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

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, 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.

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

This has been an unprecedented and challenging time for the entire world.

In many contexts, as a result of responses to Covid-19, refugees and migrants have been experiencing even greater precarity - the result of border closures, restrictions on movement, changes in status determination procedures, shifts in access to essential services, and changes in immigration detention practices. The risk of indefinite detention has increased. The effective management of Covid-19 in detention facilities and the physical and mental health of detainees are of deep concern. Operating under Covid-19 has been challenging for many of our members, who have had to change their ways of working in light of government restrictions and resource constraints. For IDC, this period has been about working alongside and supporting our members under challenging conditions to address the needs of communities in and under the threat of immigration detention.

Government and civil society experiences of Covid-19 vary by region and by country, and response to this crisis requires tailored solutions that address immediate, as well as long-term recovery concerns. Recognising that our members and partners share similar challenges while operating in different contexts, IDC has facilitated connections and created opportunities for peer-learning and

dialogue. We also continue to work with our members to explore how gains achieved in one context can be shared for the benefit of those in other contexts. We're excited to share more with you in this report.

Based on our collective reflections over 2019-20, in July, we launched a two-year Strategic Plan to work towards two strategic goals - to end immigration detention and to establish rights-based alternatives to detention as best practice. Over the next two years, we will continue to monitor how immigration detention practices are evolving and support members, partners and government authorities to recover, rebuild, and re-envision rights-based migration systems that do not depend on immigration detention.

We look forward to continuing this critical work together in the year ahead.



Alice Nah
Chairperson
Committee of the IDC

Our Members

The IDC has 452 members from over 95 countries worldwide. Additionally, our International Advisory Committee is currently made up of 17 IDC members, who provide insight and strategic guidance to IDC's secretariat.

The majority of our organisational members are small to medium size grassroots organizations, 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 your 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, resources and technical expertise they need to further advocacy against detention and for alternatives. See our members showcased [here](#), and become a member [here](#).



Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa. Windhoek, Namibia, 2019.

Key Impacts

Covid-19 Response

Peer-Learning & Coalition Building

ATD Implementation Support

Representation & Inclusion

During this unprecedented year, IDC continued to build momentum towards reducing immigration detention and implementing rights-based ATD across the globe. Key impacts during this period include our Covid-19 response, strategic peer-learning and coalition building, ATD implementation support, and developing resources to facilitate the representation and inclusion of directly impacted communities in detention advocacy.

COVID-19 Response

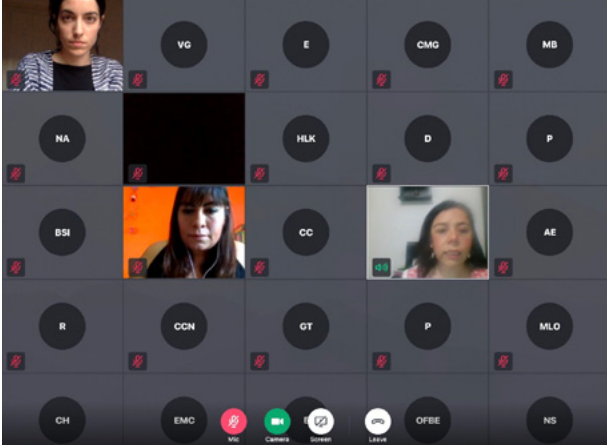
In March 2020, IDC convened regional webinars for our members in Africa, Asia Pacific, the Americas, Europe and MENA. These webinars were attended by 135 participants across more than 40 countries. Through this process, IDC heard about the impacts and needs on the ground from organisations working at the forefront of Covid-19 response around the globe. These conversations created space for members to support each other during a difficult period, reinforced the strength of the coalition, and shaped IDC's response, work and position during the crisis. The webinars also laid the groundwork for further Covid-19 peer-learning,

exchange and support opportunities nationally, regionally and globally. To guide our response efforts, IDC developed a broad based [Global Covid-19 Policy Position](#) grounded in the impacts, needs and realities of our members worldwide. During Covid-19 crisis and recovery, IDC made the following recommendations:

1. Immediate release from immigration detention into rights-based ATD, and a moratorium on any further detention
2. Non-discriminatory access to rights and services for all migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the community, as well as case resolution procedures that are adapted to the health and safety needs of Covid-19
3. For those remaining in detention, conditions must meet international human rights standards, and must not be diminished due to Covid-19

Additionally, IDC developed a [Covid-19 Microsite](#) to share key developments, statements and resources from members and partners. Further, in our capacity as co-lead of the UN Network on Migration Working Group on ATD, IDC co-authored [Covid-19 & Immigration Detention: What Can Governments and Other Stakeholders Do?](#) This brief reflects IDC's Global Covid-19 Policy position, and contains recommendations and practical guidance for States and stakeholders to implement ATD in response

to Covid-19. The perspectives and contributions of IDC members across regions, some of them also members of the Working Group, were fundamental to grounding this document in the realities of Covid-19, and illustrating the recommendations with country examples. The brief has been used as a core resource for practitioners in a variety of fora.



IDC Regional Member Webinars & Exchanges, March 2020

Peer-Learning & Coalition Building

A central aspect of IDC strategy is to leverage the relationships we build and maintain at national and regional levels in our work with States and key stakeholders at the global level. These multi-level relationships support national policy and practice change, and also influence global policy making. A key component is to support State engagement on the implementation of the two Global Compacts, and influence the processes being set up around these two frameworks. In particular, this includes the UN Network on Migration, of which IDC co-leads the Working Group on Alternatives to Detention alongside UNHCR and UNICEF. Our ability to make connections between progress and opportunities at these different levels is crucial to generating momentum and change. Our approach focuses on developing evidence, building relationships, and facilitating constructive collaboration around shared objectives.

In 2018, IDC conceptualised the *Cross-Regional Peer-Learning Platform on Alternatives to Child Immigration Detention*, a global model for government peer-learning on the development of ATD for children. This IDC model is now known in the global sector as the Platform, through which governments share progress, concerns, common challenges, and opportunities for collaboration with

the support of relevant stakeholders. In January 2020, IDC organized a [high level roundtable](#) at the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Quito, Ecuador. This event was co-convened by IDC and UNICEF, and was a key milestone for the Platform following its launch in Quito in June 2019. The event was attended by State representatives from Tunisia, Thailand, Philippines, Mexico, Ecuador, Switzerland, UK, Portugal, Ireland, and Kenya among others. Also in attendance were local authorities, civil society, youth leaders, and UN agencies. Governments and stakeholders renewed commitments to work towards ending child detention, as well as engagement in further peer-learning and exchange.

At the national and regional level, exciting coalition building continued to take place this year. For example, in the Americas, IDC expanded our Child Protection Advocacy Task Force coalition in Mexico to now include two US partners, and engaged into partnership with two key networks in Central America, to facilitate new and needed strategic alignment for protection of migrant children across the region. IDC also supported collaborative social media actions in the Americas region including [National Day of the Child](#), [International Refugee Day](#), and a [Petition to Release Immigration Detainees in Mexico](#).



National Roundtable on Alternative Care Arrangements for Refugee Children and Their Families. Jakarta, Indonesia. 2019

In January 2020, IDC led the establishment of the Malaysia Network to End Child Immigration Detention. Terms of reference were developed among a founding membership of six NGOs and four key individual advocates, with UNHCR and UNICEF Malaysia as observers. The Malaysia Network has already implemented advocacy initiatives on ATD, and developed a series of policy briefs targeting decision-makers during Covid-19. The Malaysia Network is now coordinated by IDC's member focal point [Asylum Access Malaysia](#).

In the face of intense political pressure to expand detention and enforcement in Europe, the European ATD Network (EATDN) has been able to build momentum and evidence for the development of engagement-based ATD. IDC achieved support for ATD from the European Commission and the Council of Europe, as well as a rising interest among NGOs in the region. In this phase of the network, IDC has diversified our range of member support, while achieving increased government backing for engagement-based ATD.

ATD Implementation Support

IDC believes that strong M&E frameworks are the key to successful ATD pilots. To this end, IDC published materials to promote effective reflection and improvement of ATD programs this year. Most notably, IDC published our very first briefing paper on global M&E practices in November 2019, [Alternatives: Learning What Works & Why - Monitoring & Evaluation of Alternatives to Immigration Detention](#), available in English and Spanish.

Additionally, IDC was supported by consultants to design an online Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) program for its members in Thailand and Malaysia, to be implemented later in 2020. The program will provide members with comprehensive understanding of M&E fundamentals and implementation, to allow them to better monitor ATD and engage in ATD advocacy. IDC will provide tailored support for members to develop, improve and trial M&E practices through interactive workshops, facilitated discussions, and one-on-one consultations.

In Europe, IDC reviewed and refined its data collection tools, and supported new pilots to trial the M&E framework, with particular regard to vulnerability screening. Additionally, the Council of Europe's CDDH-MIG adopted a [Practical Guide on Alternatives to Immigration Detention: Fostering Effective Results](#) in June 2019. IDC provided significant input to the design and content for this guide, which reiterates that effective ATD must build trust and support with migrants through holistic case management. This reflects key elements set out in IDC's CAP Model.

In the Americas, IDC advised the Mexican federal government on methodology, strategic adoption and roll-out of the National Protocol for the Protection of Migrant Children, that centers on strengthening the implementation of ATD reception and case management models in key Mexican states. Together we convened state and local immigration and child protection authorities with local NGO partners in 12 state-specific live and online workshops. IDC advised the state governments of Sonora and San Luis Potosi on implementation of their pilot ATD programs for migrant children, following up on the action plans developed with them last year, including the first host family community placement of a child in Mexico.

Representation & Inclusion

Significantly in this period, IDC has deepened and expanded our belief that people with lived experience of detention need to shape the policies that directly impact their own lives and communities. Self-determination and representation have also become rising themes among our members worldwide, with many coming to understand that meaningful inclusion leads to the most effective and transformative advocacy. IDC has developed a programme of work to integrate these ideas into action, including the development of community leadership curriculum tools, and support for members to create inclusive decision-making structures, and media and communications approaches.

The Community Leadership Curriculum is the core resource of this work, and has so far been developed into an outline, and will shortly be developed into lesson plans and a variety of online tools for members across all regions. Additionally, the curriculum will be piloted in Malaysia, Thailand, and potentially other countries over the next year. This resource has great potential to advance principles of inclusion and representation, as well as actualise racial equity and justice within detention and ATD advocacy. IDC also contributed to the development of [Meaningful Refugee Participation as Transformative Leadership: Guidelines for Concrete Action](#), an initiative coordinated by Asylum Access and the Global Refugee-led Network, and other supporting organisations.



Program of Work

Asia Pacific

In Malaysia IDC worked with partners to secure government approval for an ATD pilot programme aimed at supporting unaccompanied and separated children. IDC and its members gained public commitments from the Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister in late 2019. IDC and its member SUKA Society also worked with relevant ministries to develop standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the pilot. This incredible progress was halted due to drastic government changes this year; however, IDC and the Malaysia Network to End Child Immigration Detention continue to engage policy-makers and Members of Parliament on the ATD pilot.

The January 2019 government MOU on ATD for children in immigration detention centers in Thailand, paved the way for the government to finalise and approve a National Screening Mechanism (NSM) in December 2019. The NSM provides an important opportunity to strengthen protection for refugees and asylum seekers in Thailand, and represents a significant step towards potentially ending immigration detention for these groups. IDC continues to advocate with partners for its implementation as soon as possible.

In November 2019, IDC, the Thai government, and the Asia Dialogue for Forced Migration

(ADFM) co-convened a regional roundtable, with funding support from the Australian government, on alternative care for children in the context of international migration in the Asia Pacific region. Over 50 people participated, including government representatives from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Australia, as well as national civil society and international organizations. Through the roundtable and a site visit, participants were able to share positive experiences and challenges in implementing alternative care arrangements in the region. In early 2020, IDC and ADFM sent out a summary of proceedings and proposals for a regional peer-learning and action platform. IDC and ADFM are currently working together to continue regional cross-government dialogue through online events in coming months.

The Thai government leadership has spearheaded the drafting and eventual adoption of the ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration, whereby ASEAN member states agreed to “develop effective procedures and alternatives to child immigration detention to reduce its impact, and ensure that, where possible, children are kept together with their families in a non-custodial, and clean and safe environment.” The Declaration also contains provisions around case management, access to services and other protective measures for children on the move. IDC also participated in consultative processes led by

the Thai government and supported by UNICEF to develop a proposed regional plan of action to implement the ASEAN Declaration.



Regional Roundtable on Alternative Care for Children in the Context of Migration. Bangkok, Thailand, 2019.

Europe

IDC continues to prioritise building the capacity of European Alternatives to Detention Network (EATDN) members, which grew its membership of nationally-based NGOs throughout 2019. IDC's Europe team increased its focus on bilateral support for member NGOs this year by progressing national-level strategies to reduce immigration detention through ATD, as well as providing training on practical implementation, such as case management. For example, in November 2019, IDC provided expert input to discussions on immigration detention and ATD in Iceland and Spain where discussions on ATD are in their early stages. The Icelandic government is looking into formalising immigration detention practices, but there are opportunities to build on existing alternative practices. In Spain, NGOs are exploring ATD advocacy to complement more traditional adversarial work aimed at closing immigration detention centres - this has become particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the release of large numbers of detainees and closures of immigration detention centres.

IDC also supported national level dialogues in this period, including a consultation organised by IOM Turkey in January, Supporting DGMM to Develop Alternatives to Immigration Detention System in Turkey. This included developing the content and planning for a workshop to be held in Ankara in January 2020, and providing input during the meeting itself. Since IDC's engagement with IOM Turkey, the Turkish government's Directorate General of Migration Management has used IDC's There are Alternatives to design proposed legal amendments that will introduce ATD for irregular migrants.

IDC published an outcome document that captures EATDN peer-learning on ATD case management: Case Management: Learnings, Tips & Positive Practices. IDC also organised two 1-day workshops in late 2019 with member NGOs in Greece and Italy to support the launch of pilot programs. These training sessions included sharing IDC's technical expertise on case management, advocacy strategy development, and developing M&E framework. IDC also facilitated a strategy meeting with an ATD implementer in Cyprus, to support strategy review and joint planning. Evaluations of the workshops illustrated that 100% of participants increased their knowledge and confidence in case management and advocacy.

In February 2020, IDC engaged with UNICEF in Berlin to present EATDN's strategy and explore advocacy collaboration. IDC also engaged the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) as a new regional ATD stakeholder. IDC has also secured regional support in promoting ATD through the European Commission and the Council of Europe. As a result of IDC's advocacy working with partners in the EATDN, the European Commission continues to invest in ATD, facilitating dialogue among governments and civil society organisations. The Commission's 2020 Work Programme for the EMN REG features ATD as one of four priority areas of work. In addition, in September 2019, the European Commission and the Council of Europe published an outcome document for a conference on Effective Alternatives to Detention of Migrants, held in Strasbourg in April 2019. IDC had significant influence in the design and planning for the event. The "key messages" in the outcome document include:

...to be effective, alternatives to detention should adopt a holistic and person-centred approach based on responsibility and trust, and that there is space to adopt engagement-based methods to a greater extent, including dedicated case management that can enhance effectiveness.

Attended by over 200 participants, including high level Commission representatives, the outcome document shows that we are shifting the narrative towards engagement-based ATD, after many years of traditional, enforcement-based ATD in the region.

IDC continues to support EATDN members in piloting ATD. After several years of relationship building with NGOs in Italy, Greece and Belgium, ATD pilot projects were launched in all three countries, and the implementing organisations officially joined the Network in this period. The Network's membership has thus increased to pilot projects in six countries - Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Poland and the UK. This growth contributes to growing momentum

on case management-based ATD, as set out in the Network's shared Theory of Change. Further, IDC held the 6th EATDN network meeting online in June, alongside our coordinating partner [PICUM](#). The meeting focused on strategic messaging, and was facilitated by Thomas Coombes of [Hope-Based Communications](#). IDC also worked with EATDN members CILD and Progetto Diritti on advocacy and communications planning.

Africa & MENA

Following on from our [February 2019 Train-the-Trainers Workshop](#), IDC completed our IOM project tools, which highlighted lessons learned and ATD opportunities in Libya. These tools complement Standard Operating Procedures for community hosting and shelters, as well as a two-year national advocacy strategy that IDC developed with Libyan NGOs and IOM Libya to ensure assistance to migrants and refugees while ATD systems are being incrementally developed.

In October 2019 IDC partnered with IOM and UNICEF to convene and facilitate a Regional Meeting of Peer Exchange and Learning among States on ATD in Tunis. Representatives of the Ministries of Interior and Social Affairs and their equivalents from Tunisia, Libya and Egypt participated. The outcome was critical discussion among government counterparts, and the formulation of an agreement of intent and initial steps to be pursued internally in their national contexts and at the regional level. Further to our previous report, importantly, a [Draft Statement by Participants](#) was released publicly in November 2019 following the regional meeting. This statement includes principles of human rights, dignity, and cross-border cooperation, commitment to ongoing support for local initiatives, early screening and referrals, and much more. This represents a major step forward for the MENA region towards supporting and scaling ATD.

Further in MENA, we identified that the use of community hosting as an ATD is more widespread than we initially understood. Community hosting is a culturally significant and long-accepted practice in local communities due to the history of migration in the region. However, the practice is currently under utilised and not yet mainstreamed. To support and promote this trend, IDC convened a first-time exchange between community hosting programmes in Egypt, Libya and Lebanon to learn from each other. We also published blogs featuring promising community hosting practices in the region, such as:

- [Local Households Provide Stability After Toxic Stress](#)
- [IDC Meets With Unaccompanied Children and Their Hosts in Egypt.](#)

With the help of our new MENA focal point, IDC has revisited our preliminary research on ATD in Jordan and Lebanon, particularly for groups who are not entitled to the support systems available to Syrian refugees. IDC is exploring how to develop this documentation of ATD in MENA into *There Are Alternatives: MENA in 2021*, which we anticipate would be a critical contribution to the region given it hosts the world's largest forcibly displaced population.



AUC-NANHRI Policy Forum on the State of African National Human Rights Institutions. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2019.

In Africa, As a result of the IDC's collaboration with the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) over the past few years, we were invited to speak at the NANHRI and the African Union Commission Department of Political Affairs (AUC-DPA) Policy Forum in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia in September 2019. The forum's theme was: "National Human Rights Institutions' (NHRI's) contribution to Durable Solutions on Forced Displacements in Africa." IDC gave a presentation on the role that alternatives to traditional, broken migration systems can play in enabling migrants to contribute to economic development across the continent. Following the event, IDC published a blog detailing the international, regional and national frameworks that can be used in the Africa region to promote ATD, [Finding Solutions Together in Africa](#). IDC also built on the research findings of *There are Alternatives: Africa*, and published [3 Key Trends in Africa & What They Mean For You](#), highlighting the key ATD trends in the past year across the continent.

In June, IDC and our new Southern Africa focal point Lawyers for Human Rights co-organised [ATD: Advocacy, Challenges & Opportunities in Southern Africa](#), a webinar on the development of policy and practice during Covid-19. This event cemented the urgency of the detention situation, and highlighted newfound regional approaches to ATD. The webinar also coincided with the release of LHR's [new report](#) on detention. LHR and IDC are also co-authoring a scoping paper on ATD and Covid-19 in the Southern African region to be published in September.

Americas

Over this period, IDC's Mexico program has focused strongly on supporting progress towards the implementation of a national referral system for migrant and refugee children. We have seen important steps taken in the adoption of the National Protocol for the Protection of Migrant Children and the important efforts to strengthen coordination and implementation at state and local levels. These actions constitute solid policy foundations upon which to build adequate procedures for screening, assessment, and placement in alternative care models with appropriate case management processes. Together with the Child Protection Advocacy Task Force, a tight working group that developed from our post-pilot work with members, we developed a comprehensive strategy to achieve these goals.

A critical pillar of IDC's advocacy strategy in this regard is close engagement with the Executive Secretary of the Child Protection System (SIPINNA) and our position on the national Commission for the Protection of Migrant Children. The Commission's agenda was influenced by IDC's strategic advocacy, and includes the following goals:

1. Establish a joint implementation program for the Protocol in key states, including context analysis, and federal authority inclusion
2. Develop key indicators to monitor and evaluate nationwide implementation

Over the period IDC provided technical guidance for state level implementation of the Protocol, with the aim to ensure the development of ground-level structures to protect migrant children, such as alternative care models, and create processes for authorities to share methodology, strategy and learnings. Collaboration on the Commission during the past few months has led to 10 co-organised peer-learning webinars at federal, state and local levels for authorities and stakeholders involved in migrant child

protection to support coordinated responses and case management and discuss impacts, concerns and challenges of implementing the Protocol in the context of Covid-19. IDC shared learnings and provided targeted technical advice to strengthen implementation of ATD reception models applying the Protocol, and highlighted the importance of and facilitated partnerships with civil society.

Additionally, the Interior Ministry's Migration Policy Unit (UPM) approached IDC to co-lead a meeting of the ATD Working Group under the Consultative Council (as part of GCM implementation), which had been dormant for some months due to shifts in Mexican government policies on migration. Our lead role ensured alignment with the Commission for the Protection of Migrant Children and resulted in strengthened government commitment to focus on state and local implementation of the Protocol, as well as an agreement to test and evaluate key indicators.

IDC also actively participates in the powerful Covid-19 Response Advocacy Collective, which carries out nationwide multi-level advocacy actions in response to Covid-19 in Mexico. Through these efforts, we obtained positive actions from authorities, including detention releases, a moratorium on detentions, an expansion of ATD, and a historic judicial order requiring the release of vulnerable groups from detention.

In this context, IDC co-authored a policy brief setting out a roadmap for decision-makers on managed releases, and a plan for community-based ATD in the short, medium and long term: *Propuesta de rutas alternativas a la detención para la población migrante en México durante Covid-19*. Our engagement on this ATD proposal with international agencies such as IOM and UNHCR, as well as Mexican immigration and health authorities, impacted positively on the measures subsequently taken.

IDC also coordinated and participated in a series of interviews with documentary filmmaker Flavio Florencio, and Mexico's National Autonomous University television. IDC and our members presented on immigration detention and ATD, resulting in several video resources: *IMUMI Discusses Risk of Infection* (minute 49), *CAFEMIN & IDC Discuss Reception* (minute 45), and *IDC Discusses Post-Release ATD* (minute 54).

In the Americas, IDC led and coordinated a 5-country submission (Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua) to the Special Rapporteur on

Migrants' Rights' report on detention of children and alternatives. IDC is also collaborating with members IMUMI and SOS Children's Villages to develop a regional strategy on child protection across Central and North America, this currently includes Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. In this effort, IDC co-organised and hosted a 3-day online workshop and is currently reviewing and finalizing a draft regional strategy. IDC is also facilitating growing communication between key government partners in the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico and Guatemala to develop a cross-border binational ATD pilot, establishing coordination between the child protection and immigration systems of both countries.



Regional Exchange & Institutional Strengthening for Protection of Children on the Move. Tijuana, Mexico, 2019.

Global

In 2019, the UN Network on Migration identified the Platform as a key strategy and peer learning as a key methodology which were then integrated into the UN Network's finalised [Work Plan](#). IDC serves as the civil society co-lead of the UN Network on Migration Working Group on ATD alongside UNHCR and UNICEF. IDC was invited unanimously by the UN Network Executive Committee and its Secretariat to co-lead and drive the development and implementation of the workplan of this working group in coordination with members and partners.

The workplan entails targeted multi-level peer-learning opportunities, with the aim to create, and connect global, regional and national communities of practice on detention and ATD. As Covid-19 restrictions began to hit in February and March 2020, IDC continued to facilitate these much needed global spaces for civil society and governments to share challenges and opportunities related to detention and ATD in the context of the pandemic. This included IDC's role in coordinating the UN Network on Migration's [Listening Sessions on ATD](#) in May. IDC facilitated participation and

presentations by members from Japan, Malaysia, Spain, UK, South Africa, Tunisia, Zambia, Mexico and the US. The two listening sessions were attended by almost 250 people from around the world. Additionally, IDC co-drafted with co-leads and members of the UN Networks' Working Group on ATD the [Covid-19 & Immigration Detention: What Can Governments and Other Stakeholders Do?](#), a practical guidance tool to support peer-learning exercises and collaborative efforts.

Further, IDC is collaborating with members across regions to capture and document promising ATD practices in response to Covid-19. This work will be developed shortly into an IDC policy brief, and serve as a resource for upcoming cross-regional peer-learning exercises, further catalysing the need and opportunity for ATD created by the pandemic.

At the Geneva level, IDC supported the leadership of the Mexico and Germany Permanent Missions to convene a remote meeting with other Missions to discuss plans of the UN Network Working Group on ATD and the Platform. This dialogue was attended by 43 Permanent Mission representatives, UNICEF, UNHCR, and the UN Network Secretariat, with a focused discussion on ATD implementation.

IDC also supported members in South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico and Central America to draft written submissions to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, in response to his call for contributions to the mandate's upcoming report Ending Immigration Detention of Children and Seeking Adequate Reception and Care for them. To complement these country-specific submissions from members, IDC submitted a [written contribution](#) outlining the policy framework for child-sensitive migration management. IDC also contributed to the UN Secretary General's report on implementation of the GCM. IDC provided a written submission outlining our work to support State efforts in implementing Objective 13, as well as our perspectives on implementation in the current global context.

Our Partners

IDC would like to thank our members & supporters from around the globe for their continuing support during this year. Particular thanks go to the members of the International Advisory Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee who give of their time so generously and enable us to make our collaboration effective and global. Many of our partners do not sit on formal groups for the IDC, but their generosity and commitment to collaboration enables the IDC network to achieve far more than it ever could as one entity. Thank you all for your vision, energy and willingness to share your knowledge. During the 2019-2020 financial year, IDC partners included:

Governance and Finance Committee

- Alice Nah, Chairperson
- Evan Jones, Deputy Chairperson
- Carolina Gottardo, Secretary
- Mary Latham, Treasurer
- Michelle Brane, Committee Member
- Champa Patel, Committee Member
- Anne Harrison, Committee Member

In March 2020 Committee Treasurer Mary Latham transitioned on from the Committee, and Committee Member Anne Harrison was elected to the position of Treasurer.

International Advisors

- Fr Michael Gallagher, The Jesuit Refugee Service
- Melanie Teff, International Consultant
- Solomon Wasia Masitsa, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
- Stephanie Silverman, University of Toronto
- Eleanor Acer, Human Rights First
- Anna Shea, Amnesty International
- Jean-Sebastien Blance, Association for the Prevention of Torture

Regional Advisors

- Eunice Ndonga Githinji, Refugee Consortium Kenya
- Thomas Touray, West African Institute for Legal Aid
- Wayne Ncube & Kayan Leung, Lawyers for Human Rights
- Jenny Collins-White, Catholic Mission
- Anderson Selvasegaram, SUKA Society
- Themba Lewis, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network
- Oktay Durukan, Refugee Rights Turkey
- Dr. Melissa Phillips, Independent Consultant
- Veronica Aragon, University of West Indies
- Vinicio Sandoval, Grupo de Monitoreo Independiente del Salvador
- Janet Dench, Canadian Council for Refugees
- Marek Linha, Norwegian Organisation for Asylum Seekers
- Katarzyna Slubik, Association for Legal Intervention
- Silky Shah, Detention Watch Network

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Our Staff

During the 2019-2020 financial year, IDC staff included:

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Executive Director

Lucy Bowring
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In February 2020 Jerome Phelps transitioned on from the role of IDC Executive Director. In June, the IDC Committee initiated a global executive search to appoint the new IDC Executive Director by September.

Financial Statements

Statement by the Governance and Finance Committee

The International Detention Coalition was able to maintain a position of financial stability during the financial year ending June 2020.

While IDC's committed funding increased in this period, several planned in-person activities were delayed or adjusted to online forums due to public health restrictions. This resulted in a reduction of overall expenditure, and an increase in the level of unexpended grants.

Further, despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, new funding was received to support regional and thematic projects, and IDC continues to pursue additional and new funding opportunities into the next financial year. Cash reserves have also strengthened over the last year. Funders for this period are included herein.

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

International Detention Coalition

Income Statement

| For the year ended 30 June 2020 | AUD 2020 | AUD 2019 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Donations | 275 | 741 |
| Grant Operating | 1,354,110 | 1,467,729 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 1,354,385 | 1,468,470 |
| OTHER INCOME | | |
| Interest Income | 2,515 | 7,538 |
| Other Revenue | 26,683 | 6,689 |
| TOTAL OTHER INCOME | 29,199 | 14,227 |
| GROSS SURPLUS | 1,383,583 | 1,482,697 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Alternatives to detention | 29,459 | 46,453 |
| Capacity Building | 180,119 | 283,665 |
| Communications & media | 18,324 | 28,642 |
| Core expenses | 92,278 | 96,427 |
| Depreciation | 5,687 | 6,860 |
| Employee Benefit Expenses | 989,003 | 952,389 |
| IDC secretariat expenses | 26,699 | 46,454 |
| Transition support | 21,721 | 31,223 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 1,363,290 | 1,492,112 |
| CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX ADJUSTMENTS | 20,293 | (9,414) |
| CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX | 20,293 | (9,414) |
| NET CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS AFTER INCOME TAX | 20,293 | (9,414) |

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2020

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30 JUN 2019

| ASSETS | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash equivalents | 612,839 | 325,392 |
| Inventories | 76,656 | - |
| GST Receivable | 5,827 | 6,080 |
| Trade Receivables | 33,632 | 136,096 |
| Total Current Assets | 728,955 | 467,567 |
| Non-Current Assets | | |
| Plant and Equipment and Vehicles | 6,170 | 10,872 |
| Other non-current assets | 10,306 | 10,306 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 16,476 | 21,178 |
| Total Assets | 745,431 | 488,745 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables | 4,172 | 3,162 |
| Provisions | 100,516 | 107,376 |
| Employee Entitlements | 5,959 | 5,920 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 110,646 | 116,458 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | |
| Other Non-Current Liabilities | 365,619 | 123,415 |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | 365,619 | 123,415 |
| Total Liabilities | 476,265 | 239,873 |
| NET ASSETS | 269,165 | 248,872 |
| MEMBERS FUNDS | | |
| Retained Reserve | 269,165 | 248,872 |
| Total Member's Funds | 269,165 | 248,872 |



Auditor's Report

International Detention Coalition Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2020

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 2020, 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 2020 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*.

Manuel Tsirmiris CPA

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Get Involved

Joining the International Detention Coalition means becoming a part of an international network of non-governmental organisations, faith-based groups, academics and practitioners that share a commitment to working with and on behalf of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants affected by immigration detention.

IDC Members are actively engaged in dialogue on emerging and important issues related to immigration detention in their own domestic or regional context, and your IDC membership provides an opportunity to contribute to and influence decisions around immigration detention law, policy and practice around the globe. For more information, and to download membership application forms, please visit:

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Online training

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

 <https://toolkit.idcoalition.org>


Database

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


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