Law, UNICRI	Turin, Italy
May	Demonstration for indigenous rights in the Chittagong Hills Tracts of Bangladesh	London
	Study visit - University of Southern Utah	The Hague
	Study visit - Lipscomb University Tennessee	The Hague
	New partnership signed - Human Rights Focus Pakistan	The Netherlands/ Pakistan
June	Study visit - Lynn University	The Hague
	European advocacy tour with GHRD partners from Bangladesh	Europe
	Study visit - MIT School of management, Pune	The Hague

July	GHRD speaks at House of Lords conference on the implementation of the CHT Peace Accord	London
	Press Conference - Minority Rights in Pakistan	Pakistan
	Save the Girl Child – women’s empowerment fashion show.	Shimla, India
August	GHRD submits UN-ECOSOC application	The Netherlands
September	GHRD hosts Grundtvig project – <i>Building bridges for a multicultural Europe</i>	The Hague
	Launch of <i>Fight Modern Slavery</i> campaign	Kathmandu, Nepal
	Panel session: the role and possible impact of NGOs in the creative/ art approaches to peace and justice	The Netherlands
	GHRD becomes official partner of EUNOMAD: the European Network on Migrations and Development	Europe
	<i>Stop modern day slavery</i> – school campaign.	West Bengal, India
	Rally against bonded labour and human trafficking	Pakistan
	Rally and door to door campaign against child labour and bonded labour	Nepal
October	Door to door campaign: <i>say no to child labour, say yes to right education</i>	Udgir, India
	Dramas and discussion sessions: <i>do away with untouchability, let humanity be free</i>	Laxhampur, Bangladesh
	Multiple screenings and debates as part of the <i>Fight Modern Slavery</i> campaign	Utrecht and Groningen, The Netherlands
November	GHRD three day Symposium: <i>Grassroots Protection of Minority Rights.</i>	Mumbai, India
	Screenings and debates as part of the Fight Modern Slavery campaign.	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
December	GHRD/ ALDE conference– <i>Protecting Minority Rights in South Asia</i>	Brussels, Belgium
	Hearing on minority rights at Dutch parliament	The Hague, Netherlands
	<i>Fight Modern Slavery</i> flashmob – Dam Square	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
	GHRD discusses UN-ECOSOC application	New York, USA
	Screenings and debates as part of the <i>Fight Modern Slavery</i> campaign	Middelburg, Utrecht, Amsterdam, The Netherlands


Appendix II: Reports and publications

GHRD produces research and reports arising from our fact finding investigations and activities in the South Asia region and on our activities and events in Europe.

The following is a list of publications produced in 2011:

- ***From Himalayas to the Lowlands: in search of peace and happiness*** - experiences of Bhutanese refugees in the Netherlands, GHRD and VluchtelingenWerk Nederland, 2011.
- ***Minorities in Pakistan*** – Quarterly human rights and media monitoring reports, 2011.
- ***Minorities in Bangladesh*** – Quarterly human rights reports, 2011.
- ***GHRD Urgent Appeals book*** – 2011.
- **Symposium report: *Grassroots Protection of Minority Rights in South Asia***, 5-7 November 2011, Mumbai, India.
- **Conference report: *Protecting Minority Rights in South Asia*; European Parliament**, December 8, 2011, Brussels.
- **Manifesto: *Grassroots Protection of Minority Rights in South Asia*** – Joint manifesto developed during GHRD’s Mumbai symposium, 7 November, 2011, Mumbai, India.
- ***Fight Modern Slavery – Campaign report***; Europe and South Asia; December 2011.
- **Hearing report – Hearing with Socialist Party and Party for Freedom, Dutch Parliament**, The Hague, 7 December 2011.

All reports are available on GHRD’s website: www.ghrd.org

A photograph of three women in traditional Indonesian batik clothing. They are gathered around a table, looking at documents. The woman on the left is holding a large sheet of paper. The woman in the middle is looking down at a document. The woman on the right is also looking at a document. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a workshop or office setting.

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