

GLOBAL CENTRE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT



IN A WORLD WHERE THE COMMISSION OF ATROCITIES IS NO LONGER EXCEPTIONAL, AND IDENTITY-BASED CRIMES ARE MORE COMMON, WE HAVE NEVER NEEDED R2P MORE.

THE GLOBAL CENTRE IS AT THE HEART OF MAINTAINING R2P'S ARCHITECTURE IN THE MULTILATERAL SPACE. WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO PROTECT POPULATIONS, COUNTLESS LIVES WILL BE LOST OR IRREPARABLY CHANGED BY ATROCITIES.

OUR MISSION

The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (often referred to as GCR2P or the Global Centre) mobilizes governments and the international community to act in situations where human beings are facing the risk of atrocity crimes: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and/or ethnic cleansing.

To achieve this mission, the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect advocates for the effective and consistent implementation of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), a global political commitment aimed at mobilizing action to prevent and respond to mass atrocity crimes.



THE GLOBAL CENTRE HAS EMBEDDED ITSELF IN THE FRAMEWORKS SURROUNDING ATROCITY PREVENTION AT THE UN AND THROUGHOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM.

OUR **UNIQUE** POSITION

Using our deep understanding of the UN system and through the application of the atrocity prevention lens we **empower and amplify the voices of communities** impacted by atrocities and connect them to policy enablers and decision makers. By unpacking complex processes, including the “UN Blackbox,” we guide stakeholders to use the right tools for impactful interventions and to think creatively and pursue new paths to achieve the needs of their population.

The Global Centre has established inter-governmental networks of countries committed to implementing the Responsibility to Protect, including the **Group of Friends**

of R2P, with membership that includes government officials at permanent missions to the UN in New York and Geneva, and the capital-based **Global Network of R2P Focal Points**. Fostering these two networks is key to building trust-based relationships with policy enablers and decision makers in New York, Geneva and capitals around the world.

Over the years the Global Centre has created and nurtured **communities, structures** and **capacities** to enable the multilateral system to invest in tools, mechanisms and policies that can effectively protect the most vulnerable.



WE ARE A TRUSTED GUIDE TO GOVERNMENTS FROM THE GLOBAL NORTH AND SOUTH, AS WELL AS A CLOSE COLLABORATOR TO LEADING CIVIL SOCIETY ADVOCATES AND UN OFFICIALS.

OUR THEORY OF **CHANGE**

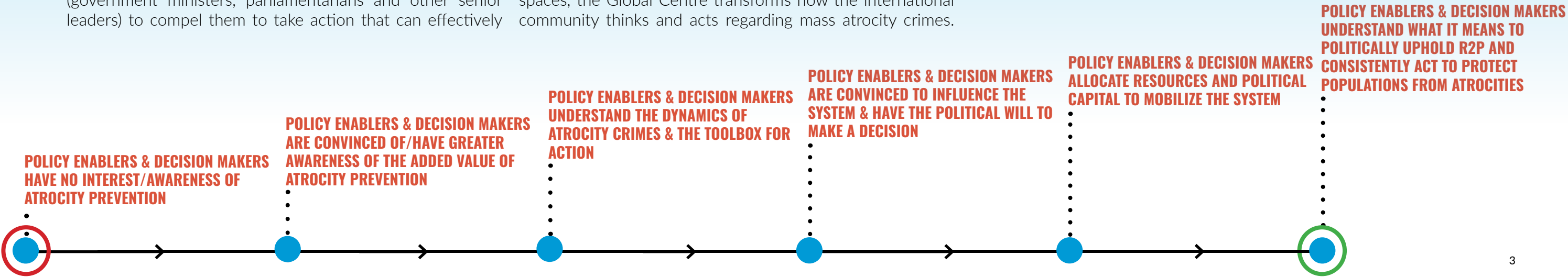
Through our proactive research and monitoring, the Global Centre frames the narrative on country situations via an atrocity prevention lens. This lens highlights who is at risk, what factors contribute to that risk and what needs to be done to ensure their protection.

To make our mission a reality, we work with policy enablers (mid- to high-level government officials) and decision makers (government ministers, parliamentarians and other senior leaders) to compel them to take action that can effectively

protect people from mass atrocities. By building, nurturing and expanding relationships with policy enablers and decision makers, the Global Centre works as a valued insider and policy adviser to governments around the world, while also serving as a vocal advocate for affected communities – including human rights defenders, victims and survivors.

Utilizing this unique **“insider/outsider” role** in multilateral spaces, the Global Centre transforms how the international community thinks and acts regarding mass atrocity crimes.

By helping policy enablers and decision makers within governments and the UN account for atrocity risks in certain country situations, the Global Centre mobilizes effective and context-specific responses. When these actors understand what it means to uphold R2P and how to operationalize it effectively, they are better equipped to leverage tools and act decisively in situations where populations are at risk.



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE IN ACTION

In addition to the Global Centre's crucial work on research, analysis and monitoring of populations at risk of atrocities, we have also played a leading role in organizing and working with civil society coalitions on advocacy campaigns to prevent, halt, investigate and/or preserve evidence of atrocity crimes. Some examples include:

SYRIA

The Global Centre helped establish the UN's International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism for Syria to support investigations and prosecutions of atrocity crimes in Syria since 2011, in collaboration with [Syrian victim and family associations](#).

VENEZUELA

For years the Global Centre has worked with [Venezuelan civil society](#) to craft and implement strategies aimed at investigating crimes against humanity in Venezuela. This work led to the establishment and regular renewal of a UN Fact-Finding Mission, which contributed to the opening of an International Criminal Court investigation.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

From 2013-2014 the Global Centre was one of the only organizations that framed the situation in CAR from an atrocity prevention lens. This framing and subsequent call for civilian protection led to the creation of a UN peacekeeping operation with a strong protection of civilians mandate.

SUDAN

The Global Centre was among the first organizations to alert the UN Security Council about the possible risk of genocide in Darfur in 2023. Our urgent alert and advocacy with Sudanese human rights defenders were crucial in securing a UN Security Council resolution calling for an immediate halt to the siege of and genocidal violence in El Fasher.

ETHIOPIA

The Global Centre identified key gaps in accountability for victims and survivors of atrocities in Ethiopia. To address this, we established a working group for accountability in Ethiopia, bringing together over 40 human rights groups and defenders to collaborate on advancing justice and accountability.

MYANMAR (BURMA)

Following the 2017 genocide of the Rohingya population by the Myanmar military, the Global Centre worked with [partners](#) to identify and support The Gambia in filing its complaint at the International Court of Justice against Myanmar for violating the Genocide Convention.



For more examples of our theory of change in action, see testimonials from some of partner organizations [here](#).

OUR TOOLBOX

RESEARCH & MONITORING

ADVOCACY

EARLY WARNING & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

TRAININGS & CAPACITY BUILDING

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