



national network for immigrant and refugee rights

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Raise your voices, Tell your stories: Organize for justice & human rights!

Join HURRICANE: The Human Rights Immigrant Community Action Network
An initiative of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

HURRICANE/El Huracán: The **Human Rights Immigrant Community Action Network** is part of a nationwide campaign launched by NNIRR to track, document, and take action against human rights violations perpetrated against immigrant and refugee communities.

HURRICANE brings together three areas of long-term work to support community organizing for redress of violations and to uphold the human rights of all people, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status.

- **TAKE ACTION! Join the Urgent Response Network:** Through community-based solidarity and an urgent response network, HURRICANE is bringing together community groups, immigrant rights advocates and organizers to demand redress and accountability in cases of human rights violations, including raids, police abuse and exploitation in the workplace and community.
- **SPEAK OUT! Denounce, Resist Abuses through the 100 Stories Project:** Through the collection of “100 Stories” we will document first-hand accounts of abuses and rights violations experienced by our communities to highlight the types of injustices sanctioned under the current immigration ‘enforcement’ regime. We will establish the case for the types of reforms needed as we lift up our voices for justice! Send your story to: lrivas@nnirr.org or agarcia@nnirr.org
- **WATCH OUT! Witnessing for Justice, document human rights abuses:** Become part of a community-based communications network through the use of the Martus database to track and denounce abuses as part of establishing a shared agenda advocating and organizing for policy reforms based on human rights and human security.

Please indicate how you would like to get involved:

- I would like to contribute a story to the 100 Stories documentation project
- Sign me up for the Urgent Response Network
- I/My org. [please indicate] would like to participate in the documentation campaign, contribute to the 100 Stories, and use the Martus database to document abuses in our community

Name _____ Org _____

Address, City, Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ Email _____

Mail or fax your form to: **NNIRR * 310 8th Street STE 303 * Oakland, CA 94607 * Fax (510) 465-1885**

What is Hurricane?

HURRICANE: The Human Rights Immigrant Community Action Network is a NNIRR initiative to bring together community members and their organizations to track, document, and seek redress and accountability for human rights violations and abuses committed against immigrant and refugee members of our communities.

Hurricane represents a community-based organizing strategy to dialogue and determine how to prevent the rights abuses affecting our communities.

Hurricane members will use “Martus,” a database, to document and report abuses and be part of an urgent response network to denounce violations and demand justice. By monitoring and documenting human rights violations, communities can develop a shared analysis of the problems and issues besetting us. Raising self-awareness of our conditions and needs and documenting abuses is integral to self-determining our rights. Through this process our communities can envision the changes they want and together decide how to achieve them.

In 2007, NNIRR’s Hurricane launched its annual “100 Stories Project,” with the goal of disseminating at least one hundred stories through interviews from community members affected by human rights abuse and how they responded to seek redress and accountability. Our first report, *Over-Raided, Under Siege: U.S. Immigration Laws and Enforcement Destroy the Rights of Immigrants*, details 100 stories of human rights abuses and over 200 immigration raids during 2006-2007.

Hurricane members will work together to track and document human rights abuses and share their stories in their own voices in an annual “100 Stories” report with their recommendations to obtain justice and protect our human rights as part of celebrating International Migrants Day every December 18.

You can be part of the 100 Stories Project by joining Hurricane or by sending your stories of abuses and human rights organizing to: lrivas@nnirr.org or agarcia@nnirr.org

For more information on Hurricane, to contribute to the 100 Stories Project or learn to use the Martus tool, contact:

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