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Nunca Más

In this first newsletter for 2024 you can read about:

News from the partner projects in the Global South

The free psychological support service offered to Spanish-speaking people in Denmark

The 10-year anniversary that culminated at the United Human Rights Day on 10 December with the launching of videos.

**Invitation to the General Assembly the 6th April, 2024!
Remember the date**

**Please do not forget to renew your membership for 2024
– Nunca Más needs your support 😊**

News from partners in Global South

ZIMBABWE

At the end of 2023, we got our Zimbabwe project with Ukuthula Trust and Tree of Life approved for one more year. This has made it possible for us to continue our journey with the local chiefs in Matabeleland in the documentation of the atrocities of Gukurahundi and the healing of the affected individuals, families, and communities.



SRI LANKA

In February, Morten Koch Andersen and Jan were on a monitoring visit to the anti-corruption project in Sri Lanka. The visit was very rewarding as the team saw how Rule of Law Forum (RLF) successfully linked up with CSOs in the provinces where many people are heavily negatively affected by the economic and political crises of the country. Many people are not getting food every day, and children not going to school. At the same time, corruption is rampant on all levels. With RLF it was decided to take the point of departure at the grassroots level and bring these realities into the national discourse where other national and international organizations are working on the anti-corruption issue. Since the last visit in November 2022, the political situation has worsened with less space for forces critical to the government to operate. Sri Lanka has just passed two draconian laws to curtail these forces. The Prevention of Terrorism Act and the Online Safety Act are both fluffy and can be used by those in power to stay in power. The Presidential and Parliamentary elections are due this coming November. By introducing these acts Sri Lanka mimics many other authoritarian regimes in the world. It is a blow to democracy in the country.



HONDURAS

In December, Arely and Jan paid a monitoring visit to Honduras to discuss the present project and the future cooperation with the Center for the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims and their Relatives (CPTRT) and RAJUMCH the youth Network in Choloteca, South Honduras. Arely facilitated a workshop for the staff of our main partner CPTRT. In January, Johannes went on a follow-up visit where he facilitated an organizational development workshop with RAJUMCH, which is soon to be an operating project on its own. Our goodwill ambassador Alberto Lainez participated in the visit as well. Together with RAJUMCH activists, he is planning to organize a “The Youth of San Martin Got Talent” event in the rural areas of Choloteca. They will combine it with environmental awareness and explore local funding for the event. Honduras is still heavily affected by violence and drug traffic. The mayor of Choloteca has recently been accused of being part of the latter. These days the case against the ex-president of Honduras, Juan Orlando Hernandez, concerning his involvement in drug traffic is ongoing in New York. His brother is already convicted in the USA together with the previous chief of Police of Honduras, the infamous and feared “El ‘Tigre’ Bonilla and the son of Ex-president Pepe Lobo.



ECUADOR

In April, Sofiá Mata and Jan Ole plan to visit PRIVA in Ecuador. The country reached the headlines at the end of 2023 with the outbreak of violence in the country, headed by gangs involved in drug traffic and the involvement of Mexican drug cartels. It involved the killings of a presidential candidate, the kidnapping of people, and an astronomical rise in the homicide rate to the top of the world. The president has declared a state of emergency with curfews and restrictions on assembly, and named some of the gangs as terrorist groups. Soldiers are deployed on all street corners. In this context, Priva has been able to continue its work on the prevention of violence against women with only a little delay in Ambato City and the central province of Tungurahua.



The months of February and March will be busy as Nunca Mas intends to submit two project proposals by 13 March!

Free psychological support for Spanish-speaking people

Nunca Mas is starting up a new initiative based in Copenhagen. The scope is to offer open/free psychological counseling for Hispanics in Copenhagen. A research project makes us anticipate that there is a specific need for that service for people who are not capable of using mainstream support.

As of February 1st, 2024, we welcomed a new intern to the organization, Svend Ostenfeld. He is a psychologist with 40 years of experience and a member of the Danish Psychological Association.



To our fortune, he has now shifted his focus to Latin American studies. In the next 5 months he will offer Hispanics the opportunity of professional therapy and counseling. He will offer from 1 to 6 counseling sessions - free of charge. The counseling sessions will be in Spanish.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in taking up this offer, you can contact our open counseling service and book an appointment by writing an email to: svo@nuncamas.net.

The sessions will take place at Sundholmsvej 8, 2300 København S.

10 year anniversary

In November 2023, Nunca Más celebrated its 10th anniversary in the form of three different events. The first event was a conference held at the University of Copenhagen, on psychosocial work in practice. Acting as speakers were Arely Alvarado, founder and board member of NM, David Sánchez, Honduran LGBTQIA+ activist based in Spain, and Michel Candelaria, Afro-Colombian trans woman and LGTBIQA+ activist based in Denmark. Irene García (NM member) and Tzesina Tsollakou (volunteer) served as interpreter and moderator respectively at this event.

The same day, the entire NM team (volunteers, members, and employees) prepared for a commemorative evening at Maskinhallen. The program consisted of video greetings from our partners in the Global South, musical performances of Protest Orchestra and Mambe, and David Sanchez show. Additionally, there were speeches by NM co-founder Jan Ole Haagensen, NM vice president Erik Wendt, and president and co-founder Dea Kopp; as well as a children's corner where Anna-Marina, the youngest volunteer, took on the task of making the little ones feel welcome.

The last event held on November 21, was a conference at Nørrebro Gymnasium (NG) with Arely Alvarado, David Sánchez, Sandie Fyrst-Larsen, associate professor at NG, and Kaja Szumila (member of NM) who acted as an interpreter. Both in this event and the previous one held at the University of Copenhagen, the public participated with enthusiasm and asked questions.

The 10th-anniversary events culminated with the release of videos on the United Nations Human Rights Day on December 10. All this was only possible due to the support of CISU.

We thank all members, volunteers, partners in the Global South, collaborators in Denmark, supporters, and employees of NM for the support provided to make it possible to successfully celebrate our tenth anniversary.



Invitation to General Assembly

This year's General Assembly will take place on Saturday, April 6th from 11am-2:30pm at Sundholmsvej 8, 2300 København S. As a member-driven organization, we value your participation and inputs.

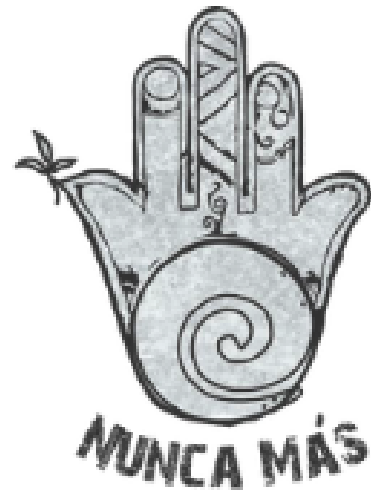
We cordially invite all members to participate and have their say in Nunca Más's future activities. We hope to get 1-2 new faces on the board 😊. To be eligible to vote, you must pay your membership fee before participating. Proposals from members must be sent to the Chairperson Dea K. Jensen dea_jensen@hotmail.com at the latest two weeks before the General Assembly, thus by 23rd March 2024.

Below you can see the preliminary agenda according to the bylaws of Nunca Más (in Danish).

Dagsorden for den ordinære generalforsamling skal indeholde mindst følgende punkter:

1. Valg af dirigent.
2. Bestyrelsens/formandens beretning.
3. Forelæggelse og godkendelse af årsregnskab.
4. Forelæggelse af næste års budget.
5. Fastsættelse af kontingent
6. Indkomne forslag.
7. Valg i henhold til §6, stk. 2 og 3.
8. Valg af revisor(er)
9. Evt. valg/nedsættelse af udvalg
10. Evt.

Nunca Más will provide you with a light lunch food and refreshments and an interesting presentation on some of the work that we do 😊.



Renewal of Membership fee

As we are starting the new year, the time has come to pay the annual membership fee of DKK 50. Your support is an important component of the organization's work and helps us to apply for funding and keep our projects running. Therefore, renew your membership, so we can keep up the important work with our partners in the Global South.

At the same time, we would like to ask all of you to encourage your network to become members, as more members will allow us to make a greater impact.

You can pay by transferring DKK 50 to:

- **Bank account:**

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- or **MobilePay** no. : 789953