



association for
the prevention
of torture



Annual Report 2021

Resilience, partnerships and innovation for change

We pay tribute

In 2021, too many of our beloved friends and partners in torture prevention sadly passed away.

We pay tribute to the immense legacy, commitment and sense of justice of **François de Vargas**, APT's first Secretary General, who led our organisation from 1977 to 1995, and mourn the passing of. We also deeply regretted the passing of former APT Treasurer and dear friend, **Klaus Belzer**.

We remember other close partners who courageously defended human rights in their countries: **Mario Coriolano**, Argentina (SPT Member); **Jose Luis Martin 'Chito' Gascón**, Philippines (National Human Rights Commission - Chairperson); **Roberto Garretón**, Chile (former UN Special Rapporteur and OHCHR Representative in Chile, National Human

Rights Prize); **Nakpa Polo**, Togo (National Human Rights Commission - Chairperson); and **Rosalina Pires Savio**, Timor-Leste (Provedoria dos Direitos Humanos e Justiça, staff member). We recognise and celebrate their achievements and life-long commitment to social justice and a world without torture.

We also pay tribute to **Patrick Müller** from the Secretariat of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and to Ambassador **Peter Matt**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN in Geneva.

We dedicate this annual report in their honour, knowing their legacy and passion to uphold rights and dignity for all will remain with us and inspire us.

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Our Vision

Societies without torture or ill-treatment

Our Mission

Mobilise against torture through prevention: we generate support for prevention from international, regional and national State and non-State actors

Engage relevant actors in constructive dialogue: we facilitate cooperation between many stakeholders to identify specific and sustainable solutions to prevent torture and ill-treatment

Support national efforts to protect persons at risk: we offer strategic advice, tools and expertise to our partners working at the national level to prevent torture and ill-treatment

Drive new thinking and analysis: we inspire action to prevent torture and ill-treatment through our ongoing research into its risk factors and root causes



Message from the President

Martine
Brunschwig Graf

This annual report is structured according to the four changes we want to see, set out in our [2020-2023 Strategic Plan](#). It provides a comprehensive overview of activities we implemented in 2021 to achieve these goals. With figures on outreach, testimonies and highlights, it demonstrates our results.

In 2021, the APT has shown great resilience in contributing to change during these ongoing difficult times. We have developed and strengthened partnerships through our new project with civil society organisations in Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand, invested in digitalisation with our online learning platform, and are leading a new agenda for torture prevention with the finalisation of the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering, known as the Méndez Principles.

These are just some examples of our work but they illustrate perfectly the fact that torture prevention is a long-term endeavour. Indeed, these projects, launched in 2021, will realise their full effects over the next few years.

Building an environment where torture is unlikely to happen requires vision, strategy and commitment. And the small but agile APT team has proven in 2021 that it has these competences. It also requires us to join forces with others and this annual report highlights our cooperation with a variety of partners in our priority countries.

Sadly, in 2021, we lost too many partners and friends. With the passing of our first Secretary General, François de Vargas, and our Treasurer Klaus Belzer, a page has turned in APT history. This annual report is dedicated to them and to all our partners in prevention.

As President, I would also like to express my gratitude to the APT management and staff, a team of strong, competent and motivated people. They are at the heart of the action and bring efficiency and credibility to our association.

Our reach



39 PARTNERS

IN 13 COUNTRIES SOUGHT
OUR ADVICE ON TORTURE
PREVENTION ISSUES

**8 NEW
PUBLICATIONS**



+90,000 VISITS

TO OUR DETENTION
FOCUS DATABASE

**+53,000
DOWNLOADS**

OF OUR RESOURCES



+3,000 VISITS

TO OUR NPM TOOLKIT



+2,700 PEOPLE

PARTICIPATED IN OUR
WEBINARS



+2,300 PEOPLE

FROM AT LEAST 80 COUNTRIES
TOOK PART IN APT TRAINING

+270 PEOPLE

TOOK OUR ONLINE COURSES
ON DETENTION MONITORING
& GENDER-SENSITIVE
MONITORING

+17,000 VIEWS

OF VIDEOS FEATURING
EXPERTS AND PARTNERS



+40 NPMs

JOINED OUR GLOBAL CAMPAIGN
TO MAKE JUSTICE FAIRER AND
SAFER FOR WOMEN

+1,100 PEOPLE

REACHED THROUGH
#SAFEINCUSTODY PROJECT
IN MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES
AND THAILAND

How we drive change



2021 continued to be marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, affecting our work, our lives, our loved ones and our societies as a whole. We spent most of the year working from home, liaising with our partners and colleagues virtually, with the exception of in-country missions in Madagascar, Panama, Rwanda and Togo.

As this report shows, despite these ongoing challenges, we are making important progress to implement our four strategic goals. Our commitment to prevention and our strong values guided us throughout the year to be strategic, innovative and cooperative.

2021 featured an important milestone: the release of the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering, known as the Méndez Principles. They are the result of a collective effort, supported by the APT, over the last three years. The launch of the Méndez Principles is the beginning of a journey to shift mindsets and replace coercive interrogation with effective interviewing, with benefits for investigators, interviewees and justice systems.

A FOCUS ON RISKS OF TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

Prevention of torture is most effective when it addresses situations of heightened risk of torture and ill-treatment. In order to address these risks, which are greatest during the first hours of detention, we continued to promote the implementation of fundamental safeguards. We promoted effective notification of family in Thailand, prompt access to a judge in Brazil, and information about rights and implementation of custody registers in Madagascar.

Anyone deprived of liberty is at risk of torture and ill-treatment. However, some people face situations of heightened vulnerability. We continued our efforts to promote an intersectional approach to torture prevention, highlighting the specific situations of older persons in detention, and mobilising oversight institutions to monitor the risks and needs of women in detention.

BUILDING SYNERGIES FOR GREATER IMPACT

Torture prevention requires involvement and cooperation from different actors, with different perspectives and approaches. In 2021, we invested significant effort in building synergies and working with our partners. In Timor-Leste, our partnership with the Ombudsinstitution and the Ministry of Justice resulted in the development of training modules on torture prevention for prison guards. We also initiated more regular cooperation with other international NGOs fighting against torture, leading to a joint online campaign for the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (26 June). Last but not least, we launched a new three-year project in Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand with our civil society partners, SUARAM, Task Force Detainees and Cross Cultural Foundation. The aim of the project is to build synergies with police institutions, national human rights institutions, youth and artists to reduce the use of forced confession and incommunicado detention.

NPMs: AN EMERGING COMMUNITY OF DRIVERS FOR CHANGE

National preventive mechanisms (NPMs) are one of the main drivers for change in the system of torture prevention. This is due to their unique powers to monitor places of detention, access information, provide concrete recommendations for change and enter into dialogue with a wide range of stakeholders.

In 2021, NPMs continued to monitor places of detention during COVID-19 and confirmed their position as key actors for change on all issues related to deprivation of liberty. We continued to support their efforts through regional webinars in Africa and in the Americas, as well as enabling peer exchanges. We also encouraged collective actions, such as a joint submission to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on LGBTI persons in detention, and a joint statement on International Women's Day.

NPMs are natural partners to disseminate and advocate for the Méndez Principles. Within a few months of their release, we organised several regional roundtables, often in partnership with a regional network or organisation. These regional discussions continued at the national level - for instance in Uruguay or Panama - and led to public endorsement of the Principles by several NPMs.

We have also noticed a worrying trend. In several countries around the world, some NPMs are facing institutional obstacles, threats and even reprisals for their work. These dangers can sometimes extend to individual monitors. We have stood firmly with these NPMs and called on OPCAT States parties to respect their independence and guarantee the safety of members and staff. Detention monitors are human rights defenders and more needs to be done to protect them.

INVESTING IN OUR TEAM TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION

We continued the process of transforming our organisation, promoting agility and strengthening our team and our working methods. We focused our work on a limited number of priority countries in all regions of the world where we can work holistically, while investing in digital tools - such as the NPM Toolkit and our new Torture Prevention Learning Village - to continue sharing lessons learnt and good practices more widely.

Thanks to the consolidation of our financial situation, we were able to invest in more diversity of expertise, competencies and talents within our team. We also explored creative actions and communication tools to reach a broader audience through diverse means (podcasts, illustrations and cartoons, photography, etc). Some of these are shared throughout this annual report.

The results of this year demonstrate that, despite challenging environments, we can achieve change when we work together and maximise our forces. This annual report provides a snapshot of what has been achieved thanks to the amazing work of our team and our partners, who are at the frontlines of torture prevention. To them, and to all our supporters, we are grateful for their commitment to building societies free from torture and ill-treatment. This is what keeps inspiring our efforts.

Barbara Bernath, Secretary General
Audrey Olivier Mural, Deputy Secretary General



CHANGE 1:
People are treated with dignity and fairness
by the criminal justice system

New Méndez Principles: From coercive interrogations to effective interviewing

Torture and coercion most commonly take place when suspects are interrogated and for the purpose of obtaining a confession.

In his final report to the UN General Assembly, the former UN Special Rapporteur on torture, Juan E. Méndez, called for the development of international standards to support non-coercive interviewing by police and other law enforcement officials.

After three years of consultation and input, the [Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering](#) - the Méndez Principles - were finalised in May 2021.

They were developed by a multidisciplinary group of experts - in policing, psychology and human rights - representing all regions and diverse legal traditions, supported by the APT, the Anti-Torture Initiative and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights.

The Méndez Principles set out a practical alternative to coercive interrogation. Backed by robust scientific research, they combine effective interviewing techniques with the implementation of legal and procedural safeguards.

The goal is to support investigators gather accurate information, uphold the rights of those detained and interviewed, and prevent miscarriages of justice resulting from torture and forced confessions.

The APT has played a leading role to disseminate and advocate for the Méndez Principles since their release. We hosted a series of webinars and events and established a dedicated website to access the Principles, supporting resources and videos in multiple languages. As a result of our advocacy, international and regional bodies have already begun referencing the Principles in their work and recommendations.

More than 200 participants from all regions joined the online launch of the Méndez Principles on 9 June 2021. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, highlighted the benefits of the Méndez Principles and warmly welcomed their release, along with speakers from Costa Rica, Ghana and Norway.

ACTIVITIES



4 REGIONAL WEBINARS with NPMs and national human rights institutions (NHRIs) (Latin America, Asia Pacific, Europe, Arab countries), reaching 780 PEOPLE from at least 40 COUNTRIES



NATIONAL AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES (Madagascar, Panama, Peru, Mexico) and capacity building programmes with NPMs (Chile, Uruguay), reaching 1,080 PEOPLE



ADVOCACY BRIEFINGS with UN and regional bodies, including the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, the UN Committee against Torture, the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and UN Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council



ADVOCACY MATERIALS in multiple languages, including a brochure, an infographic and video testimonies from police and experts

"The Principles aim to end accusatory, coercive and other confession-driven practices during investigations. They will also assist States to ensure that only guilty persons are convicted, that wrongly accused persons are freed and that justice is served for victims and for society at large."

REACH

+4,000

DOWNLOADS OF THE MÉNDEZ PRINCIPLES, PUBLISHED IN 7 LANGUAGES

+11,000

VIEWS OF A VIDEO SERIES FEATURING POLICE AND OTHER EXPERTS

+1,850

PEOPLE FROM AT LEAST 70 COUNTRIES JOINED DISCUSSIONS ON THE MÉNDEZ PRINCIPLES

18

STATES REACHED OUT IN ADVOCACY MEETINGS TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE MÉNDEZ PRINCIPLES



Juan E. Méndez

Former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of Experts in charge of drafting the Principles on Effective Interviewing

Contributing to fair criminal justice systems

The first hours of detention are when people deprived of liberty face the greatest risk of torture and ill-treatment. Upholding detention safeguards in practice – including providing a detainee with information about their rights on arrest, notifying their family, ensuring access to a lawyer, and presenting them before a judge – are crucial for preventing torture.

In 2021, we continued our work to strengthen the implementation of detention safeguards in Madagascar and Brazil. However, the COVID-19 pandemic did impact our efforts and the implementation of some key safeguards.

In Madagascar, the rollout of a new ‘letter of rights’ and custody registers to all police stations in the

country was delayed. And in Brazil, custody hearings – held within 24 hours of a person’s arrest – have been held virtually, posing serious concerns for judicial oversight and the ability to report torture and ill-treatment. Courts in some states of Brazil chose to continue face-to-face custody hearings, using COVID-safe protocols, with the APT documenting these good practices in a video series.

We continued to support NPMs to use their unique mandate to prevent torture, with a focus on monitoring the first hours of custody. By collecting, triangulating and analysing information from a variety of sources, NPMs can assess the extent to which detention safeguards are implemented in practice and identify concrete steps to strengthen these safeguards.



Aina Randriambelo

Chief Commissioner and Chief
of Staff of the Minister for
Internal Security, Madagascar

"With the APT project, we have done a lot of thinking and we have introduced a new tool which we call the letter of rights. At the beginning, the police were reluctant, seeing it as more work to explain their rights to people. But it has changed the way we work. This is a real innovation, now they understand that the implementation of safeguards constitutes a beacon for them!"

An independent evaluation of our work in Brazil, Thailand and Madagascar between 2018-2020 identified four clear outcomes:

* **Effective implementation of new institutional practices related to safeguards (Brazil, Madagascar)**

* **Increased recognition of the importance of safeguards among relevant authorities**

* **Increased awareness of rights among the general public**

* **Stronger relationships and understanding among relevant national stakeholders**

ACTIVITIES

BRAZIL

194 JUDICIAL ACTORS trained to identify, document and investigate torture and ill-treatment during custody hearings

MADAGASCAR

60 POLICE OFFICERS trained on how to use the new letter of rights and custody registers through an e-learning course delivered via WhatsApp

PRACTICAL GUIDE launched for police on safeguards and the use of custody registers

AMERICAS

ADVOCATED before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for regional guidelines to end the use of video conferencing in custody hearings

SOUTH-EAST ASIA

LAUNCHED #SafeInCustody, a three-year project with NGO partners in Malaysia (SUARAM), the Philippines (Task Force Detainees) and Thailand (CrossCultural Foundation) to prevent incommunicado detention and forced confessions

REACH

330

PEOPLE TRAINED ON IMPLEMENTING DETENTION SAFEGUARDS

8

JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OVERSIGHT BODIES SOUGHT APT'S EXPERTISE ON DETENTION SAFEGUARDS

460

VIEWS OF APT VIDEOS ADVOCATING TO RESTORE FACE-TO-FACE CUSTODY HEARINGS IN BRAZIL DURING COVID-19

Protecting persons in situations of vulnerability

Every person deprived of liberty, whatever the reasons that led to their detention, is in a situation of vulnerability. However, certain groups of people are especially vulnerable to torture and ill-treatment in detention and require additional protection.

In 2021, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, along with the related economic and social crises, continued to impact people deprived of liberty, detaining authorities, and those responsible for monitoring places of detention.

This year, we focused on three groups who face increased risks of torture and ill-treatment in places of detention: women, LGBTI+ people and older people.

We worked with NPMs, other oversight bodies and judicial authorities on how to incorporate a gender-

sensitive and SOGI-sensitive¹ approach in their work. To support their efforts, we developed new tools and resources, including an e-learning module on gender-sensitive monitoring available in four languages.

We continued to mobilise NPMs through our [global campaign](#) to promote implementation of the UN Bangkok Rules, which featured an analysis of key issues, resources and insights from oversight bodies, NGOs and families of detainees.

We redesigned our [Detention Focus Database](#) to ensure that information and resources on vulnerabilities in detention are easy to access. We also continued to support and advise our partners on adopting an intersectionality approach in their work.

For the first time, 41 oversight bodies from across the globe joined the APT on International Women's Day to call for sustained government action to protect the rights of women in prison. This historic statement addressed the risks of discrimination, abuse and ill-treatment faced by women in prison worldwide. It is part of our global campaign to make justice #FairAndSafe for all women.

1. Sexual orientation and gender identity

ACTIVITIES



PROVIDED ADVICE AND SUPPORT on vulnerabilities in detention - in particular, on women and LGBTI+ people - to oversight bodies and prison staff in Latin America, reaching more than **70 PEOPLE**



CO-HOSTED A WORKSHOP with **47 PARTICIPANTS** from **30 COUNTRIES** in the OSCE region on monitoring older people in detention



With 15 NPMS/LPMS from Latin America, we prepared a SUBMISSION ON LGBTI+ PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

"In view of the persistent infringements of the fundamental rights of transgender people in French prisons, I wanted a new General Controller of Places of Deprivation of Liberty (CGLPL)'s opinion to be devoted to them. The APT guide, which is comprehensive, technical and accessible, served as a compass during its preparation."

REACH

+13,000

VISITS TO OUR DETENTION FOCUS DATABASE FOR INFORMATION ON VULNERABILITIES IN DETENTION

9

EXPERT CONTRIBUTIONS PUBLISHED FROM PARTNERS ON GENDER AND LGBTI ISSUES

10

OVERSIGHT INSTITUTIONS SOUGHT OUR ADVICE ON MENTAL HEALTH IN DETENTION AND MIGRATION-RELATED ISSUES

+440

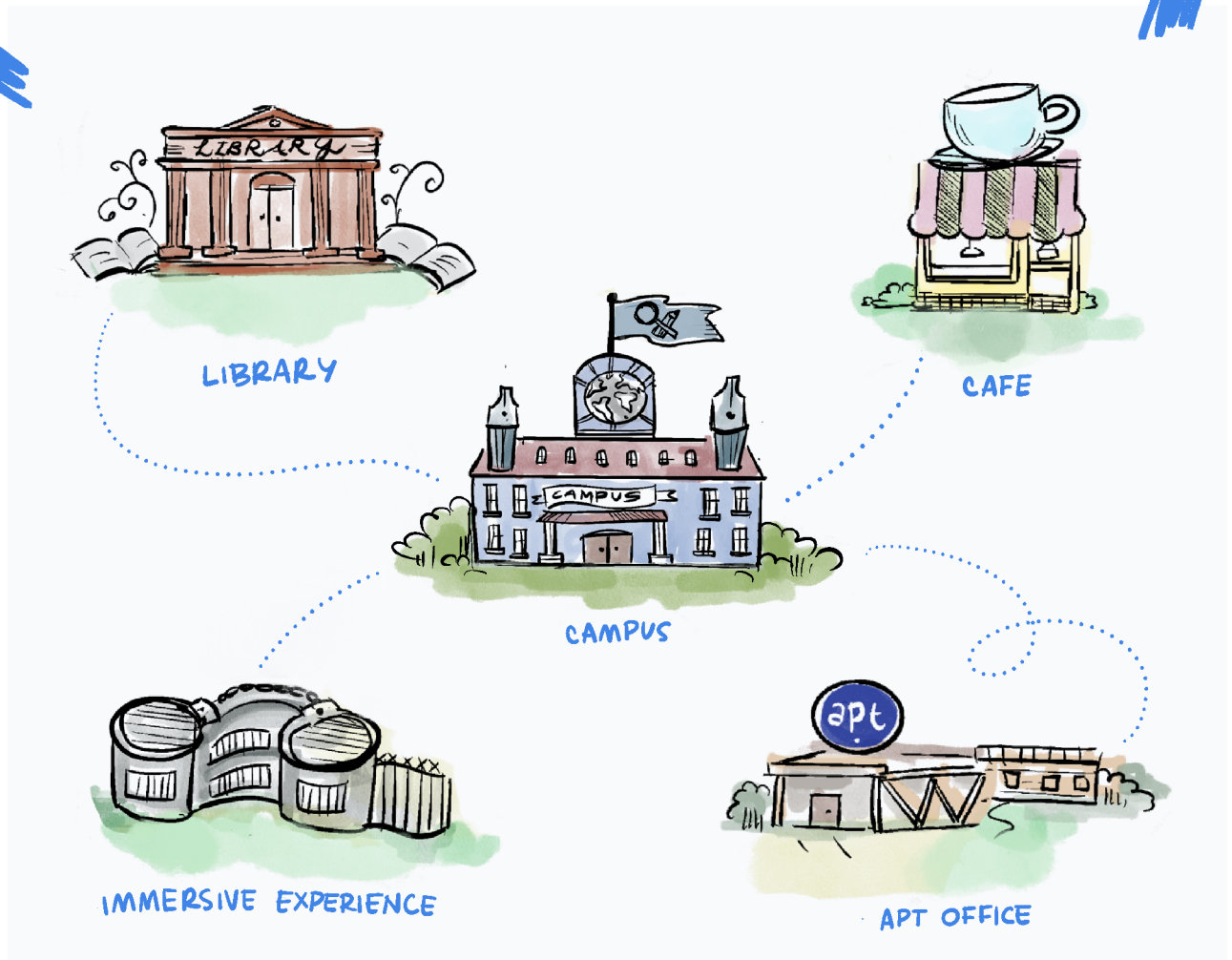
PEOPLE DOWNLOADED OUR GUIDE ON MONITORING LGBTI PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY



Dominique Simonnot

General Controller of Places of Deprivation of Liberty, France

Introducing the Torture Prevention Village



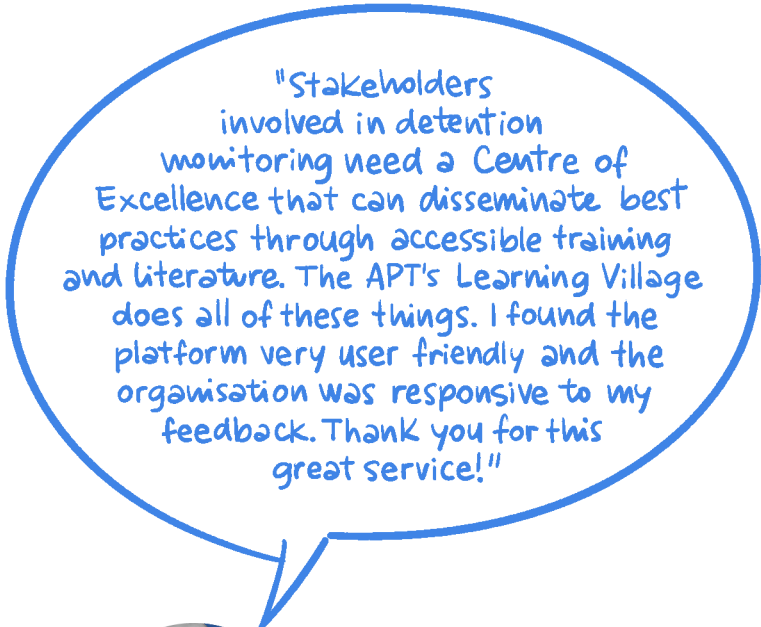
In May 2021, we launched our new digital learning platform: the [Torture Prevention Village](#). Our goal is to support and connect detention monitors, advocates and others to prevent torture and uphold dignity in places of detention.

The Torture Prevention Village was in development prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, with ongoing travel restrictions, it is now an essential part of our capacity building programme and complements our face-to-face training. It also allows us to better respond to requests from partners for specific and dedicated support.

The Torture Prevention Village includes:

- A Campus, which currently features courses on the fundamentals of detention monitoring and on gender-sensitive detention monitoring, with more being developed
- A Library, with links to all APT publications, resources and videos
- A Café, where practitioners will be able connect with one another (coming in 2022)
- An Immersive experience that will explore torture prevention from a new and practical perspective (coming in 2022-2023).

The Torture Prevention Village was conceived and developed by the APT, from illustrations to course content. We are excited to continue its development and make it the leading global platform for information and exchange on issues related to torture prevention.



Emad Talisman

Analyst, Canada's Office of the Correctional Investigator

REACH

+3,600

VISITS SINCE THE LAUNCH

270

PEOPLE FROM OVERSIGHT BODIES, NGOS, ACADEMIA AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES FROM 20 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TOOK OUR COURSES

95%

OF PARTICIPANTS FOUND THE COURSE 'USEFUL' OR 'VERY USEFUL' FOR DAILY PRACTICES (FUNDAMENTALS OF DETENTION MONITORING)

85%

OF PARTICIPANTS RATED THE CONTENT AS 'EXCELLENT' (GENDER-SENSITIVE DETENTION MONITORING)

4

LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

Strengthening oversight of closed institutions

National preventive mechanisms (NPMs), with their unique mandate to visit all places where people are deprived of liberty, remain the cornerstone of the torture prevention system.

The 77 NPMs operating around the world faced unprecedented challenges in 2021, including dealing with the enormous strains that COVID-19 has placed on criminal justice systems and safeguards for detainees. NPMs have also come under threat of political violence and riots, in countries including Afghanistan, Burkina Faso and Ecuador.

In the face of these challenges, the APT has created opportunities for NPMs to come together in new ways, such as by exchanging ideas and information on our Slack platform and regional WhatsApp groups.

NPMs also spoke with a powerful, united voice through APT-led initiatives during the year, including a joint

statement on the rights of women in detention and letters calling for the protection of NPM colleagues in Afghanistan and Ecuador.

We continued to support NPMs in their work as drivers of change. This included capacity strengthening programmes in Brazil, Madagascar, Mexico, Panama, Rwanda, South Africa, Togo and Uruguay. We also organised regional workshops for NPMs on the Méndez Principles and priority issues, such as monitoring pre-trial detention, including in times of COVID-19.

The APT shared information and expertise with NPMs through the [NPM Toolkit](#), as well as responding to country-specific questions and requests for support. We also began developing new approaches for NPMs to measure their impact, starting with a pilot project in the Philippines using narrative-based approaches.

In 2019, the President of Brazil issued Decree 9.831 which removed funding for NPM personnel and dismissed all members. With national partners, the APT intensified its advocacy in 2021 for an effective and functioning NPM. Continuous engagement with parliamentarians saw progress towards the approval of a bill to suspend the decree. The UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture also scheduled a high-level mission to Brazil in January 2022, in response to communication from the APT and partners.

ACTIVITIES



CONTINUED OUR ENGAGEMENT with NPMs from Rwanda, South Africa and Togo, reaching at least 200 PROFESSIONALS. Women deprived of liberty was a cross-cutting theme in all our programmes.



DELIVERED A UNIQUE TRAINING PROGRAMME for 41 MEMBERS of oversight institutions from the Southern Cone of the Americas



PRODUCED A DATA COMIC documenting how 32 OVERSIGHT BODIES responded to the challenge of detention monitoring during COVID-19, consulted by 400 PEOPLE



With United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), we conducted a series of WEBINARS with NPMs in Latin America and compiled a REPORT analysing the measures implemented in response to COVID-19

"The international support from APT is very helpful. It reaffirms our efforts and encourages us to work effectively. You spent time with us. And that means you are confident that we can do the work. So please keep working with us and partnering with us."

REACH

5,800

DOWNLOADS OF OUR RESOURCES ON DETENTION MONITORING DURING COVID-19

+3,000

VISITS TO OUR NPM TOOLKIT FOR INFORMATION ON PREVENTIVE MONITORING, INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

25

ACTORS FROM AT LEAST 10 COUNTRIES SOUGHT APT'S EXPERTISE ON OPCAT IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING METHODOLOGY



Leah Tanodra-Armamento

Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines

Communicating for change

Over the past decade, the absolute prohibition of torture has been called into question. Some political leaders, including in countries where APT has been operating for several years, justify or even condone its use. This discourse, combined with popular culture depictions of torture as acceptable in certain circumstances, is a powerful force shaping community attitudes.

In 2021, we continued to reaffirm that torture is unacceptable, everywhere and at all times. We collaborated with partners and with civil society coalitions to advocate powerfully for societies free from torture.

Hope and change are central to our approach. Our communication seeks to build new partnerships, mobilise our supporters and equip them with clear messages to advocate for change. Our messages are based on sound research, analysis, good practices and evidence that torture prevention works.

We inspire others by sharing the stories of changemakers, including detention monitors who have worked courageously throughout the pandemic and those improving the situation of women in prison.

Through our video series featuring law enforcement officials and UN experts in support of the Méndez Principles, we promote solutions to address the root causes of torture and ill-treatment. We collate and visualise new data that supports our partners to work more strategically.

This year we explored new ways of communicating to engage people's hearts and minds. We worked with artists, photographers, illustrators and cartoonists to illuminate the importance of torture prevention in different countries and regions, including through photo exhibitions and competitions for aspiring cartoonists.



In March 2021, we launched a virtual exhibition featuring more than 60 photos from torture prevention projects in Madagascar, Brazil and Thailand. The exhibition documents three distinctive journeys to prevention, presented in a 3D online gallery. More than 400 people visited the online exhibition.

ACTIVITIES



TOGETHER WITH 9 NPMs, we share their experiences during COVID-19 through our video series, [VOICES FROM THE FIELD](#)



+1,000 PEOPLE took part in the #SafeInCustody month activities in Thailand, mobilising local artists, and more than 100 MALAYSIAN YOUNG PEOPLE entered the [#SafeInCustody CARTOON COMPETITION](#)



With the Swiss Embassy in Madagascar, we launched a [PHOTO EXHIBITION](#) in December. It will tour the country in 2022 and will showcase prevention in practice to a broad audience.

"Joining the MYACT Youth Against Torture competition has provided me with an excellent opportunity to raise awareness through a medium that I enjoy. Art, in its various forms, can act as a catalyst by drawing attention to the challenges that society's most vulnerable face, in ways that connect with the audience emotionally - the place where beliefs and attitudes are formed and changed."



Nuur

Cartoon competition winner, Malaysia

REACH

+17,000

PEOPLE FOLLOW THE APT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

31%

INCREASE OF WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS (350,000)

+17,000

VIEWS OF [APT VIDEOS](#) FEATURING NPMS, POLICE, TORTURE PREVENTION EXPERTS AND OTHERS

Our board

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Finances, funding and support

2021 ended with a positive [financial result](#) for the second consecutive year, providing stability for the organisation during uncertain times. This welcome result is a combination of lower expenses and strategic fundraising efforts that are bearing fruits.

In response to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we redeployed a significant portion of our in-country missions and in-person activities to online channels. As a consequence, this incurred lower direct expenses than expected while still delivering most of our planned activities.

Several major, multi-year grants were confirmed in 2021, which is an endorsement of APT's strategic plan and long-term approach to fundraising.

We also generated additional sources of income, including fees for advisory services on torture prevention and office space and meeting rooms rentals.

Individual donations came from dedicated APT members and supporters, as well as from a growing number of new donors through our website. We also received very generous donations from two major donors.

We are deeply grateful for the trust and confidence of all our donors and supporters. Without them, we would not be able to deliver on our vision to build societies free from torture and ill-treatment.

Our detailed [financial statements for 2021](#) are available online.

Balance sheet and operating accounts

Income 2021 CHF

| Restricted | |
|---|------------------|
| Foreign governments | 270.174 |
| Swiss authorities and public institutions | 290.471 |
| Private foundations | 85.866 |
| Intergovernmental organizations | 465.312 |
| Total restricted income | 1.111.823 |
| Unrestricted | |
| Foreign governments | 308.460 |
| Swiss authorities and public institutions | 350.000 |
| Private foundations | 176.429 |
| Membership and private donations | 49.588 |
| Other income | 79.041 |
| Services to CTI | 40.230 |
| Total unrestricted income | 1.003.748 |
| Total income | 2.115.571 |

Assets 2021 CHF

| Current Assets | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 966.357 |
| Accounts receivable | 159.589 |
| Accruals and other current assets | 64.251 |
| Total Current Assets | 1.190.197 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Centre Jean-Jacques Gautier | 2.612.257 |
| IT hard and software | 42.819 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 2.655.076 |
| Total Assets | 3.845.273 |

Expenditures 2021 CHF

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Staff salaries | (1.024.594) |
| Consultants | (252.898) |
| Activities-related direct costs | (333.163) |
| Operating costs | (94.703) |
| Rent and maintenance costs | (25.860) |
| Governance bodies' meetings costs | (9.451) |
| Other costs | (26.274) |
| Depreciation of fixed assets | (159.009) |
| Total Operating Expenditures | (1.925.952) |
| Operating Result | 189.619 |
| Interest, banking fees | (8.495) |
| Exchange rate difference | (6.196) |
| Exceptional Expenses, unique or outside period | (5.341) |
| Result before change in restricted funds | 169.587 |
| Allocation to restricted funds | (1.111.823) |
| Use of restricted funds | 1.129.873 |
| Net change in restricted funds | 18.050 |
| Allocation to tied capital and reserves | (128.000) |
| Result 2021 | 59.637 |

Liabilities and Wealth 2021 CHF

| Current liabilities | |
|--|------------------|
| Accounts payables | 55.611 |
| Income received in advance | 21.985 |
| Other current liabilities | 44.905 |
| CTI current account | 502.833 |
| Total current liabilities | 625.334 |
| Restricted Funds | |
| Restricted funds - ongoing projects | 263.354 |
| Restricted funds - investment | 42.579 |
| Restricted funds - Centre Jean-Jacques Gautier | 2.321.223 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 2.627.156 |
| Wealth | |
| Tied capital | 500.000 |
| Reserve Centre Jean-Jacques Gautier | 289.967 |
| Balance brought forward | (256.821) |
| Result of the year | 59.637 |
| Total Wealth | 592.783 |
| Total Liabilities and Wealth | 3.845.273 |

Thank you for your continued support.
Together, we can prevent torture.



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