

Assistance request form

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) is an NGO that defends freedom of information and assists journalists who are threatened in connection with their work. RSF tries to document their history and the problems to which they have been exposed in order to be able to support the applications they submit to governments and agencies with the aim of obtaining protection.

The information you provide here will not be published. We will just use it to conduct an investigation in order to verify what you have told us. This verification procedure, carried out with the help of our regional desk officers, who are responsible for our monitoring of freedom of information worldwide, and our network of correspondents, is a necessary precondition for any assistance we provide.

Please answer all of the questions below. If you fail to answer any question, RSF will not be able to begin processing your request for assistance.

Identity

Family name:

Given name:

Date of birth:

Sex:

Nationality:

Family situation (single/married/children):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Language skills

Native language:

Other languages spoken:

Activity as journalist

Media:

Position*:

Media contact details:

City where you work or worked:

Describe the media and your responsibilities within it (the section in which you worked, the subjects covered, your position in the hierarchy, and the dates you began and stopped working there):

Describe the positions you held previously:

* The media you worked for and the position you held at the time of the events that led you to request RSF's assistance.

Exile

Date of departure from country of origin:

Date of arrival in country of refuge:

Have you applied for international protection (UNHCR/asylum request)? Yes/No

Date application was submitted:

Date of summons/interview:

Status of the application: (initial stage / under appeal / rejected on appeal)

Case number:

If you have not applied for international protection or asylum, explain why:

Description of the situation and the problems encountered

1. Describe the events that led to your departure and request for international protection.

Specify the dates that these events took place. Explain the extent to which they are linked to your journalistic activities:

2. Describe the threats or reprisals to which you have been subjected. Specify who made these threats or carried out these reprisals and the dates that they occurred:

3. Have members of your family or close friends been threatened in connection with these events? If so, specify who, when and to what extent:

4. How did you leave your country? Did you use legal means to enter the country where you are now? Describe your itinerary and means of transport:

5. Before your departure, did you take any steps to ensure your safety or protect yourself from these threats? Did you try moving to another part of the country? Did you alert or request assistance from any local, regional or international NGOs that defend journalists or human rights?

6. Since fleeing your country, have you alerted or requested assistance from other local, regional or international NGOs that defend journalists or human rights? Have any of them responded or given you help?

7. Do you have any fears about your current situation and, if so, what are they? What do you fear would happen if you were forced to return to your country?

8. Describe the nature of the support you hope to obtain from RSF and how you think RSF could help you:

9. Additional observations:

Documents that should be submitted with this form:

Please enclose copies of professional documents (such as your press card and work contracts) and copies of (or links to) articles and publications that attest to your journalistic activities and/or the events and problems described in this form.

Please also enclose letters or supporting statements by colleagues, superiors or representatives of human rights or media defence NGOs that refer to your journalistic activities and to the events and problems you have described.

In the event that you are unable to provide any of these documents, please explain why.

Details of fellow journalists or representatives of human rights or media defence NGOs who could confirm your situation and who could be contacted by RSF (family name, first name, position and contact details):

Data privacy / Please pay attention to the information below. Your application may only be processed if you agreed with the following declaration! To do so, please tick the box.

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I am aware that Reporters Without Borders will use this information to verify my journalistic activities and the nature of the problems or threats I have faced because of them. Therefore, I hereby, agree that my personal data, which I have provided in the questionnaire: may be collected, stored, processed, used and forwarded in order for Reporters Without Borders to be able to assess my request for support. Data provided to Reporters Without Borders will not be used for any other purpose than the organization's communication with other bodies, staff or outside experts who work on behalf of Reporters Without Borders, as well as communication with my lawyer, if relevant. My consent is subject to observance of the applicable data protection laws. I have been informed that my application form cannot be processed unless I declare agreeing to this declaration.

I, the undersigned, _____, hereby swear that all the information provided in this form is accurate and true.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Criteria used by RSF for deciding whether to assist threatened journalists:

Both of these criteria must be satisfied in order to obtain assistance from RSF.

1. RSF is able to verify that **you are a journalist** and to verify the **nature of the work you have done** as a journalist.
2. RSF is able to verify the **threats or problems** reported in this application form and to confirm that they are directly linked to your work as a journalist.

RSF's mandate excludes assisting journalists who are threatened because of their political activity or religion or for other reasons not related to their work as journalists.