



Project summary

With “Environmental Legal Action,” Journalists for Human Rights aimed to strengthen civil society organisations, democracy activists and human rights defenders working on critical environmental rights and democracy issues in North Macedonia.

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“By integrating climate justice principles, the project helps address environmental inequalities, ensuring that vulnerable and marginalized groups are not disproportionately affected by climate change and related policies.”

Achievements



A **survey** was conducted in 10 rural areas. This was done to gain insight into the impact of **environmental changes** on different groups, particularly women and marginalised communities. The results of this survey can be used to inform the **policy-making process** to specifically address the needs of these groups. It also raised awareness on these issues among the targeted communities.



210 participants from local NGOs and informal groups received training to better equip them to advocate for environmental justice and support affected communities. **20 local or state environmental inspectors** received training to better enforce environmental regulations. Finally, **9 legal professionals** received training to better advocate for the rights of affected communities and take legal action against environmental injustice.



A number of **analyses** were conducted. Firstly, **government decisions** on planned investments were analysed. This increases transparency and accountability. Secondly, **legal mechanisms** were analysed. This helps empower communities seek justice when their environmental rights are violated.



Local Environmental Action Groups (LEAGs) were created to serve as local watchdog groups. This empowers communities to monitor and address environmental issues.



JHR took part in a **national conference** with NGOs. This led to an exchange of knowledge and experiences for strategies and approaches to using human rights instruments for environmental justice.