



BRAVE

ACTIVITY SHEET

EXPLORING KEY CAMPAIGN CASES



Session objective:

Part 1: To explore each case in detail and share learnings. (10 minutes to explore and 10 minutes to feedback and reflect)

Part 2: To come up with creative and innovative ways to campaign on assigned cases. (20 minutes to plan creative campaign and 20 minutes to feedback and reflect)

Length of session: 60 minutes

Resources: Post-it notes, marker pens, flip chart, case activity sheets.

Instructions:

Divide 5 cases between 5 groups, if group sizes exceed 4 then assign 1 case to more than group.

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CASE: TEP VANNY

Tep Vanny

Country: Cambodia

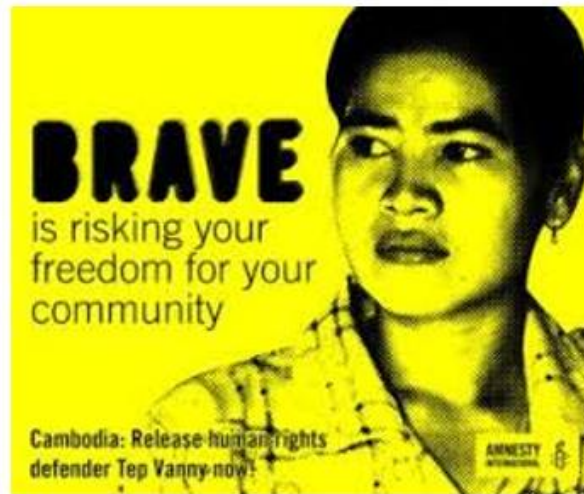
Land Rights Defender

Abuse faced: Persecution through prosecution, imprisonment, intimidation.

BRAVE Theme:

Women HRDs and LGBTI defenders

Misuse / regressive use of law



1. **Tep Vanny** is a land rights defender, human rights defender and community representative.
2. Tap Vanny, has become a symbol of peaceful resistance in Cambodia.
3. She helped mobilise the communities of Boeung Kak Lake to protest against the forced eviction of thousands of families to make way for a tourist development by a private company granted a 99-year lease on the land by Phnom Penh Municipality.
4. Because of their peaceful protests, she and 13 fellow women human rights defenders, were sentenced to 2.5 years in prison on 24 May 2012.
5. The authorities are now reviving old cases against Tep Vanny in an apparent attempt to silence her and as a warning to other defenders.
6. In March 2013, she participated in a protest against the lake development, held outside Prime Minister Hun Sen's house in Phnom Penh.
7. Because of this, on 23 February 2017 she was convicted on charges of "intentional violence with aggravated circumstances" and again given a 2.5-year prison sentence.
8. During the trial the prosecution presented no credible evidence to back up their charges.
9. She has been in prison since 16 August 2016 for her land protest work, and the authorities are going to extraordinary lengths to ensure that she remains in prison.
10. They hope to send a chilling message to other human rights defenders and activists.

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CASE: RODRIGO MUNDACA

Rodrigo Mundaca

and members of
MODATIMA

Country: Chile

Environmental
Defenders



Abuse faced: Persecution through prosecution, threatened and attacked.

BRAVE Theme:

Physical attacks / killings / enforced disappearances

1. **Rodrigo Mundaca** is a member of the Defence Movement of Earth, Environmental Protection and for the Access to Water, (Movimiento de Defensa por el Acceso al Agua, la Tierra y la Protección del Medio ambiente (MODATIMA)).
2. Rodrigo lives in Central Chile, in the Petorca Province and in 2012, he began to denounce the illegal extraction of water by politicians and enterprises in the zone.
3. As a consequence, 4 criminal cases against the defender were initiated.
4. One of them ended with a sentence of 61 days in prison suspended under the condition that Rodrigo would present himself monthly to the Chilean Policy, for a year.
5. In March 2015, Rodrigo was physically attacked from the back by unidentified people.
6. In the recent years, he and other community leaders have received threats via cell phone calls, and by people in the street.

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CASE: SAKRIS KUPILA

Sakris Kupila

Country: Finland

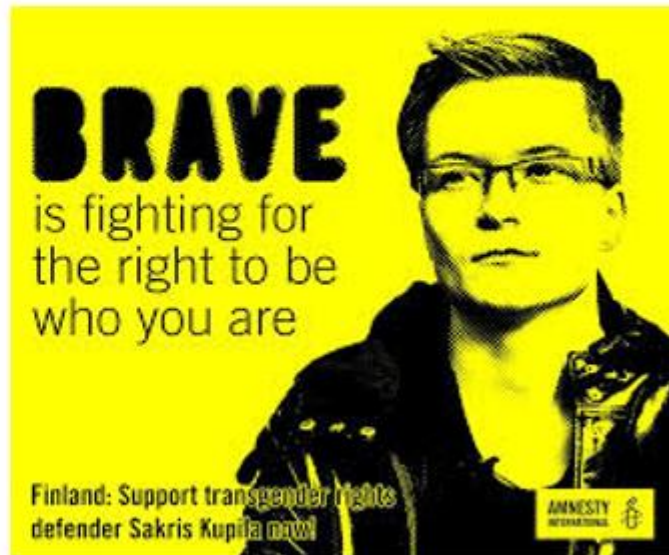
Trans Rights Defender

Abuse faced: Harassment, threats of violence, intimidation, open hostility.

BRAVE Theme:

Women HRDs and LGBTI defenders

Smear and stigmatisation



1. **Sakris Kupila** is a 20 year-old medical student, youth activist and a defender of transgender rights, from Finland.
2. Sakris is being denied legal gender recognition because he refuses to fulfil the requirements of the current process – which requires a diagnosis of mental disorder and enforced sterilisation.
3. When he wanted to use the traditionally male name Sakris, it was not easy.
4. In Finland you cannot give children names of the “opposite” gender and you cannot change your name as an adult to one that suits your gender identity, without a mental disorder diagnosis.
5. Because of his work advocating for the rights of Trans people, Sakris has faced harassment, intimidation, threats of violent beatings, and open hostility, forcing him to take a year away from his education.
6. Despite this, Sakris is determined to continue his work, so that all transgender persons may enjoy their rights.

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CASE: AZZA SOLIMAN

Azza Soliman Country:

Egypt

Women's Rights Defender

Abuse faced: Smear campaigns, surveillance, harassment, arrested.



BRAVE Theme:

Misuse / regressive use of law, Women HRDs and LGBTI defenders, Smear and stigmatisation

1. **Azza Soliman** works to defend women victims of torture and arbitrary detention.
2. Azza Soliman founded the Centre for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance (CEWLA) in Boulaq el-Dakror, a working-class neighbourhood in greater Cairo.
3. The organisation provides legal aid, support and literacy lessons for women, especially those who have experienced domestic abuse and rape.
4. She has been targeted with smear campaigns, government surveillance and faces constant harassment by security forces and pro-government media.
5. Recently Azza was arrested, interrogated and charged with tax evasion, operating a civil society organization without proper registration, and with slandering Egypt's image by claiming that women in the country face rape.
6. She has been banned from travelling and her assets and those of her organization have been frozen.
7. She could be sentenced to 25 years in prison.

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CASE: DR MUDAWI IBRAHIM ADAM

Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam

Country: Sudan

HRD in Sudan

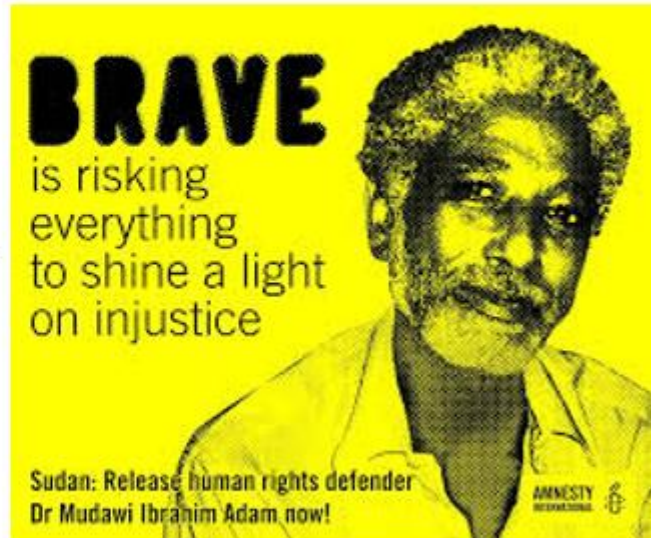
Abuse faced: prolonged detention without charge, limited access to lawyer in detention.

BRAVE Theme:

Misuse / regressive use of law

Surveillance

Stigmatisation



1. **Dr Mudawi Ibrahim Adam** is a Sudanese human rights defender known Organisation, Sudan Social Development Organisation (SUDO), working to shine a spotlight on human rights violations in Sudan.
2. He is a Professor of Engineering at the University of Khartoum
3. Dr Mudawi has been arrested several times because of his human rights work, most recently on 7 December 2016 by the Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) while he was at the University.
4. He was first detained at Kober prison in Khartoum, Sudan, where he went on hunger strike on 21 January 2017 for bringing attention to human rights violations in Sudan, in particular Darfur.
5. Around mid-February 2017, he was transferred to the office of the Sudanese State Security Prosecutor, after he agreed to end his hunger strike.
6. He remains in detention but has still not been charged or brought before a court.
7. He was only allowed to speak to his lawyer for the first time on 22 February.
8. Dr Mudawi suffers from chronic respiratory and heart complications.

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