



**Cour  
Pénale  
Internationale**

**International  
Criminal  
Court**



The face of the Court



A channel of communication

# ICC OUTREACH

Building bonds  
every day

## For the communities affected by crimes under investigation and on trial

ICC Outreach promotes access to justice by creating channels of communication between the Court and the communities affected by the crimes under investigation and on trial. Outreach uses different channels to communicate daily with survivors of mass crimes, victims' families, supporters and families of the accused, community members that were touched by the conflicts, professionals, and other interested members of the public. Outreach informs, listens, connects and empowers.

### INFORMS

Outreach staff act as local spokespeople who bring news and information about the Court and its proceedings to communities in local languages. Outreach will participate in radio and TV programs, post on social media, participate in workshops and seminars, show photos of the courtroom and video summaries of the proceedings, or sometimes just listen and answer questions. Outreach will talk to people in the local market, communicate online with lawyers, journalists, and civil society, and sometimes even travel to the smallest of villages. Outreach informs victims about the possibility and the right to participate in proceedings and apply for reparations. Informed communities decide on the best way to engage with the Court.

### LISTENS

Outreach listens to and addresses real questions, tailors information sessions according to communities' concerns, receives advice from local leaders and NGOs, and takes cultural sensitivities into account. Outreach collects questions

from communities and carries their voice to the Court for top management, whether it be the ICC President, the Prosecutor, or the Registrar, to answer. Hearing and documenting people's stories – whether of hope, frustration, or fear – and their expectations that justice should be done, as well as accepting all feedback and advice, is a daily activity. Sometimes only listening and giving a voice to people, especially the victims, empowers them with the knowledge that the rest of the world respects and will not forget them, and that yes – someone is listening.

### CONNECTS

Outreach connects communities with the courtroom, thus making it possible for people thousands of miles from the Court to still have a view within the proceedings. Outreach staff travel hundreds of kilometers, carry generators and projectors, and use screens, walls and even tablecloths to show Court proceedings to the affected communities – in other words, to bring the courtroom to the people. One of the aims of Outreach is to know the communities and build relationships and trust such that the ICC, despite its physical distance away, can still have a meaningful presence in people's lives.

### EMPOWERS

Informed decisions. Having a voice. Forging real connections with the Court. This helps people affected by crimes see that justice is being done. It helps them know their options for being a part of the Court process and is furthermore a step toward making that process meaningful such that justice can be a part of their closure and healing. By promoting access to justice, Outreach aims to empower survivors and entire communities – they should know that this Court is for them.



A view into the courtroom for the communities



Interlocutor: to inform and to listen



Presence on the ground and at the ICC

## PROGRAMS

### COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Outreach holds information sessions for affected communities, including specific groups such as community and religious leaders, children and youth, women, people with disabilities, etc., while taking into consideration specific needs of each of these groups and providing a supportive environment for participants.

### MEDIA PROGRAM

Media, especially radio and television, are important channels of communication to a broader audience. Radio and television stations, newspapers and news agencies are broadcasting daily information about the Court in the situation countries. Outreach organizes training programs and works on coproduction projects with local journalists and editors, combining expertise and knowledge to provide the most accurate information about the Court and the proceedings to the public.

### LEGAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Those in the legal profession and especially Bar associations, judges, and magistrates seek information from the Court in order to strengthen cooperation, increase knowledge, participate as counsels, or serve as local experts on international justice issues. Through the workshops and information sessions Outreach provides, legal professionals on the national level access to knowledge and experience from colleagues working at the Court.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The academic community – law students and professors – gain access to legal documents and other literature on international law and the ICC, lectures, seminars and other types of information on international justice through Outreach programs. Outreach is also part of an effort to encourage international criminal law courses at law universities in order to leave a permanent legacy in the country.