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**International  
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Rights and dignity for all who migrate

# About IDC

International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a powerful global network of organisations, groups, individuals, as well as representatives of communities impacted by immigration detention, based in over 100 countries. IDC staff work nationally and regionally in Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), and at the global level. Staff coordinate with members and partners on advocacy, research, coalition and capacity building, as well as create opportunities for national, regional and global collaboration to reduce and ultimately end immigration detention and further rights-based alternatives to detention.

## Vision

A world where immigration detention no longer exists and people who migrate live with rights and dignity.

## Mission

IDC advocates to secure the human rights of people impacted by and at risk of immigration detention. In partnership with civil society, UN agencies, and multiple levels of government, we strategically build movements, and influence law, policy and practices to reduce and ultimately end immigration detention and implement rights-based alternatives to detention.

## Strategic Goals

IDC exists to achieve two long-term strategic goals

1. End immigration detention
2. Establish rights-based ATD as a best practice

## Values

### Solutions-Focused

We strategically adapt our approaches to context, and develop pragmatic solutions that are grounded in everyday reality and experience

### Innovation

We continually innovate our understanding and practices, through curiosity, learning, and exploring new possibilities

### Collaboration

We engage in collective thinking and group-centred processes that facilitate an active exchange of ideas and contributions

### Respect

We listen closely and with empathy to diverse perspectives, share and accept critique, and treat one another with dignity

### Representation

We prioritise diversity, inclusion, and the leadership of people with lived experience of detention, in order to ensure accountability in our work

# Letter from the Chairperson & Executive Director

Dear Members & Partners,

IDC continued to solidly advance our mission of reducing and ultimately ending immigration detention this year, building on our history of work in some regions such as the Asia Pacific, the Americas and Europe, and reigniting our efforts in other regions such as the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Critically, we furthered IDC's key approach of coordinating national, regional and global advocacy initiatives. For example, in Thailand this year we continued working closely with national civil society networks, including the Coalition for the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP), as well as UN agencies and the government towards ending child immigration detention, while simultaneously advocating at regional and global levels with the Asia Pacific Regional Platform and the Regional and Global UN Networks of Migration. We also advanced work to strengthen a regional community of practice. This represents a holistic, multi-level advocacy approach that IDC is uniquely positioned to coordinate, and we will continue to pursue essential opportunities such as these into the future.

Additional key impacts at national and regional levels this year included, collaboration with local authorities in Mexico to properly implement the legislative prohibition of child immigration detention by enhancing the comprehensive child protection route, government approval of the Malaysian alternatives to detention (ATD) pilot, as well as the development of a 2-year plan for the European Alternatives to Detention Network to scale up case management-based ATD across 7 countries in Europe.

This year, engagement with the first ever [International Migration Review Forum \(IMRF\)](#) in May 2022 was a key priority. Set to happen every 4 years, the IMRF involves the formal review of the progress of governments and other stakeholders in implementing the guiding principles and objectives of the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration \(GCM\)](#). In addition to IDC's ongoing advocacy initiatives across regions, we also [coordinated efforts](#) to engage with the IMRF process alongside our partners at national, regional and global levels this year, as described in this report.

IDC also produced key research and strategy publications, such as [Using Alternatives to Detention As A Systems Change Strategy Towards Ending Immigration Detention](#), [Gaining Ground: Promising Practices to Reduce and End Immigration Detention](#), and [Immigration Detention and Alternatives to Immigration Detention in the Asia](#)

[Pacific Region](#), which aim to clarify our approach and strengthen it by building our evidence base. A full list of all new resources from this year can be found in the New Publications and Research section of the report.

We also finalised a new [IDC Membership Strategy](#) this year, which involved a thorough process of input and feedback from IDC members and partners. As a core tenet of our membership approach moving forward, IDC aims to centre the leadership of people with lived experience of detention and ensure they are involved in shaping the policies that directly impact their own lives and communities. To build on this, we have developed IDC's Theory of Change to be published soon, and are in the process of developing IDC's next Strategic Plan to be implemented from 2023 to 2028. Both of these include commitment to foster equitable, collaborative and supportive partnerships with impacted leaders and communities.

We are happy to report that IDC has advanced in our fundraising efforts, and we continue to diversify our funding base. We secured new funders in different regions this year, as well as increased strategic partnerships, including with philanthropic trusts and foundations, government funding opportunities, and UN agencies, amongst others. Growth in our fundraising efforts has enabled IDC to expand our work across regional programmes, which include welcoming new Europe and MENA Regional Coordinators, and further team members in Mexico, Malaysia, and in MENA. Nonetheless, fundraising continues to be a challenge and we will further prioritise efforts towards securing sustainability for our work and organisational strengthening. Finally, we continue progressing towards organisational registration in the Netherlands, which we anticipate will broaden our accessibility to critical funding opportunities needed to continue our work across different regions.

We thank you so much for your ongoing support and belief in IDC. Your solidarity and partnership provide us with the drive needed to continue working towards a world where immigration detention no longer exists and people who migrate live with rights and dignity.

**Alice Nah**

Chairperson, IDC Committee  
International Detention Coalition

**Carolina Gottardo**

Executive Director  
International Detention Coalition.

# Our Members

In 2008, IDC was founded as an email listserv of individuals and organisations concerned about the expansion of immigration detention around the world. This listserv launched into a global coalition - the first to bring people together to create identity, political analysis, solutions, and build solidarity in a global movement to end immigration detention.

IDC now has 501 members from over 95 countries worldwide, consisting mainly of small to medium size organisations spread across the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East and North Africa. IDC members have a wide range of specialisations related to immigration detention and alternatives to detention, including academia, law, research, policy, direct service,

advocacy, campaigning, and community organising. Additionally, IDC's International Advisory Committee (IAC) provides insight and strategic guidance to IDC. The IAC is made up of up to 30 members, who are also responsible for selecting the 7 members of IDC's Committee, which provides governance and finance leadership to IDC.

IDC members engage on emerging and important issues related to immigration detention in national, regional and global contexts, and IDC membership provides opportunities to connect, exchange ideas and develop collaborative strategies to impact immigration detention law, policy and practice around the globe. See our members showcased [here](#), and become a member [here](#).

## Five year plan

This year, to honour IDC's history and impact almost 15 years on, IDC proudly launched a new [Membership Strategy](#) to live out our identity and purpose as a global coalition. We established a new membership vision of creating **a connected global movement to end immigration detention built from the ground up**, by focusing on achieving the following membership goals in the next five years:

- 1** IDC is a connected global movement that prioritises national, regional and cross-regional member engagement to support change on the ground
- 2** IDC has diverse membership, with increased leadership of people with lived experience of detention, refugee, migrant-led and grassroots groups
- 3** IDC supports the leadership of members in spaces of influence and members play a key role in shaping our advocacy priorities
- 4** IDC engages with members in a variety of ways that align with the needs of our members, as well as with our strategic plan
- 5** IDC has clear membership policies and processes, as well as sustainable membership systems and staff support

**We welcome you to read more about IDC's Membership Strategy [here](#).**

# Regional & Global Programmes of Work



## Asia Pacific

IDC continued its support as a key civil society convener of the [Coalition on the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons \(CRSP\)](#) in Thailand, with a focus on connecting advocacy at national, regional and global levels. IDC has been working with CRSP to facilitate the development of the CRSP National Strategy, which supports advocacy towards ending immigration detention.

In July 2021, IDC began working in collaboration with [Sidekick](#) to conduct a public perception study in Thailand, aiming to understand and increase public support for refugees and people seeking asylum using a human-centred framework. The findings will allow IDC and Sidekick to develop key messages and communication materials to raise awareness and engagement among the Thai public, and urge the Thai government to reduce discrimination against migrant and refugee communities.

Additionally, IDC worked with UNICEF Thailand and the Thai government Department of Children and Youth – Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (DCY) to develop a government Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) framework in line with key international standards to track progress on the [ATD MOU](#) implementation. Further, in partnership with HOST International Thailand under the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, IDC developed a [research brief](#), as well as new guidelines for implementing community-based, rights-based, gender responsive ATD in Thailand. Based on an evaluation of HOST's ATD pilot programme, these IDC resources were launched at [an event](#) in February 2022 attended by over 60 government representatives, civil society organisations, UN agencies, and diplomatic missions.

From December 2021 to March 2022, IDC also worked with DCY, Terre des Hommes Germany (TDHs) and UNICEF Thailand, with support of the European Union, to co-organise the [Children and Youth Affected by Migration-Led Advocacy Workshop](#). This project involved conducting youth engagement training for 43 different local partners, as well as leadership and advocacy training for 175 migrant and refugee children and youth. Curriculum for the workshops and [new child-friendly](#) materials were designed using various partner materials, such as TDH's Manual on Children's Participation and IDC's Community Leadership Curriculum.



Participants in training workshops to support children and youth affected by migration

The youth leaders were then invited to share [a statement](#) directly with policy-makers in April 2022 at a [forum](#) attended by Thailand's Representative to ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights

of Women and Children (ACWC), representatives from the Thai government, as well as international organisations and NGOs. IDC also supported these young leaders to present their analysis at an [IMRF Side Event](#) on the ASEAN Framework on Protecting the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration in May 2022.



Children and youth affected by migration present issues and solutions to government and civil society leaders in Thailand

In Malaysia, the Ministry of Home Affairs [officially launched an ATD pilot programme](#) in February 2022 for unaccompanied and separated children following approval of the pilot by the Malaysian cabinet in 2021. This was a key milestone for IDC following many years of ongoing advocacy. The planning, development and implementation of the pilot is being supported by IDC partners SUKA Society and Yayasan Chow Kit.

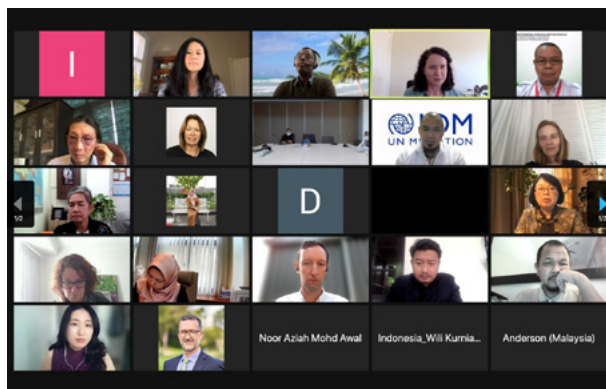
IDC continued to coordinate the End Child Detention Network Malaysia (ECDN), and brought members together to discuss strategy and collective advocacy efforts. IDC has also started a public engagement programme in Malaysia, including new initiatives focused on developing public and media engagement strategies on refugee and migrant rights. The programme includes coordinated public surveys and analysis to determine the most effective messaging on these issues.

Further in Malaysia, IDC worked with Akar Umbi, a local NGO, to conduct a leadership programme called the [Azalea Initiative](#) with a group of refugee women in Kuala Lumpur. The programme's goal is to support their empowerment, and build their capacities as changemakers within their communities. The programme draws from IDC's Community Leadership Curriculum, and has been adapted into 15 modules. Two cohorts have engaged so far this year, including participants from various ethnic communities including Afghani, Pakistani and Somali young women.



IDC Community and Engagement Organiser - Malaysia Hannah Jambunathan leads a workshop on power analysis

At the regional level, IDC and the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration co-organised two virtual workshops as part of the Asia Pacific Regional Peer Learning Platform in this period. The [September 2021 workshop](#) focused on access to education for refugee and migrant children, and the February 2022 workshop focused on government and civil society partnerships in implementing ATD. Approximately 60 government, civil society and NGO representatives attended each workshop from the 5 countries participating in the Regional Platform: Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Thailand. There has been strong agreement from governments on the usefulness of the Regional Peer Learning Platform.



Asia Pacific Regional Peer Learning Platform workshop

In August 2021, IDC convened the third Community of Practice (COP) meeting with IDC members from Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. The meeting focused on developing messaging for public health advocacy that cuts across both the criminal justice and immigration detention sectors, as well as challenges and best practices for advocacy amid the xenophobic public discourse of the COVID era.

Additionally, ASEAN adopted the Regional Plan of Action (RPA) 2021-2030 in October 2021 to implement the ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration. IDC was one of few civil society organisations invited to intergovernmental consultations on the Declaration prior to its adoption, which enabled us to ensure ATD for children was incorporated into the regional plan.

IDC also continues co-facilitating the Alternatives to Detention Thematic Workstream of the Regional UN Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific alongside OHCHR, UNHCR, IOM and UNICEF. IDC will also co-lead the ATD group of the UN national network in Thailand which links well IDC's national, regional and global work.

## Europe

IDC continues to coordinate the [European Alternatives to Detention Network \(EATDN\)](#), which has been working since 2017 to bring together organisations implementing case management-based ATD across Europe. The Network has grown from its initial four pilot projects, and [now includes](#) ten organisations in Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Poland and the UK. Five years on from its establishment, the goal of the Network – to reduce and end immigration detention by building evidence and momentum on engagement-based alternatives – is more relevant than ever.



European ATD Network members at latest meeting in Italy, 2022

In this period, IDC and PICUM worked with our EATDN partners to develop a 2-year Implementation Plan for scaling up case management-based ATD in Europe. This was funded by the European Social Catalyst Fund (ESCF). IDC consulted with leaders with lived experience of detention, as well as the Council of Europe, the European Commission, the governments of Belgium and the UK, and the city of Utrecht amongst other stakeholders in the development of the plan.

This [scaling plan](#) focuses on advocacy, research, network-building, peer learning and centering the leadership of those with lived experience of detention. In this implementation plan, the EATDN lays out how these different elements of its work will be organised and implemented in order to promote community-based solutions, as well as expand and amplify case management-based ATD. Ultimately, our goal is to work towards ending immigration detention by providing strong evidence that migration management frameworks that do not include detention are feasible and effective.



European ATD Network members at latest network meeting in Italy

In April 2022 in Rome, Italy, IDC organised the first [in-person meeting](#) of the EATDN since the start of the pandemic. Over several days, this meeting provided space for network members from across Europe to gather after this long hiatus, review our progress to date, develop a joint understanding of the current context, exchange on priority areas and challenges, and develop a collective roadmap for the coming phase. Key takeaways included: 1) learning together across countries is critical; 2) change happens incrementally; and 3) showcasing success must be a priority. Network members also discussed how to meaningfully and responsibly ensure that people with lived experience of immigration detention are included in the design and delivery of our work.

This year, IDC also supported and guided various governments, UN agencies, and civil society organisations at the national level. This included advising the Scottish government on the development of ATD as they aim to align their policies closer to their national values, as well as working with members in a range of countries to scope opportunities for advocacy around ending immigration detention. In coordination with our partner Association for Legal Intervention (SIP) in Poland, IDC submitted an amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court of Poland intended to support a case regarding a single mother who had been detained with her baby for almost a year and a half. The brief focused on Immigration detention and ATD within international and European law, and key legal standards when it comes to detention of children and families with children.



European ATD Network members at latest network meeting in Italy

Regionally, IOM Western Balkans invited IDC to present on ATD policies and practices at a conference for government representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo. The International Commission of Jurists has also engaged IDC to support in furthering knowledge about ATD to European judges, including at a roundtable for Italian, Greek, Czech and Irish judges and lawyers. The roundtable featured presentations from national NGOs and courts, as well as by representatives of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Commission, the European Parliament and the EU Court of Justice, and was intended to increase knowledge around ATD amongst stakeholders in Europe.

Further, IDC assisted the World Health Organisation (WHO Europe) in the production of [a guide](#) exploring the links between health and immigration detention. This was accompanied by a [Lancet op-ed](#), co-authored by IDC's Executive Director, which called on governments to prioritise engagement-based ATD. Additionally, IDC presented at a high-level meeting on health and migration which took place in Turkey in March 2022, and was attended by Ministers of Health from 53 WHO member states in the Europe region.

IDC continued to engage in discussions at the European Union level on immigration detention and ATD, including through the European Migration Network (EMN), which is an EU network of migration and asylum experts represented by the European Commission and Member States. IDC is part of an EMN advisory group guiding the development and organisation of an EMN-wide workshop on ATD due to take place in late 2022.

In 2022, Europe has been profoundly impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the resulting displacement of millions of people. IDC issued [a statement](#) on the crisis, welcoming the support being provided to those fleeing Ukraine and urging governments to extend the same assistance to all people with equity and compassion. We also worked with our members in the countries bordering Ukraine to support activities to assist refugees fleeing the conflict.

## Americas

This year, IDC received new funding from the Office of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) as part of a consortium along with Asylum Access Mexico, Institute of Women in Migration (IMUMI), and Kids in Need of Defence (KIND). This large collaborative initiative focuses on ensuring the comprehensive protection of children and families on the move in Mexico's southern border states, Veracruz, Tabasco and Chiapas. Along with further funds, IDC was able to expand its team in Mexico to focus on strengthening IDC's advocacy efforts in the region.

As part of this work IDC produced an advocacy report available in Spanish entitled, "Considerations for Monitoring and Evaluating Alternative Care Practices and Programs for Migrant Children in Mexico." This report includes IDC's guidance and tools for the Mexican government to successfully implement the Protocol for the Protection of Migrant and Refugee Children. Further, IDC [continues its research and monitoring efforts](#) through information requests to the National Institute of Access to Public Information (INAI) in Mexico, including queries to the Protection authorities, the National Migration Institute, Human Rights Commissions, and others, in order to determine the success of best interest determinations, alternative care programmes, and referral systems for children.



IDC and partners at a forum on child protection in Mexico

This year, as part of the Consortium, IDC prioritised in-person visits to local NGOs and partners in Mexico City, Tabasco, Veracruz and Chiapas, to provide capacity building with shelters, social assistance centres, and local authorities on the implementation of the Protection Protocol. This included training for 50 authorities in Veracruz from the Comprehensive Protection System for Children and Adolescents (SIPINNA) regarding the development of inter-governmental coordination procedures to implement child protection protocols. IDC also supported a [site visit in Chiapas](#), which brought together legislators to learn about the conditions of immigration detention and the realities that exist on the southern border.



IDC and partners organise a site visit to the southern border with government and civil society leaders

As part of its efforts to shift the focus to migrant communities, IDC and its partner SOS Children's Villages in Comitán, Chiapas engaged young people from migrant communities in leadership training and activities, piloting methodology adapted from IDC's Community Leadership Curriculum. IDC also worked with partners to implement a video project, which supported migrant children to create video documentaries of their own experiences and hopes for the future.

In terms of capacity building, IDC worked with the National Commission for the Protection of Migrant Children to coordinate three regional virtual workshops this year in the south, central and north of Mexico. These were each attended by several hundred participants,



including federal, state and local authorities, and civil society. Follow-up training was requested by the state of Veracruz, where IDC organised another online workshop for 120 attendees on comprehensive protection systems for children. Coordinated by the Migration Policy Working Group, IDC also provided training to the Mexican legislature, which was attended by more than 100 participants. Further, following meetings with the National System for the Integral Development of the Family (SNDIF), IDC and its partners were able to gain commitment from the Director to support in implementing a national online workshop to local authorities in 32 states, as well as work on developing alternative care models for shelters serving migrant children.



IDC and partners organising forums with government and civil society leaders

Our work this year included the launch of an [advocacy campaign](#) to end the detention of people seeking asylum in Mexico. As part of this effort, IDC began leading a new advocacy Task Force (Grupo de Acción por la No Detención de Personas Refugiadas), bringing together 16 diverse civil society members and partners in Mexico. IDC guided the Task Force to develop a strategy, including advocacy for proper screening, assessment, referral, and case management through rights-based ATD protocols, as well as the development of a [legislative proposal](#), drafted with the Migration Policy Working Group, to reform the Law on the Rights of the Child in order to expressly actualise the [prohibition on child detention](#).

In Central America this year, IDC hosted peer learning exchanges with governments and civil society from El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico regarding child protection mechanisms in the region. IDC showcased our work alongside local government partners who shared their reception shelter models in Mexico and Guatemala. IDC presented our [Vulnerability Screening Tool](#), as well as moderated a panel on child protection experiences in Mexico. IDC also participated in the Regional Migration Conference (RMC) in Puebla, Mexico to ensure the prevention of immigration detention remains on the regional agenda. Additionally, IDC worked with the Regional Network of Civil Organisations for Migration (RROCOM) to encourage implementation of the Operational Guide for the Application of the Best Interests of Migrant Children.



IDC Americas Monitoring and Evaluation Officer Pablo Loredo presenting research findings on child protection in Mexico

IDC also supported our partner Caribbean Centre for Human Rights (CCHHR) in Trinidad & Tobago to give [testimony](#) before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 2021. IDC also participated in developing submissions on immigration detention and access to justice for the Universal Periodic Review of Trinidad and Tobago, as well as further [key recommendations](#).

Further, IDC continued to engage with US members and partners advocating to [end immigration detention](#), and develop effective and rights-based ATD programs. As part of a US ATD Working Group, IDC monitors developing advocacy goals and challenges, and provides input where applicable. IDC also supported partners through social media campaigns focused on ending immigration detention and human rights abuses, particularly highlighting discrimination and racism, and calling for protection from detention and deportation.

## MENA

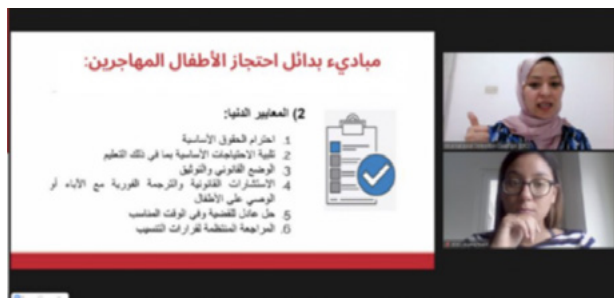
IDC is delighted to have re-launched our MENA Regional Programme this year, including the recruitment of a Regional Coordinator and Programme Officer both based in the MENA region. This was made possible through funding secured from the Robert Bosch Foundation.



IDC's new MENA Regional Coordinator Amara Markous speaking about alternative care options for migrant children

This year, IDC worked with UNICEF MENA on research to map practices and legislation related to child immigration detention across the MENA region. Through this process, we identified promising practices towards ending child immigration detention and implementation of ATD. Some of the promising practices in the MENA region are already featured in IDC's latest global report: [Gaining Ground: Promising Practice to Reduce & End Immigration Detention](#). The MENA regional report will cover 9 countries, and we will also publish two policy briefs based on the insights examined in the report. The process of preparing the research included data collection, verification through review and interviews with different national and regional actors, case study and narrative development. After months of research and development, the MENA mapping publication will be officially released in the last quarter of 2022, and its launch will serve as a starting point for advocacy strategies focusing on key countries in the MENA region throughout 2023.

In March 2022, IDC's MENA Regional Programme conducted an [online training](#) for civil society organisations and individuals, as well as UNICEF staff in the MENA region. The training focused on building understanding of key concepts related to immigration detention, the impacts of immigration detention on children, defining ATD in theory and practice, with a particular emphasis on examples in the MENA region, in addition to discussing challenges to ending child immigration detention, and approaches to overcoming these challenges. Participants joined from Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon and Iraq. IDC Executive Director Carolina Gottardo also presented on ATD global practices at the UNICEF launch of their [MENA regional briefings](#) in February 2022 for Migration Week.



IDC conducts training on child protection and ATD for civil society in MENA

We have also begun planning a series of capacity building training for civil society in the region to include more nuanced aspects of ATD, such as case management. [IDC's Online Training Toolkit](#) is currently being updated and translated into Arabic in preparation for this training series. New content is also being integrated which shares examples and videos relevant to the MENA context.

IDC's MENA Regional Programme has prioritised translation of key documents and communications into Arabic, including the development of an IDC MENA [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to strengthen our online engagement with actors in the region. This includes distribution of new social media materials that share

key learnings about ATD from other regions in order to increase interest and knowledge about these issues among members and partners in MENA. IDC has also begun a membership drive in the MENA region to re-ignite engagement with local partners.

The complexities of the migration experience in the MENA region, as well as the political relationships and dynamics that exist between nations in both Europe and MENA, creates an environment that criminalises migrant communities as a default approach, which adds to the vulnerabilities and risks faced by people on the move. Immigration detention is a core issue within this criminalisation approach, and IDC aims to continue strengthening its MENA Regional Programme in order to build civil society capacity, networks and advocacy initiatives to ensure that human rights and dignity are at the forefront of the migrant and refugee experience in MENA.

## Africa

IDC's capacity in the Africa region has been limited this year. We are grateful to Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) in South Africa, which has served as IDC's focal point in the Africa region. LHR has supported IDC to connect with members and partners in the region, and together we developed a paper on mapping government responses to COVID-19, and impacts on immigration detention and ATD practices.

In May 2022, IDC presented at a Government Roundtable on ATD in East Africa co-organised by IOM East Africa and the German development agency - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), with representatives from 7 governments from the East Africa region. This, as well as other opportunities, have illustrated the importance of reinvigorating IDC's work in the region, as there are many opportunities for advancing advocacy to end immigration detention and promote ATD. We are currently exploring the potential to complete a mapping on detention and ATD across 10 countries in the region. Additionally, we have engaged with IOM Southern Africa to provide technical support on a training manual, which includes modules on immigration detention, detention conditions and ATD.

Towards the end of this year, IDC entered the position of being able to recruit an Africa Regional Coordinator who will be based in the region. This new team member will begin in the last quarter of 2022, and will be instrumental in reinvigorating IDC's Africa Regional Programme.

## Global

IDC's work as co-lead of the UN Network on Migration Working Group on Alternatives to Detention (ATD) alongside UNICEF and UNHCR, progressed well this year. We co-organised the Third Global Peer Learning Exchange on ATD in January 2022 with the governments

of Colombia, Nigeria, Portugal and Thailand. The event, entitled Highlighting Alternatives to Detention in the IMRF, focused on building momentum towards the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), and was attended by 130 participants from 39 different governments. Additionally, the report from the Second Peer Learning Exchange organised by IDC on case management for case resolution and scaling up ATD in June 2021 was released this year. This exchange was co-hosted by the UN Network on Migration and the governments of Colombia, Ghana, Nigeria, Thailand and Portugal, and was attended by 134 participants, including more than 70 officials from 37 governments, the European Union and the South American Conference on Migration. During this period the Working Group also produced four global snapshots on Ending Child Immigration Detention, Scaling up Community Based Alternatives to Detention, Temporary Regularisation Programmes and Whole of Government and Whole of Society Approaches, as well as a video released in May 2021 on ending child immigration detention. Additionally, the Working Group organised an IMRF Dialogue Series webinar in February 2022 entitled "Whole of Society Approach: Government - Civil Society Partnerships on Alternatives to Immigration Detention," which highlighted the role of leaders with lived experience and civil society in the work to end immigration detention.



IDC at the IMRF in Geneva

For IDC, another key aim in the lead up to and during the first ever IMRF was to influence the drafting of the IMRF Progress Declaration, a document prepared by States to share their progress on implementing the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). To influence this, IDC worked in close collaboration with civil society partners, leaders with lived experience, UN agencies, governments, local authorities, and other stakeholders invested in this global process, including key champion states. During negotiations, these collaborative efforts influenced the Progress Declaration to include the concerns, challenges and progress made on ATD implementation and ending child immigration detention. IDC and partners were also able to achieve the inclusion of peer learning as a key methodology for moving forward, which is IDC's flagship advocacy approach. We also provided input at the Town Hall meetings organised by the governments of Bangladesh and Luxembourg, the co-facilitators of the process. At the IMRF, we also co-organised a Side Event with the governments of Thailand, Portugal, and Colombia, which focused on

ending child immigration detention. IDC's Executive Director Carolina Gottardo was also invited to moderate Roundtable 2, which convened States to talk about several objectives of the GCM, and included discussion on Objective 13 of the GCM related to alternatives to detention and ending child immigration detention.

IDC also co-leads the UN Migration Network Group Working Group on ATD in the Asia Pacific, as well as co-leads working groups at the national level to implement Objective 13 of the GCM. IDC's work with our members and partners to connect national, regional and global initiatives to reduce and ultimately end immigration detention, resulted in detention and ATD being key priorities for States to address during the IMRF, and in pledges on Objective 13 from governments such as Colombia, Mexico, Thailand and Germany.

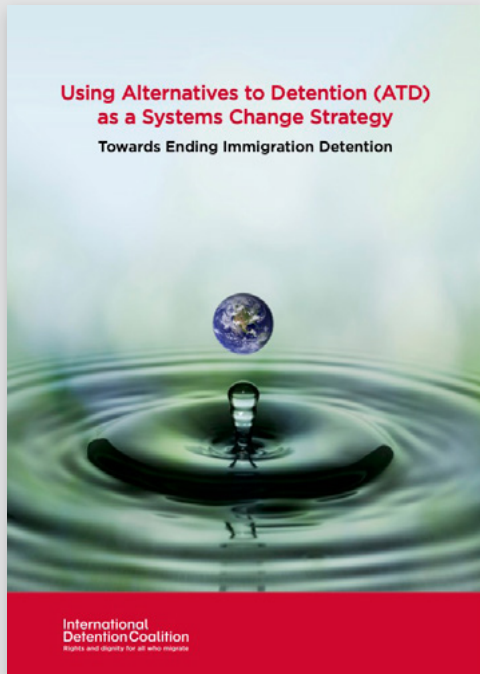


IDC Executive Director Carolina Gottardo moderating a panel discussion at the IMRF in Geneva

Additionally this year, we were speakers at the UN Migration Network Annual Conference in December 2021, and showcased our experience in the Asia Pacific of coordinating national, regional and global advocacy work. IDC was also invited to speak at a Side Event of the UN Task Force on Accelerating Progress to End Child Immigration Detention in October 2021, organised by the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children. In December 2021, IDC was a speaker at the IOM launch event for their new ATD guidelines as well.

IDC also gained new key partnerships in networks at the global level this year, including as the civil society representatives of the UN Multi Partner Migration Trust Fund (MPTF) Steering Committee. We participated as speakers at an event organised by the MPTF to showcase the work of the Trust Fund in preparations for the IMRF. Further, IDC was appointed as Co-Chair of the Detention and Due Process Working Group of the Global Strategic Litigation Council for Refugee Rights. In this space, IDC aims to work with partners to identify potential strategic litigation opportunities towards reducing and ending immigration detention.

## New Publications & Research

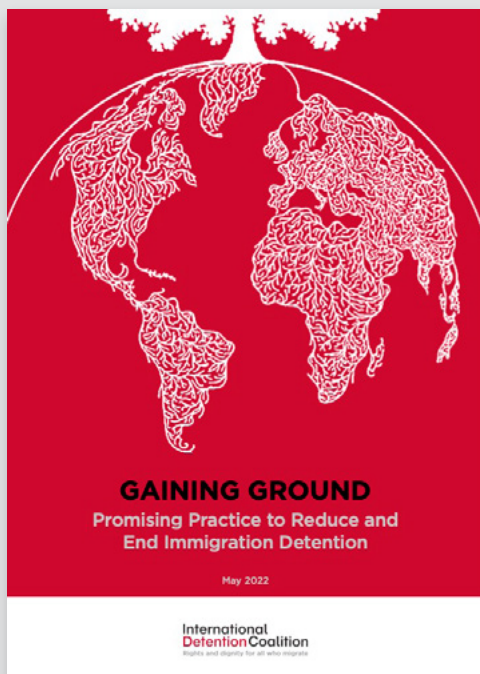


### **Using Alternatives to Detention (ATD) As A Systems Change Strategy Towards Ending Immigration Detention**

IDC uses ATD as a systems change strategy towards ending immigration detention. This means that in our advocacy, we provide a vision and roadmap towards migration governance approaches that are based on values of human rights, fairness, agency and freedom. This involves bringing about changes in different areas of migration governance through the implementation of community-centred ATD, in order to reduce detention, promote ripple effects, and progressively build systems that don't rely on detention at all.

This paper was written for civil society organisations, grassroots groups and individuals working in advocacy, community organising, academia, law, research, policy and direct service provision, and particularly for representatives of communities directly impacted by immigration detention, who are interested in working to reduce, and ultimately end immigration detention.

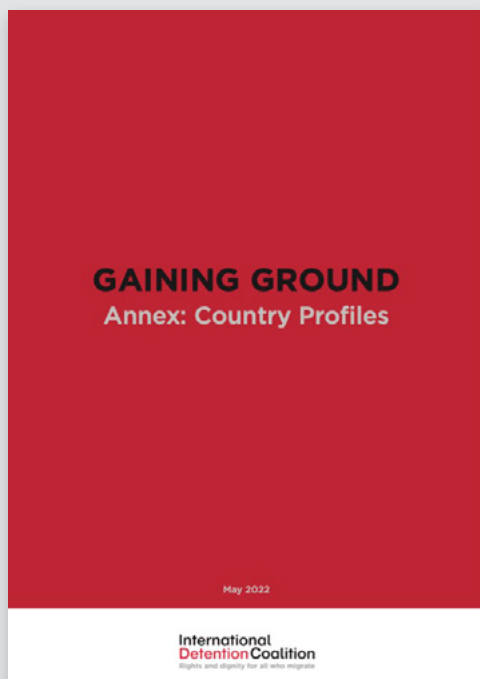
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### **Gaining Ground: Promising Practices to Reduce and End Immigration Detention**

Immigration detention represents one of the most flagrant human rights violations of our time. In recent years, IDC has seen a number of governments begin to recognise that effective and feasible alternatives to detention (ATD) do exist. This briefing paper was written to provide an overview of practical examples and recent developments in the field of alternatives to detention (ATD), in order to highlight promising practice and encourage further progress in this area. It aims to inspire and embolden governments, local authorities, international organisations, civil society and community actors and other stakeholders, with steps they can take to move away from the use of immigration detention.

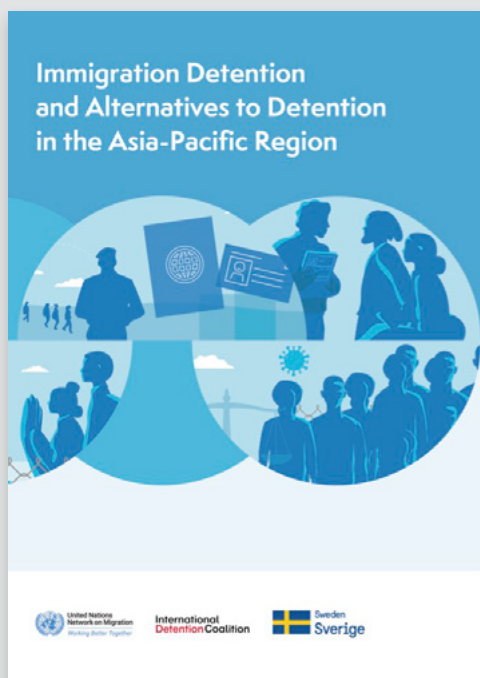
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### **Gaining Ground Annex: Country Profiles**

This Annex compiles short country profiles for the 47 countries that were included in a research mapping carried out for IDC's briefing paper *Gaining ground: Promising Practice to Reduce and End Immigration Detention* and should be read in parallel to the paper. IDC undertook data collection across five regions (Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe and MENA) through desk research and outreach to IDC members and partners. Each country profile provides a short overview of the immigration detention context, in addition to one or more examples of recent developments in law and/or policy related to efforts to reduce and end immigration detention.

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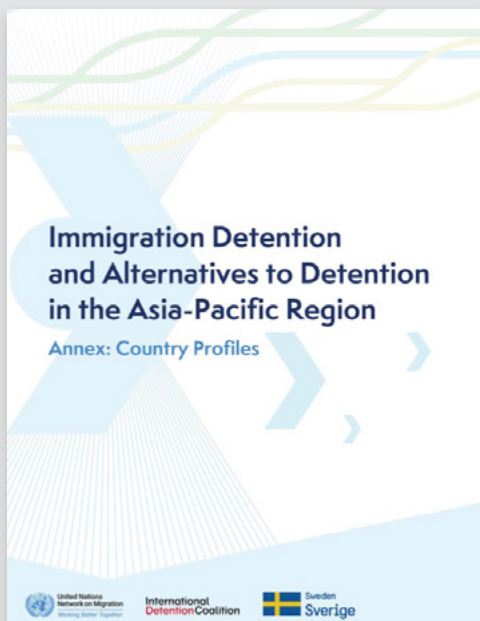


### **Immigration Detention and ATD in the Asia Pacific Region**

This Report was produced to inform and support preparations for the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), as well as serve as a useful resource for post-IMRF implementation efforts in the Asia Pacific region. This report summarises the results of a mapping of the use of immigration detention and alternatives to immigration detention (ATD) in 19 countries across the five sub-regions of the Asia-Pacific region: East and North-East Asia, South-East Asia, South and South-West Asia, North and Central Asia, and the Pacific.

This publication was produced by IDC with the support of OHCHR, the Regional UN Network on Migration for the Asia Pacific, and the Global UN Network on Migration.

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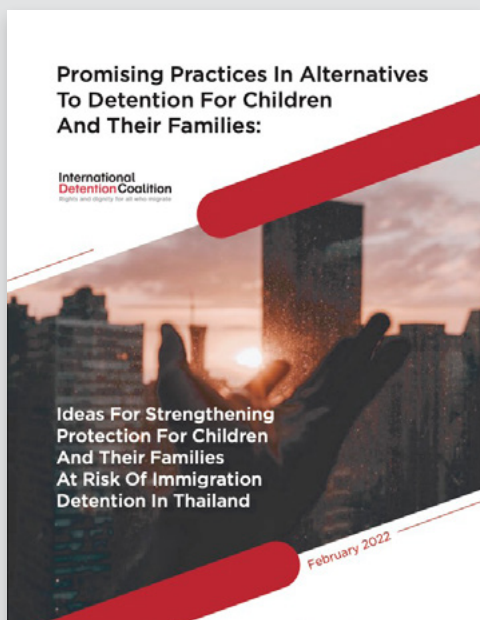


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### **Promising Practices in ATD: Ideas for Strengthening Protection for Children and Their Families in Thailand**

Through this research we seek to provide further support to the Royal Thai government, civil society, and other stakeholders in strengthening laws, policies, and practices to better protect children and their families in the context of migration. We begin by summarising global legal standards and principles that require an end to the use of immigration detention. We also outline the fundamental components of rights-based ATD for children and families, providing examples of promising practices for each of these components that may be of particular interest in the Thai context. Through this research, and the recommendations included herein, we hope to encourage further thinking in Thailand on how to best address gaps in the ATD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and ways in which these global promising practices could potentially be adapted to the Thai context.

Available Languages: English, Thai



### **From Engagement to Enforcement: A 2-Year Scaling Plan**

Across Europe, there is pressure to increase the use of immigration detention as part of a push to accelerate return rates and reduce irregular migration. The European ATD Network has been working in Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Poland and the UK to drive down detention by putting in place community-based Alternatives to Detention pilots and advocating for systemic change. We have shown that when we work together, a community-led approach results in better outcomes for everyone.

This two-year scaling plan, developed by the members of the EATDN with the support of IDC and PICUM, outlines how the European ATD Network will advance case management-based ATD in Europe, putting advocacy, networks and the expertise of people with lived experience at the forefront. It outlines how, by broadening and deepening our work, we are creating sustainable change now and into the future.

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## **Additional Publications**

IDC also contributed to the following publications and resources this year:

### **Addressing Health Challenges in Immigration Detention and ATD**

World Health Organisation (WHO Europe)

### **Improving Health in Immigration Detention & Promoting Alternatives to Detention**

The Lancet

### **Spotlight Report on Global Migration**

Global Coalition on Migration & Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

### **Undoing Precarity: Elevating Positive Practices for Refugee Protection in South and Southeast Asia**

Open Society Justice Initiative, Refugee Solidarity Network

### **Fact Sheet for World Refugee Day 2022: Key information about refugee and asylum seeking communities in Thailand from 2021-2022**

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## Our Partners

IDC would like to thank our members and partners around the world for their continuing support during this year. Particular thanks go to members of IDC's International Advisory Committee and the IDC Committee, who give of their time so generously and enable us to make our collaborative efforts effective and global in scope. Additionally, many of our partners do not sit on formal IDC member committees, however their generosity and commitment to collaboration enables IDC's network to achieve far more than any single organisation could. Thank you all for your vision, energy and willingness to share your knowledge.

During the 2021-2022 financial year, IDC's committee members included:

### International Advisory Committee

#### IDC Committee

- Christina Fiahlo, Committee Member
- Anne Harrison, Treasurer
- Evan Jones, Deputy Chairperson
- Dr. Alice Nah, Chairperson
- Dr. Champa Patel, Committee Member
- Dr. Melissa Phillips, Secretary
- Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh, Committee Member

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- Eleanor Acer, [Human Rights First](#)
- Jenny Collins-White, [Catholic Mission](#)
- Alejandra Macias Delgadillo, [Asylum Access Mexico](#)
- Oktay Durukan, [Refugee Rights Turkey](#)
- Eunice Ndonga Githinji, [Refugee Consortium Kenya](#)
- Gretchen Kuhner, [Institute for Women in Migration](#)
- Solomon Wasia Masitsa, [Kenya National Commission on Human Rights](#)
- Wayne Ncube, [Lawyers for Human Rights](#)
- Anderson Selvasegaram, [SUKA Society](#)
- Stephanie Silverman, [University of Toronto](#)
- Melanie Teff, International Consultant
- Thomas Touray, [West African Institute for Legal Aid](#)

### Funders

Most importantly to our funders who continue to share our vision of a world where immigration detention no longer exists and people who migrate live with rights and dignity: [Oak Foundation](#), [Planet Wheeler Foundation](#), [Open Society Foundations](#), [Porticus Foundation](#), [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#), [UNHCR Mexico](#), [European Programme for Integration and Migration \(EPIM\)](#), [European Social Catalyst Fund](#), [The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives](#), [The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration \(PRM\) through Asylum Access Mexico](#), [Robert Bosch Stiftung Foundation \(RBF\)](#), [UNICEF MENA](#), and [Australian Communities Foundation](#), along with donations from private individuals.



## Our Team Members

During the 2021-2022 financial year, IDC team members included:

**Elizabeth Alvares**

Americas Programme Support

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**Gisele Bonnici**

Americas Regional Coordinator

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**Carolina Carreño Nigenda**

Americas Childhood Project Officer

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**Chawaratt Chawarangkul**

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**Vivienne Chew**

Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator

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**Silvia Gómez**

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**Hannah Jambunathan**

Community and Engagement Organiser - Malaysia

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**Mia-lia Boua Kiernan**

Communications and Engagement Coordinator

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**Pablo Loredó**

Americas Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

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**Amera Markous**

MENA Regional Coordinator

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**Diana Martínez**

Americas Programme Officer

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**Pia Solf**

Finance and Administration Coordinator

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**Min Yamada Park**

Asia Pacific Programme Officer & Impact and Learning Lead

# Financial Statements

## Statement by IDC Committee

International Detention Coalition's financial situation continued to strengthen during this financial year, in large part as a result of dedicated fundraising efforts which has resulted in additional funding supporting our work in the regions.

Much work has been done over the past 12 months to diversify funding sources with significant new funding and other additional funding prospects in the pipeline.

In light of the economic uncertainty related to the pandemic, global developments concerning migration and displacement over the past 2 years and a trend of reduction to our core funding, IDC has prioritised the building up of cash reserves to strengthen our financial stability in coming years.

The surplus for the year amounted to \$540,066. This has been allocated towards anticipated activities in the

coming year (13%) and to cash reserves (87%). These reserves will be used to fund future activities.

Expenses increased during the year with the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions allowing for the resumption of in-person activities (after nearly 2 years of online forums) and the additional funding supporting IDC work in the regions.

A complete copy of the audited financials are available upon request from the IDC office at [info@idcoalition.org](mailto:info@idcoalition.org). IDC makes a firm commitment to full disclosure and transparency of financial records.

### Anne Harrison

Treasurer, IDC Committee  
International Detention Coalition

## Income Statement

### For the year ended 30 June 2022

	AUD 2022	AUD 2021
Revenue	1,864,984	980,947
Other income	13,729	30,273
Employee benefits expense	(1,006,010)	(766,496)
Depreciation expense	(3,965)	(3,198)
Other expenses	(313,346)	(207,695)
Foreign exchange losses	(15,326)	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>540,066</b>	<b>33,831</b>

## Balance Sheet

As At 30 June 2022

	AUD 30 JUN 2022	AUD 30 JUN 2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash equivalents	1,461,544	1,005,347
Trade and other receivables	24,279	8,552
Other assets	21,457	73,693
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,507,280</b>	<b>1,087,592</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	6,050	4,332
Other assets	7,236	7,236
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>13,286</b>	<b>11,568</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,520,566</b>	<b>1,099,160</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	30,506	37,415
Employee benefits	120,828	79,795
Other liabilities	518,232	667,402
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>669,566</b>	<b>784,612</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Employee benefits	8,002	11,616
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>8,002</b>	<b>11,616</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>677,568</b>	<b>796,228</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>842,998</b>	<b>302,932</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	842,998	302,932
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>842,998</b>	<b>302,932</b>

International Detention Coalition Inc.

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## Independent Audit Report to the members of International Detention Coalition Inc.

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of International Detention Coalition Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of International Detention Coalition Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Registered Entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Registered Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intend to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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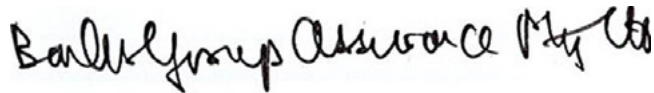
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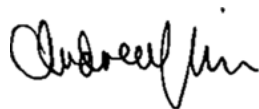
**Independent Audit Report to the members of International Detention Coalition Inc.**

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.



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09 November 2022

# Get Involved

Joining International Detention Coalition means becoming part of a global network of organisations, entities and individuals who share a commitment to building a world where immigration detention no longer exists and people who migrate live with rights and dignity.

IDC members engage in dialogue on emerging and important issues related to immigration detention in their own national or regional context, and your IDC membership provides opportunities to exchange ideas and develop collaborative strategies to impact immigration detention law, policy and practice around the globe. For more information, and to download membership application forms, please visit:

 [idcoalition.org/join-the-idc](https://idcoalition.org/join-the-idc)

## Online training

You can now learn about alternatives to detention, anytime, anywhere. Our free online toolkit features insight from practitioners around the world who are implementing alternatives to detention. For more information, and to register for courses, please visit:

 [toolkit.idcoalition.org](https://toolkit.idcoalition.org)

## Database

Find examples of positive ATD practices worldwide. Advanced search features allow you to search over 250 different ways that people can be supported in the community, rather than being in detained in immigration detention. For more information, and to search in your region, please visit:

 [database.idcoalition.org](https://database.idcoalition.org)

## Stay up to date

Stay in touch with IDC and the latest developments on ATD advocacy, regionally and internationally. Like us on Facebook (International Detention Coalition), follow us on Twitter (@idcmonitor), and subscribe to our free bimonthly newsletter:

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