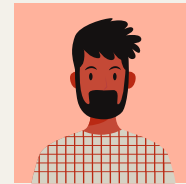
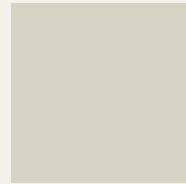
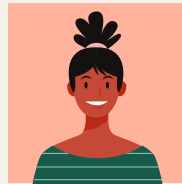
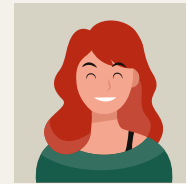
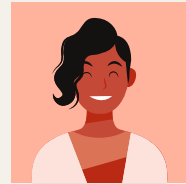
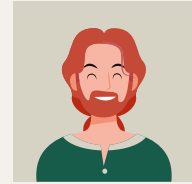
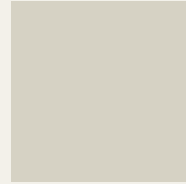
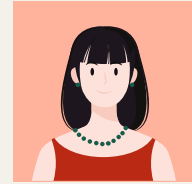


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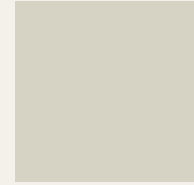
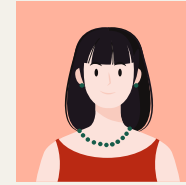


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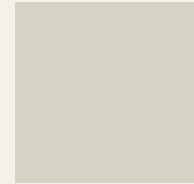
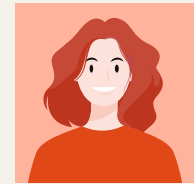
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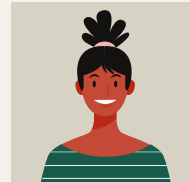
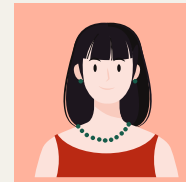
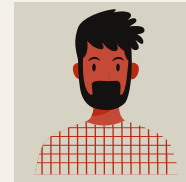
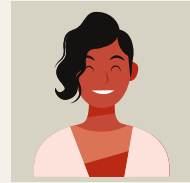
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# Trends



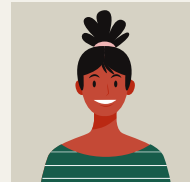
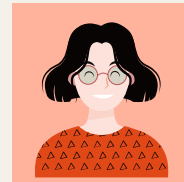
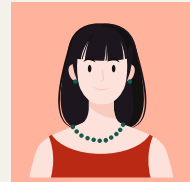
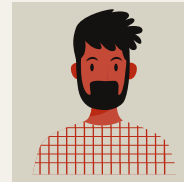
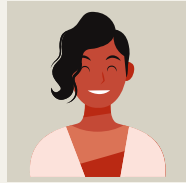
- Resource conflict
- Development aggression
- Repression of opposing individuals/organizations/communities



# Main Issues



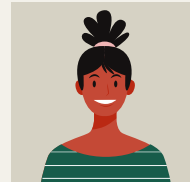
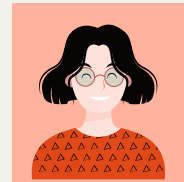
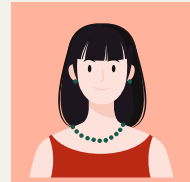
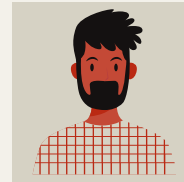
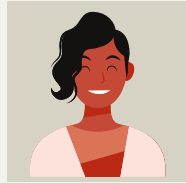
- Policies – lack, flawed, limited, not implemented
- Development framework – profit oriented
- BHR principles not implemented and upheld
- Impacts on livelihoods, ways of life and others
- Negative perception of defenders - anti-development, enemies of the state, terrorists, rebels
- Physical and other forms of attacks



# Main Issues - Youth



- Lack of knowledge – climate change, environmental rights, laws and ways to engage
- Stigma on the youth
- Lack of support and participation
- Threats to physical security





# Main Recommendations



- increase knowledge and awareness on the situation of environmental defenders
- counter the negative perception about environmental defenders
- increase awareness on human rights standards, treaties and mechanisms
- improve, legislate and strengthen local to international policies for protection, access rights and public participation including a regional legally binding policy
- ensure foreign countries and international financial institutions to follow human rights due diligence
- strengthen relationships among national to international institutions
- gather different types of support for environmental defenders
- develop capacities of environmental defenders
- and strengthen solidarity, coordination and collaboration of environmental defenders

# Thank you!

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