
Advocacy toolkit case studies

BRINGING JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA

THEMES:

Corruption
Human rights
Violence and threats

ADVOCACY APPROACHES:

Legal mechanisms
Using human rights
Working in alliances and coalitions

A Tearfund partner in Latin America that uses a rights-based approach co-convened three International Tribunals of Opinion as part of a coalition of NGOs and faith-based organisations. The tribunals focused on the role of the paramilitary groups and the police in forced military recruitment and forced displacement. Public hearings took place before each formal session, and the evidence given exposed mass breaches of human rights, such that the tribunals found the government guilty. This was later upheld by the European Parliament.