

# TRUSTLAW

SPREADING THE PRACTICE OF PRO BONO WORLDWIDE TO DRIVE SOCIAL CHANGE

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## WHAT WE DO

TrustLaw is the Thomson Reuters Foundation's global pro bono service that connects NGOs and social enterprises with the best law firms around the world.

## WHY WE DO IT

To help NGOs and social enterprises focus on their mission instead of spending resources on legal expertise. Connecting these organizations with free legal assistance enables them to run their operations more effectively, scale business, and expand into new countries. Our research programs are powerful advocacy tools that help our members understand legal and policy frameworks around the world.

## HOW IT WORKS

Joining TrustLaw is free and easy: go to our website and get started in just a few clicks. Our team can guide you along the way. Once a member, you'll have access to the best lawyers willing to provide free legal assistance in the 170 countries in which we operate. As a law firm, you'll get the chance to advance social change and make a difference by supporting hundreds of high-impact organizations doing remarkable work.

## JOIN THE NETWORK



# OUR GLOBAL IMPACT



We support a wide range of pro bono projects, from smaller day-to-day legal issues to ambitious cross-border research programs. A few examples:

## Cross-border research

We worked with Latham & Watkins and the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to produce a landscape analysis of human trafficking and prostitution laws in fourteen countries in the Middle East and North Africa. The research will help Equality Now, a global human rights organization, to understand existing laws and create a strategy for policy and legal reform towards the elimination of sex trafficking. This project was recognized at the 2012 TrustLaw Awards for its groundbreaking impact.

## Expanding operations into another country

J Sagar Associates worked with Nuru Energy, an energy generation enterprise, to adapt an existing shareholder agreement to support Nuru's expansion in India. Nuru Energy developed a pedal-powered energy generator operated by micro-entrepreneurs across India to provide energy for rural communities and income to the entrepreneurs, in a country where half a billion people still have no access to electricity.

## License agreements

White & Case drafted a license agreement for the Living Furniture Project, a social enterprise in the UK that trains and employs homeless people to make luxury furniture from recycled materials.

## Governance and corporate structure advice

Routledge Modise (formerly Eversheds) provided governance and structuring advice for the South African branch of Islamic Relief to tie the organization more closely to the international Islamic Relief network.

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