

## CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights<sup>1</sup>



**Name of Organisation:** KontraS (Commission for the Disappeared & Victims of Violence)

**Website of Organisation:** <http://www.kontras.org/home/>

**Facebook of Organisation:** <https://www.facebook.com/kontrasindonesia/>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes

KontraS, also known as the Indonesian Commission for the Disappeared and Victims of Violence, is an Indonesian human rights NGO. Its main focus is on victims of discrimination and violence, whilst the abolition of the death penalty one its main advocacy objectives. The organisation is also a member of regional and national networks: Anti-Death Penalty Asian Network (ADPAN) and HATI (Coalition against Death Penalty in Indonesia).

KontraS, formerly known as KIP-HAM, was established on March 20, 1998 through the cooperation of several activists, student organisations and NGOs within Indonesian civil society. One of its key founders was the Indonesian activist, Munir, who was subsequently assassinated in 2004. KontraS and others in the human rights community are still seeking the truth and for accountability for his killing. The [Indonesian State Intelligence Agency](#) (BIN) was implicated in his killing.

KontraS' main objective is to provide Indonesians with "*a just and democratic country where people are free from fear, repression and discrimination*". Its main mission is:

- To promote political awareness of victims of abuse in order to fight for justice in Indonesia without regard to religious background, race, ethnic, ideology, class, gender, or sexual orientation.
- To fight for each person's right to be free from all forms of violence and repression, especially resulting from the abuse of state power within the society.
- To fight for democracy and justice with other members of civil society.
- To strengthen our own capacity to support a human rights agenda in civil society.

As of March 2017, KontraS has compiled a list of 19 human rights issues within Indonesia. The list compiled focuses on widespread corruption within the government.

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<sup>1</sup> The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, It has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP ([www.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of migrant workers and human rights more broadly.