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We are an NGO established in 1977 and our objective is to restore the identity to the babies, girls and boys -today adults- who were stolen during the military-civilian dictatorship in Argentina (1976-1983). We also work to educate on the value of the right to identity, a fundamental human right for all boys and girls of the world.

The Armed Forces that perpetrated the genocide in Argentina consolidated a regime of terror that illegally detained, tortured and, finally, made disappear 30 thousand persons of all ages and social standing, among them, children, pregnant women who gave birth in captivity, and whose babies were appropriated and grew under a false identity.

Through these decades, the “Abuelas” built a diverse set of strategies that have received national and international recognition. In the legislative aspect, we promoted the incorporation of articles 7, 8 and 11 in the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Children that establishes the right to identity for all the infants; we propelled genetic science in the discovery of the “index of grandparents compatibility”; we made contributions in the areas of psychology, education, universal justice and to the education on human rights.

Today, we keep working to transmit this legacy comprised of learning, growth, and collective knowledge, so that these crimes against humanity are never repeated in

46
years
of struggle

137
resolved
cases

+300
grandchildren
not found yet

34
years on the
right to identity



HOW DO WE WORK?

Our technical teams work in different areas and in five chapters (City of Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Mar del Plata, Rosario and La Plata):

Area for the Press, Promotion and Education

Self-directed Presentation

Jurisprudence

Investigation

Genetics

Psychological Help Centre

Social Connections Empowerment

Spaces for the Memory: House for the Identity, Ex ESMA, 5th Policy Detachment, La Plata

Biographic Family Archive/Institutional Archive

- we receive, guide, contain and accompany the persons who doubt about their biological origins or have problems related to the infringement of their rights;

- we offer psychological help

- we are plaintiffs in many trials of crimes against humanity

- we prepare and conduct cultural activities to ensure the transgenerational knowledge of the memory and human rights experience through cinema, theatre, music, festivals, and book presentations

- we enable the knowledge for educators, institutions, and different professional areas on human rights, in a general and the right to identity in particular.

- we offer chats in schools, clubs, labour organizations, public services, to give witness to the crimes of the last dictatorship.

In Numbers

7.000 students of all levels visit the House for Identity every year.

3.100 visitors move through the Site for Memory at the 5th Police Detachment in La Plata

1.200 people approached us for general enquires about their origin at our city of Buenos Aires location alone

2.800 people bring consults about the infringement of their human rights

600 trials for crimes against humanity in which we took part or were plaintiffs

50 annual workshops, seminars and chats offered to educators, labour and other organizations

229 institutional bulletins published monthly since 2002

18 published books since 1985

15 educational materials prepared for the communication of the memory since 2004

75 patients who are accompanied weekly at the Centre of Attention for the Right to Identity in the city of Buenos Aires



WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION GIVEN TO OUR WORK

Through the years our work has been acknowledged through many awards such as the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, UNESCO; “National Order of the Legion of Honour” Government of France, Order of Merit in the rank of Commander of the Italian Republic; the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights, 2003; as well as recognition from, states, provinces and municipalities.

We also received many nominations to the Nobel Peace Prize, and 14 PhD Honoris Causa and honorary titles from all over the world, among them those granted by the University of Buenos Aires, Massachusetts University, the New School University of New York, the Autonomous University of Barcelona and the Medal of the Ville de Paris.

Presidents, lawmakers, mayors, ambassadors and many foreign authorities, in their official visits, request a meeting with the “Comisión Directiva de Abuelas” and its working teams to nurture from the experience and knowledge amassed by the institution. In addition, we constantly receive invitations from foreign countries to share our knowledge and education. In this sense, we have participated in different occasions in international conferences such as the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons Against Forced Disappearance, in Paris and the

General Assembly of the United Nations in Geneva.

Civil society organizations such as Asociación Pro-Búsqueda from El Salvador, Todos los Niños Robados son También Mis Niños, and Asociación Bebés Robados from Spain; Foundation for Human Rights of South Africa; and relatives from Ayotzinapa in México, visit us to strengthen their own searches, in the understanding that Abuelas is the referent in the way in which the organisms could demand that the State should act when human rights are infringed.

We work in joint action with other organizations and institutions related to memory such as the Anna Frank House in the Netherlands and Argentina; the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation in Germany; Paris 8 in France; Roma 3 in Italy; Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juan, La Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana y la Universidad Iberoamericana en México; and the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos de Madrid-Vicálvaro in Spain.

Frequently we meet with musicians, writers, visual artists, Nobel Prize recipients, athletes, clergy, religious dignitaries, and personalities who are in solidarity with our cause.



Abuelas achieved the goal to engrave the value of the right to identity as a fundamental right for all children worldwide.

HOW DO WE COOPERATE WITH ABUELAS?

We are a non-profit organization that supports itself thanks to the contributions of individuals, enterprises or local institutions that share in solidarity with our work.

We are financed to develop projects with national and international cooperation that strengthen our technical teams and working tools.

We also receive donations from the general public and institutions. We accept monthly donors using debit, credit card or bank account withdrawal through the link:

abuelas.org.ar/donaciones

or you could consult via email:

donaciones@abuelas.org.ar

Our donors receive, periodically, information about our activities carried out thanks to their donations, as well as being invited to our events.

Thank you for your help!



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