

Right to a Healthy environment on Wikimedia!

Things you should know:

- The Right to a Healthy Environment is relatively new, only being recognized by the UN Human Rights Council in 2021.
- The triple planetary rises of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss means that human rights are under threat.
- Environmental defenders are frequently working for the rights of marginalized groups or indigenous people.
- Human rights matters on Wikipedia non-UN languages frequently do not have extensive coverage of human rights topics in their context.

What topics on Wikipedia are connected?

- Other human rights topics
- Biographies of environmental defenders and land defenders
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Human rights violations in the mining and forestry industries
- Manufacturing and fossil fuel dependent industries frequently violating the rights of marginalized peoples.

Talking points that you can use:

- The Right to a Healthy Environment is guaranteed by **150 legal systems** in the world.
- Wikipedia now has the article about the Right to a Healthy environment in TK Languages
- To defend your rights you have to know your rights.

What do you need to know about Human Rights Organizing?

- Human rights organizations are frequently advocacy organizations so require a little bit extra support in understanding Wikipedia's NPOV
- If partnering with other organizations, be thoughtful about their reputation and the relative risk of organizing with them.
- For more advise, see this guide by Wikimedia Argentina

Tips for Organizing with Wikimedia

- **Pay attention to your local context-** not all human rights topics are universally respected around the world. Consider focusing more on environmental topics if you identify a local risk.
- **Try to focus on existing content and topics-** human rights topics can be polarizing and politicized. Get to know the editing community on more consensus topics before trying to create new topical areas.
- **Look for basic human rights knowledge gaps-** many smaller language Wikipedias don't have basic, and largely uncontroversial, human rights topics covered such as the right to food and right to clean water and sanitation.