OUR MISSION

We use interdisciplinary approaches to promote equity and dignity for those oppressed by racism, poverty and stigma, nationally and around the world. We are proud to partner with a diverse group of scholars, educators, elected officials, government agencies, nonprofit organizations and members of the international policy community to advance health and human rights, and to show the harmful effects of violations on children.

OUR VISION

We envision a world that fulfills the human rights of all people, with a special attention to children, and protects them from injustices imposed by discrimination, poverty, conflict and disaster.

The François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights was founded and endowed by Albina du Boisrouvray in 1993.

Her goal was to provide protection to children by furthering the vision for health and human rights of founding director Jonathan Mann, and it received the enthusiastic collaboration of then-Dean Harvey Fineberg.
OUR FOCUS

1. CHILDHOOD PROTECTION

Our initiatives aim to prevent human trafficking and labor exploitation in India and the United States, advance the rights of children in undocumented, refugee, and detention settings, and provide a framework to strengthen multidisciplinary education around the policies and practices of child protection.

2. STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION

We strive to address all forms of structural violence domestically and abroad, including deaths by legal intervention. This includes calling attention to the ways structural violence has contributed to the U.S. opioid crisis, which disproportionately affects communities of color.

3. DISTRESS MIGRATION

We conduct research on key child migration and displacement issues in support of communities forced out of their homeland by poverty, conflict, climate change, and state-sponsored campaigns of discrimination and violence.

4. CRISIS RESILIENCE AND RESPONSE

Through advocacy and research, we increase awareness of the human consequences of inequitable responses to disasters and the impact of conflict on health and human rights of civilians.