



A YEAR OF IMPACT AT A GLANCE

FY 2015-16 REPORT

OUR MISSION

Accountability Counsel amplifies the voices of communities around the world to protect their human rights and environment. As advocates for people harmed by internationally-financed projects, we employ community driven and policy level strategies to access justice. **Our advocacy has produced a world of impact during our 2015-16 fiscal year.** *More details are available at www.accountabilitycounsel.org.*

HOW WE WORK

Influencing, strengthening, and sustaining the global movement for accountability



Grassroots lawyering to defend rights and amplify voices

Driving institutional change; strengthening and filling gaps in international accountability

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SPARKING A CONVERSATION ON IMPACT INVESTING

We've launched a conversation among impact investors about how to improve due diligence policies and incorporate accountability frameworks to improve net impact of investments.

CHANGING GLOBAL POLICY

Our DC-based policy team, through deep engagement with decision-makers, networks of advocates, and our communities team, has

- Convened leaders of the world's accountability offices and advocates who support community complaints.
- Led a successful campaign to reform the accountability office of a U.S. federal agency.
- Successfully advocated for steps toward improved transparency at the U.S. State Department's accountability office.



Gold & Copper Mine and Roads

World Bank Group's IFC & European Bank for Reconstruction & Development

FORCED DISPLACEMENT, LOSS OF LIVELIHOODS AND CULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

OUR IMPACT

With our support, nomadic herders are working to secure remedy from project harm through an ongoing dialogue process overseen by a World Bank Group complaint office. • We assisted herders in submitting formal comments on a separate EBRD investigation into the impacts of mine-related roads.



MONGOLIA

NEPAL

INDIA

KENYA

High-Voltage Transmission Line

World Bank Group's IDA

FORCED DISPLACEMENT, LOSS OF LIVELIHOODS, CULTURAL HARM

OUR IMPACT

We support villagers whose complaint to the World Bank Inspection Panel resulted in findings of serious policy violations, vindicating their grievances. Because of our pressure, the Bank is funding systemic reforms to better protect communities in the future. • Our advocacy exposed and addressed a campaign by authorities to abuse and intimidate local people in order to complete project construction. • We are engaging with the Bank to ensure an amicable resolution to the conflict through dialogue.



Industrial Park

Inter-American Development Bank

FORCED DISPLACEMENT, LOSS OF LIVELIHOODS

OUR IMPACT

We supported Haitian farmers to raise their concerns about harm from displacement with the Bank and other stakeholders.



HAITI

COLOMBIA

LIBERIA

Airport

Inter-American Development Bank

SEVERE NOISE-RELATED HEALTH HARM

OUR IMPACT

We supported a community in Colombia during a complaint office's investigation. • We helped local leaders to raise concerns with private banks involved in the project.



Agribusiness Project

U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation

LOSS OF LIVELIHOODS, CONTAMINATION, SEXUAL ABUSE

OUR IMPACT

We published a scorecard to document the lack of remedy for harm in Liberia and OPIC's failure to implement investigation recommendations. • We fed lessons learned into comments on OPIC's review of its social and environmental policies, advocating that future projects better protect communities.

Coal-Fired Power Plant

African Development Bank

FORCED DISPLACEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION

OUR IMPACT

Our advocacy with the U.S. government has ensured that the Bank is closely scrutinizing the project as the Bank considers its support. • Our work resulted in Bank officials seeking out community input.



Tea Plantation

World Bank Group's IFC

INHUMANE LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS

OUR IMPACT

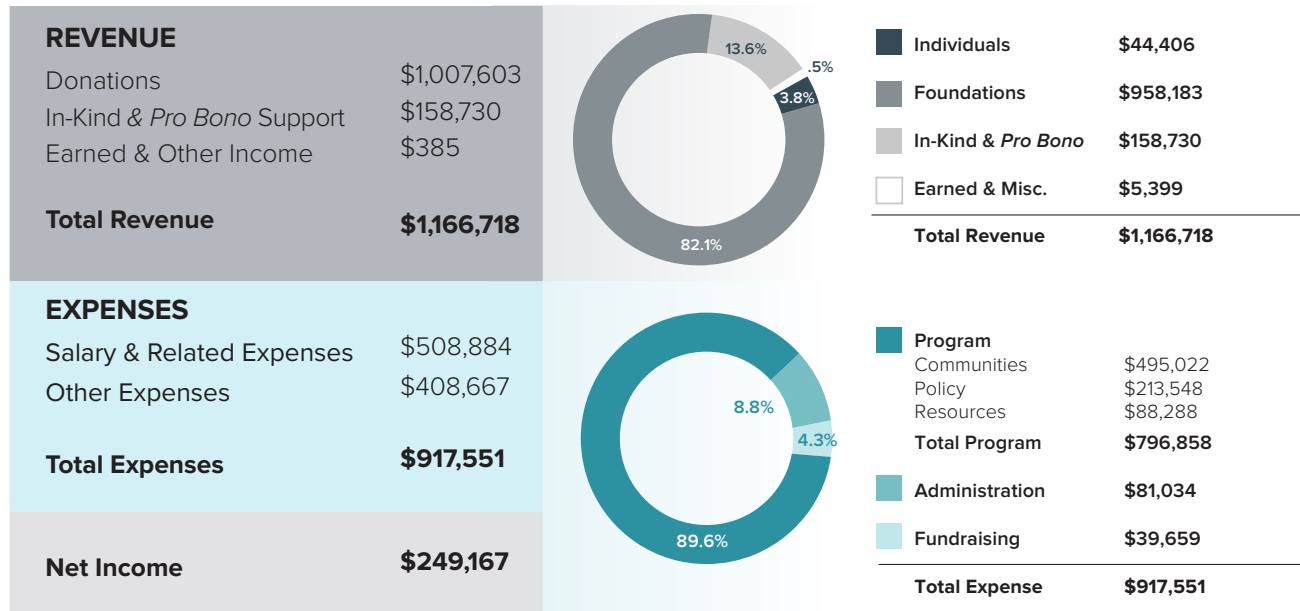
We supported tea workers to submit evidence of inhumane conditions on plantations in Assam to a World Bank Group complaint office. • We supported tea workers to raise their concerns to international brands and retailers in the Assam tea supply chain. • The complaint office made strong findings of violations that are now part of www.AccountabiliTEA.org, a campaign platform we created to turn the complaint process into action.



GLOBAL NETWORK, TRAININGS AND DATA

We are fostering a global movement for accountability through our trainings and resource guides for communities and their advocates, facilitation of an International Advocates Working Group, and research and reporting on accountability in development finance.

FY 15/16 FINANCIALS



September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016



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