



**Dear members,**

We hope to work with as many of you as possible and always welcome your feedback and ideas, so please do not hesitate to get in contact with the BHRC Project Coordinator, [Illari Aragon](#).

### **BHRC statement - Blasphemy in Pakistan.**

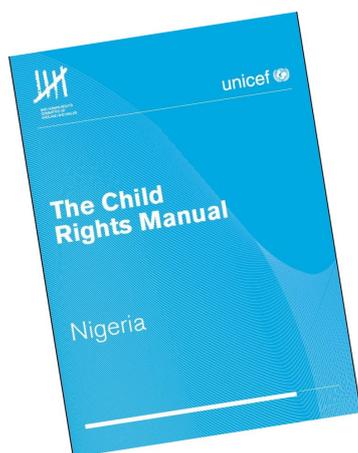
On the 18th September, the BHRC issued a Press Release expressing concern about the detention and contemplated prosecution of Rimsha Masih in Pakistan. To access the BHRC Press Release click [here](#).

## **HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECTS**

### **UNICEF-BHRC partnership 'Case management, monitoring and documentation of child rights protection' NIGERIA.**

The BHRC continues to implement project activities in the framework of the BHRC-UNICEF partnership to enhance the capacity of Child Protection Networks (CPNs) in Nigeria. This project not only comprises the roll out of 5 training phases across the country, but also the development of three comprehensive **Training Manuals**. The Child Rights Manual and its accompanying Training Manual and Case Materials Manual provide a detailed and practical guide to domestic, regional and international child rights remedies. In addition, the BHRC team headed by BHRC Vice-Chair Kirsty Brimelow QC, has also produced a **video demonstration** that features 'best practices' in interviewing techniques with children. This video demonstration not only intends to assist CPN workers in their activities, but it is also a training resource that can be used by Nigerian trainers themselves. A 'train the trainers' approach is at the heart of this project. For more information [click here](#).

### **Production of a series of Training Manuals**



**Production of video demonstrations.**

### **BHRC-SSN partnership for 'Monitoring and legal support of child rights abuse cases in the Niger Delta' internship - NIGERIA**

After a period of one year, this high achieving project has come to an end. In September 2011, the BHRC and Stepping Stones Nigeria (SSN) set up a project partnership in order to implement a legal internship in Nigeria aiming to provide in-country support to local SSN partner organizations working in the field of child rights protection. The BHRC legal intern, Madeleine Bridgett, was based in Calabar providing assistance with documentation, monitoring and follow-up of child abuse cases with the aim of supporting domestic prosecutions. She also conducted advocacy and awareness raising work. The

project brought about important achievements which include the first prosecution of a child abuse case at a Family Court in Cross River State. The BHRC and SSN are currently exploring avenues to continue a second internship intake for 2013-2014.

### **BHRC launches *Zimbabwe Portal* - 'Tracking Expression: Monitoring, Reporting and Addressing Human Rights Violations during Elections' - ZIMBABWE**

Following the BHRC training delegation carried out in Harare and Bulawayo, the BHRC is launching a 'Zimbabwe Portal'. This site was created with the vision to assist lawyers and human rights practitioners in Zimbabwe with a variety of resources, including access to a Long-Distance Support scheme as well as to a comprehensive training Manual 'Observing and Monitoring Elections and Upholding Human Rights during Electoral Process'. This ambitious FCO funded project started in 2011 and continues its development during the course of 2012.



BHRC Chair Mark Muller QC, Ajanta Kaza and other BHRC delegates with Zimbabwean lawyers.

### **DELEGATIONS AND SCOPING WORK**

#### **BHRC Executive Committee member returned from scoping trip - EGYPT**

During September, Schona Jolly traveled to Cairo where she conducted human rights scoping work on behalf of the BHRC. Whilst there, Schona held meetings with representatives of various human rights organizations as well as officials of the British Embassy in Cairo. This visit to Egypt helps the BHRC to strengthen its links with the country as well as to explore working priorities and strategies for the short and long term. Keep in touch to explore involvement in potential BHRC work in Egypt.

#### **BHRC Vice-Chair returns from Caravana Delegation - COLOMBIA**

BHRC Vice-Chair Kirsty Brimelow QC returned from the Colombia Caravana UK Lawyers Group delegation, which aims to monitor the situation of human rights lawyers in Colombia. The Caravana delegation will be presenting its findings in a **public event** to be held on Monday 8th October at the Institute for Advance Legal Studies (IALS). Kirsty Brimelow QC will be part of the panel. For more information [click here](#).



Members of Caravana delegation at the 'Peace Community San Jose de Apartado'.

## **FORTHCOMING BHRC EVENTS**

### **Round-table event - COLOMBIA**

On the 10th October, the BHRC along with the Law Society and PBI will jointly convene a Round-table meeting on Colombia. Colombian lawyer Reinaldo Villalba, will take part in the meeting to discuss with participants some of the most pressing rule of law challenges in Colombia today. If you would like to take part in the meeting, please contact the BHRC [project coordinator](#).

### **The BHRC launches its Mexico rule of law report - 2011 lawyers delegation - MEXICO**

Details to be announced soon.

### **The BHRC presents its Biannual 2010-2011 Report!**

Details to be announced soon.

