

Annual Report

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**International
Detention Coalition**
Rights and dignity for all who migrate

About IDC

International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a powerful global network of 400+ 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 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 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

International Detention Coalition's core advocacy approach is to align our national, regional and global advocacy to affect change on the ground. For over a decade, IDC has prioritised building operational and sustainable advocacy programmes across regions, and globally, in order to achieve real impact in the lives of people directly affected by immigration detention. This work includes multi-level civil society coalition building, training and strengthening advocacy capacities, mobilising resources and funding, undertaking research and mapping, providing technical advice and support to governments and stakeholders, and maintaining networks of diverse actors throughout the long arc of systems change.

Through this approach, IDC achieved important and sustainable change at national levels this year following many years of implementing change strategies alongside local members and partners. In September 2020, the [Mexican Congress approved legislative reforms](#) which prohibit the detention of all children for migration reasons - a major development for the Americas region. Additionally, in April 2021, the Malaysian Cabinet officially approved an alternatives to detention (ATD) pilot programme for unaccompanied and separated children, following 8 years of coordinated, strategic advocacy led by IDC and our local members and partners.

In line with this collaborative method, IDC facilitated the development of an action plan with members of the [European Alternatives to Detention Network \(EATDN\)](#) to upscale case management-based ATD across Europe over the next 2 years. IDC also supported the [Coalition on the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons \(CRSP\)](#) in Thailand to develop a 3-year strategy to strengthen the implementation of the Thai intergovernmental ATD Memorandum of Understanding and the National Screening Mechanism, as well as increase protection for refugees overall. Further, IDC is coordinating a new multi-stakeholder action group to implement a collective advocacy strategy to end the immigration detention of asylum seekers in Mexico. As this close work with members and partners is the heart of IDC's approach, we are engaging in an intensive membership strategy development process, which involves reviewing and re-envisioning our role and structure as a global membership-based coalition. This process, combined with extensive feedback gathered from members, is helping IDC to shape a clear membership strategy that is centred on principles of inclusion and collaboration, and works to support and strengthen leadership around the world to end immigration detention.

Additionally, IDC continues co-leading the [UN Network on Migration's ATD Working Group](#) along side UNICEF and [UNHCR](#), and has co-organised two Global Peer

Learning events on ATD attended by government officials from 70 countries and other key stakeholders. We are now preparing for the upcoming [International Migration Review Forum \(IMRF\)](#) in 2022, and will continue linking our national, regional and global advocacy to end immigration detention.

Further, IDC learned critical lessons over the past year through adapting how we engage in social change within a new global pandemic paradigm. In many ways, this year brought with it strategic clarity, as well as a new landscape for creativity and vision. After years of transforming discourse on immigration detention at global, regional and national levels, and contributing to significant shifts in law, policy and practice in many countries, IDC recognises now more than ever that strategies for ending immigration detention must be diverse, responsive, and inclusive.

While advocacy for rights-based ATD continues to be a core pillar of IDC's approach, we are also anchoring a diversity of both new and long-time methods to end immigration detention. This includes cross-regional peer learning, law reform, strategic communications, as well as engaging and leading strategic litigation and public engagement initiatives, while also supporting grassroots organising and digital campaigning.

Additionally, we've invested in strengthening our internal capacity and systems, as well as diversifying our funding base to ensure IDC's work is sustainable. IDC also secured new partners and donors this year to join us in this journey. We hope to continue increasing our capacity and partnerships to achieve transformative systems change.

Lastly, in line with IDC's long-term strategic goals to end immigration detention and to establish rights-based ATD as best practice, we have reflected this year that while our past work on ending child immigration detention has seen many successes and impact across different regions, we need to expand beyond this strategy and pursue a broad vision of ending immigration detention *for all*. We are proud to launch IDC into a new phase of work and identity, and we look forward to continuing this critical work together in the year ahead.

Alice Nah

Chairperson, IDC Committee
International Detention Coalition

Carolina Gottardo

Executive Director
International Detention Coalition.

Our Members

International Detention Coalition (IDC) has 492 members from over 95 countries worldwide. Additionally, IDC's International Advisory Committee (IAC) provides insight and strategic guidance to IDC's secretariat. The IAC is currently made up of 20 IDC members, 7 of whom also provide governance and finance leadership as IDC Committee members as well.

The majority of our organisational members are small to medium size organisations, spread across the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East. IDC members have a wide range of specialisations related to immigration detention and alternatives to detention, including academia, law, research, policy, direct service, advocacy, and community organising.

IDC membership 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 national, regional and global contexts, and IDC membership provides opportunities to exchange ideas and develop collaborative strategies to impact immigration detention law, policy and practice around the globe.

We continue to be committed to providing our members with the support, tools and technical expertise they need to further advocacy to end immigration detention. See our members showcased [here](#), and become a member [here](#).



IDC and partners engaging stateless border communities in Mexico

Core Programme of Work



Asia Pacific

Over the last year, after 8 years of sustained advocacy at national, regional and global levels, the Malaysian Cabinet approved a pilot ATD programme for unaccompanied and separated children in April 2021. Government agencies and NGOs are working to develop next steps and standard operating procedures for the pilot. IDC supports the End Child Detention Network (ECDN) to engage Members of Parliament, policymakers and the general public on ending child immigration detention and establishing rights-based ATD in Malaysia.

Further in Malaysia, IDC worked with our ATD implementing member SUKA Society, to develop a training series to strengthen case-management based pilots for children and their families across Malaysia. This series is currently being implemented with 29 participants from different states, and materials will be made available to support ATD implementation in other countries.

In Thailand this year, IDC supported the Coalition on the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP) to develop a 3-year strategy which aims to strengthen protection for refugees in Thailand. This includes strengthening the implementation of the Thai intergovernmental ATD MOU and the National Screening Mechanism, as well as overarching goals to end child immigration detention and limit detention for other vulnerable groups. This 3-year strategy was adopted at the CRSP Annual General Meeting in December 2020, which was attended by over 80 participants from a diverse range of stakeholders including government

agencies, INGOs, UN agencies and diplomatic missions, in particular the Canadian Embassy in Thailand which has increased its support for these initiatives in the last period as well.



CRSP Annual General Meeting, December 2020

In line with this strategy, IDC has worked with CRSP to build their capacity to engage in monitoring, evaluation and learning, in order to assess the effectiveness of ATD implementation for children and families in Thailand. IDC is also working with CRSP to engage government and civil society actors around the upcoming National Screening Mechanism, which is anticipated to significantly reduce the use of immigration detention in Thailand.

In July 2020, IDC worked with its partner [Forum for Refugees Japan \(FRJ\)](#) to hold a [briefing for 11 MPs](#) on global trends in engagement-based ATD. Following that, the Japanese government introduced a new Bill to revise the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act. While the Bill contained some promising revisions, such as introducing the concept of ATD in law for the first time, it also proposed extremely problematic provisions such as criminal penalties for people absconding from ATD, or those refusing deportation. Over the past year, IDC supported civil society in Japan to engage the UN Special Rapporteurs on Migrants, Freedom of Religion, Torture and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, to issue a [communication](#) to the Japanese government. In May 2021, the Japanese government withdrew the bill in the face of mounting public criticism, with the head of the Immigration Bureau publicly committing to improve the screening process in order to avoid unnecessary and long-term detention.

At the regional level, IDC engaged in critical regional advocacy spaces, including co-hosting a [side event](#) in partnership with the [Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand](#), [Bonigi Monitoring](#), and the [UN Major Group on Children and Youth \(UNMGCY\)](#) to present on ATD implementation at the main panel of the [Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration \(GCM\) in the Asia Pacific](#). We also worked with our partners at the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration (ADFM) to curate two virtual roundtable discussions through our co-hosted space, the “Regional Platform and Program of Learning and Action on Alternative Care Arrangements for Children in the Context of International Migration in the Asia Pacific” (the Regional Platform), which was launched in 2019. These roundtable discussions focused on [case management](#) and how to [mainstream child protection](#), and were attended by participants from government ministries, civil society organisations and international organisations in Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and New Zealand. Participants have already requested further roundtables on issues such as education for refugee children and government-civil society partnerships, which IDC and ADFM will implement in the next year.

Europe

The proposed Pact on Migration and Asylum released in September 2020 outlines EU plans for migration and asylum policies which are heavily focused on increasing and accelerating deportations and de facto detention, and includes few and weak references to ATD. In the context of this concerning shift in the political environment, IDC worked with its co-coordinator of the [European Alternatives to Detention Network \(EATDN\)](#), the [Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants \(PICUM\)](#), to develop a 2-year plan for upscaling case management-based ATD across Europe. This plan aims to present case management-

based approaches as a convincing alternative to enforcement-based migration management and to effect change at a systemic level. It outlines our intention to expand and strengthen strategic partnerships and networks, extend the geographical reach of ATD pilots, increase targeted advocacy, and explore potential strategic litigation options in support of members. It has been developed through a planning grant awarded to IDC and PICUM by the [European Social Catalyst Fund](#) as one of only 8 projects selected from a diverse pool of 120 project applications around Europe. This speaks to both the relevance and the innovative nature of IDC’s work to promote ATD in the region.

Also at the regional level, IDC and its members and partners advocated to the European Parliament on the Recast Return Directive and its implementation report. Following collective advocacy efforts, the Resolution on the Implementation of the Return Directive, which was adopted in December 2020, stresses sustainability and reintegration, and moves away from exclusive focus on the rates of returns. The Resolution further includes the need to prioritise case management-based ATD, as well as stating that children should never be detained.

Additionally, the [Council of Europe \(CoE\)](#) continues to work closely with IDC to lead ATD efforts in the region. For example, in late 2020, the CoE chaired a webinar entitled “Alternatives to detention: building a culture of cooperation,” and also spoke at two meetings organised by EATDN members on the topic of ATD. Furthermore, during a webinar organised by the [European Migration Network](#) on ATD in December 2020, ample space was dedicated to engagement-based ATD, with speakers from the UK Home Office, EPIM and EATDN invited to present on case management-based ATD. The [European Commission](#) also continues to invest in ATD through its Asylum and Migration Fund, which includes ATD as a funding eligible activity, and with higher co-financing than other eligible activities. This is a clear indication of a push to incentivise EU member states to prioritise ATD.

At the national level, there have been notable steps forward with regards to ATD advocacy and implementation. In September 2020, [Jesuit Refugee Service Belgium](#) established a new ATD pilot working towards durable solutions for families with children. In Italy, a new decree passed which reduced the immigration detention time limit, supported by EATDN members in Italy. [CILD](#) and [Progetto Diritti](#), both EATDN members, also provided technical input to a potential new ATD pilot in Turin, and embarked upon conversations with city authorities in Milan about the launch of another pilot. The [Association for Legal Intervention \(SIP\)](#) in Poland successfully negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the Polish Border Police for referrals to SIP’s case management-based ATD pilot project for vulnerable people in the returns process, and formally started their cooperation agreement in October 2020. In Cyprus, early June 2021 saw the first release of an individual from detention into case management, a

milestone decision for ATD in the country. In Bulgaria, meanwhile, the [Center for Legal Aid - Voice in Bulgaria \(CLA\)](#) was invited to place a case manager in a detention centre as a government “partner on ATD.”

EATDN's membership now includes organisations implementing pilot projects in seven countries – Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Poland and the UK. This growth contributes to increasing momentum on case management-based ATD, as set out in the EATDN's shared [Theory of Change](#). The next step will be the upscaling of the pilots that we are currently working on, and achieving more sustainable impact through expanding and amplifying our work in the region.

Africa & MENA

IDC's capacity in MENA and Africa has been limited during this period due to lack of funding. However, IDC works with [Lawyers for Human Rights \(LHR\)](#) as the focal point for Southern Africa, primarily South Africa, Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania. IDC also worked with MENA expert Insaf Mounadi, who monitored developments and opportunities in North Africa, primarily Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Morocco and Algeria until January 2021. The focal points have recruited new members in both regions and provided IDC with strategic insight into regional needs and opportunities for capacity building and advocacy.

Significantly, IDC recently secured funding from [Robert Bosch Foundation](#) to enhance the MENA regional advocacy programme, which includes recruitment of a full-time MENA Regional Coordinator. MENA regional strategies will focus on influencing law, policy and practice to reduce immigration detention and implement rights-based ATD, aiming to ultimately end the use of immigration detention. This role will involve working with IDC members and key partners to develop strong advocacy strategies, as well as engaging with governments, local authorities, civil society, UN institutions and other key stakeholders in the region, while also supporting and promoting the leadership of people with lived experience of detention. This recruitment will advance our capacity in the MENA region, and we aim to appoint a new staff member to this post in late 2021.

Americas

The [huge legislative reforms](#) prohibiting detention of all children for migration reasons in September 2020 were long-awaited, and an important confirmation that children cannot be detained and must be referred to Child Protection authorities. This success follows 10 years of IDC collaboration with Mexican civil society partners in targeted advocacy, coalition building, capacity building and campaigning to end child immigration detention in Mexico, as well as our technical advice to support the establishment of a system that would allow for non-custodial community placement. While these reform

proposals were submitted to Congress 6 years earlier due to earlier advocacy progress, IDC and its partners helped achieve this huge legislative win in the final stages through technical briefs and training for legislators on ATD models, as well as strategic communications through [social media campaigns](#).

In addition, the Mexican government – through the [National Commission for the Protection of Migrant Children and Asylum Seekers](#) – also committed to a national plan to implement the newly developed [National Protocol for the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Children](#) across Mexico. Central to the Protocol is the recognition that detention is never in a child's best interests, and that coordination of all levels of government is necessary to operationalise the Protocol effectively. IDC's active role on the National Commission has influenced the planning, implementation, and monitoring of this plan, which is a crucial capacity building tool for identifying and screening migrant and refugee children, and referring them to community settings.

IDC continues to advocate for strengthened protection systems for migrant and refugee children and families in Mexico and Central America through the Child Protection Advocacy Task Force, which is co-led by IDC, [IMUMI](#), [Asylum Access Mexico](#) and [SOS Children's Villages](#). IDC also co-facilitated several multi-stakeholder workshops on state implementation of the Protocol in south, central and northern Mexico. We co-organised an online training course for child protection government officials at national, state and local levels, and advised local child protection authorities on how their public shelters could operate as community-based ATD. IDC also provided expert technical advice to the government on the development of a matrix of indicators to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Protocol.

Additionally, IDC collaborated with IMUMI and SOS Children's Villages in Mexico and Central America to facilitate dialogues with children with lived experience of migration and detention, with the aim to promote their leadership and develop tools for advocacy. IDC provided technical advice on ethical participative assessments and methodology.



IDC and partners engaging children with lived experience of migration and detention in Mexico

This year, IDC is expanding our Mexico program by launching a new focus to advocate for preventing and ending mandatory detention of asylum seekers and other vulnerable groups in the country. Together with Asylum Access Mexico, IDC is coordinating a new action group to develop a collective and ambitious multi-pronged advocacy strategy that is grounded in experiences of asylum seekers around the country and the harmful impact of immigration detention.

With our strategic priority for the Americas squarely on preventing and eradicating detention along the main regional migration corridors, IDC continues to strengthen its partnerships with civil society networks across the region. In Central America, we developed a joint regional advocacy strategy for child protection with the Child Advocacy Task Force. IDC also collaborates with the regional civil society network through its advocacy role at the [Intergovernmental Regional Migration Conference \(CRM\)](#). IDC co-hosted and presented at the highly successful Regional Specialisation Course on child protection for government officials and civil society, and provided advice regarding regional guidelines on best interest determinations for children on the move. In Trinidad & Tobago, a key country in the Caribbean, we participated in a public debate on detention and community-based ATD.

In the United States, IDC supported grassroots advocacy and campaigning led by our US partners to end the harms and abuses in immigration detention, especially in the pandemic and with the disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups. IDC participates with a diverse group of US advocacy and service provider organisations in the Community-Support Working Group that advocates nationally for a move away from restrictive government-sponsored ATD programming towards mandated community support programs that effectively reduce detention overall.

Finally, we will expand our Americas program next year with new funding we secured from the [US Government Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration](#), and will continue working closely with our key partners in Mexico and the region towards ending immigration detention.

Global

IDC co-organised two critical global peer-learning and exchange events on ATD this year in its role as co-chair of the [UN Network of Migration Working Group on ATD](#). The first event [How to Sustain and Expand the Use of ATD in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic?](#) took place in November 2020. It brought together 117 participants, including more than 60 officials from 31 governments, as well as leaders with lived experience of detention, local authorities, civil society and UN agencies. The second event [Case Management for Case Resolution: Scaling Up ATD](#) took place in June 2021, with 134 participants including more than 70 officials from 37 governments, the [European Union](#) and the [South](#)

[American Conference on Migration](#). During this Peer Learning Exchange, the importance of case management based ATD was highlighted, as well as the moral and ethical considerations of technology use in detention, which IDC will be exploring further next year.

Further in our role as co-chair of the UN Network Working Group on ATD, alongside [UNICEF](#) and [UNHCR](#), we helped build and sustain momentum for the development of ATD through facilitating bi-monthly meetings among working group members. Members include UN agencies, experts, and civil society actors from across regions working on immigration detention and ATD. The activities of the Working Group have also included drafting policy guidance, and creating peer-learning opportunities for government practitioners. In addition to our role in this key advocacy space at the global level, IDC also co-leads the Regional Network on Migration in Asia Pacific with UNHCR, UNICEF, [IOM](#) and [OHCHR](#), and has now begun working with the [World Health Organisation](#) on a project regarding the health-related impacts of immigration detention.

During the regional reviews of the [Global Compact for Migration](#) this year, IDC stressed the importance of scaling up ATD in order to implement Objective 13 of the Compact. To this end, IDC participated in GCM consultations, as well as led thematic discussions and co-organised side events during the Europe Regional Review in November 2020, the Asia Pacific Regional Review in March 2021, and the Americas Regional Review in April 2021.



IDC Executive Director Carolina Gottardo speaking at the Asia Pacific Regional Review of the Global Compact on Migration, March 2021.

IDC also continued to push forward one of our key pillars of work, which is supporting member participation in global processes and discussions. This year, this included the launch event of the [Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants report on ending child immigration detention](#). IDC facilitated the engagement and leadership of members from Mexico, Thailand and Cyprus to share their projects and learnings on ATD advocacy and implementation at the national level.

Further Impacts

Following the unprecedented challenges presented by Covid-19, IDC has been guided by its [Strategic Plan](#) over the past year to support members, partners, agencies and governments to recover, rebuild, and re-envision rights-based migration systems without immigration detention. In coordination with our strong regional and global advocacy programmes, our work also involved furthering whole-of-organisation efforts to prioritise peer-learning engagement with governments to complement national efforts, cross-regional and global peer-learning among our members and partners, and centering the leadership of people with lived experience of detention in our work overall.

Government Engagement & Peer-Learning

In an effort to drive momentum on ATD at global, regional, and national levels, IDC furthered strategies for engaging governments on ATD in multi-level policy fora this year. These new strategies focus on peer-learning, collaboration and exchange as core tenants for government engagement.

As previously mentioned, IDC's role as co-chair of the UN Network on Migration Working Group on ATD, has created opportunities for key global peer-learning events which have involved ATD government implementers from over 70 countries to showcase experiences and promising practices in key countries. This coordination of IDC's regional and global work led to IDC co-leading the Work Stream on ATD of the Regional Network on Migration in the Asia Pacific region, alongside UNICEF, UNHCR, IOM and OHCHR. Ahead of the IMRF, IDC will leverage

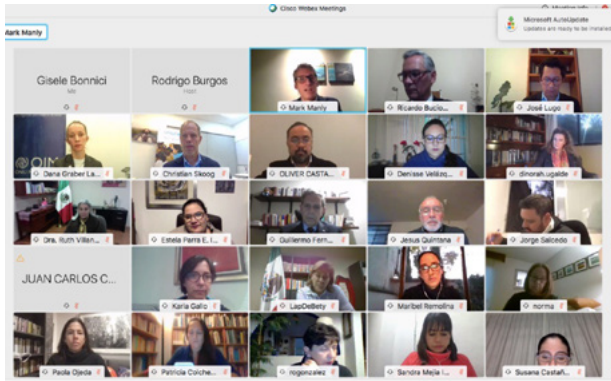
its coalition presence at national, regional and global levels to ensure ATD is featured as one of the priorities for the next cycle of Global Compact for Migration (GCM) implementation.

Further, IDC and the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration co-convened two sessions of a regional peer-learning platform for governments and civil society organisations (with UN observers) from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand, aimed primarily for ATD implementers. IDC and ADFM ensured that agenda and topic items for each peer-learning event were determined by participants, which fostered more ownership, as well as open and honest conversations about challenges and lessons learned in implementing ATD at the national level.

At the Americas regional level, IDC actively participated this year in the Regional Conference on Migration (Puebla Process), engaging with the North and Central American governments. The regional protection of migrant and refugee children continues to be a priority in this space and IDC leads the agenda on alternative care models that can reduce detention of children in practice. IDC co-hosted and participated in successful regional government online trainings and engagement sessions this year, and is planning a follow-up training on best interest determinations to ground national public policy on child protection.

IDC has continued to work with governments and international organisations to increase institutional capacity on engagement-based ATD and to ensure that governments are familiar with good practice in implementing ATD programmes that respect the rights

and dignity of migrants. In June 2021, IDC delivered training to Migration Department officials in Georgia on ATD theory and practice, and we aim to continue to roll out our long-time training programme to more government actors building on the training we have done in the past.



Mexican government representatives work with UN agencies and civil society to develop a plan to end the immigration detention of children, November 2020

Cross-Regional & Global Exchange

Since its inception, IDC has prioritised the development of communities of practice. These peer-learning processes facilitate the sharing of ideas, experiences, knowledge, challenges, as well as encourage ongoing support among stakeholders. In furthering our solutions-focused approach, IDC facilitated key peer-learning exchanges among IDC members and partners cross-regionally and globally this year.



IDC staff co-lead discussions at Asia Pacific stakeholder consultations for the GCM, November 2020

In response to the worldwide health, economic, social and racial justice crises of 2020, IDC sought to create space in early 2021 for members and partners to convene and strengthen our collaborative approach. IDC held 2 cross-regional webinars for 75 members and partners from 32 countries to collectively take stock, reflect and envision the future of ATD post-2020. Important common and key themes emerged from these discussions, which continue to guide IDC and our work alongside our

members and partners. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, who expressed appreciation for being able to learn from other organisations in different regions that are facing similar challenges.

Further, IDC recognises that the role of communities and lived experience leadership is central to advocacy and social change. To this end, IDC began working this year with a group of community and lived experience leaders from 9 different countries across 4 regions, to co-develop a space to connect and strategise across regions about their community-led efforts to end immigration detention. IDC continues work with this group to facilitate the collective development of a core mission, scope, key goals, and projects that would benefit community groups working on immigration detention issues around the world, with the aim to launch and expand this grassroots peer-learning and exchange space to more community and lived experience leaders and groups in 2022.

Centering Lived Experience Leadership

This year IDC continued engaging in efforts to centre leaders with lived experience of detention at the heart of our work, and to approach this through an intersectional lens that recognises people impacted by detention in all of their diversity. This includes making visible the specific experiences and needs of women, LGBTI, and gender diverse communities, as well as acknowledging specific racial, cultural, religious and other identity-based discrimination that people face.

Further, in line with IDC's belief that people with lived experience of detention need to be involved in shaping the policies that directly impact their own lives and communities, IDC finalised a community leadership curriculum this year, which was developed in consultation and partnership with refugee and migrant leaders with lived experience of detention, and NGOs around the world. The curriculum includes a series of workshops and activities that can be used in part, or in full, to complement initiatives aimed to support refugee and migrant community leadership. The workshops focus on strengthening the advocacy and campaign skills and political analysis, while centering long-term and holistic leadership building, as well as community and organisation building. The workshops are being used as models and tools for IDC members and community leaders across regions to tailor, revise and implement in ways that meet their own specific needs. IDC also supports members in this adaptation process as well. Moving forward, IDC will work with members to continue rolling out this tailorable curriculum across regions, with plans to pilot in Malaysia, Thailand, Mexico, and the MENA and Europe regions in 2022.

Our Partners

IDC would like to thank our members and partners around the world for their continuing support during this year. Special gratitude goes 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.



Theory of Change workshop with IDC partners in Thailand, September 2020

During the 2020-2021 financial year, IDC's committee members included:

International Advisory Committee

IDC Committee

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

International Advisors

- Eleanor Acer, [Human Rights First](#)
- Fr. Michael Gallagher, [Jesuit Refugee Service](#) (Until Jan 2021)
- Gretchen Kuhner, [Institute for Women in Migration](#)
- Solomon Wasia Masitsa, [Kenya National Commission on Human Rights](#)
- Stephanie Silverman, [University of Toronto](#)
- Melanie Teff, International Consultant

Regional Advisors

- Jenny Collins-White, [Catholic Mission](#)
- Alejandra Macias Delgadillo, [Asylum Access Mexico](#)
- Oktay Durukan, [Refugee Rights Turkey](#)
- Eunice Ndonga Githinji, [Refugee Consortium Kenya](#)
- Themba Lewis, [Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network](#) (Until March 2021)
- Wayne Ncube, [Lawyers for Human Rights](#)
- Anderson Selvasegaram, [SUKA Society](#)
- 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](#), [The Swiss Confederation](#), [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#), [UNHCR Mexico](#), [European Programme for Integration and Migration](#), [European Social Catalyst Fund](#), [The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives](#), along with donations from private individuals.

Our Staff

During the 2020-2021 financial year, IDC staff included:

Carolina Gottardo

Executive Director (From November 2020)

Lucy Bowring

Acting Co-Director & Deputy Director (Until December 2020)

Vivienne Chew

Acting Co-Director (Until November 2020) & Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator

Chawaratt Chawarangkul

Southeast Asia Programme Manager

Min Yamada Park

Asia Pacific Programme Officer & Impact and Learning Lead

Gisele Bonnici

Americas Regional Coordinator

Diana Martínez

Americas Programme Officer

Barbara Pilz

Europe Programme Officer (Until March 2021)

Silvia Gomez

Global Advocacy Coordinator

Mia-lia Boua Kiernan

Communications and Engagement Coordinator

Pia Solf

Finance and Administration Coordinator

Libby Zerna

Finance Manager (Until October 2020)

Following an extensive and thorough global executive search initiated in mid-2020, Carolina Gottardo was officially appointed and began her role as IDC's new Executive Director in November 2020.

Financial Statements

Statement by IDC Committee

International Detention Coalition was able to maintain a position of financial stability during the financial year ending June 2021, despite the continued impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grant funding received reduced over the prior year with the expiration of some long-term funding agreements. Much work has been done over the past 12 months to diversify funding sources with significant new funding and strong additional funding prospects in the pipeline.

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact activities, with several planned in-person activities delayed or adjusted to online forums due to public health

restrictions. This has resulted in a reduction of overall expenditure and an increase in the level of unexpended grants. Cash reserves remain strong.

A complete copy of the audited financials are available upon request from the IDC office at 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 2021

	AUD 2021	AUD 2020
INCOME		
Donations	374	275
Grant Operating	980,573	1,354,110
TOTAL INCOME	980,947	1,354,385
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Income	844	2,515
Other Revenue	29,114	26,683
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	29,957	29,199
EXPENDITURE		
Capacity building and alternatives to detention	89,372	209,578
Communications & media	35,048	18,324
Depreciation	3,198	5,685
Employee Benefit Expenses	764,318	989,003
Other Expenses	85,542	140,699
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	977,478	1,363,288
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX ADJUSTMENTS	33,426	20,295
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX	33,426	20,295
NET CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS AFTER INCOME TAX	33,426	20,295

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2021

	AUD 30 JUN 2021	AUD 30 JUN 2020
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents	1,005,347	612,839
Inventories	73,693	76,656
GST Receivable	6,235	5,917
Trade Receivables	2,000	33,632
Total Current Assets	1,087,275	729,045
Non-Current Assets		
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	4,332	6,016
Other non-current assets	7,236	10,306
Total Non-Current Assets	11,568	16,322
TOTAL ASSETS	1,098,843	745,366
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	21,248	4,172
Provisions	107,666	100,516
Employee Entitlements	-	5,959
Total Current Liabilities	128,914	110,646
Non-Current Liabilities		
Other Non-Current Liabilities	667,402	365,619
Total Non-Current Liabilities	667,402	365,619
TOTAL LIABILITIES	796,316	476,265
NET ASSETS	302,527	269,101
MEMBERS FUND		
Retained Reserve	302,527	269,101
TOTAL MEMBER'S FUNDS	302,527	269,101



Auditor's Report

International Detention Coalition Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2021

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of International Detention Coalition Incorporated (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2021, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of International Detention Coalition Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Incorporation Act 2012 VIC* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects (or gives a true and fair view –refer to the applicable state/territory Act), the financial position of International Detention Coalition Incorporated as at 30 June 2021 and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the *Incorporation Act 2012 VIC*.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist International Detention Coalition Incorporated to meet the requirements of the *Incorporation Act 2012 VIC*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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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.

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