



**FPSE**

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**Human Rights and International Solidarity Committee (HRISC)**

Select Supported  
Projects 2022-23

*International Solidarity  
Fund & Speakers Tour*

***‘What we desire for ourselves,  
we wish for all.’***

**—J S Woodsworth**

# **FPSE's International Solidarity Fund (ISF)**

- In 2006 FPSE AGM delegates voted to establish the International Solidarity Fund (ISF). Focused on initiatives focused on international solidarity, “the fund rests of the belief that we share experiences, needs and values with all members of the global community.” (FPSE website).**
- Since 2006 the ISF has disbursed over \$627,000 CAD to 43 distinct projects around the globe sponsored by most of our 22 BC faculty associations.**
- Qualifying projects focus on labour, education & and socio-economic issues**
- High impact core funding and augmented partner funding support to projects initiated in collaboration with our 10,000+ members and local partners around the globe.**
- ISF funds annually employ are high impact and cost effective, employing only 1% of the FPSE budget annually.**

# 1. CODEVELOPMENT CANADA

Supporting workers in Central America

Through CoDevelopment Canada, FPSE's International Solidarity Fund supports women's and labour rights groups in Central America.

Maquila workers have obtained medical treatment for workplace injuries, better working conditions, and long-term disability pay as a result of this advocacy.





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## Protecting Indigenous Lands in Brazil

**FPSE's International Solidarity Fund supports this project by the Institute of Relational Policies to fight the illegal leasing of indigenous lands in Brazil.**

**Educational materials inform local Indigenous peoples of their collective land rights. These materials also inform the international community of human rights violations in the region.**





# 3. RAMA

**Supporting migrant farmworkers in the Okanagan**

**Through the volunteer non-profit RAMA, FPSE's International Solidarity Fund has helped migrant farm workers build more socially just and inclusive communities in the Okanagan since 2015.**





# 4. RIGHTS ACTION

Community development projects in Guatemala and Honduras

FPSE's International Solidarity Fund supports the efforts of Rights Action to address the violence, harms and corruption in different economic sectors including mining, hydro-electric dams, 'for-export' food products, tourism and the maquiladora 'sweatshop' clothing industry.



# 4. RIGHTS ACTION

**Rights Action educates widely, and works to hold legally and politically accountable the US and Canadian governments, multi-national companies, investors and banks.**

**It also provides emergency relief for victims of hurricanes, repression and disease.**



**1% of mining royalties are given back to Honduras and Guatemala.**

**62% of the Honduran population live below the poverty line.**



# 5. WORKER'S INFORMATION CENTRE

Helping garment workers in Cambodia

The Centre works with women garment workers through six drop-in centres around Phnom Penh to build their confidence to speak out about working conditions described as modern slavery.

These women suffer low wages, sexual harassment, hazardous working conditions, short-term contracts, and minimal social security.





# 5. WORKER'S INFORMATION CENTRE

Women workers have been shot at for demonstrating, and subjected to fainting from heat stroke and malnourishment. They produce garments for Walmart, Costco, Joe Fresh, and Old Navy.

The Centre also provides access to healthcare, legal assistance, training opportunities, and social spaces for women displaced from their homes and families.



**Cambodia raises minimum wage for garment workers**



# 6. CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN

**FPSE's International Solidarity Fund helps to ensure women and girls in Afghanistan have access to basic education, along with life saving supplies.**

**The organization launched a video classroom pilot project for 60+ grade 7 girls, and provided educational materials delivered directly to their homes.**



# 6. CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN

**It expanded virtual education through the Darakht-e Danesh Digital Library (DDL).**

**DDL gives access to learning materials including books, storybooks, lesson plans, videos, experiments, games and more in nine languages. DD courses allow people to take full courses at their own pace on a variety of subjects, asynchronously, from any location.**





# 7. MINER'S MEMORIAL

A reminder of worker history in Cumberland, BC

FPSE annually places a wreath at the Cumberland Miner's Memorial to commemorate the Asian and under-represented miners interred in the cemetery.

The event celebrates the spirit of resistance and resilience that continues in our communities.

The ceremony is one of the few annual events celebrating labour history in western Canada.





# 8. RURAL SCHOOLS IN INDIA

Isha Vidhya, Rural schools in Tamil Nadu, India

FPSE's International Solidarity Fund provides support for Isha Vidhya rural schools in India.

Since 2005, these schools have provided high-quality school education to underprivileged rural children who cannot otherwise afford it – transforming the lives of over 8500 children.





# 9. LEAVING FOOTPRINTS

Women organized to live free of violence

FPSE's International Solidarity Fund provides support for *Leaving Footprints*.

The project works with women in rural areas of the Department of El Peten, Guatemala to eliminate violence against women.

Part of its focus is to increase women's political participation in key decision-making.





# 10. VIDEO

Bringing our girls back to school, Entebbe, Uganda

FPSE's International Solidarity Fund supports *VIDEA*. The goal of this project is to improve gender equality in schools in rural Uganda.

The project is an initiative of the Environmental Women for Action in Development. It works with the community of Tiira and its primary school to create safe learning environments for mothers and their babies who are returning to school after two years of the pandemic.





# 11. FPSE-HRISC SPEAKERS TOUR

## Panel on International Students



FPSE and the FPSE Human Rights & International Solidarity Committee are proud to present a virtual and in-person event at Capilano University, Lonsdale Quay

### 2023 Speakers Tour

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Friday, March 3rd, 1pm PST  
REGISTER HERE: <http://bit.ly/3K8gBPL>

Featuring: Bipin Kumar (CFS)  
Yağmur Küçükakyüz (ECUAD)  
Rahil Adeli (SFU)  
Natalia Perez (SFU)  
Syed Hussan (Migrant Workers Alliance)  
Kashish Hukku Jani (ECUAD)



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# 11. FPSE-HRISC SPEAKERS TOUR

## Panel on Academic Freedom

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# ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Monday, March 20th, 1pm PST

REGISTER HERE: <http://bit.ly/3K8gBPL>

Featuring: Root Gorelick (Carleton)  
Mark Muhannad Ayyash (Mount Royal)  
Jim Turk (Toronto Metropolitan)  
Jennifer Bardahl (UBC)  
and Ben Lee (ECUAD)





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