

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL RIGHTS AT



TWENTY FIVE YEARS FIGHTING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH HUMAN RIGHTS

DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN AN AGE OF INEQUALITY

1993: CESR is founded by Roger Normand, Sarah Zaidi and Chris Jochnick as the first international human rights organization with a dedicated focus on economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR)





1994: CCSR challenges oil giant Chevron Texaco by revealing Amazon communities' exposure to toxic oil waste in Ecuador



**1995: CESR documents the impacts of
UN imposed economic sanctions on
child mortality rates in Iraq**

**1996: US Secretary of State
Madeleine Albright grilled about child
mortality rates in Iraq on 60 minutes,
where CESR's findings are cited**



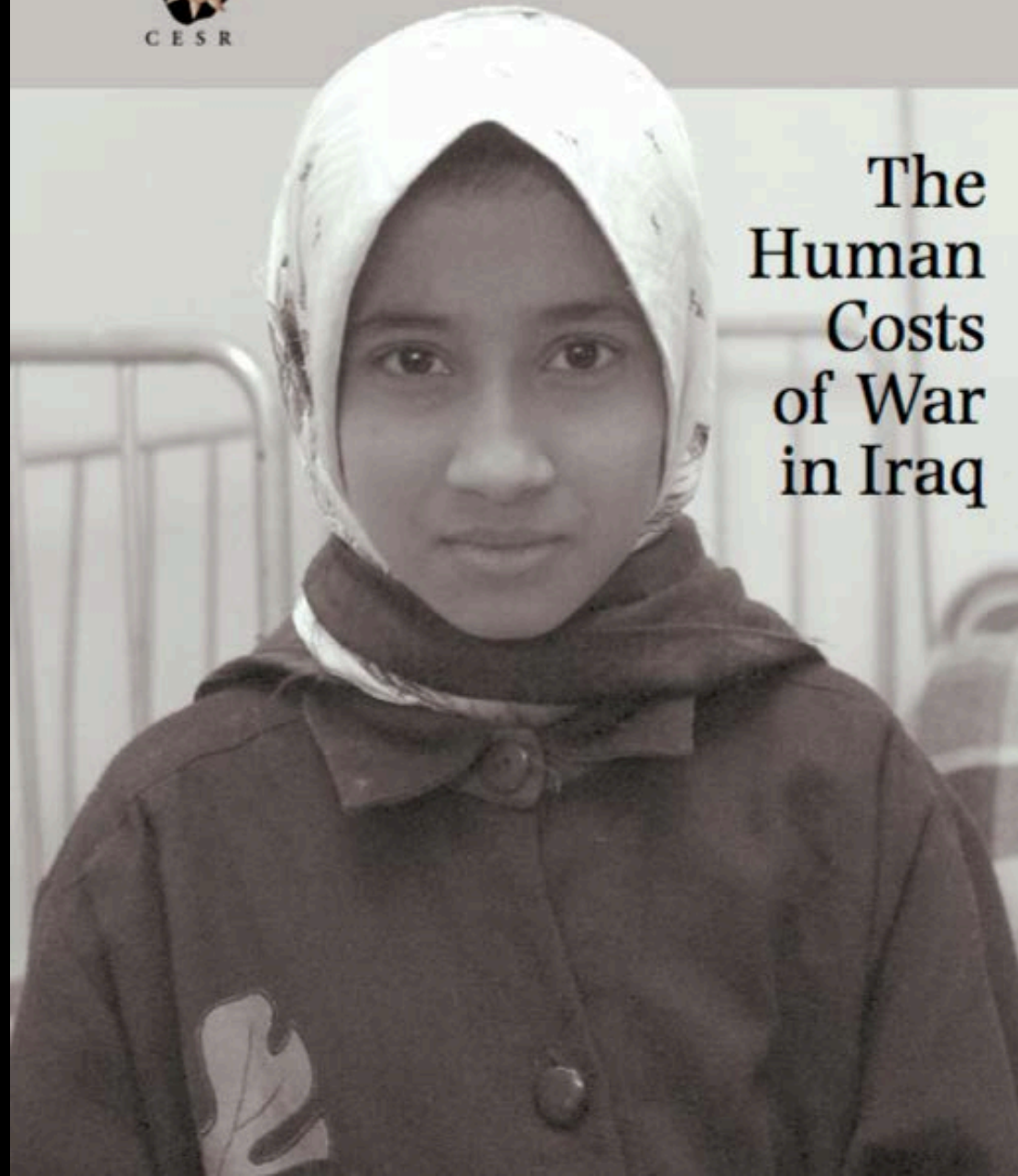


1996: CESR conducts workshop on rights and negotiations with the Secoya of the Ecuadorian Amazon



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The Human Costs of War in Iraq



**1997: CESR's report on
Iraq sanctions results in
hearings at the UK
House of Commons**



**1998: CESR supports establishment of
Mashrikiyat, a women's rights NGO in
Palestine**

**1999: CESR exposes
sweatshop-like working
conditions for immigrant
garment workers in the
US**

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a purple shirt, is the central focus of the image. She is holding a large white sign with blue and green text. The sign reads "DONNA KAREN IS THE SWEATSHOP QUEEN". In the background, other people are visible, including a man holding a pink sign that says "DON'T world" and "Sweatshops are Exploitation!". The scene appears to be a protest or demonstration on a city street.

DONNA KAREN
IS THE
SWEATSHOP QUEEN

2000: CESR's office in Ecuador officially becomes its own NGO—Centro de Derechos Económicos y Sociales (CDES)





2001: CESR investigates human rights abuses by the gold mining industry in Honduras, informing UN recommendations

Sandra Cuffe photo

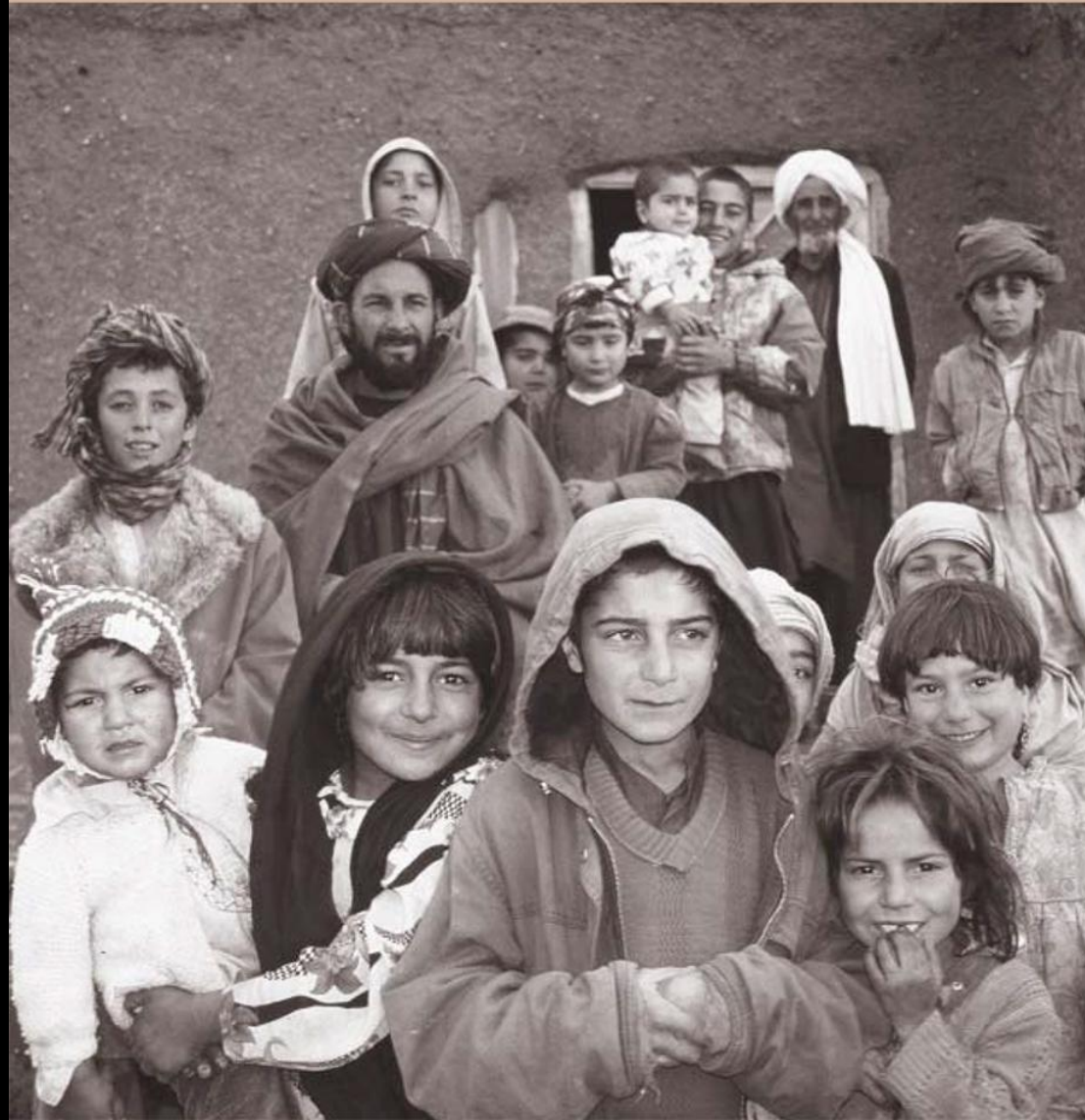


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Human Rights and Reconstruction in Afghanistan

MAY, 2002

**2002: CESR
conducts first
post-war survey
of Afghan public
opinion regarding
human rights
priorities**



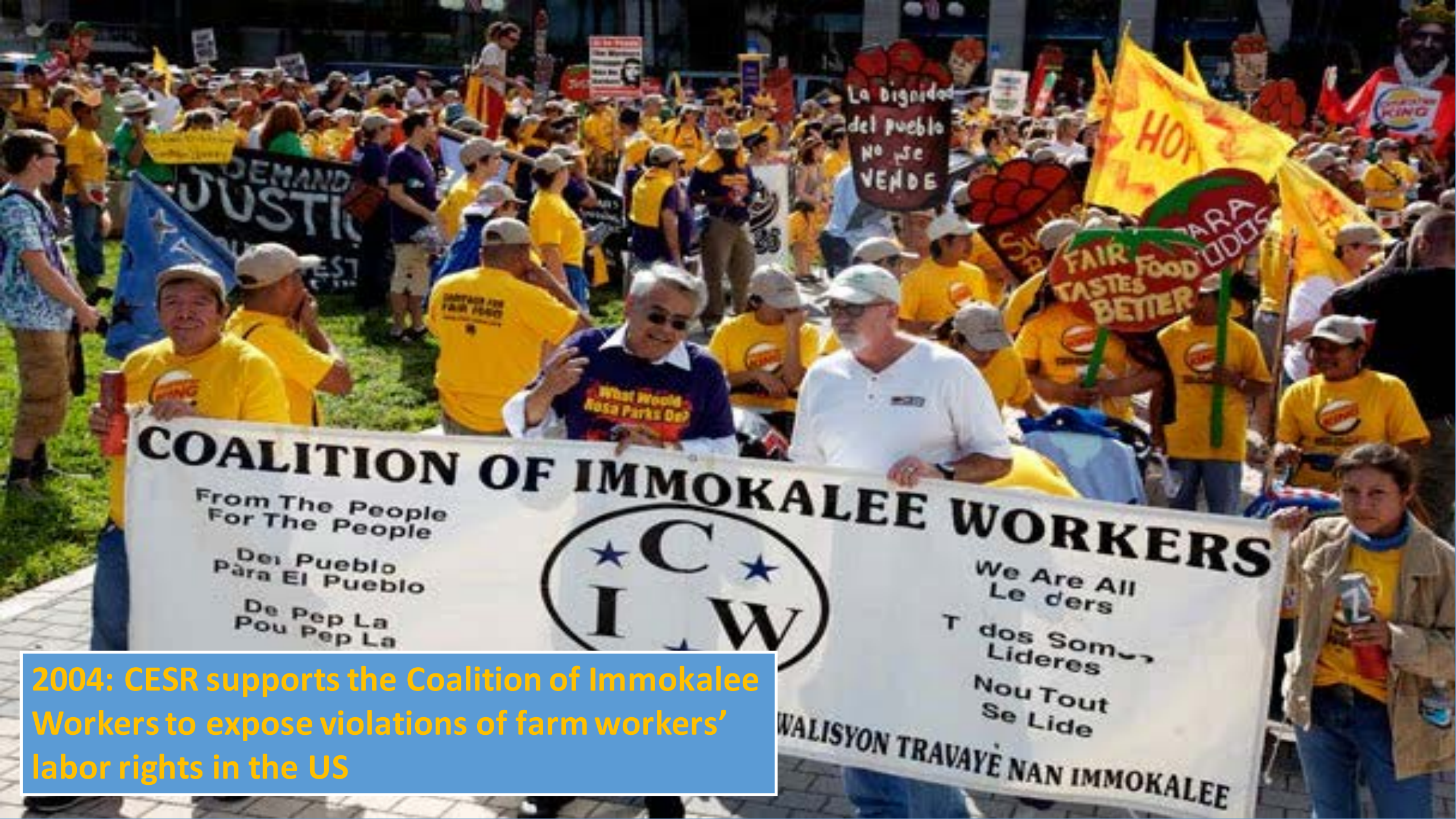


2002: Nigeria held responsible for abuses against the Ogoni people after CESR and SERAC present the first ESC rights test case before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights



ESCR-Net

2003: CESR helps found the
International Network for
Economic, Social and Cultural
Rights (ESCR-Net)



2004: CESR supports the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to expose violations of farm workers' labor rights in the US

The OPERA Framework

Assessing compliance with the obligation to fulfill
economic, social and cultural rights

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS MONITORING



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**2005: CESR begins
developing an ESC rights
monitoring
methodology which
eventually becomes the
OPERA framework**

**2006: CESR builds works with human rights activists
in Equatorial Guinea to hold their government to
account before the UN Universal Periodic Review**



Tuttu Alicante

Director Ejecutivo, EG Justice

2007: CESR opens an office in Madrid, Spain, under the leadership of Eitan Felner



2008: CESR begins its innovative Visualizing Rights country factsheet series, using statistical data to illustrate human rights concerns

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REALIZING

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several tall skyscrapers in a city. The buildings are made of dark materials with many windows, some of which are reflecting the sky. The perspective makes the buildings appear to converge towards the top of the frame. The sky is a pale, clear blue.

**2009: CESR is the first human rights NGO to
address the human rights consequences of the
global financial crisis**

**2010: CESR and ICEFI's
report linking unjust
tax policy to high levels
of chronic malnutrition
and maternal mortality
in Guatemala
contributes to tax
reform in the country**



2011: CESR and ANND bring ESCR violations in Syria to the attention of the UN Universal Periodic Review





2012: CESR mobilizes coalition around a shadow report on austerity measures in Spain, eventually leading to restoration of access to health care by undocumented migrants

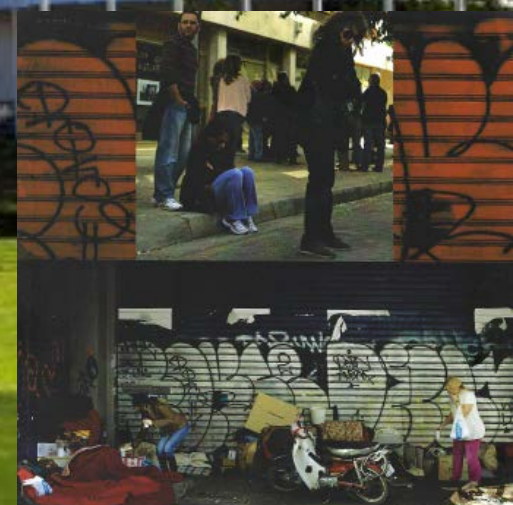


2013: CESR holds ESCR monitoring workshops with national human rights institutions in Palestine, Malaysia and New Zealand



Council of Europe Conseil de l'Europe

2013: Council of Europe adopts CESR's guidelines on safeguarding human rights in times of crisis



Safeguarding human rights
in times of economic crisis

Issue
Paper

2014: CESR works with Egyptian NGOs to bring evidence of the human rights costs of austerity before the UPR




2015: CESR convenes global strategy meeting in Lima on tax and human rights with Oxfam and tax justice partners





2015: CESR's advocacy results in the IACHR holding its first hearing on fiscal policy and human rights

A photograph of two women standing in a classroom, looking at a document together. The woman on the left is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a blue and white striped skirt. The woman on the right is wearing a red patterned sleeveless top and dark trousers. In the background, several young students in school uniforms are seated at wooden desks. The room has light-colored walls and large windows with metal grates. A blue bag is resting on a desk in the foreground.

2015: CESR uses the OPERA framework to monitor right to education with the Legal Resources Centre in South Africa

2015: The final 2030 Agenda is
rooted in human rights treaties
after years of advocacy by CESR



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



2016: CESR supports human rights monitoring by the Palestinian Independent Commission on Human Rights





**2016: CESR and ISER in Uganda question
Uganda's development model before the UN
Human Rights Council**



2016: Research by CESR, INESC and Oxfam Brasil enables UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty to condemn Brazil's 20-year public spending freeze

**2017: CESR shapes debates by bringing human rights
into discussions on financing for development**





Measuring progress towards improving wellbeing in Egypt

2017: CESR and national partners develop a new tool to measure rights and development—the Egypt Social Progress Indicators (ESPI)

Política Fiscal para la Igualdad y los Derechos

Mapeo de debates, iniciativas y actores de la Región Andina

Informe de una serie de diálogos organizados con la colaboración de:

DeJusticia - Latindadd - Oxfam
Red de Justicia Fiscal de América Latina y el Caribe
Red de Justicia Tributaria de Colombia
Grupo Nacional de Presupuesto Público

Con el apoyo de la Fundación Ford



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2017: CESR brings together diverse actors, including indigenous and women's groups, to address human rights impacts of fiscal policies in the Andean region

2017: CESR points out the negative effects of Trump's regressive tax cuts on human rights in the US and overseas

A group of people are protesting on a city street. In the foreground, a man crouches holding a sign that says "fund my future". Behind him, a woman holds a sign that says "PROGRESSIVE TAXATION BENEFITS THE NATION". To the right, a man holds a sign that says "IT'S ACCRUAL WORLD TAX ABUSE COSTS WOMEN RIGHTS". Another man holds a sign that says "WHERE'S YOUR ACCOUNT ABILITY?". A large sign in the background says "TAX IS A KEY TO PROTECT RIGHTS". A man in the foreground holds a sign that says "fund my future". A woman in the background holds a sign that says "WHERE'S YOUR ACCOUNT ABILITY?". A large sign in the background says "TAX IS A KEY TO PROTECT RIGHTS". A man in the foreground holds a sign that says "fund my future". A woman in the background holds a sign that says "WHERE'S YOUR ACCOUNT ABILITY?". A large sign in the background says "TAX IS A KEY TO PROTECT RIGHTS".



2018: UN urges South Africa to end austerity as a result of a submission to the CESC by CESR and Institute for Economic Justice, Section 27 and SPII

SPOTLIGHT

on Sustainable Development 2018



Exploring new policy pathways

How to overcome obstacles and contradictions in
the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Report by the Civil Society Reflection Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

**2018: CESR and
development NGOs co-
publish leading civil
society report on SDG
monitoring**

**2018: CESR convenes Beyond Boundaries,
gathering diverse actors who ally human rights
with struggles for economic and social justice**



2018: CESR uses innovative communications to highlight human rights at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development



Peace and
equality
demand fiscal
justice



Tax havens
impede
sustainable
development



Measures of SDG progress don't capture
the full picture. In Egypt, inequalities are
increasing and many are being left behind.



Austerity
Deepens
Inequalities

**2018: CESR's
advocacy
results in
commitment
by the IMF to
incorporate
stronger
gender
equality
dimension in
its technical
tax assistance**

