**Lawyers for Resource Justice - Application**

This survey is designed for civil society organizations, like yours, that represent and assist communities experiencing adverse impacts from large-scale resource development projects—such as mines, plantations, or infrastructure projects—or that want to avoid adverse impacts from proposed or forthcoming projects.

The following questions collect initial information regarding your organization, its legal needs and capacities, which types of resource development projects you are involved with, and which types of assistance could support your work. We will review this information and then contact you to discuss your needs further.

*Your answers are private. We may use aggregate data in reports but we will not release any of your specific information without permission. If you have technical difficulties with the form, please contact* [*support@resourcejustice.org*](mailto:support@resourcejustice.org)*.*

**Section 1 of 3: Your Organization**

**1. Name of organization:** Click here to enter text.

**2. Contact email:** Click here to enter text.

**3. Contact information for organization** (Contact name, title, phone/Skype, and email if different from above)

Click here to enter text.

**4. When was your organization created?** Click here to enter text.

**5. What is your organization's mission?**

Click here to enter text.

**6. What are the main issues that your organization works on?**

Click here to enter text.

**7. At which level do you work? (Select all that apply)**

Community/grassroots level

National level

Regional level

International level

**8. Where are you based? (Please list locations of offices or branches)** Click here to enter text.

**9. What language(s) do you operate in?** Click here to enter text.

**Section 2 of 3: Your Existing Legal Capacity and Needs**

**10. How many people do you have on staff?** Click here to enter text.

**11. How many members of your staff are:**

Lawyers (degree in law and licensed as practicing lawyer): Click here to enter text.

Paralegals (diploma or training as paralegal, or equivalent experience): Click here to enter text.

Studied law but not a practicing legal professional: Click here to enter text.

Community Advocates: Click here to enter text.

Media or Communications Professionals: Click here to enter text.

**12. How often do you work with lawyers not on staff with your organization?** (Choose one)

Often  Sometimes  Never

**13. How much of your organization's work requires the services of a lawyer?** (Choose one)

Most of your organization’s work

Most of your organization’s projects but only on some aspects of those projects

Only a few of your organization’s projects

None of your organization’s work

**14. If your organization would benefit from greater understanding of the law at national, foreign, or international levels (e.g. training or educational materials), please describe the ideal type(s) of learning supports for your organization** (2-5 sentences).

Click here to enter text.

**15. If your organization would benefit from improved or expanded legal skills (e.g. contract drafting/analysis; negotiation/mediation techniques; case development and management), please describe which skills your organization wants to improve or expand** (2-5 sentences).

Click here to enter text.

**16. If there are specific projects that you are working on that would benefit from international legal support, please briefly describe the situation(s) and suggest type(s) of advice or support that you think would be helpful** (minimum 2 sentences). (Examples: Advice on negotiating with multinational corporations; Support to monitor compliance to contracts; or Identifying new litigation strategies to challenge wrongful corporate activity.)

Click here to enter text.

**Section 3 of 3: Development Projects and Your Organization's Related Strategies**

**17. Please describe the type and pressure of development projects that are ongoing, or planned, in the areas where you work.** Projects may involve international investors or local actors—we are interested in addressing or preventing adverse impacts regardless of the nature of the investor.

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|  | 0 - None, not an issue here | 1 - Very low pressure, little concern | 2 - Low pressure, monitoring | 3 - Medium pressure, growing concern | 4 - High pressure, major concern | 5 - Very high pressure, primary concern |
| Agribusiness / Plantation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Timber / Logging |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oil / Gas |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dams / Hydroelectric |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Factory / Industrial development |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (describe below) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

If Other, please describe: Click here to enter text.

**18. Where are these projects occurring? Please list the region or city.**

Click here to enter text.

**19. Please describe the degree of actual (or potential) negative impacts from the project(s) on the communities where you work?**

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|  | 0 (None) | 1 (Very minor) | 2 (Minor) | 3 (Moderate) | 4 (Severe) | 5 (Very severe) |
| Environmental harm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property destruction |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Displacement from lands |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Threats / Intimidation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical violence / bodily harm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arrests / Criminal charges |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loss of economic livelihood |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loss of access to or control over natural resources |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inadequate compensation or relocation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lack of respect for workers' rights / exploitation of labor |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Insufficient community benefits from the project (e.g. jobs, capacity-building, infrastructure, rent payments) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (describe below) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

If Other, please describe: Click here to enter text.

**20. Please describe the strategies that your organization has used or is currently using to address these issues and impacts?**

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|  | 0 (Never) | 1 (Infrequently, uncommon strategy) | 2 (Frequently, common strategy) | 3 (Always, primary strategy) |
| Community organizing |  |  |  |  |
| Media outreach |  |  |  |  |
| Communicating with the government (e.g. sending a formal complaint, sending letters, calling representatives, attending meetings with government) |  |  |  |  |
| Communicating with the company or developer to request or demand information about, or changes to, the project |  |  |  |  |
| Negotiating memoranda of understanding (MOUs), community benefit agreements, licenses etc. |  |  |  |  |
| Mediating disputes between communities and developers |  |  |  |  |
| Bringing legal complaints before domestic courts or commissions |  |  |  |  |
| Bringing legal complaints before regional courts or commissions |  |  |  |  |
| Bringing legal complaints before international courts or commissions |  |  |  |  |
| Other (describe below) |  |  |  |  |

If Other, please describe: Click here to enter text.

**Thank you for completing our initial survey. Please save and email this completed form to** [**support@resourcejustice.org**](mailto:support@resourcejustice.org)

**We will review your submission and contact you for further information. We hope that we will be able to support your efforts.**

**In solidarity,**

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