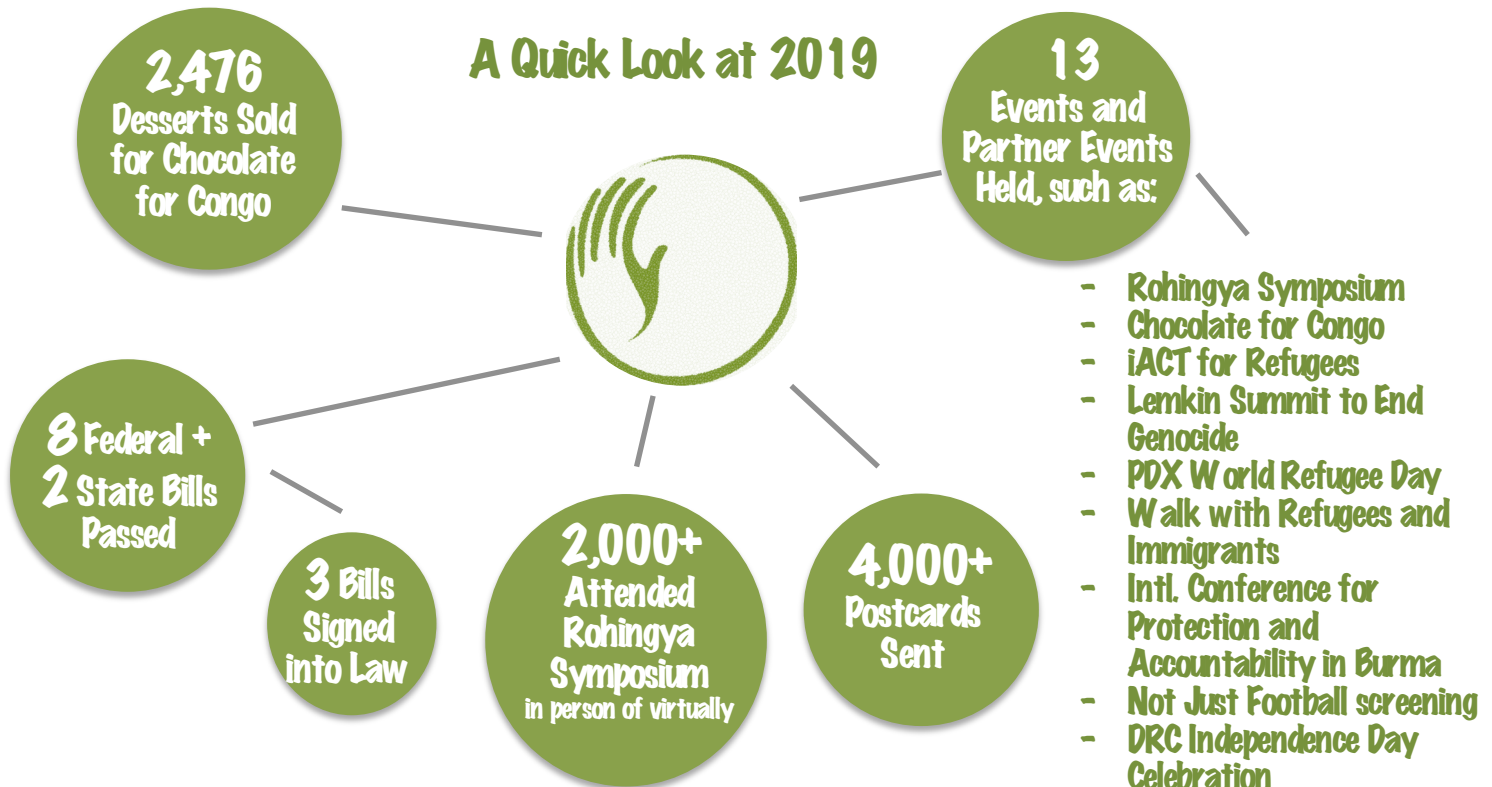


Never Again Coalition 2019 Annual Report

OUR MISSION: The Never Again Coalition is Portland, Oregon's response to genocide and mass atrocities. We're committed to putting meaning behind the phrase "Never Again" by supporting community-led initiatives for those affected by violence in our areas of focus: Sudan, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo and the Rohingya of Burma.

A Quick Look at 2019



SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS

iACT

Our iACT for Refugees Fundraiser brought in over \$10K for iACT's Darfur United Men's and Women's soccer teams, as well as the soccer Refugee United Academies for refugee boys and girls ages 6-13. The youth academies improve on-the-field skills and off-the-field peacebuilding efforts, while giving girls equal opportunity, access, and leadership tools.

Action Kivu

15 Portland-area restaurants and bakeries participated in the 6th annual Chocolate for Congo, done in partnership with Theo Chocolate. We raised \$2,500 for Action Kivu's entrepreneurial programs as well as their primary and secondary schools in eastern DRC.

Legal Action Worldwide

Shirt sales from our our #HerToo campaign support LAW's work with Rohingya women in Bangladesh including the Shanti Mohila (Peace Women), a Rohingya survivor group in Bangladesh, with their advocacy to ensure comprehensive victim-centered accountability and with psychosocial support.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2019

AWARENESS In April we organized and facilitated **Exiled to Nowhere: A Symposium on the Rohingya**. This 3-day event took place at the Oregon Historical Society in conjunction with a photo exhibit by Greg Constantine – *Exiled to Nowhere: Burma's Rohingya*. The symposium featured talks by genocide survivors, photojournalists, investigators and members of Portland's Rohingya community and was done in an effort to raise the profile of the Rohingya plight in our Pacific NW community.

Other awareness events included film screenings: two films about the Rohingya – *Mother, Daughter, Sister* and *We Are Blood* as well as the film *Not Just Football* about the Darfur United Soccer Team. We organized talks including one by Professor Paul Slovic on *Confronting Genocide and the Deadly Arithmetic of Compassion*. Another included three perspectives on Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh, home to over one million Rohingya refugees.

ENGAGEMENT We're honored to continue and grow our connections with the Rohingya, Sudanese and Congolese communities in Portland. We joined all three of these communities for local meetings with the offices of Senators Merkley and Wyden as well as Representatives Blumenauer, Bonamici and Schrader.

We engaged the greater Portland community with events such as **Chocolate for Congo** and **iACT for Refugees**; by participating in Sudanese rallies to support the protests in Sudan, & at local events PDX World Refugee Day, Portlanders Stand with Refugees & Immigrants and the Walk with Refugees and Immigrants.

In an effort to broaden our connections, Never Again Coalition members attended the **International Conference for Protection and Accountability in Burma** and the **Lemkin Summit to End Genocide and Mass Atrocities**. NAC's Director, Lauren Fortgang, **traveled to Bangladesh to visit the Rohingya refugee camps** as part of a delegation by the Richardson Center for Global Engagement.

ACTION and CHANGE On both local and federal levels, we continue to engage with elected officials through the Postcard Brigade and through congressional meetings in Portland, Salem, and Washington DC. Our advocacy efforts paid off in a big way in 2019. In Oregon, we successfully introduced the **Conflict Mineral Procurement Bill** in the Oregon State Legislature. The bill passed the Legislature unanimously and was signed into law in June. Oregon is now the 3rd state in the country with a conflict mineral policy, significantly strengthening Oregon's contracting purchases to support businesses that comply with international guidelines in reference to how conflict minerals are sourced. We also partnered on introduction of the **Holocaust and Genocide Education Bill** in the Oregon Legislature. Now signed into law, the bill mandates Holocaust and genocide education in all Oregon public schools.

Our legislative efforts with U.S. Congressional offices saw many successes in 2019 as well. Some of the major achievements were both the **Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act** (GAPA) and the **Global Fragility Act** (GFA) passing and being signed into law. GAPA requires training by US foreign services officers on conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and early action response. It also obligates the US government to mitigate threats to national security by taking practical steps towards atrocity prevention including an annual evaluation of at-risk countries. The GFA will create the first-ever comprehensive US government strategy to tackle and prevent spiraling global conflict. The House and Senate also both passed resolutions affirming **US recognition of the Armenian genocide**. **Check out our 2019 Legislative Scorecard to see a record on all of the legislation we advocated for in this past year.

Help Us Grow!

We rely on donations to do our work. With your help, we're hopeful that we can continue to make a real difference to help put an end to violence and promote community-led peacebuilding in Sudan, South Sudan, DRC, Burma, and Bangladesh.

Donate online at neveragaincoalition.org All donations are tax deductible.

Goals for 2020

We are committed to continuing our work to support community-led efforts to prevent and end violence.

These efforts include promoting education for refugees; partnering on refugee-led programs for sports, innovation and the arts; continuing to raise awareness about ongoing atrocities and taking steps to implement initiatives to end mass atrocities.