



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS & SUCCESSES

- **HCJ Ruling**: Shin Bet surveillance of civilians to curb the COVID-19 crisis requires special legislation; has dangerous implications for democracy.
- **Repealed**: Deposit Law freezing 20% of asylum seekers' wages.
- **Repealed**: bonus in funding for artists performing in the settlements.
- **Repealed**: Regulation Law allowing expropriation of Palestinians' land.
- **Petitioned**: against racist Nation-State Law - awaiting verdict of hearing.
- **Petitioned**: for reforming electricity disconnections for the impoverished - ongoing.
- **Petitioned**: for banks to open to provide welfare cash benefits during crisis.
- **Petitioned**: secured healthcare, accommodation for Palestinian workers during crisis
- **Petitioned**: court order obligates police force to disclose all of its procedures.
- **Petitioned**: authorities connect educational complex in Bedouin village to water.
- **Petitioned**: desegregated children of asylum seekers and Israelis in Petah Tikva.
- **Appealed**: froze home demolitions in Negev, East Jerusalem, and OPT during crisis.
- **Appealed**: ceased disconnection from electricity during the crisis.
- **Appealed**: ensured freedom of protest is protected during the crisis.
- **Appealed**: obligated translation of COVID-19 and benefits information into Arabic.
- **Dismissed**: aided in dismissal of lawsuit against unisex bathrooms, intended to be inclusive for transgender community, at Aroma coffee chain.

LEGAL WORK

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ongoing
proceedings

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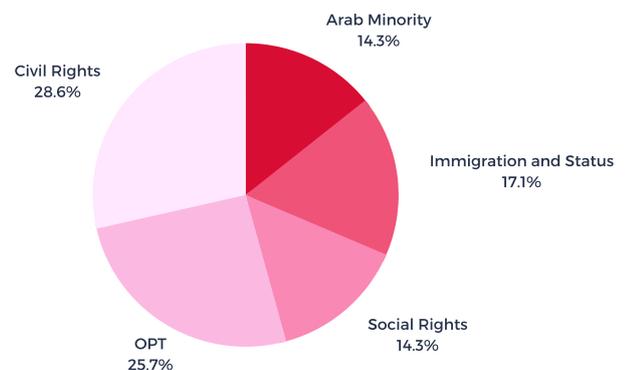
completed
proceedings

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new
proceedings

LEGAL MATTERS AND ADVOCACY INCLUDED:

- Providing educational services to children of unrecognized Bedouin villages
- Eviction of an art gallery from municipal building due to hosting political events
- Registering children of asylum seekers to educational institutions
- The prosecution of an officer who killed a Palestinian boy
- Discrimination against women in sports budgets
- Access to materials in the State Archives
- Police profiling and violence
- Publication of police procedures
- The right to health in the periphery
- Entrance to public parks for city residents only
- Municipal services for residents of East Jerusalem
- Removing of content and blocking websites on the Internet
- Evacuation of Palestinian residents in Firing Zone 918
- Due process for parents with at-risk children in social welfare system
- Including human rights and democracy education in official curriculum



COVID-19 AND HUMAN RIGHTS

16

legal proceedings

~200

appeals to authorities,
position papers, and
comments on legislation

In many cases, we succeeded in guaranteeing the rights of the most vulnerable populations (debtors, prisoners and detainees, Palestinian workers, recipients of subsistence benefits) throughout the crisis. We ensured information and services were accessible to the Arab public. We worked every day to monitor the government's actions to halt the spread of the virus, ensuring that the damage to human rights is substantive, proportional, for a fit purpose, and as limited as possible - in accordance with the principles of democracy and the rule of law.

POLICY ADVOCACY

33

panels and
conferences

70

position papers

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meetings with elected
officials and policymakers

73

discussions in
Knesset

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

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Meetings and workshops for teachers-in-training

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Academic courses for education students

6

Continued education training programs

20

Meetings with students in pre-military preparatory schools

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Workshops for faculty in colleges of education

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Lectures for teachers

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Teachers in the Human Rights Forum & Forum of Arab Civics Teachers

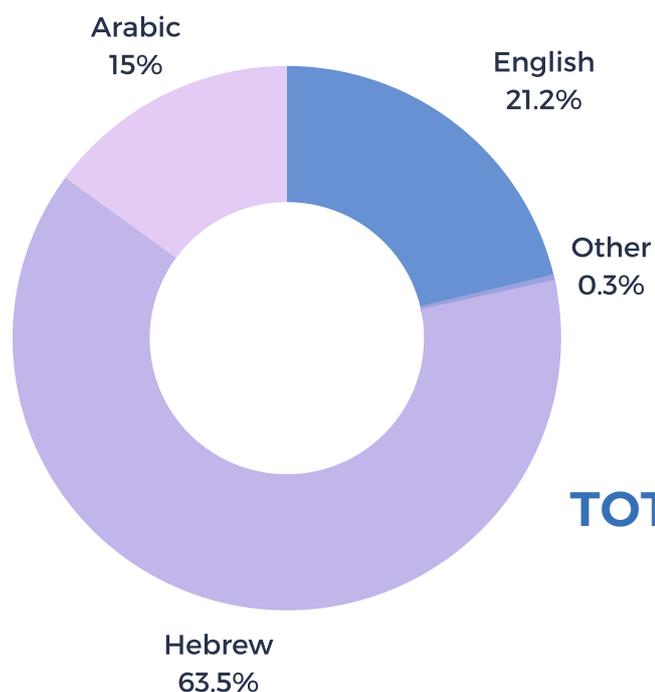
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Hebrew & Arabic newsletters sent to thousands of educators

14

filmed lessons for Ministry of Health's official distance-learning channel

PRESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA



TOTAL PRESS MENTIONS: 895



38,529

English

27,914

Arabic

107,158

Hebrew



4,136

English

23,047

Arabic

24,360

Average monthly visits
on website (all 3
languages)

22,760

Newsletter
subscribers (all 3
languages)