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— “Statement of Principles and Objectives,” 1984



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From the Chairman

It is difficult to look back on 2011 without concluding that it offered more reasons to be optimistic than fearful.

With the exception of 1989, no single year has presented as much vindication of NED's mission or as much promise for our vision.

The pro-democracy revolts of the Arab Spring not only broke the region's authoritarian stronghold, but also generated fresh momentum for democratic change that could be felt as far away as China and Cuba. As the year ended, long repressed but newly engaged forces in Russia and Burma were pressing for democratic reform.

Just two weeks into 2011, protests sparked by the self-immolation of Tunisian street vendor Muhammad Bouazazi ousted the authoritarian regime of Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali after 23 years of repressive rule.

Within weeks, the contagious effect of Tunisia's Jasmine revolution saw the swelling of pro-democracy protests across the Arab world. Another impromptu blending of Web-based youth activism, labor solidarity and citizen mobilization forced Egypt's President Mubarak to cede power after pro-democracy forces called a general strike and began to march on the state TV's headquarters.

As protests spread to Yemen, Bahrain, Morocco and Syria, a common refrain was heard across the region — a demand for human dignity.

The revolts repudiated the myth that Arab citizens were somehow immune to the democratic spirit — that they did not want or need the right to vote, freedom of assembly and association, an end to authoritarian dynasties, and the other constitutional rights and safeguards we all too often take for granted.

The Arab Spring also demonstrated the importance of the social and economic dimensions of empowerment. As sur-



veys show, the ferment was primarily caused by socioeconomic grievances, by the popular demand for opportunity — the chance to get a job, an education, to walk the streets without fear of police brutality and to live life without encountering the persistent venality of a bribe-driven political culture. NED and our core institutes have over recent years highlighted the need for a social agenda in giving poor and marginalized citizens a stake in democracy, while stressing the importance of ensuring that “democracy delivers,” by addressing needs as well as rights.

While the region's revolts ended the authoritarian monopoly in Arab states, they present profound challenges to Arab democrats, to the West's democracies as well as to NED and the wider democracy assistance community. Can new democratically-elected governments cope with the economic crises many will inherit? Will they respect the rights of women and minorities? Can they develop governing structures that are both effective and free of corruption?

As we have seen over the years, so many promising breakthroughs are squandered by weak transitions. And yet, as NED's 2012 *Strategy Document* points out, if Tunisia can become a successful Arab democracy, “it will represent an

inspiring model for the region and a potential support base for movements in other countries.”

Such democratic movements are personified by the slight but formidable figure of Tawakkol Karman, the Yemeni rights activist and one of three women to share the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize. A NED grantee for several years, she represents the drive and commitment so characteristic of the dissidents, human rights and women activists, trade unionists, business figures and civil society groups that the Endowment nurtures and supports, often in the least promising of circumstances.

One of the most intractable cases was thought to be the military dictatorship of Burma, a country that has long been a high priority for NED. But that country’s prospects for a democratic breakthrough became more promising in recent months, arising from the government’s reform process and the revived democratic opposition, led by Aung San Suu Kyi. The Endowment has been the largest and most consistent source of assistance for Burmese democrats and civil society for many years, and we are well-positioned to help turn signs of progress — relaxed censorship, economic reforms, release of political prisoners, growing freedom of association, including independent labor unions — into sustainable democratic reform.

One of the Burmese democracy movement’s greatest champions was former Czech President Václav Havel, whose death toward the close of 2011 was felt deeply by all who believed in the universality of freedom and democracy.

In a letter to Aung San Suu Kyi that she received after his

death, Havel expressed his concern for Burma’s future, offering for inspiration the example of the struggle his own countrymen had endured in overcoming 50 years of tyranny.

She told this story in a video tribute played at the memorial service for President Havel that the Endowment organized in cooperation with the Czech Embassy in Washington on January 6th of this year, the 35th anniversary of the libera-

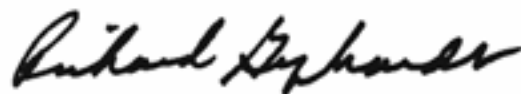
tion movement Charter 77. “Although he is no longer here,” she pointed out, “I feel he continues to give us help by his example, by his belief in people’s ability to overcome their weaknesses, by his belief in a society’s ability to reconstruct itself along the lines that will be most acceptable to its people.”

Due in no small part to the bipartisan commitment of the US Congress and the Obama administration, the

Endowment has the good fortune and privilege to be able to provide the practical assistance, vital resources and political solidarity that help thousands of activists and groups worldwide strive day in and day out to spread, reinforce and amplify the moral force and vision that Václav Havel personified.

At a time of financial stringency and tightening budgets, it is not a privilege that we take for granted. Rather, it is a profound responsibility that we will embrace and exercise over the coming year.

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Richard Gephardt
Chairman, National Endowment for Democracy

President's Report

The uprisings that swept the Arab Middle East during the past year will forever define 2011 as an epochal moment in the history of democracy.

It is still far too soon to know if these momentous events, that have come to be called the Arab Spring, have initiated a process that will lead eventually to the democratic transformation of the Middle East. The situation is still too uncertain and varies from country to country — from the encouraging democratic transition that began in Tunisia to the more troubled processes that are underway in Egypt and Libya; from the gradual reform of the monarchy in Morocco to the resistance to reform in the kingdoms of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain; and from the protracted effort to negotiate a settlement in Yemen to the harsh repression and violence in Syria.



If there is no single pattern to the changes that have erupted over 2011, they nonetheless ended the authoritarian paralysis of a region that had been untouched by the third wave of democratization and that some had thought was impervious to pressures for democratic change. That by itself bespeaks the historic significance of the Arab Spring, even if the prospect for democracy in the region is uncertain and great challenges lie ahead.

Along with its institutes and discretionary grantees, NED was actively involved throughout the region in 2011, working for democratic openings and reforms and helping to strengthen the capacity of democratic groups and the prospects for peaceful democratic transitions. We are especially

proud that our grantee and longtime friend Tawakkol Karman, who is the founder of Women Journalists without Chains, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the leading role she played in the peaceful demonstrations for democracy in Yemen.

In addition to making hundreds of grants that are detailed on the NED website, NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies convened expert meetings on Tunisia, Egypt and Libya that brought together scholars and practitioners to identify critical challenges and lay out a possible roadmap for democratic transition in each country. NED also convened a meeting of the leaders of key private foundations at which they heard from top Middle East analysts,

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program specialists, and officials and were able to discuss priority areas of assistance to aid democratic transitions. The 2011 Democracy Award honored those who struggled and sacrificed in the uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia, and the individuals accepting the award on their behalf were received in the Oval Office by President Obama. In addition, the Eighth Annual Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World featured Professor Abdou Filal-Ansari of Morocco, who lectured on “The Arab Revolutions: Democracy and Historical Consciousness.”

While responding to the Arab Spring was a priority for NED in 2011, the organization maintained a robust global

grants program, with support going to aid democratic efforts in more than 100 countries. Among the priorities in Asia were China, where a fearful government tightened controls in the aftermath of the Arab uprisings and the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo; and Burma, where the military regime unexpectedly initiated a process of political opening and dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. In Africa, special attention was given to Sudan, where the South voted overwhelming for independence in a referendum and the new state of South Sudan was established in July; and the Democratic Republic of the Congo where civil society organizations continued to wage a brave struggle for reconciliation and human rights in the face of

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increased repression, massive corruption, electoral instability, and insurrectionary violence. In the post-communist regions, significant NED support aided civil-society groups, human-rights defenders and independent media in Belarus in the aftermath of the crackdown following the December 2010 president election; and also in Russia where mass protests erupted in response to electoral fraud and the prospect of Vladimir Putin resuming his presidency. Priority was also given to aiding the democratic transitions that have started in Kyrgyzstan and Moldova. And in Latin America, NED increased aid to the movement of civic resistance in Cuba and to those in Venezuela fighting for open political space and a level playing field in the lead-up to the October 2012 presidential election.

NED also continued to provide the secretariat for the World Movement for Democracy which helped maintain the WMD's regional and functional networks of activists and scholars, issued regular alerts supporting activists under attack by repressive governments, and laid plans for the WMD's seventh global assembly, which will be held in Lima, Peru, from October 14-17, 2012. In addition, NED expanded its participation in the Community of Democracies, buttressing the Community's efforts to defend civil society and oppose the adoption by governments of restrictive NGO laws. These efforts were aided in 2011 by the successful WMD-led campaign to establish within the UN a Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association. Maina Kiai, a member of the WMD Steering Committee, was selected to be the first incumbent in that new post. NED also assisted in the creation of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy, a worldwide network of parliamentar-

ians committed to defending human rights, strengthening independent parliaments, and increasing funding for international democracy assistance. This last goal of expanding democracy assistance was advanced during 2011 by Poland's establishment of a new Foundation for International Solidarity and the European Union's announced intention to create a NED-like institution called the European Endowment for Democracy.

NED mourned the death in 2011 of a number of outstanding democratic activists and leaders. They included former Reagan-Fascell Fellows Vitali Silitski, a political scientist from Belarus, and Suvash Darnal, a Dalit activist from Nepal; the Argentine political scientist and *Journal of Democracy* board member Guillermo O'Donnell; Elena Bonner, the widow of Dr. Andrei Sakharov and a great Russian democrat in her own right; Laura Pollán, the founder and leader of the Ladies in White in Cuba who was posthumously honored with NED's Democracy Service Medal; and Václav Havel, the former dissident and Czech President who used his great international stature to support dissidents still fighting for freedom in repressive societies.

We remember these individuals not just to honor their contribution to a freer and more peaceful world, but also to draw inspiration for the difficult struggles that lie ahead. May we be worthy of their sacrifice, courage, and devotion to the values of democracy.



Carl Gershman
President, National Endowment for Democracy

The Year at NED



Left to right: US Under Secretary of State William J. Burns, Jamel Bettaieb, Zahraa Said, and Carl Gershman pose with the 2011 Democracy Award presented on June 22 to honor the people of Tunisia and Egypt in their struggle to establish democracy in their countries.

2011 Democracy Award Honors the People of Tunisia and Egypt

On June 22, 2011, the National Endowment for Democracy presented its Democracy Award to the people of Tunisia and Egypt in honor of the struggle to establish democracy in their countries. US Under Secretary of State William J. Burns was on hand for the presentation, and Congressmen Greg Meeks (D-NY) and Steve Chabot (R-OH) made remarks during the ceremony, which was held on Capitol Hill. The Award was accepted by Jamel Bettaieb and Zahraa Said. Bettaieb is a Tunisian activist, teacher, and trade unionist from Sidi Bouzid, the hometown of Mohammed Bouazizi, the unemployed fruit vendor who burned himself to death and ignited the Arab Spring; Said is the sister of Khaled Said, a young Egyptian



The Goddess of Democracy statuette presented to Democracy Award recipients.

businessman who was beaten to death by police because he had video evidence of police corruption. A Facebook page titled "We are all Khaled Said" fueled the organization of Egyptian protestors that led to the end of the Mubarak regime.

The award presentation was preceded by a roundtable on the broader challenges ahead for a democratic future throughout the Middle East. The roundtable featured reports and insights from key activists connected to the struggles underway in their home countries of Egypt, Tunisia, Bahrain, Yemen, and Libya, and Syria. Video from the conference is available online at www.NED.org.

Days after the presentation in Washington, NED President Carl Gershman traveled to Tunisia to deliver the NED award in person to the offices of Bettaieb's trade union, the UGTT, where the statue will reside as an acknowledge-

ment of the important role played by both Sidi Bouzid and the trade union movement in Tunisia's democratic uprising.

Democracy Service Medal

The Endowment's Board created its Democracy Service Medal in 1999 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated, through personal commitment, their dedication to the advancement of freedom, human rights, and democracy. In 2011, NED honored Congolese democracy activist Floribert Chebeya, Dr. Jean Bethke Elshstain, and Cuban democracy activist Laura Pollán.

Floribert Chebeya

The Endowment honored the late Floribert Chebeya with its Medal in a July ceremony at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The medal presentation was an emotional end to a half-day conference, "Voices from the Congo: the Road Ahead," co-organized by NED, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Eastern Congo Initiative.

Chebeya, a longtime grantee of NED and a pillar of Congo's civil society, was awarded the medal posthumously for his work as founder and president of *Voix des Sans Voix* (Voice of the Voiceless), a leading Congolese human rights organization that works to defend and empower citizens in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He was killed in June 2010 after criticizing the police inspector general for violently suppressing a political and religious movement in the DRC.

"To countless people in the DRC, as well as in other African countries, Floribert was a savior," Carl Gershman said at the ceremony. "From his unmarked and humble office, he fought for Congolese citizens whose rights the country's leaders had ignored and trampled upon."

Chebeya's widow, Annie Chebeya Mangbenga, accepted the medal on his behalf.



Floribert Chebeya was awarded the Medal posthumously at the close of "Voices from the Congo: the Road Ahead," held at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Dr. Jean Bethke Elshstain

In October, NED presented the Medal to long-time Board member Jean Bethke Elshstain in a ceremony at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Dr. Francis Fukuyama, another long-time Board member and himself a Medal recipient, and Martin Paloush, former Czech Ambassador to the US and the UN, were on hand to present tributes. Elshstain served as the



Dr. Jean Bethke Elshstain received the Democracy Medal in October.

NED Board specialist for South Asia, which actively involved her in the process of reviewing grant proposals, and then presenting and explaining these at each Board meeting. As Gershman noted,

"...her favorite project was the quaintly named Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum, a Karachi-based grassroots social movement with 60,000 (dues paying) members that works to protect the rights of Pakistan's large inland and coastal fisherfolk community from abuse by government, landowners, and other powerful interests. It had all the qualities that Jean likes: real people, tied to their local communities, working together to solve real problems..."

Elshstain, who is on the faculty at the University of Chicago Divinity School, has also written and lectured extensively on the topic of religion and democracy. In 2008 she delivered NED's annual Lipset Lecture.

Laura Pollán

In December, the Endowment again presented a Medal posthumously, this time to Laura Pollán, the founder of Cuba's *Las Damas de Blanco* (The Ladies in White). The Capitol Hill ceremony was preceded by a panel on "The Legacy of Laura Pollán," moderated by NED director for Latin America and the Caribbean

Miriam Kornblith.

The ceremony included a video link to Laura's husband and daughter in Cuba, as well as remarks from Members of Congress Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Howard Berman (D-CA), Albio Sires (D-NJ) and Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ). The Medal was accepted by Yolanda Huerga on behalf of Las Damas de Blanco.

Pollán founded the Damas de Blanco when her husband was arrested along with 74 others in Cuba's "Black Spring" of 2003, rallying other women whose loved ones had been imprisoned. The women held weekly marches, dressed in white to symbolize the purity of their motives and carrying gladioli. She passed away on Oct. 14, 2011, several weeks after the Damas de Blanco were attacked by a mob.

Abdou Filali Ansary Delivers Eighth Annual Lipset Lecture

The Eighth Annual Lipset Lecture was delivered on Oct. 26 at the Embassy of Canada in Washington, DC, by Abdou Filali Ansary, professor at Aga Khan University's Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisation. Dr. Filali-Ansari spoke on "The Arab Revolutions: Democracy and Historical Consciousness."

Filali-Ansary contended that "democracy has become a universal norm," and that in Arab societies today "the only political legitimacy that is acceptable is the democratic one." He argued that this was true even for the "mainstream Islamists." Much of his talk and the question-and-answer session that followed focused on how the desire of many Muslims to live in



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a society based on Islamic law (sharia) can be reconciled with their desire to live under democracy. A revised version Filali-Ansary's lecture was published in the April 2012 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*.

The Lipset Lecture series, sponsored jointly by NED and the Munk Center for International Affairs at the University of Toronto (where Filali-Ansary spoke on Oct. 24), is named for one of the great democratic scholars and public intellectuals of the twentieth century, Seymour Martin Lipset. The Lipset Lecture acts as a vehicle for continued cooperation between the United States and Canada in promoting democracy and democratic ideals around the world, and provides an annual opportunity for influential audiences of both the countries to hear and discuss a declaration on democracy by a prominent intellectual.

AFRICA

The year 2011 was a momentous one for democracy in Africa. Milestones included the referendum for self-determination in Sudan in January, leading to the independence of South Sudan in July; resolution of the political crisis in Cote d'Ivoire in March; democratic elections in Nigeria in April; Liberian elections in October; and elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in November. While the repercussions of many of these are still unclear, the general trend was towards greater democratic popular engagement. NED and its partners contributed in many ways.

Through 15 years of civil war and gradual reform, **Sudan** and **South Sudan** have now entered a new era. To adjust, organizations in both countries received NED support for a strong civil society and independent press, constitutional development, national reconciliation, and the entrenchment of a culture of human rights and democracy. NED partners played leading roles in mobilizing youth to participate in Sudan's

constitution-making process; and as conflict erupted along the new border and in the South, their conflict resolution efforts gained urgency.

The elections in **Cote d'Ivoire** in December 2010 ended in chaos. The work of many of NED's partners was suspended during the crisis, but with the return of stability in 2011,

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Voter registration campaign run by the Center for Constitutional Governance in Lagos, Nigeria.



Left: A citizen election monitoring training workshop in the DRC run by Civil Initiatives for Development with Integrity gives completion certificates to those who finish the course. **Right:** A get-out-the-vote campaign led by the Center for Constitutional Governance in Osun State, Nigeria.

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

Democratic Republic of Congo

Civil society in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** (DRC) was challenged both by historic national elections and the deteriorating political environment in 2011. Despite this, the Endowment's 34 partners in DRC helped foster dialogue among competing political parties and the government, launched a historic reconciliation process between warring groups, and exposed and reported on human rights and election-related abuses in over half the country.

There were fewer formal opportunities for civil society to contribute during the 2011 elections than there were in the 2006 elections. The election commission had no place for civil society, and funding for elections-focused organizations had dwindled.

Ten Endowment partners, however, worked on the electoral process, including observing and reporting

on the electoral process, educating citizens on citizenship and elections, and helping diffuse tension among citizens and officials. **RECIC** helped lead an important civil society election network. Endowment partners deployed some 300 election observers and produced detailed information on the credibility of the exercise. **NDI** created the only viable forum for dialogue among political parties and the election commission, while **IRI** sent a high-level delegation to assess the pre-electoral environment. Four Endowment partners were also closely involved in a high-level conference in Washington, DC, in July to assess the current stability in the Congo (*see page 8*).



Young Congolese voter; photo by Anita Vandenberg, courtesy of NDI

Endowment partners were also active outside the elections. Using NED and other donor funding, **Search for Common Ground** completed a historic reconciliation process in March and April 2011 between two warring groups in Equateur Province that had displaced 130,000 people. Current and former Endowment-supported groups such as **Voix des Sans-Voix** contributed to a national law prohibiting torture that was passed in 2011, while **APDIK** set up the first community radio station in the isolated Minembwe area of South Kivu Province, helping bring reliable information to a community that had been buffeted by ethnic conflict.



Journalistes en Danger marched in protest of threats made toward a journalist by a member of Parliament in the DRC.

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GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Facilitating electoral participation in Liberia

In late 2011, Liberians went to the polls three times in the span of four months, to participate in a referendum — the first since 1984 — and to choose among presidential and legislative candidates during general and run-off elections. In 2011, NED grantees worked in communities throughout the country on the civic and voter education initiatives that encouraged the 1.7 million registered voters to make their voices heard. Many young Liberians voted for the first time.

To ensure that as many eligible registered voters as possible turned out for the 2011 general elections, NED grantee **National Youth Movement for Transparent Elections** (NAYMOTE) conducted civic and voter education that focused largely on youth, women, and the disabled, who make up a significant portion of eligible voters. NAYMOTE worked with hundreds of volunteers from Margibi County's youth networks and university student unions, underscoring the importance of civic engagement, who used illustrative banners, posters, pamphlets, and sample referendum

and general voting sheets to discuss the voting process. NAYMOTE's efforts reached over 5,000 people, 30 communities, 30 schools, 10 market centers and 2,000 individual homes. Volunteers in feedback sessions extolled the benefits of going door-to-door to engage directly with voters and encourage responsible decisions, especially in rural and under-served communities.

NAYMOTE also developed a civic and voter education guide which was widely distributed to civil society organizations, the National Electoral Commission and community radio stations. After constant engagement with youth and despite an opposition boycott in the presidential runoff, NAYMOTE noticed a change in young people's attitude that was much less violent and more tolerant of the various campaigns, and that stressed accountability to vote on candidates' platforms. In addition, the organization's use of volunteers who live in the communities they engage has helped forge lasting partnerships with school authorities, local community leaders and National Electoral Commission local representatives, building community confidence in local government structures, which continue to struggle with transparency.



Left: An accountability forum held by the Center for Constitutional Governance raises awareness about the responsibilities of government-appointed and elected officers, and creates platforms for open dialogue between the local councils and the public. **Right:** Through Voice of Democracy Xamar, community elders and civil society talk about what it means to forgive, reconcile and resolve conflict on Radio Xamar in Somalia.

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they threw themselves with renewed vigor into a leading role in the justice and reconciliation process, coming together in a unique consortium to document the human rights problems of the past decade. As the smoke cleared, NDI re-opened its office in Cote d'Ivoire supporting political party dialogue and party development for upcoming local elections.

Nigeria's 2011 elections were arguably the best since independence. NED's partners provided important support in voter education, election monitoring, and advocacy for reform. Unfortunately violence marred the process and continues to threaten Nigeria's stability. The ongoing efforts of NED's partners to encourage accountability, increase the democratic participation of women and youth, strengthen trade unions and business associations, and promote peaceful co-existence have helped to counter these threats. NED mourned the murder of Chidi Nwosu, founder and director of the Human Rights Justice and Peace Foundation in Abia State, who for many

years had fought corruption and advocated for human rights and democracy there with NED support. CIPE's program to strengthen the voice of the private sector in Nigeria expanded into the north, and the Solidarity Center's focus on service sector unions increased membership and won collective bargaining agreements despite the tragic accidental death of the Center's field representative, Jason Campbell.

Liberia's elections were peaceful and free, even though the opposition boycotted the second round due to allegations of fraud. Again, NED's partners made important contributions to voter education efforts, and helped strengthen the independent press and promote accountability. The award of the Nobel Peace Prize to President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee recognized the important role women have played in bringing peace and democracy to Liberia, an effort supported by NED grants to Liberia for many years. There was high incumbency turnover in the elections, which some have attributed to the monitoring activities of NED partners.

Congo's elections at the end of the year were a disappointment as fraud and violence left doubts about who the real winner was. Nevertheless, the impressive determination of Congolese to go to the polls to vote was testimony to the hard work of many of NED's partners to educate and mobilize citizens to exercise their democratic rights and responsibilities. NED's partners also monitored the elections and the human rights environment, sometimes under duress. Their appeals for a peaceful resolution to the election disputes seem to have

helped prevent an explosion of violence. Partial justice was meted out by the courts for the assassins of Floribert Chebeya and Fidele Bazana of NED's long-time partner the Voice of the Voiceless, but the fight against impunity continues. NED held a conference in Washington in partnership with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Eastern Congo Initia-

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

South Sudan: A New Country Emerges

2011 marked an unprecedented year in the Sudans. Pursuant to the provisions in the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) that ended Africa's longest-running civil war, southern Sudan was granted a referendum on self-determination in January. Millions turned out to vote overwhelmingly in favor of separation in a free and fair process that occurred without major incident. The success of the referendum was due in part to the work of local civil society, including NED partners **Bakhita Radio** and the **Sudanese Organization for Nonviolence and Development**, who organized large-scale civic and voter education drives in the months ahead of the referendum.

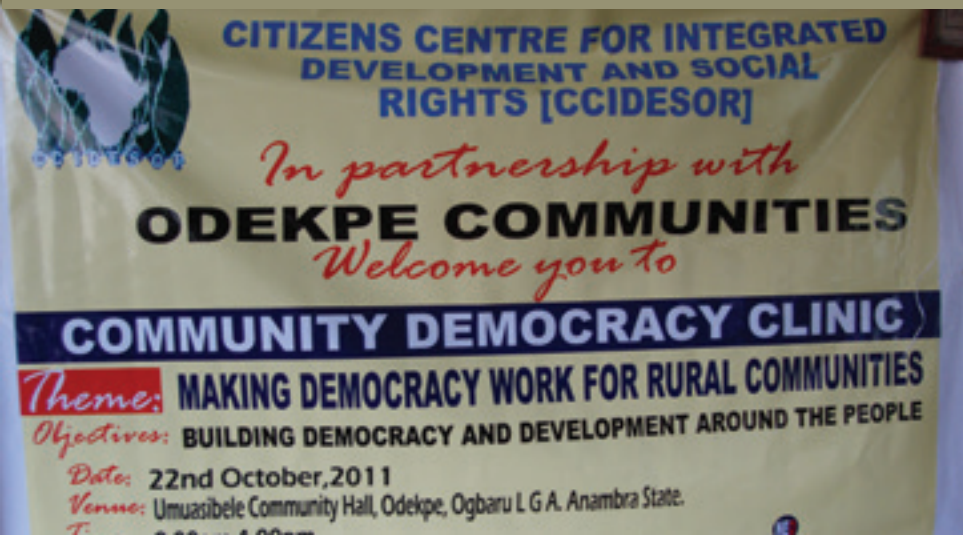
While the following months brought euphoria to South Sudan, which officially celebrated its independence in July, the situation in Sudan became increasingly precarious. Violent conflicts erupted between government forces and rebels in the key states of South Kordofan and Blue Nile, leading to the displacement of thousands of citizens. As the conflicts escalated, NED partner the **African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies** played an invaluable role in both monitoring, documenting and reporting on the human rights situation in both states, providing information otherwise unavailable to the international community. Many of the displaced fled to Khartoum, leading to several initiatives by local civil society to support them and shed light on the root causes of the conflicts. In addition to assembling resources such as food and clothing,



Asma M. Taha is Executive Manager of the Ustadh Mahmoud Taha Cultural Center in Sudan.

several NED partners, including the **Al-Khatim Adlan Center for Enlightenment** (KACE), the **Ustadh Mahmoud Taha Cultural Center** and the **Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women's Studies** organized cultural events, dialogue forums and workshops, which brought together diverse groups of Sudanese citizens united in their vision for a better Sudan.

As these and other events unfolded, civil society remained committed to the greater political openness envisioned by the CPA. NED partner the **Institute for the Development of Civil Society** led a national initiative establishing the **Sudanese Initiative for Constitution-Making**, a coalition of 40 civil society organizations, including ten NED partners, that will continue to engage citizens to mobilize for a democratic constitution as Sudan embarks on a new era.



Top left: Banner welcoming participants to a Community Democracy Clinic run by Citizens Center for Integrated Development and Social Rights in Nigeria. **Top right:** Local residents gather before conducting a social audit of a neighborhood school with the help of the Mitano Development Foundation in Uganda. **Bottom left:** The Sharmarke Peace Foundation trains journalists on reporting humanitarian issues. **Bottom right:** Ligue Togolaise des Droits de l'Homme organized a national forum, gathering security forces and civil society to discuss democratic concepts in Togo.

tive which provided a platform for civil society voices from the DRC and focus attention on the elections. The widow of Floribert Chebeya, Annie Chebeya, accepted NED's Democracy Service Medal on his behalf.

Of course, democratic progress is not simply a catalog of elections, and elsewhere throughout Africa NED partners made tangible contributions to freedom and human rights. In **Somalia**, NED support to independent media buttressed freedom of speech and kept citizens informed. NED partners helped protect **Somaliland's** new democratic government, increasing engagement with civil society, the legislature, youth, women, and minorities. In **Uganda**, support to youth organizations amplified their voice in the political debate. IRI strengthened the effectiveness and accountability of local government in **Kenya**. In **Zimbabwe**, NED partners increased the political engagement of grassroots communities,

women, and youth. And NED began support to the democracy movement in **Swaziland**, led by the trade unions and civil society.

In **Guinea**, NED partners took initiatives to reform the security sector and improve prison conditions. NED's partners in **Sierra Leone** promoted government accountability to its citizens. Working in tandem, NED and NDI supported the development of the West African Election Observers Network. In the context of flawed presidential elections in **Cameroon**, NED's partners strengthened civil society networks and increased citizen awareness. NED's partners in **Equatorial Guinea** built on their initiative to expand civil society space in one of the world's most repressive countries. NED's partners in **Angola** reached out to rural communities with civic education, and developed capacity to monitor the Angolan government via the Internet.

Africa | 2011 Grants

For more detailed descriptions of these grants, please visit www.NED.org/where-we-work

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Ação Angolana Para O Melhoramento E Apoio Ao Meio Rural
\$32,150, Integration and Citizenship

Ação de Solidariedade & Desenvolvimento
\$33,092, Civic Education and Constitutional Rights, Phase II

Associação de Mulheres das Áreas Rurais
\$29,000, Civic & Electoral Education in Bie

Associação para Promoção do Desenvolvimento Endógeno das Comunidades de Base
\$29,600, Civic & Electoral Education in Cacucaco

Forum dos Agentes Eleitorais
\$28,624, Political and Civic Engagement

Maka Angola
\$64,000, Project Makaangola.com

National Counselling Centre
\$40,000, Electoral Education

Burundi

Coalition de la Société Civile pour le Monitoring Electoral
\$32,318, Post-Election Monitoring

Forum pour la Conscience et le Développement
\$29,560, Mobilizing University Youth for Peace

Jeunesse pour la Culture et le Développement Humain, Ruciteme-Culture
\$32,270, Improving Local Governance in Burundi

Parole et Action pour le Réveil des Consciences et l'Évolution des Mentalités
\$28,250, Legal Reform on Corruption and Access to Information

Cameroon

Activity Center for Youth Development (CAJAD)
\$28,513, Promoting Human Rights in Informal Justice Institutions

Center for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy (CHRAPA)
\$29,000, Rights-based Approach to Enhancing Participatory Democracy

Civil Initiatives for Development with Integrity
\$50,000, Electoral Transparency and Constitutional Reform

Interfaith Vision Foundation Cameroon
\$29,867, Promoting Gender Equality through Grassroots Democracy Education

The Bridge Africa
\$30,000, Strengthening Communication Strategies for Civil Society II

Women in Alternative Action (WAA Cameroon)
\$32,330, Building Inclusive Democracy through an Alternative Approach for Women and Youth Political Participation

Central African Republic

Fondation Hirondelle
\$50,006, Institutional Support for Radio Ndeke Luka

Chad

Association de Coopération et de Recherches pour le Développement
\$30,500, Participation and Political Engagement in Rural Chad

Association des Femmes pour le Développement et Culture de la Paix au Tchad
\$30,680, Strengthening Women Leaders to Combat Gender-based Violence

Association pour la Promotion des Libertés Fondamentales au Tchad (APLFT)
\$58,079, Improving Access to Justice

Public Interest Law Center (PILC)
\$47,670, Access to Justice for the Poor

Congo

Association pour les Droits de l'Homme et l'Univers Carcéral
\$45,454, Evaluating the Poverty Reduction Strategy Document (PSRP)

Commission Diocésaine Justice et Paix de Pointe Noire
\$29,637, Human Rights and Access to Justice in Pointe Noire

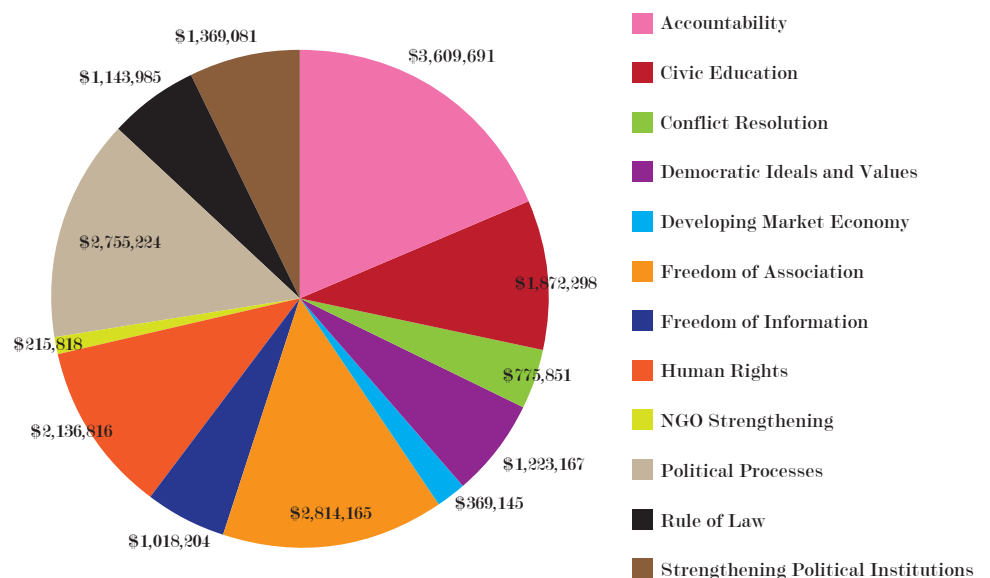
GLOBAL RIGHTS - Partners for Justice
\$76,158, Advocating against Economic and Social Rights Abuses

Rencontre pour la Paix et les Droits de l'Homme (RPDH)
\$35,700, Promoting Socio-Economic Rights and Transparency

Congo, Democratic Republic

Action for Reconciliation, Peace and Development
\$59,027, Promoting Fundamental Democratic Rights in Equateur Province

Spending by program focus in Africa, 2011



Actions pour les Droits, l'Environnement et la Vie
\$46,158, Local Community Advocacy for Responsible Extractive Industry

Aide et Action pour la Paix
\$38,482, Managing Land Conflict in North Kivu

Alliance Feminine pour le Développement
\$38,859, Strengthening Political Process Understanding in Rural Communities of Punia Territory

Ambassade Chrétienne pour la Paix au Congo
\$34,491, Peaceful Elections through Voter Education and Monitoring

Amis de Nelson Mandela pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme
\$43,483, Civic Education and Monitoring the Electoral Process

Association Africaine de Defense des Droits de l'Homme
\$47,396, Monitoring Elections, Human Rights Abuses and Press Freedom Violations

Association des Femmes des Medias du Sud Kivu
\$33,340, Training for Rural Female Journalists

Association des Jeunes Femmes du Maniema
\$36,340, Consolidation of Peace, Justice, Human Rights, and Democracy in Maniema Province

Association for the Development of Rural Population Initiatives
\$26,800, Defending the Rights of Prisoners in North Kivu Province

Association Paysanne pour le Développement Intégré au Sud-Kivu
\$50,239, Democratic Local Radio in Minembwe

Bureau Islamique pour la Défense des Droits Humains (BIDH)
\$36,504, Promoting Muslim Women's Participation in Political Life

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
\$37,214, Promoting Human Rights Protection and Democratic Culture

Centre d'Etudes et de Formation Populaire pour les Droits de l'Homme
\$30,120, Strengthening Media's Reporting Capacity during Elections in Kasai Orientale

Centre d'Etudes Juridiques Appliquées
\$40,000, Improving Human Rights in North Kivu

Centre d'Etudes et d'Encadrement pour la Participation au Développement Endogène
\$34,585, Promoting Non-Violence and Participatory Democracy in South Kivu

Centre de Recherche sur l'Environnement, la Democratie et les Droits de l'Homme
\$64,300, Mobilization against Torture and Arbitrary Arrests

Centre Olame
\$30,218, Preparing Women for the 2011 Electoral Process

Collectif des Organisations des Jeunes Solidaires du Congo Kinshasa
\$39,070, Promoting Nonviolence and Independence during the Elections in Universities

Compagnie Tam-Tam Théâtre
\$39,000, Promoting Tolerance and Community Dialogue through Theater

Congo en Images
\$40,000, On the Path toward Good Governance

Foundation for the Building of Public Capacity
\$29,170, Preparing the Kasongo Territory Population for Elections

Groupe LOTUS
\$51,678, Mobilizing Civic Engagement around Elections

Institute for War and Peace Reporting - Netherlands (IWPR)
\$49,665, Women's Reporting Collective

International Republican Institute
\$350,000, Increasing Confidence in National Elections

Journaliste en Danger
\$54,812, Monitoring Freedom of the Press and Protecting Media Practitioners

Journalists for Human Rights
\$35,528, Stabilizing Democracy through Rights Media

Mwanga Association
\$42,230, Consolidating Local Communities' Access to Forest Resources and Justice

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$450,000, Strengthening Political Party Competition in the 2011 Elections

Promotion de la Democratie et Protection des Droits Humains
\$40,460, Promoting Peaceful Cohabitation and Responsible Land Management in North Kivu

Réseau d'Education Civique au Congo
\$45,350, Improving Urban Good Governance in Kinshasa

Search for Common Ground
\$62,025, Civil Society Strengthening in Haut-Uele

Securitas-Congo
\$40,640, Facilitating Community Dialogue with Local Police

Solidarité pour la Promotion Sociale et la Paix
\$61,800, Promoting and Defending Human Rights during the Electoral Period

Solidarite-Echange pour le Developpement Integral
\$32,820, Human Rights Monitoring in South Kivu

Voice of the Voiceless
\$86,800, Consolidation of Democracy and the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

Côte d'Ivoire

Coalition Ivoirienne des Défenseurs des Droits Humains
\$34,116, Building the Capacity of Human Rights Defenders

Mouvement des Peuples Pour L'apprentissage Des Droits Humains
\$33,664, Promoting Children's Rights in Western Côte d'Ivoire

Mouvement Ivoirien des Droits Humains MIDH
\$51,027, Helping Victims of Human Rights Violations

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$450,000, Promoting National Reconciliation & Political Reform

Organisation des Femmes Actives de Côte d'Ivoire -OFACI
\$33,300, Capacity Building for New NGOs

Playdoo-CI
\$35,000, Promoting Reconciliation in Western Côte d'Ivoire

Regroupement des Acteurs Ivoiriens des Droits Humains -RAIDH
\$236,643, Producing a Ten-Year Assessment Report on Human Rights Violations

Regroupement des Acteurs Ivoiriens des Droits Humains -RAIDH
\$39,643, Strengthening the Rule of Law and Democracy through Training and Education

SOS Exclusion
\$36,414, Cultivating a Nonviolent and Democratic Culture in Local Communities

Equatorial Guinea

Equatorial Guinea Justice
\$31,160, Using A Human Rights Framework to Enhance Citizen Participation

Ethiopia

Awramba Times Newspaper
\$36,000, Free Press

Bright Africa Integrated Development Association
\$61,722, Youth and Women Empowerment

Bright Africa Women Development Association
\$21,926, Building the Capacity of Girl and Women Led Organizations in Ethiopia

Debebe and Temesgen Law Office
\$48,599, Enabling Legal Environment
 for Civil Society and the Media

**Vision Ethiopian Congress
 for Democracy**
\$34,439, Increasing Awareness of
 Human Rights and Democracy

Ghana

**Center for International
 Private Enterprise**
\$226,699, Strengthening the Voice
 of Civil Society in Policymaking

Guinea

Avocats Sans Frontières Guinée
\$54,229, Promoting Access
 to Justice in Prisons

Les Mêmes Droits pour Tous
\$56,190, Promoting Judicial
 and Prison Reform

**Partners for Democratic
 Change - Senegal**
\$45,350, Supporting Civilian
 Military Relations in Guinea

Search for Common Ground
\$73,923, Strengthening Cross-
 Border Youth Networks in Côte
 d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Liberia

**Syndicat Libre des Enseignants
 et Chercheurs de Guinée**
\$23,722, Promoting the New Guinean
 Constitution and Electoral Code

Kenya

**Center for International
 Private Enterprise**
\$259,632, Empowering Civil Society
 to Advocate for Budget Reforms

**Center for International
 Private Enterprise**
\$265,225, Enhancing Private Sector
 Participation in Constitutional
 Implementation

**Centre for Economic and
 Libertarian Affairs - Kenya**
\$39,900, Citizen Engagement in
 Constitutional Implementation

International Republican Institute
\$800,000, Enhancing Local Governance
 Service Delivery & Transparency

Kenya Muslim Youth Alliance
\$46,700, Fostering Good
 Governance through the Media

Media Focus on Africa Foundation
\$25,000, Examining the Role and
 Influence of Media on Democratization

**Nairobi Disabled Empowerment
 Programme**
\$28,200, Promoting the Rights
 of Persons with Disabilities

Youth Alive! Kenya
\$37,266, Uzalendo - Youth
 Patriots Project Phase III

Liberia

**Action for Community and
 Human Development Inc.**
\$52,125, Promoting Grassroots
 Participation in Democratic Governance

**Center for Sustainable Human
 Development, Inc.**
\$47,500, Promoting Judicial
 Transparency and Voter Education

**Committee for Peace and
 Development Advocacy**
\$39,000, Voter Education and
 Legislative Accountability

Forum for the Rights of Women
\$31,722, Promoting Civic
 Education in Rural Areas

**Human Rights Watch
 Women & Children, Inc.**
\$33,870, Education and Advocacy
 Campaigns for the Protection of Ivoirian
 Refugees and Host Liberian Communities

Liberia Democracy Watch
\$35,130, Enhancing National Debates
 for Greater Democratic Participation

Liberia Democratic Institute
\$34,114, Strengthening
 Legislative Accountability

Liberia Women Media Action Committee
\$46,800, Promoting Peaceful
 Elections in 2011

**National Youth Movement for
 Transparent Elections - Partners
 for Democratic Development**
\$64,790, Increasing Youth Participation
 in 2011 National Elections

The Fund for Peace
\$45,000, UNLock Liberia: Conflict
 Early Warning and Prevention

**The Liberia National Law
 Enforcement Association (LINLEA)**
\$50,215, Strengthening Criminal
 Justice Institutions in Liberia

**The National Institute For
 Public Opinion, Inc.**
\$42,395, Promoting Violence-Free Elections

Madagascar

**National Democratic Institute
 for International Affairs**
\$103,000, Enhancing Citizen Participation
 in the Political Process through Civic
 Engagement in Public Dialogue

Mozambique

**National Democratic Institute
 for International Affairs**
\$300,000, Strengthening Citizen
 Participation in Constitutional &
 Electoral Reform Processes

Niger

Groupe Anfani
\$34,250, Promoting Democratic
 Values in Niger

Nigeria

**American Center for International
 Labor Solidarity**
\$556,441, Promoting Worker Rights,
 Freedom of Association & Accountability
 in the Service Sector – Phase I

Center for Constitutional Governance
\$42,842, Enhancing Representative
 Democracy in Nigeria

**Center for International
 Private Enterprise**
\$320,214, Enhancing the Capacity
 of Parliamentarians – Phase II

**Center for International
 Private Enterprise**
\$164,641, Creating an Enabling
 Business Environment through
 Public-Private Dialogue

**Center for International
 Private Enterprise**
\$197,633, Fostering Private Sector
 Participation in Policymaking
 through Tax Reform – Phase II

**Centre for Constitutionalism and
 Demilitarization (CENCOD)**
\$36,000, Democracy Journal Project

**Centre for Development
 Research and Advocacy**
\$39,931, Protecting the Rights
 of Northern Youth

**Centre for Environment, Human
 Rights and Development**
\$42,000, Investigating Human
 Rights Abuses in the Niger Delta

**Centre for Human
 Empowerment, Advancement
 and Development (CHEAD)**
\$31,997, Campaign against Extra-Judicial
 Killings and Other Violent Crimes

Centre for Research and Documentation
\$26,114, Assessment of Public
 Perception of Democracy in Kano State

**Christian Foundation for
 Social Justice and Equity**
\$26,000, Grassroots Participation
 for Good Governance

Citizens Centre for Integrated Development and Social Rights

\$30,472, Deepening Internal Democracy among Community Groups in Southeast Nigeria

Community Policing Partners for Justice, Security and Democratic Reforms (COMPPART)

\$32,825, Policing Voter's Human Rights and Advocacy against Electoral Violence

Connecting Gender for Development

\$36,000, The FOI Act: A Tool for Enhancing Transparency and Women's Rights in Northern Nigeria

Environmental Rights Action

\$26,782, Raising Awareness about the Implications of Illegal Oil Bunkering

Human Rights Justice and Peace Foundation

\$47,990, Entrenching Sustainable Democracy in Southeast Nigeria

Human Rights Law Service

\$30,000, Strengthening the Elections Petitions Process

Independent Advocacy Project

\$41,895, Anti Corruption Curriculum for Elementary Schools

Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

\$40,000, Strengthening Democracy in the Niger Delta through Media and Coalition Building

Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Center

\$30,000, Promoting Sustainable Peace in Post-Amnesty Niger Delta

Network on Police Reform in Nigeria

\$33,000, Advancing Police Reform in Nigeria through Media

New Initiative for Social Development

\$30,968, Protection and Defense of Women's Rights in Ekiti State IV

Niger Delta Environment and Relief Foundation

\$46,186, Local Government Accountability Campaign

Nigeria Automobile Technicians Association

\$40,000, Legislative Advocacy for Social Protection of Informal Workers

The Fund for Peace

\$40,000, UNLock Nigeria: Conflict Early Warning and Prevention Project

Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center

\$47,000, Governance Accountability Initiative Project (GAIN)

Young Men's Christian Association

\$28,343, Youth Leaders Development Project

Youngstars Development Initiative

\$130,048, Youth Good Governance Training and Advocacy Campaign

Youth for Technology Foundation

\$32,000, Yes Youth Can II: 'PeaceOpoly'

Youth Initiative for Advocacy Growth & Advancement

\$30,000, Building Youth Leadership for Effective Engagement

Youth Society for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Social Vices (YOSPIS)

\$45,000, Strengthening Northern Youth Participation in Democracy Building

Rwanda

Conseil National des Organisations Syndicales Libres au Rwanda

\$19,876, Promoting Informal Sector Domestic Workers' Rights

International Bridges to Justice

\$50,000, Legal Aid Public Defender Program

Rwandese League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights

\$20,050, Improving Women's Participation in Decision-making

Senegal

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$204,504, Empowering Small & Medium Enterprises for Reform

Sierra Leone

Campaign for Good Governance

\$30,247, Fostering Participatory Dialogue

Centre for Democracy and Human Rights

\$30,000, Strengthening Local NGO Capacity on Local Governance and Human Rights

Green Scenery

\$30,335, Capacity Building for Commercial Motorbike Riders in Democracy, Human Rights, and Rule of Law

Media Foundation for Peace and Development

\$40,910, Educating Citizens through Radio

Transparency International Sierra Leone

\$35,000, Enhancing Financial Accountability and Transparency Ahead of the 2012 Elections

Somalia

Books for Africa

\$20,000, Books for the Puntland Library and Resource Center

Brothers Relief and Development Organization

\$41,033, Empowering Minority Youth in the Lower Shabelle Region

Danan Broadcasting Network

\$19,510, Strengthening Democracy and Human Rights in Banadir Region

Dr. Ismail Juma'le Human Rights Organization

\$35,080, Public Awareness of Human Rights and Democracy

Formal Education Network for Private Schools

\$38,815, Peace and Human Rights Education in Schools

Hiiraan Online, Inc.

\$42,000, Supporting Free and Independent Media

Kaalo Relief and Development Organization

\$64,600, Puntland Youth for Peace Building & Democracy

National Union of Somali Journalists

\$45,150, Promoting and Reinforcing Journalist Rights and Ethics

Organization for Somalis' Protection and Development

\$24,600, Enhancing Communication among Local Authorities and Citizens in Mogadishu

Radio Banadir Broadcasting

\$32,000, Peace Promotion and Operating Support

Radio Daljir

\$47,050, Sustaining the Voices of Somali Women

Sharmarke Peace Foundation

\$35,000, Humanitarian Reporting Project

Somali Family Services

\$65,891, Improving Government Accountability in Puntland

Universal Somali TV Ltd

\$35,020, Operational Support for Universal TV in Mogadishu

Voice of Democracy Radio Xamar

\$39,355, Democratic Dialogue through Media

WARDI Relief and Development Initiatives

\$21,850, Promoting Democracy and Human Rights in Somalia

Women Association for Relief and Development Actions

\$34,000, Promoting Birimigoydo and Human Rights in Somalia

Yamayska Foundation

\$41,200, Promoting Peace, Rule of Law and Democratic Governance

Somaliland

Barwaaqo Voluntary Organization

\$42,235, Promotion of Women's Political Rights and Democracy in Somaliland

Charity for Rehabilitation Research and Development

\$36,301, Participative Youth Advocacy

Consortium of Somaliland Non-Governmental Organizations
\$45,790, Promoting Participation in Political Decision Making

Independent Diplomat, Inc.
\$45,000, Assistance to the Government of Somaliland

Institute for Practical Research and Training
\$60,999, Enhancing Political Institutions in Somaliland

Somaliland National Youth Organization
\$30,580, Fostering Youth Action for Democratic Consolidation

Somaliland Youth Development Association (SOYDA)
\$39,460, Promoting Prisoners' Rights

Somaliland Youth Voluntary Organization
\$41,890, Youth Citizenship and Democracy Support

Togdheer Youth Voluntary Organization
\$41,526, Strengthening the Rights of Women, Minorities and the Disabled

United Trust Associations
\$40,586, Strengthening Communication, Advocacy and Networking for Women in Togdheer

Voices of Somaliland Minority Women Organization
\$36,910, Promoting Political Participation for Minorities

Women in Journalism Association
\$50,300, Enhancing Women's Political Role through Media

Women's Rehabilitation and Development Association
\$36,990, Promoting Active Citizenship by Women

South Africa

International Republican Institute
\$50,000, Democratic Ideas and Values

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$298,000, Advancing Democracy at the Local Level

South Sudan

Bakhita Radio
\$43,360, Engaging Civil Society in Democratic Governance and Nation Building

Kwoto Cultural Center
\$60,000, Promoting Reconciliation and Positive Nationalism in South Sudan

Mundri Relief and Development Association
\$50,500, Supporting Transparent and Accountable Governance

Organization for Non-Violence and Development
\$27,700, Conflict Resolution

Tapari Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society
\$42,000, Southern Sudan Post-Referendum Training on Insecurity

Sudan

African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies
\$55,000, Enhancing Monitoring Structures for Human Rights Reporting

Al-Khatim Adlan Centre for Enlightenment and Human Development
\$60,000, Educational Reform for Plurality and Peace in Sudan

Al-Khatim Adlan Centre for Enlightenment and Human Development
\$41,960, Monitoring Post-Referendum Violence and Popular Consultations in Sudan

Badya Centre for Integrated Development Services
\$62,600, Building Peace in the Border Region of South Kordofan and North Bahr Al-Ghazal

Gender Center for Research and Training
\$55,400, Enhancing Women's Human Rights in the Constitution

Gesr Center for Development
\$34,480, Youth Agenda

HelaHelp
\$37,415, Peace and Coexistence through Music and Theater

Institute for the Development of Civil Society, Sharg El Neil College
\$105,500, Enhancing Youth Participation in the Constitution-Making Process

Institute for the Development of Civil Society, Sharg El Neil College
\$48,165, Enhancing Sudanese Youth Leadership

National Center for Peace and Development
\$60,400, Sudan Democracy Building Center

Shabab: Youth Centre for Cultural Change
\$20,000, Strengthening Youth Participation in Political Processes

Sudanese Development Initiative
\$40,000, Expanding Opportunities for Media and CSOs in North Sudan

Sudanese Organization for Non-Violence and Development
\$40,000, Promoting Democracy through Nonviolence and Conflict Transformation

Sudanese Studies Centre
\$49,660, Promotion of Peace, Security and Democracy in Post-Conflict Sudan

Ustadh Mahmoud Taha Cultural Center
\$25,000, Promoting Democratic Culture in Sudan

Zenab for Women Development
\$33,500, Human Rights Awareness for Women Farmers

Swaziland

Swaziland Transport and Allied Workers Union
\$34,368, Protecting Worker Rights in Swaziland's Transport Sector

Togo

Action pour la Promotion de l'Enfant Rural
\$38,846, Promoting Good Governance in Rural Communities

Association Féminine la Lumière
\$49,203, Civic Education in Rural Areas

Centre d'Observation et de Promotion de l'Etat de Droit
\$33,952, Promoting the Decentralization Process

Groupe de Reflexion et d'Action pour le Dialogue, La Democratie et le Developpement
\$27,029, Building a Civil Society Platform on Democracy and Governance

Ligue Togolaise des Droits de l'Homme
\$27,565, Promoting Human Rights within the Military and Law Enforcement

Uganda

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$237,751, Fostering Grassroots Private Sector Participation in Energy Policy

Centre for Women in Governance (CEWIGO)
\$58,500, Empowering Women in the Albertine Region

Facilitation for Peace and Development (FAPAD)
\$23,037, Strengthening Civic Participation and Accountability in the Lango Region

Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)
\$55,000, Democratic Consolidation in Uganda

Mitano Development Foundation (MIDFO)
\$28,198, Good Local Governance in Kanungu and Rukungiri Districts

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$200,000, Enhancing Parliamentary Technology Tools

Ride-Africa
\$39,455, Accountable Governance in Western Uganda

Students for Global Democracy Uganda**\$23,200**, Promoting Civic Responsibility among Youth**Toro Development Network****\$27,800**, Improving Local Governance through Radio in the Rwenzori Region**Twerwaneho Listeners Club****\$28,600**, Defending the Rights of Citizens in the Rwenzori Region**Uganda Youth Network (UYONET)****\$35,325** Strengthening Uganda's Civil Society Participation in Local Governance

Zambia

Center for International Private Enterprise**\$168,912**, Improving Democratic Governance

Zimbabwe

American Center for International Labor Solidarity**\$560,000**, ZCTU Promoting Democracy & Rule of Law – Phase VI**Bulawayo Progressive Residents Association****\$36,000**, Community Dialogue Project**Centre for Community Development In Zimbabwe****\$38,460**, Democratic Consolidation in Zimbabwe**Institute for a Democratic Alternative for Zimbabwe****\$36,000**, Great Zimbabwe Scenarios Project**Institute for Young Women Development****\$28,560**, Young Women's Political Participation**National Constitutional Assembly****\$60,001**, Benchmarks for a Democratic Constitution**Radio Dialogue Trust****\$29,487**, Citizen Media Project**Radio Voice of the People (VOP)****\$32,000**, Independent Short-Wave Broadcasting**Sexual Rights Centre****\$30,000**, Advocating LGBTI Rights under the Constitution**Women of Zimbabwe Arise****\$42,867**, Building a Social Movement for Zimbabwe Democratization**Youth Alliance for Democracy****\$28,020**, Youth Political Awareness and Participation**Youth Forum****\$40,015**, Youth Voter Registration Campaign**Zimbabwe Community Development Trust****\$54,989**, Promoting Non-violent Participation in Zimbabwe**Zimbabwe Election Support Network****\$39,910**, SADC-ESN Regional Electoral Project**Zimbabwe Human Rights Association****\$78,436**, Citizen Empowerment**Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights****\$55,000**, Human Rights Literacy & Advocacy Project

Central Africa Regional

Azur Développement**\$64,766**, Strengthening the Capacity of Women's Organizations in HIV/AIDS Advocacy**Réseau des Défenseurs des Droits Humains****\$40,410**, Advocacy for the Security of Human Rights Defenders

East Africa Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity**\$284,232**, Empowering Journalists' Unions to Develop a Regional Approach to Promoting Freedom of Association & Press Freedoms**American Center for International Labor Solidarity****\$749,281**, Promoting Workers' Rights, Freedom of Association & Women's Leadership Development in the Trade Union Movement**East & Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project****\$52,760**, Improving the Capacity of Human Rights Defenders in East Africa**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$200,000**, Strengthening Legislative Capacity to Develop Regional Standards to Improve Extractive Industry Governance

Southern Africa Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity**\$535,000**, Promoting Democracy & Worker Rights through Capital Strategies – Phase II**American Center for International Labor Solidarity****\$159,179**, Promoting Democracy through Collaborative Trade Union Strategies – Phase IV**Living Together Institute****\$36,180**, Civic Education: Freedom's Next Steps**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$200,000**, Legislative Strengthening through HIV/AIDS Responses & Technical Activities

West Africa Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity**\$414,821**, Promoting Worker Rights, Freedom of Association & Accountability in Extractive Industries – Phase IV**Ghana Center for Democratic Development****\$60,000**, Increasing the Effectiveness of Citizens Election Observers in West Africa**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$125,500**, Promoting the African Charter on Democracy, Elections & Governance**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$450,000**, Increasing the Effectiveness of Citizen Election Observers**Réseau Ouest Africain des Défenseurs des Droits Humains / West African Human Rights Defenders Network****\$51,840**, Building the Capacity of Human Rights Defenders

Africa Regional

International Republican Institute**\$450,000**, Institutionalizing Democratic Governance – Replicable Models for Best Practices**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$192,000**, Promoting the African Union's Charter on Democracy, Elections & Governance

ASTA

The Endowment continued to concentrate its funding in four critical countries in Asia in 2011: China, North Korea, Burma and Pakistan. In each of these countries, despite numerous challenges, the Endowment's consistent long-term approach has allowed it to respond quickly to opportunities as they arise.

The Endowment also supported modest programs in a number of other countries in Asia, focusing on those that face serious challenges. Towards this end, NED increased work in Sri Lanka and the Philippines and maintained programs in Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia. The Endowment also remained engaged in Indonesia, Southeast Asia's most populous country.

In the aftermath of Liu Xiaobo's 2010 Nobel Peace Prize and the Arab Spring, **China's** government continued its

efforts to tightly control independent political expression. The Endowment responded by increasing its support for rights defenders and civil society organizations that are engaged in a broad range of initiatives to expand space for civic engagement. In addition, NED increased its support for independent media, including policy journals.

The Endowment continued to prioritize the rights of ethnic groups in China, including robust programs focusing on Xinjiang/East Turkistan and Tibet. The Endowment

Aware Girls educates and mobilizes young women in Pakistan to participate in political and democratic processes.



supported Uyghur diaspora organizations that serve as voices providing essential information and analysis about the situation in Xinjiang. In Tibet, which saw an unprecedented wave of self-immolations in protest of repressive Chinese policies, NED continued to support programs focusing on human rights protection, the free flow of information, and civic and democratic education among the Tibetans. The Endowment also supported efforts by ethnic Mongolians to defend their rights under China's legal framework for autonomy.

In **North Korea**, where the leadership transition was still underway, the Endowment concentrated on programs that promote the free flow of information, as well as documenting human rights conditions in the country. NED also supported a number of new initiatives that capitalize on the emergence of informal markets across the country, strive to form social networks of North Korean citizens with access to the Internet in

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

BURMA: SURPRISING THE WORLD

After the deeply flawed elections in November 2010, the **Burmese** government surprised the world by changing course and embarking on a series of unprecedented and dramatic steps that appeared to recognize both the need for political reform and the role of the political opposition in the process.

Towards this end, the government allowed the National League for Democracy to register as a party and run candidates in by-elections scheduled for 2012; relaxed press restrictions; invited back exiles; released political prisoners; suspended construction on a Chinese-financed dam; and announced cease-fire deals

with a number of ethnic nationality forces. The international community responded accordingly: ASEAN awarded Burma the chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014, and the U.S and many other countries dispatched their top diplomats to the country for the first time in over 50 years.

As the situation in Burma unfolded, NED encouraged its grantees to take advantage of this new opening to push for further democratic space in the country. More than 50 grantees worked in a wide variety of programmatic areas, including human rights, political organizing, labor advocacy, and independent media.

NED — with over 20 years of experience working on Burma-related issues — had the in-depth knowledge of the country to adapt to the changing environment. The Endowment was able to support new initiatives from existing grantees as well as broaden its support across the country, reaching political entities and actors who only the year before were completely cut off from the rest of the world.

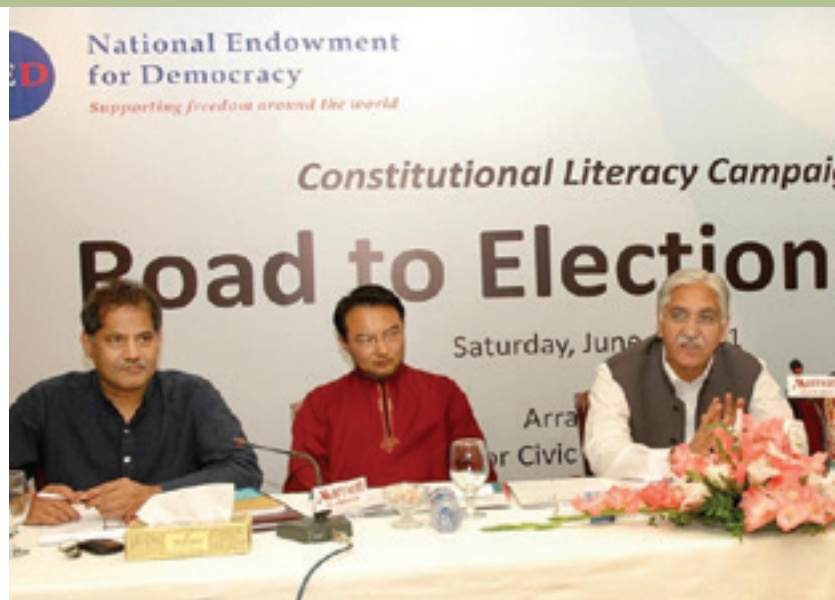
Although the transition to democracy in Burma is far from complete (conflict still raged in a number of the country's ethnic states, for example), NED support for the country's prodemocracy forces has helped to push open the door of reform in one of the world's most repressive countries.



Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, right, visits patients at an HIV shelter founded by Phyu Phyu Thin, an HIV activist and Member of Parliament.



The Democratic Voice of Burma is an independent Burmese news organization.



Left: The Tibetan Women's Association brings together groups of young and dynamic Tibetan women for women's leadership training. **Right:** Pakistan's Syed Nayyar Hussain Bukhari (right), who is Leader of the House in Senate, addressed an elections roundtable arranged by the Center for Civic Education.

the Asia region, and develop democracy and human rights education curricula suitable to North Korea.

In **Burma**, President Thein Sein's short tenure has been marked by a period of relative openness. The Endowment quickly adapted to take advantage of the limited political space that opened. This included support for nascent civil society organizations that emerged following Cyclone Nargis and in response to the regime's planned mega infrastructure projects; independent media outlets dedicated to accurate reporting; and training opportunities within the country that could not have taken place previously. In addition, NED continued its support for a variety of ethnic nationality-related projects.

In the **Philippines**, the 2010 election of a reform-oriented president opened the door for activists to begin repairing broken democratic institutions. NED continued to support civil society efforts that focus on institutionalizing reforms, sustaining citizen participation in governance, improving transparency and accountability, and building the capacity of independent media.

In **Thailand**, which has entered a phase of relative political stability, NED increased its support for initiatives designed to help Thais overcome their political differences and to

strengthen nationwide networks of lawyers engaged in efforts to strengthen the rule of law.

In **Malaysia**, NED continued to support groups that promote adherence to democratic constitutional norms and to foster public understanding of basic rights. NED also continued to support independent media and rule of law organizations, trade union strengthening, and political party communication and constituent outreach.

The Endowment's work in **Indonesia** focused on anti-corruption initiatives, improving local and corporate governance, and empowering trade unions to engage policymakers regarding national policies and the local implementation of labor laws. In **Vietnam**, the Endowment focused on support for human rights programs, capacity building, and Internet-based democracy education.

Pakistan is entering a critical phase that may determine whether its fragile democratic transition can deliver on its promise of greater political stability and economic prosperity or if the country will revert to military rule. To support democratic consolidation, NED worked with Pakistani partners on strengthening democratic governance in the wake of political devolution; ensuring full public participation and the integrity of elections scheduled in 2012 and



The Citizens Alliance for North Korean Human Rights hosted the 11th International Conference on North Korean Human Rights & Refugees in Geneva, Switzerland, in November 2011.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

CHINA

Publishing in the People's Republic

NED supports a wide-range of print and online Chinese publications that provide in-depth analysis, objective news, historical essays, and censored literature. Before the explosion of Internet usage in China, banned authors had great difficulty finding outlets for their writing. With the advent of online publications, many of these voices can now be heard inside China. The publications are run with a sensitivity to the needs of civil society and cutting-edge intellectual and social trends. Among those writers and public intellectuals who have been featured in these publications are Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo, writer Liao Yiwu, and the recently-exiled essayist Yu Jie.

Despite the government's robust, well-funded and sophisticated effort to censor prodemocracy publications, the sheer number of Chinese social media users (or "netizens") — 500 million — has made it virtually impossible to totally control access to information in China. In addition, a large number of readers use circumvention software to 'tunnel' through the Great Firewall to read NED-supported sites each day, including *Human Rights in China Biweekly*, *Democratic China* magazine, and the webzine of the *Independent Chinese PEN Centre*.

NED-supported sites — including HRIC Biweekly (top), Democratic China (center) and the Independent Chinese PEN Centre (bottom) — provide an alternative to government-owned news outlets.



2013; and promoting peaceful alternatives to militancy and extremism through civic education and strengthening cultural movements and political institutions that reinforce values of democracy and human rights.

The Endowment's partners in **Nepal** focused on raising

awareness and increasing citizen understanding and participation in the democratic process and supporting efforts to ensure that Nepal's new constitution includes protections for the rights of minority communities. In **Sri Lanka**, the Endowment concentrated on efforts to promote citizen engagement in the political process, long-standing minor-

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

PAKISTAN

Navigating the public square

In 2011, the Endowment supported the **Jinnah Institute's Open Democracy Initiative** to engage policy-makers, government officials, media organizations, civil society, and academia on issues of human rights and democratic accountability through research-based analysis and advocacy. The idea behind the Open Democracy Initiative was to strengthen the institutional foundations of Pakistan's democracy by improving public participation and input into the pol-

Moreover, the Institute provided a platform for new, emerging voices in the public policy arena.

As part of its Open Democracy Initiative, the Jinnah Institute organized roundtables on issues such as the blasphemy laws and economic policy, produced policy briefs on issues including reforming the blasphemy law, the new constitutional right to education, bonded labor, population, and the cultural representation of women in media. Jinnah Institute staff also published opinion pieces in major news outlets as well as on the Institute's website emphasizing the core themes of the Open Democracy Initiative, such as media freedom, the right to information, and minority rights.

Another Jinnah Institute priority is to engage youth in politics. The Institute organized a capacity-building workshop on developing policy solutions for 70 youth leaders from Tharparkar to raise their awareness on development issues and encourage them to take the initiative to bring about transparent and accountable change. The Jinnah Institute also organized policy discussions aimed at youth as part of its "Generation Next" speaker series.

Countering extremism and protecting the rights of minorities and other vulnerable groups has been a consistent theme of the Jinnah Institute's work. The Institute's president, Sherry Rehman, received international attention after radical Islamists assassinated two political leaders, the governor of Punjab province Salman Taseer in January and the Federal Minister for Minorities Shahbaz Bhatti in March, both of whom had spoken out against the blasphemy law. As a legislator, Rehman had drafted and submitted a bill to reform Pakistan's controversial blasphemy laws and became the target of death threats from religious extremists. Rehman was appointed Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States in November 2011.



The Institute's roundtables bring together leaders and activists to promote an informed policy dialogue in Pakistan.

icy-making process. The Jinnah Institute quickly established itself as one of Pakistan's premier public policy think tanks, attracting influential politicians, top government officials, prominent academics, leading activists, and journalists to participate in its activities and engage in substantive and informed policy dialogue.



Top left: A peaceful demonstration organized by Tibetan NGOs in Dharamsala to protest the brutal crackdown on Tibetans in Tibet. **Top right:** The Asian Network for Free Elections Foundation provides workshops on election monitoring, voter education, election systems, and good governance. **Bottom left:** The Antenna Foundation Nepal increases citizen participation in Nepal's democratic process through radio. **Bottom right:** Suvash Darnal founded and directed the Samata Foundation, a policy institute dedicated to improving the lives of Nepal's Dalits. He was tragically killed in a car crash while traveling in Washington, DC, in 2011.

ity rights issues, and the rule of law. NED programs in **Bangladesh** continued to be modest, consisting of one or two core institute projects.

Regional and sub-regional programs drew upon the expertise and experience available throughout the region and

supported cross-border solidarity that strengthens local efforts in areas such as maintaining the free flow of information; supporting independent, professional journalism; improving transparency and accountability; and bolstering domestic election monitoring.

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For more detailed descriptions of these grants, please visit www.NED.org/where-we-work

Bangladesh

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$167,759, Promoting the Sustainability of Women's Business Advocacy

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$475,000, Supporting Women's Participation & Inclusion in Policy Development

Burma

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$300,000, Unions & Democracy

International Republican Institute

\$300,000, Expanding the Political Opposition

International Republican Institute

\$300,000, Building Political Campaign Structures

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$275,000, Strengthening the Capacity of the Democracy Movement

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$10,000, Supplement

CIVIC EDUCATION

\$30,000, Capacity Building in Burma

\$27,000, Capacity Building and Social Justice Education for Shan State Youth

DEMOCRATIC IDEAS AND VALUES

\$30,000, Awareness Raising on Human Rights and Democracy in Chin State

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

\$26,500, Computer Training and ICT Development

\$475,000, Burmese-Language Shortwave Radio and Satellite Television Broadcasts

\$29,680, Expanding Information Technology Access and Training

\$150,000, English and Burmese-Language News Magazine and Website

\$12,000 Advancing the Burmese Democracy Movement's Understanding of the Military

\$20,000, Karenni State News and Information Service

\$25,000, Karen State News and Information Service

\$60,000, Information and News Service - Burma

\$27,000, Independent News and Information in Western Burma

\$33,000, Information and News Service, Shan State

\$75,000, Burmese-Language Current Affairs Journal and Establishment of Libraries

\$15,800, News and Analysis on Kachin State

HUMAN RIGHTS

\$60,000, Supporting the Democracy and Human Rights Activities of the Monastic Community

\$30,000, Support for the Burmese Prodemocracy Movement

\$25,000, Documenting and Raising Awareness on Resource Extraction in Arakan State

\$95,000, Building Support in Southeast Asia for Democracy in Burma

\$100,000, Assistance for Political Prisoners

\$50,000, Capacity Building for Human Rights Documentation Network

\$20,000, Building Support in India for Democracy in Burma

\$30,000, Women's Rights and Empowerment in Burma

\$55,000, Human Rights Documentation and Advocacy

\$25,350, Humanitarian Assistance for Internally Displaced People in Karen State

\$25,000, Strengthening Community Organizing inside Burma

\$13,000, Capacity Building in Kachin State

\$50,000, Capacity Building in Kachin State

\$60,000, Raising Public Awareness about Human Rights and Democracy in Burma

\$53,345, Human Rights and Community Organizing Trainings, Publications, and Advocacy

\$85,000, Human Rights Documentation and Education in Mon State

\$150,000, Civil Society Development in Burma

\$72,278, Increasing Awareness and Building International Support for Democracy in Burma

\$28,792, Promoting Kachin Women's Political Participation

\$15,693, Human Rights Documentation and Advocacy in Karen State

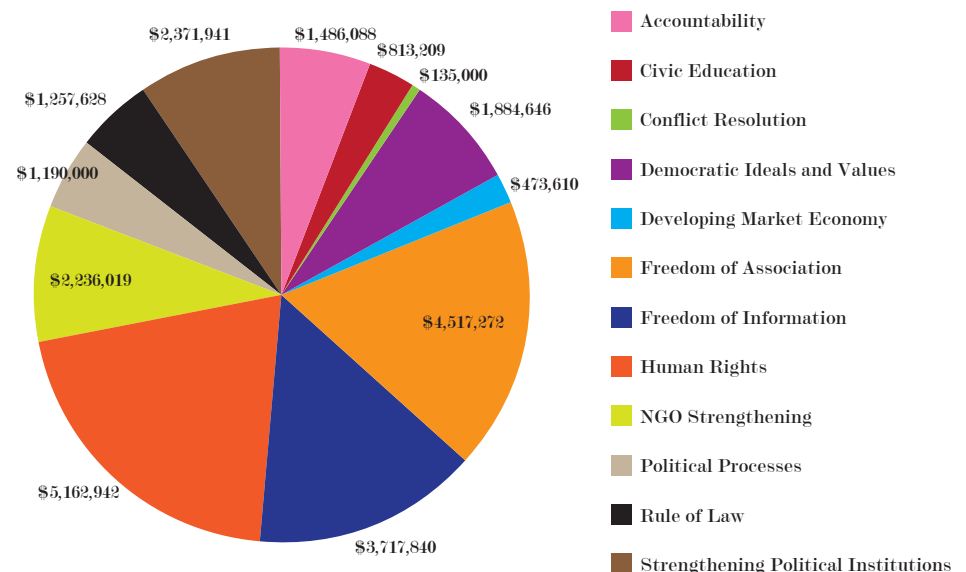
\$15,000, Strengthening a Network for Human Rights Documentation and Advocacy

\$90,000, Supporting Prodemocracy and Human Rights Activities

\$30,000, Promoting Palaung Women's Political Participation

\$75,000, Building Local Capacity to Document Crimes Against Humanity

Spending by program focus in Asia, 2011





Demonstrators exercise their freedom of speech in Hong Kong. Photo courtesy of the National Democratic Institute.

\$23,000, Human Rights Documentation in Shan State

\$36,000, Enhancing Shan Women's Political Participation

\$32,000, Human Rights and Political Training for Palau Youth

\$25,000, Strengthening Thai Support for Democracy in Burma

\$125,000, Civil Society Development in Burma

\$170,000, Building Civil Society in Burma

\$60,000, Promoting the Role of Women in the Struggle for Democracy in Burma

NGO STRENGTHENING

\$33,000, Promoting Civil Society inside Mon State

RULE OF LAW

\$45,000, Legal Aid, Research, and Advocacy in Burma

\$47,750, Capacity Building and Networking Support for Lawyers in Burma

STRENGTHENING POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

\$80,000, Promoting Democracy in Burma

Cambodia

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$150,000, Protecting Trade Union & Workers Rights

China

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$296,287, Worker Rights Awareness

Asia Catalyst, Inc.

\$200,000, Building a Foundation for Change

Celeluck Company, Ltd.

\$42,000, Open Magazine and Media Freedom

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$148,658, Protecting Rural Land Rights

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$89,034, Improving Transparency in Local Governments

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$3,322, Encouraging Free & Open Dialogue on Policy Reform

China Free Press

\$220,000, Free Media Forum: Hosting Banned Websites and Civil Rights Page

China Human Rights Lawyers Concern Group

\$140,000, Legal Aid and Rights Training for Lawyers

China Labor Watch, Inc.

\$90,000, Worker Legal Aid and Hotline

Democratic China, Inc.

\$224,000, Democratic China Electronic Magazine

Human Rights in China, Inc.

\$160,000, Raising Awareness and Support for Human Rights in China

Independent Chinese PEN Centre, Inc.

\$170,000, Defending Freedom of Expression in China

Initiatives for China

\$85,000, Conference to Promote Interethnic Understanding and Democratic Values

International Federation of Journalists-Asia

\$50,760, Media Monitoring and Encouraging a Democratic Media Culture in China

International Republican Institute

\$1,000,000, Support to Civil Society Reformers to Strengthen Independent Voices & Institutions

Princeton China Initiative

\$490,000, Rights Protection Mini-grants Initiative

Princeton China Initiative

\$171,500, China in Perspective Magazine

Princeton China Initiative

\$370,000, China Digital Network: Empowering Citizen Media in China

Southern Mongolian Human Rights Information Center

\$148,000, Southern Mongolia Human Rights Monitoring

Wei Jingsheng Foundation, Inc.

\$54,300, Analysis of Trends in China's Democratization

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

\$30,000, Citizen Initiatives for Freedom of Information

ACCOUNTABILITY

\$130,000, Enhancing public awareness of legal rights

HUMAN RIGHTS

\$490,260, Promoting awareness and action on human rights

RULE OF LAW

\$391,220, To raise awareness of citizens' and officials' legal rights and responsibilities

China (Hong Kong)

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$153,106, Expanding Workers' Rights & Democracy

Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor

\$170,000, Hong Kong Human Rights Monitoring

China (Tibet)

Bodkyi Translation and Research House

\$20,000, Legal and Information Technology Training for the Monastic Community

Consultations Samdup

\$50,000, Human Rights Dialogue Between Tibetans and Chinese

Gu-Chu-Sum Movement of Tibet

\$45,000, Support for Tibetan Political Prisoners

International Campaign for Tibet

\$20,000, Emergency ICT Proposal

International Campaign for Tibet

\$50,000, Tibet-China Democracy Networking Program

International Tibet Network

\$50,000, Strengthening International Support for Democracy and Human Rights in Tibet

Khawa Karpo Tibet Culture Centre

\$30,000, Tibet Express Newspaper

Khawa Karpo Tibet Culture Centre

\$20,000, Tibet Express Newspaper

Students for a Free Tibet, Inc.

\$20,000, Leadership Training for Tibetan Youth

The Foundation Voice of Tibet

\$45,000, Shortwave Tibetan-Language Radio Program

Tibetan Literacy Society

\$30,000, Tibet Times Newspaper

Tibetan Women's Association (Central)

\$20,000, Promoting Women's Rights in the Tibetan Exile Community

China (Xinjiang/ East Turkistan)

International Uyghur Human Rights and Democracy Foundation

\$240,000, Human Rights Advocacy and Civic Education for Uyghur Women

International Uyghur PEN Club

\$73,399, Freedom of Expression for Uyghurs

Uyghur American Association

\$280,000, Uyghur Human Rights Project

World Uyghur Congress

\$195,000, Democracy and Rights Leadership Training for Uyghurs

Indonesia

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$943,496, Trade Unions for Democratic Advances – Phase VI

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$168,828, Promoting Business Ethics & Reducing Corruption

Malaysia

International Republican Institute

\$450,000, Enhancing Political Capacity & Responsiveness

Lawyers for Liberty

\$45,000, Promoting Human Rights and Access to Justice

Liberal Banter Sdn Bhd

\$45,000, Voter Education and Electoral Reform Advocacy

Merdeka Center for Opinion Research

\$60,000, Public Opinion Research

Mkini Dotcom Sdn Bhd

\$100,000, Supporting Independent Media in Southeast Asia

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$285,000, Citizen Engagement in Electoral Redistricting

Suara Inisiatif Sdn Bhd

\$60,000, Human Rights and Democracy Campaign

Mongolia

International Republican Institute

\$475,000, Mongolia: Enhancing Local Governance & Accountability

Nepal

Antenna Foundation Nepal

\$95,000, Using Community-Based Radio to Promote Democracy

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$169,593, Economic Growth Agenda

Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization

\$50,000, Promoting Dalit Rights and Political Participation

Samata Foundation

\$31,000, Ensuring Dalit Rights in Nepal's Policies and Legislation

Search for Common Ground

\$40,000, Women Building Community Peace in the Eastern Terai

Youth Action Nepal

\$30,000, Youth Participation in Human Rights, Democracy, and Political Affairs

North Korea

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$85,686, Creating Political Space through Private Markets

Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights

\$190,000, North Korean Human Rights and Democratization

Database Center for North Korean Human Rights

\$60,000, Human Rights Information Clearing House

Ewha Institute of Unification Studies

\$45,000, Promoting Rights-based Development

Imjingang Inc

\$85,000, Imjingang Magazine

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$150,000, Strengthening the Capacity of Democracy Advocates

Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights

\$80,000, Democracy Education for North Koreans

NK Reform Institute

\$160,000, North Korea Reform Radio

North Korea Intellectual Solidarity

\$20,000, Building a North Korean Defector-run Think Tank

Open North Korea

\$140,000, Open Radio North Korea

Radio Free Chosun

\$150,000, Radio Free Chosun

The Daily NK

\$175,000, Daily Internet Newspaper Focusing on North Korea

Developing Market Economy

\$60,000, Democracy and Market Economy Training for North Koreans

Young Defectors' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights

\$40,000, Leadership Education for Defector Students

Pakistan

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$575,000, Supporting Workers Rights, Industrial Relations, & Trade Unions

Aware Girls

\$25,000, Political Empowerment of Young Women in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

Baacha Khan Trust**Educational Foundation**

\$50,000, Strengthening Civil Society in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and FATA

Balochistan Institute for Development

\$65,000, Women's Rights and Empowerment in Balochistan

Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace

\$80,000, Campaign for Equal Rights

Center for Civic Education Pakistan

\$100,000, Constitutional Literacy Campaign

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$871,431, Promoting Economic Reform through Business Advocacy

Center for Peace and Civil Society

\$75,000, Strengthening Civil Society in Sindh

Centre for Human Rights Education

\$50,000, Training Institute for Human Rights Defenders

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives

\$115,000, Strengthening Civil Society to Improve Democratic Accountability

Civil Society Support Programme

\$60,000, Empowering the Voices of a New Generation

Individualland Trust

\$70,000, Conflict Reporting along the Pakistan-Afghanistan Border

Insan Foundation Trust
\$50,000, Bridge for Peace and Democracy

Interactive Resource Centre
\$125,000, Human Rights Advocacy through Video and Interactive Theater

International Republican Institute
\$500,000, Political Party Support

Jinnah Institute
\$80,000, Open Democracy Initiative

Khwendo Kor
\$50,000, Voice for Rights in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

Mehergarh: A Centre of Learning
\$45,000, Making Democracy Work in Pakistan

Omar Asghar Khan Development Foundation
\$130,000, Citizen's Actions for Responsible and Accountable Leadership

Organization for Development and Peace
\$30,000, Promoting Democracy and Protecting Human Rights in South Punjab

Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum
\$115,000, Community Empowerment for Peace, Sustainable Development, and Democracy

Pakistan Press Foundation
\$110,000, Promoting Democratic Governance through Effective Use of Media

Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy
\$100,000, Civil Rights, Peace Education, and Democratic Development in Rural Communities

SHEHRI - Citizens for a Better Environment
\$130,000, Police Reforms and Human Rights Training

Taangh Wasaib Organization
\$80,000, Promoting Human Rights in Schools

Trust for Development Studies and Practices
\$85,000, Empowering Women in Balochistan

Women Media Centre of Pakistan
\$90,000, Enhancing the Role of Women Journalists in Media

HUMAN RIGHTS
\$45,000, People's Actions for Democracy, Peace, and Tolerance

Philippines

Ateneo School of Government
\$56,209, Pugadlawin Youth Empowerment Project

Caucus of Development NGO Networks
\$87,300, Deepening Democratic Governance through an Active Citizenry

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$147,164, Improving Corporate Governance in Firms

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$240,760, Combating Corruption in the Private Sector

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$241,941, Improving Public Governance

Center for Media Freedom & Responsibility, Inc.
\$79,000, Promoting Responsible Journalism and Press Freedom

International Center for Innovation, Transformation and Excellence in Governance (INCITEGov) Inc.
\$100,000, Strengthening a Movement for Democratic Governance and Reform

Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism
\$42,600, Protecting the Media: Extrajudicial Killings and the Culture of Impunity

Sri Lanka

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$405,000, Defending Core Labor Rights

Janawaboda Kendraya
\$24,000, Increasing Citizen Engagement through Drama and Discussion

Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust
\$24,785, Improving the Safety and Security of Human Rights Defenders

Transparency International Sri Lanka
\$44,000, Enhancing Accountability and Community Participation in Local Government

Viluthu, Ltd.
\$67,000, Strengthening Civil Society through Study Circles

Thailand

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$165,960, Private Sector Approaches to Anti-Corruption

Cross Cultural Foundation
\$50,000, Building a Network of Human Rights Lawyers

Environmental Litigation and Advocacy for the Wants
\$50,000, Strategic Litigation and Public Awareness Focused on Environmental Protection

Foundation for Community Educational Media
\$50,000, Supporting Independent Media in Southeast Asia

International Republican Institute
\$200,000, Public Opinion Research & Political Communications

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$500,000, Promoting Dialogue Between Citizens & Elected Representatives

Thai Volunteer Service
\$75,000, Human Rights Lawyer Volunteer Project

Vietnam

Association of Vietnamese Overseas : Culture & Liaison
\$97,000, Quê Me: Action for Democracy in Vietnam

Overseas Organization to Support the Humanist Movement in Vietnam
\$38,000, Democracy Education and Independent News Via Internet Radio

RULE OF LAW
\$70,000, Legal Advocacy for Civil and Political Rights and Religious Freedom

Southeast Asia Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$742,500, Labor Program in Thailand, Malaysia, & Burma

Global Witness
\$40,000, Promoting Transparency and Accountability and Addressing Land Grabbing in the Mekong Region

Initiatives for International Dialogue
\$80,000, Advocacy and Capacity Building through Dialogues, Training, and Internships

Southeast Asian Press Alliance
\$45,000, Supporting Independent Media in Southeast Asia

Asia Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$415,000, Enhancing the Rule of Law in Employment

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$321,883, Occupational Safety & Health Program

Asian Network for Free Elections Foundation
\$120,000, Strengthening Domestic Election Monitoring in Asia

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

The Endowment's priority in Europe has been to assist civil society in promoting government accountability and the reforms necessary for Euro-Atlantic integration. Since 1989, the prospects of EU and NATO accession have been key factors in fostering democratization in Eastern Europe. But while virtually all of the region's governments have identified integration as a top priority, most appear unwilling to take the steps necessary to complete this process. In 2011, NED assisted independent organizations striving to consolidate transitions and push officials to meet the requirements for integration.

Ukraine's transition is facing its most significant challenge in the country's 20 years of independence. Since its 2010 election, the Yanukovich government has rolled back the gains of the Orange Revolution (see page 36).

In response, NED boosted support to analytical centers that monitor officials and track the country's backsliding. With pressure mounting against civil society, NED strengthened regional NGOs engaging in grassroots cam-

The Youth Communication Center promotes civic activism among young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



REMEMBERING VÁCLAV HAVEL

Former Czech President Václav Havel died on December 18, 2011. More so than any intellectual and political leader in the post-communist space, Havel used his position, voice and moral authority to advance struggles for freedom over more than three decades.

The Endowment had a long and fruitful partnership with the inspirational playwright, dissident, politician and icon. During the communist period in Czechoslovakia, NED helped to publish and disseminate Havel's underground political and literary writings. NED's Polish grantees forged solidarity across borders by meeting with Havel and Czech dissidents on the two countries' "green border."

In the new Czech Republic, NED contributed to realizing Havel's conviction that "the creation of civil society is the primary task of our time," as he declared in a 1994 *Journal of Democracy* piece. After the country became a member of NATO and the EU, the Endowment began working on a crossborder basis with NGOs created or aided by Havel, such as **People in Need** and **Civic Belarus**, to share the lessons learned from the Czech experience with other states in transition and support democrats in Burma, Cuba, Belarus and other authoritarian states.

paigns to foster local civic activism. Support also went to traditional and new media outlets fostering freedom of the press, defending journalists, and informing citizens about the country's direction.

Following the flawed December 2010 presidential election and brutal crackdown spanning 2011, **Belarus** again became Europe's pariah. In difficult conditions, NED increased support to core programs promoting human rights, freedom of information, political party building and the preservation of civil society. Aiding the crackdown's victims was a priority. Another focus was on strengthening independent media reporting on the country's political and economic crisis. NED assisted scores of newspapers and websites. NED also helped to keep civil society alive and functioning by support-



Václav Havel led the successful international campaign to give Chinese writer Liu Xiaobo the Nobel Peace Prize, launching it with an open letter to Chinese President Hu Jintao demanding Liu's release from prison. The letter was delivered to the Chinese embassy in Prague on Jan 6, 2010 (pictured here), the 33rd anniversary of the day Havel himself was arrested for delivering the democracy manifesto Charter 77 to the Prague Castle.

On the 30th anniversary of Charter 77, Havel was awarded NED's Democracy Service Medal for, among other reasons, the "unique sense of solidarity that bound [him] to dissident movements the world over." At a January 6th memorial event, the Endowment paid tribute to a great European whose actions and words still bring hope to those aspiring to a life of democratic freedom and human dignity. NED will continue helping Czech NGOs, whose leaders and activities were inspired by Havel, to carry on his legacy and work.

ing third sector resource centers, which have proven to be the best means of assisting local NGOs and independent media, in Belarus' regions.

After breakthrough elections in 2009-2010, **Moldova** emerged as one of the few success stories in the former Soviet space. The country, however, still faces many problems, including faltering reforms and ineffective governance. Moldova also remains divided, with the rogue region of Transnistria run by an authoritarian regime. In 2011, NED supported civil society organizations monitoring and advocating for reforms while improving government performance. NED also continued to support groups nurturing civil society and promoting human rights in Transnistria.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Eastern Europe: Building Parliamentary Accountability

Holding politicians accountable for promised reforms is critical to promoting democratic transitions and Euro-Atlantic integration in Eastern Europe. To this end, NED supported a series of civil society initiatives designed to reshape the idea of accountability by providing average citizens with an opportunity to learn more about the performance of their elected officials.

In 2011, the **Open Society Foundation — Ukraine (OSF)** monitored the *Verkhovna Rada*, the **Kosova Democratic Institute (KDI)** tracked the performance of the Assembly, and the **MOST Citizens Association** monitored Macedonia's *Sobranie*. For the first time, a program monitoring Serbia's parliament was launched by the **Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA)**. The NGOs painstakingly analyzed proceedings; judged compliance with laws and procedures; produced and publicized evaluations of institutional, party and personal performance, especially through websites; and encouraged greater citizen understanding and oversight. In CRTA's case, the monitoring required reviewing over 39,000 pages of transcripts. These efforts proved invaluable for holding government bodies accountable to their constitu-

ents. KDI, for example, led a coalition of NGOs in a successful initiative to nullify an article of Kosovo's Law on Rights and Responsibilities of Parliament Members, which would have allowed MPs to begin collecting a pension 10 years earlier than other public employees. OSF is contributing its monitoring results and expertise to a new civic initiative "Chesno" (Honesty), which is increasing public awareness of candidates and their platforms prior to Ukraine's important October 2012 parliamentary elections.

Similar programs promoting the accountability and transparency of executive and legislative bodies were also conducted at local levels. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, a monitoring effort by the **Youth Movement Revolt** found that, almost a year after being elected, the Tuzla Canton government had addressed less than 14 percent of its campaign promises. Following the flawed 2010 local elections, five branches of the **Committee of Voters of Ukraine** monitored newly-elected city councils and regional legislatures throughout the country, with a focus on the east. One result was that the Odessa City Council passed a regulation requiring the mayor and local deputies to produce public reports on every meeting with constituents.



The Kosova Democratic Institute (KDI) promotes its semiannual parliamentary monitoring scorecards.



The Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA) promotes the Open Parliament online tool fostering transparency and oversight of Serbia's legislative body.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Belarus: Reaching out to Political Prisoners

As democratic backsliding and attacks on civil society in parts of the Europe region increased, NED boosted its focus on human rights in 2011. More than a dozen programs provided direct assistance to victims of abuses and promoted adherence to international human rights standards.

Of immediate concern was Belarus, where NED assisted human rights groups in responding to an unprecedented crackdown following the flawed 2010 presidential election. After a series of protests that began on December 19, 2010, more than 3,500 NGO activists, politicians, journalists, students and ordinary citizens were beaten, detained, arrested, imprisoned, expelled from schools or dismissed from jobs in 2011. Timely and sustained NED support helped more than 500 repressed Belarusians and their families — including more than 40 political prisoners — to receive legal, humanitarian, medical, psychological and other aid. Dozens of offices of civil society groups were also raided. NED as-

sistance replaced confiscated equipment for more than 20 leading NGO, political party and independent media groups. The NED support united the efforts of four leading human rights groups and more than 30 regional offices to assist victims, thereby not only building solidarity with activists and citizens but within the sector itself. Thanks, in part, to this support, not a single NED partner ceased activities due to the crackdown.

The Moldovan NGO **Promo-Lex Association** assisted victims of abuses in another repressive part of Europe, the breakaway region of Transnistria. During an important election year, the authoritarian regime there also cracked down on civil society. In 2011, Promo-Lex monitored and reported on the situation while providing legal aid to about 100 residents of Transnistria, some of them victims of torture. The NGO has filed 88 cases with the European Court of Human Rights and won 14. Promo-Lex also organized three international events and conducted numerous presentations, including one at NED, to bring attention to the territory's deplorable rights record. For its efforts to promote and defend human rights in Transnistria, Promo-Lex was awarded a UN Human Rights Award in 2011.

With its faltering transition, **Bosnia and Herzegovina** became NED's leading priority in the Balkans. While the October 2010 election saw progress in bringing about greater issue-based rather than ethnic-based voting, it took 14 months to form a government. A lack of dialogue and an ongoing political stalemate are blocking the country's European integration and even renewing fears of conflict. In response, the Endowment provided increased support to watchdog, advocacy and policy initiatives promoting greater accountability and prodemocratic political institutions. NED also assisted youth and independent media groups that fostered freedom of expression, instilled democratic values, and promoted a better understanding of human rights among a new generation of political and civic leaders.

Despite arresting two leading war criminals in 2011, **Serbia** failed to meet all of the conditions necessary for

Euro-Atlantic integration, especially building a constructive relationship with Kosovo. Ethnic unrest grew in troubled regions, and intolerance and extremism still plague the country. As a result, NED supported youth NGOs working in multiethnic, vulnerable, and underdeveloped parts of the country, as well as those addressing persistent discrimination against minorities. Political and other special interests in Serbia continued to put pressure on independent media. NED therefore promoted freedom of information through support for technical assistance, investigative journalism training, and disseminating objective information.

Europe's newest state, **Kosovo**, continued to face serious international and domestic challenges, and Kosovar society is still divided along ethnic lines. Pressure on free media and anticorruption NGOs grew. In 2011, NED supported programs monitoring accountability, boosting transparency, and strengthening the country's fragile

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

UKRAINE: UNCERTAINTY

Since gaining independence in 1991, Ukraine has struggled to shrug off its communist legacy and establish itself as a democratic, European state, something that is vital for the future of Eastern Europe. Unfortunately, according to Freedom House's *Freedom in the World 2012*, "Ukraine has moved from a status of Free to Partly Free and suffered deterioration on most indicators." The country's course towards European integration has been stymied by erratic and inconsistent domestic and foreign policy. This situation is not only

dangerous for Ukraine's own transition but also undermines the efforts of other democrats in the region who were inspired by the country's example.

To address this challenging environment, NED supported programs focusing on increased transparency and accountability in all aspects and at levels of government. Sadly, the worsening situation has also meant increasing support to human rights and media defense organizations, which had not been a NED priority for several years. Given these challenges and uncertainties, support to civil society and other independent actors has become increasingly important.



Left: The Kremenchug City Committee of Youth Organizations held a forum for youth activists in Ukraine. **Right:** Participants of *Kinocamp*, a camp for youth interested in film and civil society, run by the Independent Association of Broadcasters in Ukraine.

political institutions. NED particularly focused on supporting minority media, which faced difficult market conditions and struggled to maintain their objectivity and independence.

While **Albania** and **Macedonia** have made progress towards Euro-Atlantic integration, their transitions have been hampered by polarization between governing and opposition parties and flawed and contested elections. In 2011, NED supported some of the only programs that bridged the political divide in these two countries by bringing together youth and women from different political parties. In Macedonia, NED contributed to a cleaner election by supporting new media accountability tools and election monitoring.

In 2011, NED continued to work with civil society in Central Europe to assist democrats on a crossborder and regional basis in the former communist bloc and beyond. This work consisted primarily but not exclusively of Czech, Polish and Lithuanian NGOs sharing lessons learned, best practices and innovative program models with counterparts in Russia's regions, Belarus, Moldova, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The projects transferred practical skills in the fields of independent media, strengthening political institutions and youth activism. A specific focus was on reinvigorating the Community of Democracies during Lithuania's presidency. In 2011, the Europe Section also launched its first crossborder programs to assist democratic activists in Egypt.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Civic Education through Film

To counteract governmental neglect of human rights issues, NGOs in Eastern Europe are developing civic education tools that use popular media to promote a better and broader understanding of human rights. In 2011, NED supported a series of human rights film festivals that used documentary films and other popular media to raise awareness of political repression and minority rights, support freedom of speech and independent media, increase interethnic and intercultural understanding, and stimulate discussion on events of the recent past.

During **DokuFest** in Kosovo, **Pravo ljudski** in Bosnia and Herzegovina, **MakeDox** in Macedonia, **VIVISECTfest** in Serbia, and **Docudays UA** and **Kinomedia** in Ukraine, tens of thousands of citizens attended several hundred film screenings, photo exhibitions, discussions, workshops, debates, exhibitions and concerts focusing on pressing human rights issues. The festivals were reported on in more than 750 stories appearing in newspapers and on radio, television and the Internet. Organizing the events involved bringing together scores of local NGOs and other civil society partners. The events were not confined to cultural elites in country capitals. MakeDox travelled to six rural communities around Macedonia, VIVISECTfest visited 13 cities in Serbia, and Kinomedia took place in six regions of Ukraine, as well as Crimea. With a travelling edition that reached more than 100 Ukrainian cities, Docudays covered more national territory than any other single-country film festival in Europe. Many of the locales visited by these festivals have no

other exposure to international, independent culture, especially that dealing with human rights and democracy issues.

Already Kosovo's most successful grassroots initiative and the most prominent documentary festival in the Balkans, DokuFest expanded its activities to include weekly screenings of socially-themed films for secondary school students throughout the year. To reach more Kosovar youth and introduce the use of documentaries into civic education school curricula, DokuFest teamed up with the Prague-based **People in Need**, whose award-winning "One World in Schools" program uses documentary films and other audiovisual materials to educate students from elementary schools to universities on human rights and democracy. Thanks to this sharing of experiences, DokuFest established cinema clubs to screen its documentaries at high schools in two cities in southern Kosovo. *Pravo ljudski* has joined the effort and now uses a selection of its films to conduct human rights education programs for students in five cities in both entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina. These efforts have inspired MakeDox to pilot the same program in Macedonia in 2012. The three festivals have come together to form an informal regional network to share best practices and support each other's efforts to integrate the use of documentary films into high school curricula throughout the Balkans.



Poster promoting the human rights-oriented *MAKEDOXY* documentary film festival in Macedonia.



Left: At the *Pravo ljudski* human rights film festival. **Right:** The "One World in Schools" program reaches out to students of all ages to educate them about human rights and democracy.



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Albania

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$195,741, Building an Effective Public-Private Dialogue

Center for Public Information Issues
\$30,000, Promoting the Accountability of Local Government

European Movement in Albania
\$35,880, Promoting Youth Participation in Local Government

MJAFT! Movement
\$36,000, Encouraging Public Debate in Albania

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$295,000, Advancing Women's Leadership through the Women's Network

Youth in Free Initiative
\$40,000, Promoting Youth Activism in Northern Albania

Belarus

Freedom of Information
\$1,231,045

NGO Strengthening
\$766,498

Human Rights
\$715,839

Political Processes
\$550,000

Civil Society
\$312,483

Center for Informative Decontamination of Youth
\$40,000, Promoting Political Debate Among Youth

Center for Investigative Reporting
\$51,000, Promoting Transparency of Public Financing

Center for Policy and Governance
\$41,000, Promoting Accountability of Policymakers

Foundation for Creative Development
\$43,500, Promoting Civic Activism through Television

Mozaik Foundation
\$30,000, Strengthening Youth Participation in Decision-Making Processes

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$525,000, Promoting Local Public Policy Development

Ostra Nula
\$24,700, Promoting Government Transparency and Accountability

Pravo ljudski
\$41,250, Promoting Human Rights through Film

Press Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina
\$37,850, Encouraging Professional Media Reporting

Studio 88
\$40,875, Strengthening Local Independent Media

Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina
\$50,000, Combating Conflict of Interest

Why Not
\$56,000, Promoting the Accountability of Elected Officials

Youth Communication Center
\$45,000, Promoting Civic Participation among Youth

Youth Cultural Center Abrasevic
\$41,000, Encouraging Public Debate in Herzegovina

Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Bosnia and Herzegovina
\$42,000, Promoting Ethnic and Historical Reconciliation

Youth Movement "Revolt"
\$30,000, Promoting Government Transparency and Accountability

Kosovo

Association of Independent Broadcast Media of Kosovo
\$21,700, Supporting Minority Media in Kosovo

Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Kosovo
\$54,400, Promoting Open Debate and Accountability

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$146,758, Strengthening Public Procurement and Governance

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Alternativa Televizija (ATV)
\$47,000, Promoting Investigative Journalism

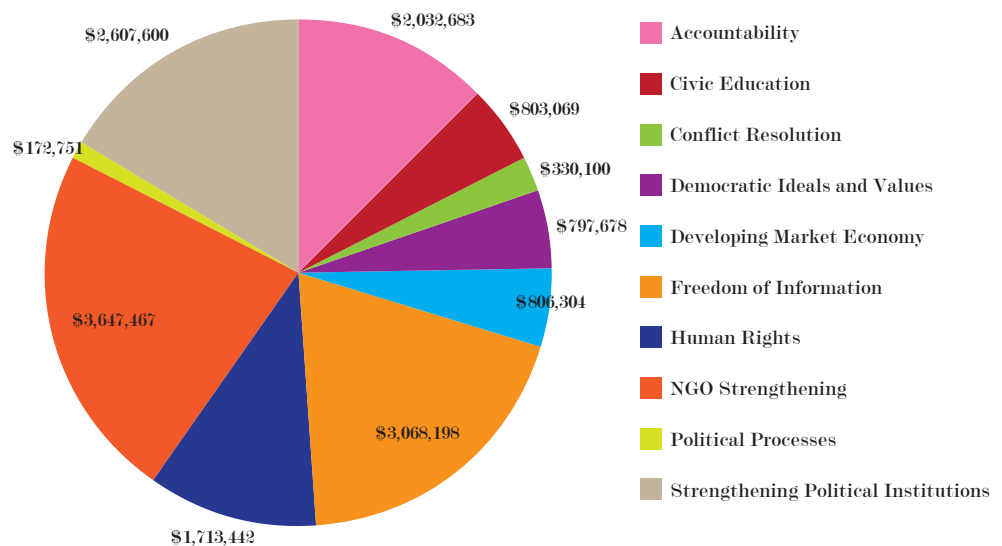
Association of Independent Creators and Activists (GETO)
\$29,218, Promoting Youth Activism

Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Bosnia and Herzegovina
\$39,500, Fostering Objective Reporting on War Crimes Trials

Center for Civic Cooperation-Livno
\$24,500, Promoting Citizen Participation in Local Government

Center for Development of Media and Analysis
\$42,700, Promoting Transparency and Accountability

Spending by program focus in Central and Eastern Europe, 2011





Left: *Vojvodjanka - Regional Women's Initiative uses innovative campaigns to advocate the observation of basic democratic values and human rights.* **Center:** *Promotional materials for Kosovo 2.0 magazine and web portal.* **Right:** *A small grant awarded by Heartefact Fund raised awareness about war crimes committed during the conflict in Kosovo.*

Center for Peace and Tolerance

\$36,300, Promoting Diversity and Cooperation through Media

DokuFest

\$40,400, Promoting Democratic Values and Human Rights through Film

Forum for Civic Initiatives

\$45,000, Promoting Oversight of Security Institutions

INC Network of Radio Stations

\$36,200, Fostering Crossborder Media Cooperation and Dialogue

Initiative for Progress

\$39,200, Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Southeastern Kosovo

Institute for Advanced Studies GAP

\$42,000, Strengthening Democratic Institutions

Kosova Democratic Institute

\$45,000, Promoting the Transparency and Accountability of the Parliament

Kosova Live News Agency

\$51,400, Supporting Independent Local Media

Kosovo Glocal

\$27,365, Promoting Open Debate and Democratic Values

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$50,000, Youth Advocacy and Community Leadership

Radio KIM

\$33,330, Supporting Minority Media

Speak Up

\$31,000, Combating Corruption through Public Oversight

Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Kosovo

\$51,800, Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation through Youth Activism

Macedonia

Association for Citizen Tolerance and Cooperation

\$41,440, Promoting Transparency and Accountability

Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum"

\$40,000, Advancing Human Rights in Macedonia

Center for Research and Policy Making

\$20,000, Encouraging Dialogue and Cooperation between Young Leaders

MakeDox

\$22,000, Raising Human Rights Awareness through Film

Metamorphosis Foundation

\$40,000, Promoting the Accountability of Public Officials

MOST Citizens Association

\$80,000, Promoting the Transparency and Accountability of the Parliament

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$180,000, Strengthening Citizen Involvement in the Legislative Process

Ohrid Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs

\$50,000, Encouraging Youth Political Dialogue

Transparency International - Macedonia

\$50,000, Empowering Citizens in the Fight against Corruption

Youth Cultural Center - Bitola

\$44,355, Promoting Youth Civic Participation at the Local Level

Youth Educational Forum

\$40,000, Fostering Youth Activism in Macedonia

Moldova

Association for Participatory Democracy ADEPT

\$25,892, Educating and Mobilizing Voters

Association of Broadcasters "AICI Network"

\$36,113, Promoting Freedom of Information

East European Democratic Center

\$54,282, Increasing the Professionalism of the Moldovan Third Sector

Eco-Razeni Public Association

\$18,275, Strengthening Civic Participation at the Local Level

Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association of River Keepers

\$37,888, Strengthening Civil Society in Transnistria

Independent Journalism Center (IJC)

\$30,000, Strengthening Independent Journalism

Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) Viitorul

\$37,600, Supporting Moldova's Democratic Transition

Institute for Public Policy - Romania

\$48,482, Promoting Accountability of Elected Officials

Institute of Health and Medical Social Assistance from the Republic of Moldova

\$16,623, Promoting Reform in Moldova's Health Sector

International Republican Institute

\$300,000, Promoting Democratic Governance

NGO Center Contact

\$20,156, Strengthening Civic Participation at the Local Level

NGO Perspectiva

\$15,939, Promoting Youth Activism in Rural Moldova

People in Need

\$56,250, Fostering Crossborder Networking and Activism in Moldova

PROMO-LEX Association

\$78,192, Strengthening Civil Society in Transnistria

Public Association “Lawyers for Human Rights”

\$12,208, Promoting Awareness of Human Rights

Transitions Online

\$44,156, Developing the New Media Community

Serbia**Association of Local Independent Media “Local Press”**

\$40,000, Strengthening Local Independent Media

Center for Civil Resources Development

\$40,586, Fostering Freedom of Expression, Tolerance and Reconciliation

Center for International**Private Enterprise**

\$256,569, Strengthening the Voice of Business

Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability

\$48,750, Promoting the Transparency and Accountability of the Parliament

Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability

\$47,000, Promoting the Accountability of Public Officials

E-Novine

\$41,850, Encouraging Debate on Media Responsibility

Hourglass

\$39,700, Encouraging Public Debate in Serbia

Independent Journalists’ Association of Serbia

\$31,500, Promoting Investigative Journalism

Independent Journalists’ Association of Vojvodina

\$29,800, Promoting Debate on Decentralization

Lawyers Committee for Human Rights

\$44,700, Promoting Debate on Constitutional Reforms

Millennium

\$29,900, Promoting Democratic Ideas in Central Serbia

National Coalition for Decentralization

\$43,950, Promoting Decentralization in Serbia

NIP Vranjske

\$20,000, Promoting Interethnic Dialogue in Southern Serbia

Novi Sad School of Journalism

\$58,000, Raising Awareness about Dangers of Corruption

Regional Center for Minorities

\$29,800, Promoting Implementation of the Anti-discrimination Law

Resource Center Leskovac

\$30,800, Promoting Youth Activism in Southern Serbia

Urban In

\$38,000, Promoting Open Debate in Sandzak

Vojvodjanka - Regional Women’s Initiative

\$50,000, Raising Awareness about Human Rights

Youth Center CK13

\$26,986, Fostering Youth Activism

Zajecar Initiative

\$48,900, Promoting Youth Activism in Eastern Serbia

Ukraine**Association “Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union”**

\$45,190, Informing the Public about Human Rights Issues in Ukraine

Civic Organization “Young Rukh”

\$43,738, Promoting Tolerance among Ukrainian Youth

Association of Ukrainian Law Enforcement Monitors

\$45,070, Monitoring Human Rights Compliance of Law Enforcement Agencies in Ukraine

Bukovyna Partnership Agency

\$24,445, Promoting Local Dialogue

Center for Creative Initiatives East Ukraine

\$14,886, Promoting Local Government Transparency in Eastern Ukraine

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$163,262, Improving Governance in the SME Sector

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$217,915, Business Association Capacity – Phase II

Center for Political Studies and Analysis

\$16,430, Increasing Transparency of Public Sector Spending in Ukraine

Center for Research on Social Perspectives in the Donbas

\$48,850, Supporting Regional Media

Center for Society Research

\$29,855, Promoting Freedom of Assembly

Center for Support of Civic and Cultural Initiatives “Tamarisk”

\$28,285, Strengthening NGO Networks in Ukraine’s East

Center for the Study of Social Processes and Humanitarian Issues

\$29,731, Monitoring Sociopolitical Processes

Center UA

\$24,580, Promoting the Accountability of Public Officials

Chernihiv City Youth Organization “Educational Centre “Initiative”

\$29,804, Chernigiv City Youth Organization ‘Educational Center ‘Initiative’

Chernivtsi Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$26,794, Promoting Accountability in Southwestern Ukraine

Democratic Initiatives Foundation

\$39,940, Strengthening Think Tanks

Donetsk Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$46,310, Promoting NGO Networking in Eastern Ukraine

“Donetsk Press Club”

\$37,383, Fostering Freedom of Information

East European Democratic Center

\$64,395, Strengthening the Third Sector in Southern Ukraine

Europe XXI Foundation

\$45,990, Promoting Youth Participation

Foundation for the Development of the City of Mykolaiv

\$25,005, Strengthening Civil Society in Southern Ukraine

Human Rights Center “Postup”

\$22,580, Protecting Youth Against Police Abuse in Eastern Ukraine

Independent Association of Broadcasters

\$46,171, Promoting Youth Human Rights Awareness

Independent Center of Political Researchers and Journalists

\$32,350, Analyzing Regional Security in Crimea

Institute of Mass Information

\$34,490, Monitoring Freedom of the Press in Ukraine

Institute of Political Education

\$45,890, Strengthening Local Democracy

International Republican Institute

\$100,000, Promoting Effective Governance in Cherkasy

International Republican Institute

\$100,000, Fostering a Better Election Code

Kharkiv Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$24,240, Promoting Accountability in Northeastern Ukraine

Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group

\$47,040, Providing Information and Analysis of Human Rights

Kherson City Association of Journalists “South”**\$42,061**, Promoting Human Rights through a Film Festival**Kremenchug City Committee of Youth Organizations****\$27,760**, Civic Initiatives in Poltava and Cherkassy Regions**Lion Society****\$49,896**, Promoting Local Activism**Luhansk Regional Public Organization Business Club “European Choice”****\$21,200**, Strengthening Democratic Ideas among Ukrainian Youth**Lviv Committee of Voters of Ukraine****\$17,900**, Promoting Accountability in Western Ukraine**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$368,000**, Galvanizing Civic and Political Activism through Petition Drives**Odesa Committee of Voters of Ukraine****\$44,100**, Promoting Accountability and Transparency in Southern Ukraine**Open Society Foundation - Ukraine****\$55,000**, Promoting Accountability in the Legislature**Our House - Svatovschina****\$20,049**, Strengthening Civil Society in Luhansk Region**Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy****\$77,050**, Consolidating Civil Society in Ukraine’s Regions**Regional Press Development Institute****\$55,578**, Promoting Government Transparency**Regional Resource Agency Crimea Perspective****\$24,215**, Strengthening Civic Oversight in Crimea**School for Policy Analysis of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy****\$53,200**, Building Civil Society by Involving the Public in Constitutional Reform**Smoloskyp****\$38,236**, Promoting Youth Participation in Ukraine**Social Action Center****\$24,380**, Protecting the Rights of Refugees**Sumy Regional Committee of Youth Organizations****\$32,731**, Promoting Civic Activism in Northeastern Ukraine**Sumy Regional Committee of Youth Organizations****\$68,553**, Promoting Civic Activism in Northeastern Ukraine**Telekritika****\$69,444**, Promoting a Pluralistic and Balanced Media Environment in Ukraine**Makhuldyur Association****\$23,220**, Strengthening Communities in Crimea**Ukrainian Catholic University****\$50,000**, Promoting Religious Freedom**Ukrainian Center for Economic and Political Research Named After Oleksandr Razumkov****\$40,000**, Analyzing Ukraine’s Democratic Development**Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research****\$99,970**, Advancing Democratic and Political Stability**Ukrainian Youth Association of Ukraine****\$42,450**, Strengthening Youth Activism in Eastern Ukraine**Vynnytsia Youth Organization “Nashe Podillya”****\$52,011**, Community Initiatives**Youth Alternative****\$80,587**, Preparing the Future Leaders**Zakarpattia Regional Organization of Committee of Voters of Ukraine****\$18,270**, Promoting Accountability in Southwestern Ukraine

Southeastern Europe Regional

Access Info Europe**\$43,900**, Improving the Skills of Investigative Journalists**Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Regional****\$52,662**, Supporting the Professional Development of Independent Journalists**Beta News Agency****\$54,000**, Supporting Local Independent Media**EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy****\$40,600**, Fostering Debate on European Integration**Heartefact Fund****\$65,950**, Strengthening the Capacity of Small NGOs**International Republican Institute****\$250,000**, Encouraging Citizen Oversight to Improve Western Balkans Fiscal Governance**Johns Hopkins University****\$14,748**, Fostering Regional Dialogue and Cooperation in the Western Balkans**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$250,000**, Strengthening Western Balkan Legislatures**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$295,000**, Political Party Development and Policymaking**People in Need****\$50,000**, Promoting Democratic Values and Human Rights through Film**Why Not****\$40,000**, Promoting Accountability through New Media**Youth Initiative for Human Rights- Serbia****\$200,000**, Advancing the Process of Ethnic Reconciliation in the Former Yugoslavia

Europe Regional

Danish Association for Investigative Journalists**\$21,150**, Danish Association for Investigative Journalists**DEMAS - Association for Democracy Assistance and Human Rights****\$52,590**, Building Capacity to Assist Civil Society in Europe and Eurasia**European Institute for Democracy****\$37,943**, Strengthening the Civil Society Dimension of the Community of Democracies**Foundation Center for International Relations****\$23,800**, Fostering Crossborder Democracy-Building Programs**Institute of Democratic Politics****\$45,901**, Strengthening the Youth Dimension of the Community of Democracies**International Republican Institute****\$1,200,000**, Democracy Support**International Republican Institute****\$150,000**, Training Institute**International Republican Institute****\$50,000**, Assistance to The Parliamentary Forum for Democracy**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$500,000**, Empowering and Engaging Roma in the Political Process

EURASIA

In 2011 Eurasia witnessed several watershed events, which indicated deep-seated public dissatisfaction and a growing capacity for sustained protest. This new activism galvanized civil society throughout the region and NED partners sought to support the growing popular demand for accountability, transparency, and adherence to human rights norms.

In **Russia**, the December 2011 State Duma elections represented a decisive moment for Russian society. Despite a near monopoly on media, the abuse of administrative resources, and massive electoral fraud, United Russia received less than 50 percent of the vote. Two rallies in December protesting election fraud unified broad segments of Russian society with an emerging protest movement which seeks free elections and the release of political prisoners. Although unable to achieve these goals in the short term, a new generation of Russian activists continued to work toward these goals through online activism. The paramount priorities for Russian civil society and NED grantees were the protection of the freedoms of assembly and association, as well as human rights monitoring and reporting. NED grantees, including the Levada Center and the think tank “Panorama,” focused on voter education, monitoring, information dissemination, and public opinion polling.

In the Caucasus, 2011 was also marked by increased political activity as Armenia and Georgia began preparations for 2012 parliamentary elections, while Azerbaijan experienced a wave of repression. In **Armenia**, opposition protests led to talks between the government and the main opposition bloc, which in turn yielded important concessions, including permission to hold rallies in symbolic locations and an amnesty of all political prisoners. NED has increased support for civic activism on issues of public concern, including the deaths of Armenian soldiers during peacetime, as documented by NED grantee Journalists’ Club Asparez, and the release of political prisoners, driven by the activism of Shahkhatun Women’s Democracy Promotion NGO.

In **Georgia**, civic organizations and political parties began preparations for the 2012 parliamentary elections, which

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The League of Women Voters helped organize a rally in support of the freedom of assembly on Palace Square in St. Petersburg in August 2011.





Left: A client receives a legal consultation from the Ural Human Rights Group staff in Russia's Chelyabinsk region. **Right:** A man visits the 12Km Moscow Tract memorial of the Stalinist repressions.

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

Kyrgyz Republic

In the first year since the bloody overthrow of President Bakiev and the ethnic riots that swept the country's south, the Kyrgyz Republic made important strides towards restoring stability and introducing democratic reforms. Despite greater openness and political competition, however, serious flaws remained in the treatment of national minorities, due process, judicial independence, corruption, and government transparency and accountability. Civil society groups in the country learned the lessons of the failed democratic transition following the revolution of 2005, and played a crucial role as a watchdog of the democratic reform process.

In 2011, NED allocated almost half of its Central Asia budget to programs in the Kyrgyz Republic, including grants to each of the four core institutes. NED supported projects in eight program focus areas, with a particular emphasis on human rights, conflict resolution, accountability, and freedom of information. NED responded to rapidly to changing conditions on the ground and supported a variety of programs that reflected the changing priorities for civil society throughout the year.

NED's partners worked at the local and national levels in every region of the country, and their programs were varied and wide-ranging. **National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute, Taza Shailoo,** and the **Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society** supported voter education and

election monitoring. **Golos Svobody, Kylum Shamy,** and the Jalalabad network of human rights organizations **Spravedlivost** monitored and publicized human rights abuses while advocating for judicial and security reforms. NDI, IRI, the **Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society,** and the **Central Asian Free Market Institute** (among others) monitored the reform process, particularly as it pertained to the development of the new parliamentary system.

Other organizations focused on fostering the development of professional and objective multilingual media, and promoting the democratic development of political institutions in the country. In a country so recently affected by violence, support to civil society remains crucial.



Participants in the Institute for Public Policy's Advanced School of Mediation (Kyrgyzstan) develop their conflict resolution skills.

will be a historical crossroads for Georgia's democratic development. NED's partners in Georgia focus on supporting democratic political processes and instilling democratic values. The International Society for Fair Election and Democracy (ISFED) conducted a national audit of the voter lists, an area which was particularly problematic during the 2003 elections. Media projects including televised talk shows produced by Studio Re, radio talk shows from NGO Abkhazia Info, and investigative reporting produced by Studio Monitor that provided independent, objective information to Georgian society.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

ARMENIA

Due process for political prisoners

In Armenia, **Shahkhatun Women's Democracy Promotion** NGO played a crucial role in obtaining the release of political prisoners. The organization's strategically timed protests and savvy outreach to international organizations contributed to the release of all of remaining political prisoners in Armenia

during a general amnesty in May 2011. The organization began as a group of wives, sisters, and other relatives of political prisoners working to obtain due process of law for their loved ones and inform the public about their plight. With

NED funding, the organization was able to expand its activities to include legal assistance for political prisoners and developing cases for submission to the European Court of Human Rights.



The Shahkhatun Women's Democracy Promotion NGO held weekly pickets outside the Prosecutor General's Office in Armenia.

The most severe crackdown on activists in the region occurred in **Azerbaijan**, where youth groups, academics, political activists and NGOs became the targets of government repression. The government also accelerated its efforts to renovate downtown Baku, involving the demolition of several whole neighborhoods, dislocating hundreds of people without adequate compensation. Those buildings demolished included the offices of long-time NED grantee, the Society of Women of Azerbaijan for Peace and Democracy in the Caucasus. Another grantee, Public Forum "For Azerbaijan", became the target of a smear

In 2011, Shahkhatun staff supported 10 such appeals to the ECHR. These cases included those of Artak Nazaryan, an Armenian army officer whose death was ruled a suicide despite numerous bruises to his face and body, and Grigor Voskerchyan, the former mayor of Abovyan who was imprisoned for 16 months after being found guilty of "organizing mass public disturbances related to the protests in spring of 2008." The organization held regular pickets outside the Prosecutor General's Office in Yerevan to demand the release of all political prisoners. These weekly protests inspired copycat protests in regional cities and helped to create a national demand for the release of political prisoners.

Shahkhatun received increased international attention this year, and the organization held meetings with Margaret Sekaggya, the UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders and received frequent coverage in Armenian media outlets. To keep political prisoners in the public eye, Shahkhatun produced four films on human rights themes. These films were shared through mobile phones, Facebook, and iPods and were posted to the organization's website, www.shahkhatun.am. The short film series, known as Projections, won second prize out of over 450 entries at the POPOK International Advertising Festival in October 2011. In a very short period, the organization has become a leading voice in the Armenian NGO sector. As Armenia enters the pre-2012 election period and political persecution increases, the work of Shahkhatun will remain integral to Armenia's struggle for democracy.



Left: Yekaterinburg Memorial staff hand out the organization's newsletter to people visiting the 12Клн Moscow Tract memorial of the Stalinist repressions. **Right:** A protestor demanding political competition is detained in Baku, Azerbaijan (image courtesy of grantee Institute for Reporter Freedom and Safety).

campaign in government-backed media provoked by its success in recruiting highly-regarded members of the intelligentsia to campaign for increased liberalism in the country. In this context, NED assisted international advocacy efforts, including the Sing for Democracy campaign aimed at raising awareness of Azerbaijan's democratic shortcomings in the run-up to the May 2012 Eurovision contest in Baku. NED has also emphasized support for forums where democratic activists can gather to discuss important issues and introduce young people to democratic ideas and values. Such programs include the Center for National and International Studies, which brings together Azerbaijani and Turkish activists to draw parallels between the political cultures in the two countries, and the FAR Center, where experienced civic activists provide advice and resources for youth groups.

Meanwhile, in Central Asia, the **Kyrgyz Republic** presented the most promise for democratic development in the near term. Since the April 2010 overthrow of the Bakiev regime, the country has successfully reformed its constitutional system and held three competitive national elections. In December 2011, Interim President Otunbaeva became the first Central Asian leader to stand down at the end of her term. However, the Kyrgyz Republic still needs to ad-

dress ongoing ethnic tensions and mistreatment of national minorities, lack of due process of the law, corruption, and lack of judicial independence.

Elsewhere in Central Asia, governments remained largely authoritarian throughout 2011. In **Kazakhstan**, the presidential and parliamentary elections, which were criticized for lacking real political competition, ensured that President Nazarbayev and the ruling Nur-Otan party would remain in power. Space for civic and political participation continued to shrink as independent NGOs, media organizations, trade unions and political activists were subjected to increasing pressure by the government. In a particularly stark example, the police violently broke up a protest by striking oil workers in Zhanaozen, killing at least 16 unarmed protestors. To address these challenges, NED programs included monitoring and reporting on freedom of assembly and defending human rights activists and independent media.

In **Tajikistan**, the government continued its assault on religious freedom by shutting down mosques where imams have criticized state policies, exerting pressure on madrasahs to adopt a government-approved curriculum, and seeking to marginalize the Islamic Renaissance Party. NED programs attempted to counter these trends by supporting Asia Plus's new website aimed at providing objective

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

RUSSIA

Crowdsourcing local investigative reporting

Events in 2011 in Russian politics, including post-election protests and the election of independent candidates for mayor, regional duma and local assemblies across Russia, highlighted the importance of local activists who can identify regional issues and rally citizens around them. One such organization is the **Intellectual Public Movement “Lebed.”** Located in Vladimir, 120 miles east of Moscow, Lebed exemplifies how Internet technology has been used to inform, connect and inspire young activists in Russia. With Endowment support, Lebed maintains a website called Vibor 33 (www.vibor33.ru) or Choice 33 in English, where the number 33 is the license plate code for Vladimir oblast. Since October 2010, Lebed has also hosted a “Map of problems of Vladimir,” where citizens can report problems including public nuisances, ecological hazards, social problems and housing issues. Lebed has followed up on many reports, and, thanks to their status as a registered media organization, the government is obligated to respond to their inquiries within seven days, which has created both legal and public pressure to address the problems

In a country where virtually all attention is focused on Moscow and politics can seem remote from citi-



Lebed's website Vibor 33 keeps citizens in Vladimir oblast informed and connected.

zens' daily lives, the Vibor 33 website gives Vladimir residents an opportunity to discuss local issues, and to connect those issues to government policies. Lebed's regional correspondents covered developments in local legislatures, electoral campaigns, and social initiatives. Moreover, the online activism has led to concrete results. Vibor33 and its readers have been involved in stopping the illegal construction of a nuclear power plant, campaigning to continue direct elections of the Vladimir mayor, and in supporting the election of new officials in the March 2011 local elections. While Lebed's Internet presence has drawn significant support from the region's youth and digerati, its efforts to ensure greater transparency and accountability resonate with a broad cross section of Vladimir's population. This confluence of real-world and online activism is especially important given Russia's soaring Internet audience, which is among the fastest growing in the world with over 90 percent of market growth in rural areas such as Vladimir. Lebed's project has served as a litmus test for providing not only an alternative to Russia's state-controlled media, but also an outlet for an increasingly active and engaged population.

news and analysis on religious issues. Independent media, however, was another target of the government's oppressive policies. NANSMIT, a NED grantee and leading advocate for media freedom, offered legal assistance to persecuted journalists throughout the year, including to the director of “Fourth Power,” a NED grantee in Khujand who was sentenced to prison for his journalism work.

Meanwhile, the government in **Turkmenistan** continued to restrict access to alternative sources of information, and the country's human rights situation continued to deteriorate.

NED's programs were aimed at redressing some of the most egregious human rights violations by providing legal aid to citizens, monitoring human rights in prison colonies, and providing alternative news and information to audiences inside and outside of the country.

Finally, **Uzbekistan** offered little hope for any improvement in the government's respect for political, civil, and human rights. NED's programs focused on educating citizens about their basic human rights and providing free legal aid to the most vulnerable segments of society.



Left: A student demonstrates what she has learned at a seminar on cooperation between youth and police in the Dagestan Republic, Russia, led by Nonviolence International. **Right:** After the December 2011 parliamentary elections, an activist holds a sign that says "Think, know the laws, demand!" with a copy of the Russian constitution.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

CENTRAL ASIA

Extending legal rights to refugees

The Moscow-based Autonomous Non-Commercial Organization **Institute of Human Rights (IHR)** works to encourage governments in Russia and Central Asia to respect international legal commitments and to promote domestic Russian legal reforms that bring legislation in line with international human rights standards. Through its NED-supported program, the Institute provides legal assistance to refugees from Central Asia who are being prosecuted on spurious charges or are threatened with illegal deportation or extradition. When necessary and after all domestic remedies have been exhausted, the Institute prepares and submits select cases before international legal bodies such as the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

IHR's clients have included, among others, ethnic Uzbeks who fled southern Kyrgyzstan after ethnic clashes in spring 2010; Tajiks being persecuted on religious grounds; and political and religious refugees from Uzbekistan, including civic and political activists. Over the past several years, the Institute has won a number of important victories.

IHR adapted its legal assistance to its clients by tailoring assistance for individuals who wanted to stay off the court dockets for fear of discovery. This approach became necessary following the kidnapping of a Tajik client after he was granted amnesty status in Russia. As these extra-legal tactics have risen in popularity in Central Asian countries, IHR has adapted its program to accommodate increasing fear among its clients while still providing quality legal assistance.

The Institute has won several milestone court cases before the European Court of Human Rights, which has positively influenced how such cases are handled in Russian courts. For example, in 10 cases pursued by IHR, the Russian General Prosecutor's office either prevented extradition or cancelled deportation, a de facto means of extradition. One of the decisions released by the Russian General Prosecutor's office directly reflected a decision rendered by the ECHR in 2010, which was a first for the organization and which provides tangible hope for future extradition cases.

With the continuing attacks against civil and political activists in Central Asia, the Institute's program will continue to offer an invaluable resource for protection against extra-legal and extrajudicial persecution based on ethnic or religious grounds.

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For more detailed descriptions of these grants, please visit www.NED.org/where-we-work

Armenia

Meltex Ltd.

\$62,960, Internet Broadcasting

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly – Vanadzor

\$43,550, Training and Networking for Young Human Rights Activists

Helsinki Association

\$48,600, Defending Human Rights

Investigative Journalists NGO

\$47,000, Independent News Website

Chap, LLC

\$40,140, GALA Television

Shahkhatun Women's Democracy Promotion NGO

\$45,180, Organizing Women for Political Action

Committee to Protect Freedom of Expression

\$31,000, Monitoring Government Information Sources

Caucasus Center of Peace-Making Initiatives

\$34,100, Mock Court for Human Rights

Journalists' Club "Asparez" NGO

\$29,100, Protecting Soldiers' Rights

Democracy School

\$44,950, Democracy School

Azerbaijan

Regional Cooperation and Community Development Center

\$29,580, Local Advocacy and Resource Centers

Social Union of Legal Education of Sumgait Youth

\$55,900, Supporting Civil Society in the Regions

Public Association for Assistance to Free Economy

\$40,250, Defending the Property Rights of Citizens

Human Rights Center of Azerbaijan

\$32,460, Center for Strategic Litigation on Women's Rights

Institute for Reporter Freedom and Safety

\$25,125, Internet TV

"Young Leaders" Education, Training and Development Union

\$47,140, Ganja Media Center

Internews Azerbaijan Public Association

\$33,000, Youth Television Program

"Uluchay" Social-Economic Innovation Center

\$36,150, Sheki Youth Information Center

Republicanist Alternative

\$28,250, Developing a Democratic Agenda

Public Forum "For Azerbaijan"

\$28,200, Open Forum: Dialogue on Reform

Society of Women of Azerbaijan for Peace and Democracy in the Caucasus

\$30,225, Independent Think Tank

Azerbaijan Lawyers Association

\$36,360, Defending the Political Rights of Citizens

Ganjabasar Newspaper

\$42,200, Ganjabasar Newspaper

"Legal Help" Public Association

\$33,502, Human Rights Education in the South

Turan News Agency

\$50,400, Contact.com: An Internet Newspaper

O! Azerbaijan Youth Movement

\$39,640, Free Thought University

Institute for Reporter Freedom and Safety

\$74,250, Defending Independent Journalism

Alliance of Women for Civil Society

\$39,700, Model Public Hearings

Center for Economic and Political Research "FAR Center"

\$61,410, Youth Resource Center

Janub Khabarlari

\$42,700, Promoting Independent Regional News

Human Rights Club – Azerbaijan

\$29,450, Eurovision and Human Rights

Center for National and International Studies

\$69,370, Democratic Values in Azerbaijan and Turkey

Media Rights Center

\$34,582, 'Free Space' Website

Public Union "Democracy and Human Rights Resource Centre"

\$40,000, Promoting International Human Rights Standards

Georgia

NGO Abkhazia Info

\$42,645, Radio Talk Show

Nonprofit Organization Studio Monitor

\$18,512, Investigative Reporting

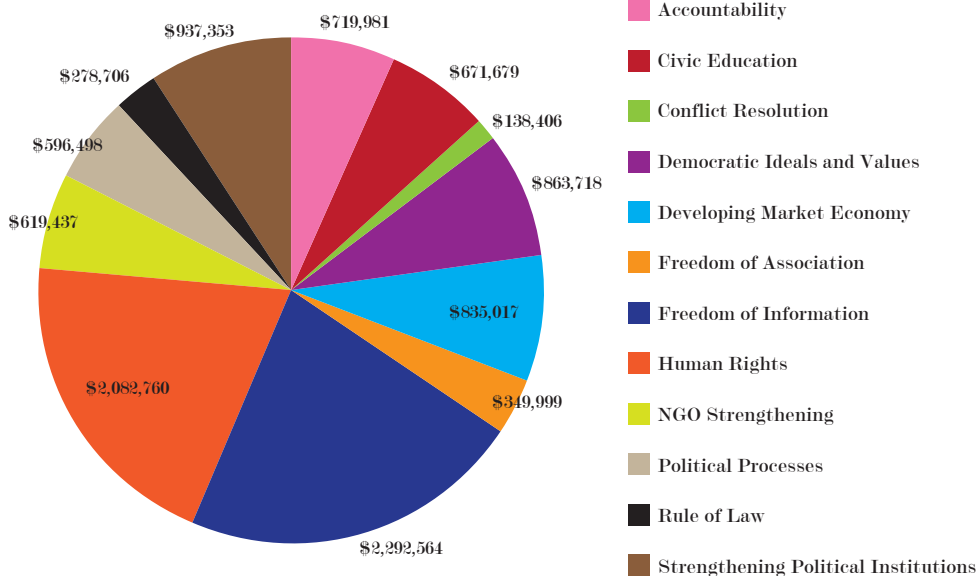
Partnership for Social Initiatives

\$56,000, Assessing Democratic Reforms

Human Rights House – Tbilisi

\$30,000, Human Rights Media Center

Spending by program focus in Eurasia, 2011





Left: Youth volunteers with Kylym Shamy participate in a protest in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. **Right:** Audience members participate in discussion at Free Thought University run by Oll! Azerbaijan Youth Movement.

Association "Studio Re"
\$76,900, Televised Talk Shows

International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy
\$55,400, Voter List Audit

Former Political Prisoners for Human Rights
\$34,500, Strengthening Human Rights

Human Rights Center
\$48,450, Legal Aid and Human Rights Monitoring in Georgia

Independent Journalists' House
\$39,000, Developing Democratic Ideas

Internews Georgia
\$29,850, Independent Web Site: Media.Ge

"The Rustavi News" Newspaper
\$34,750, Supporting Regional Newspapers

Caucasus Centre for Civil Hearings
\$21,760, Model Public Hearings

Cultural-Humanitarian Fund "Sukhumi"
\$63,848, Promoting Women's Political Participation

Nonprofit Organization Studio Monitor
\$35,000, Investigative Reporting

Union Article 42 of the Constitution
\$37,838, Promoting Implementation of Georgia's Criminal Code

Newspaper "Akhali Gazeti"
\$27,672, Investigative Journalism

Kazakhstan

Legal Policy Research Centre (LPRC)
\$50,000, Strategic Litigation before UN Committees

National Association of TV and Radio Broadcasters of Kazakhstan
\$75,520, Legal Support for Regional Media

Kazakhstan International Bureau of Human Rights and Rule of Law
\$52,300, Human Rights Centers

Ecological Society "Green Salvation"
\$48,480, Encouraging Public Participation

Kazakhstan International Bureau of Human Rights and Rule of Law
\$74,000, Supporting Human Rights Centers

Kyrgyz Republic

Public Fund "System P"
\$37,421, Internet News

Independent newspaper "De-facto"
\$55,100, Promoting Independent Kyrgyz-language Media

Rural Development Fund
\$27,096, Conflict Resolution Using Peer Knowledge

Public Fund "Door Media"
\$38,327, Television Talk Shows

Institute for Public Policy
\$50,310, Advanced School for Mediators

Public Association Osh Media Resource Center
\$28,314, Training Young Journalists in South Kyrgyzstan

Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society

\$28,304, Promoting Parliamentary Accountability

Central Asian Free Market Institute, Public Foundation

\$50,585, Promoting Budget Transparency

Social Fund "Information Security Media Center"

\$25,100, Student Newspaper

Public Foundation to Support Economic Development and Education

\$61,000, Network of Social Mediators

Association "Taza Shailoo"

\$19,032, Youth Voter Education

Center for Support of International Protection

\$30,500, Promoting Human Rights

Youth Human Rights Group

\$59,500, Youth Initiatives

Jalalabad Regional Human Rights Organization Spravedlivost

\$79,000, Human Rights Network

Public Foundation Golos Svobody

\$38,000, Strategic Litigation in Defense of Human Rights

Public Foundation "Kylm Shamy"

\$39,318, Human Rights Monitoring

Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society

\$70,000, Promoting Parliamentary Accountability

Institute for Public Policy

\$47,353, School of Young Parliamentarians

Russia**Regional Nonprofit Charitable Foundation for Local Society "Kaliningrad"**

\$34,997, The Elevation of Transparency in the Housing Sector: the Role and Capabilities of Institutions of Civil Society

Perm "Center for Assistance to Victims of Violence and Human Trafficking"

\$34,340, Building the Capacity of Russian Civil Society to Resist Excessive and Unlawful Anti-Extremism

Rostov City Nonprofit Organization "Eko-logika"

\$25,060, Engaging the Public to Increase Access to Information in Rostov Oblast

Foundation for the Support of Information Freedom Initiatives

\$90,000, Monitoring Government Bodies' Information Resources

Kaliningrad Regional Civic Organization "Baltic Migrants"

\$15,859, Partnership in the Name of Development

Informational - Analytical Center 'Rakurs'

\$50,000, Publication of the Independent Human Rights Newspaper "Dagestanskii Rakurs"

Chelyabinsk Regional Organ of Public Independent Action "Ural Human Rights Group"

\$61,447, Ural Human Rights Center

Pskov Regional Public Organization "Council of Soldiers' Mothers"

\$25,395, The Adaptation of Young Soldiers to the Military Collective

Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights

\$40,000, Corruption as a Factor of Human Rights Violations in Russia: Analysis and Response by Civil Society

Planet of Hopes

\$45,044, Closed Cities of Russia - Path to Freedom

Autonomous Non-Commercial Organization "Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations"

\$50,000, Information Patrol for Freedom of the Press and the Rights of Journalists

Human Rights Resource Center

\$39,120, Increasing the Professionalism of Initiative Groups and Young NGOs

Center for Information and Protection of Human Rights

\$46,000, Information and Human Rights Center "Memorial"

Center for Social Projecting 'VOZROZHDENIYE'

\$50,000, National Deputy School

International Historical Educational Human Rights and Charity Society "Memorial"

\$49,961, The Uses of History in Election Period (2011-2012)

Interregional Social Organization Human Rights Center "Memorial"

\$25,000, Legal Clinic for Applicants to the European Court of Human Rights

Dagestan Regional Public Organization "Mothers of Dagestan for Human Rights"

\$35,000, Monitoring and Legal Defense to Victims of Gross Human Rights Violations and Human Rights Defenders of Dagestan Republic

Centre de la Protection Internationale

\$50,000, Effective Presentation of Cases before the European Court of Human Rights

Regional Public Organization for Assistance in Observance of Human Rights "Hot Line"

\$102,951, The Protection of Social, Civic, and Voting Rights of Citizens of Russia

Autonomous Non-Profit Organization "Mashr"

\$61,805, Legal and Informational Aid for Victims of Human Rights Abuses

Information Research Center 'PANORAMA'

\$75,000, Electoral Cycle 2011-2012

International Protection Center

\$50,000, Human Rights Reception Center

Chechen Committee for National Salvation

\$70,000, Self-Government and Informational Aid for Chechen Refugees and Inhabitants of Refugee Camps in Ingushetia and Chechnya

Russian-Chechen Friendship Society

\$15,000, International Justice for Chechnya

Andrei Sakharov Foundation

\$75,000, Ninth Interregional Teachers' Contest on the History of Political Repression and Resistance Movements in the USSR

Fund for the Support of Youth Initiatives "Vision of Tomorrow"

\$50,000, New Technologies, New Civil Leaders

Voice of Beslan

\$20,000, Monitoring and Protecting Human Rights in North Ossetia

Norwegian Helsinki Committee

\$52,000, Natalia Estemirova Documentation Center

Environmental Human Rights Center 'Bellona'

\$49,940, Ecology, Law, Information

Information Agency 'Memo.ru'

\$85,000, Support and Development of the Internet Portal Caucasus Switchboard

Sverdlovsk Oblast Public Organization "Parity"

\$44,880, Youth and Elections

Moscow Group of Assistance in the Implementation of the Helsinki Accords

\$50,000, Combating Religious Xenophobia, Intolerance, and Discrimination in Russian Regions

Civil Rights Defenders

\$72,375, Stockholm Process for Human Rights Defense in the North Caucasus

Committee Against Torture

\$79,000, Preventing Torture in the Republic of Chechnya

Nonviolence International

\$54,398, New Youth Policies for Local Government and Police - Road to Integration

Center for the Development of Social Partnership

\$49,998, Strengthening Democracy in Yaroslavl Oblast

Center for Public Information
\$40,000, Information from Public Organizations for the Media and Democratic Movement

Center for Social and Labor Right
\$66,000, Your Rights in the Workplace

Independent Council of Legal Expertise
\$45,000, Civic Control of Legislative and Law Enforcement Politics

Kostroma Regional Public Organization "Soldiers' Mothers Committee"
\$26,201, Monitoring the Military Draft and Service in Kostroma

Yuri Levada Analytical Center
\$71,242, Election Monitoring 2011-2012

Memorial Center for the History of Political Repression 'Perm-36'
\$50,000, International School of History Teachers

Perm "Center for the Support of Democratic Youth Initiative"
\$30,000, A Future without Stalin

Information and Analysis Center 'SOVA'
\$71,067, Counteracting Extremism and Xenophobia

Center for Peacebuilding and Community Development
\$30,000, Young Women's Development Groups in the Chechen Republic

Center for Psychological Assistance and Psychological Post-Crisis Rehabilitation
\$24,999, Improving Access to Justice for Women in Ingushetia

St. Petersburg Human Rights Public Organization "League of Women Voters"
\$40,000, Public Action "For Honest Elections"

Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg
\$84,966, On the Path to Changing Draftee-Slavery

Rostov "League for Civil Rights Protection"
\$40,046, NGOs, Business, and Authorities: Anticorruption Cooperation

Foundation "Independent Press Center"
\$60,005, Independent Press Center

Foundation for Assistance in the Protection of Citizens' Rights and Freedoms "Public Verdict"
\$30,000, Alternative NGO Report to UN Committee against Torture

Regional Charitable Social Organization "Women's Dignity"
\$29,984, Women's Movement for Democracy

Perm City Public Organization "Center for Civic Education and Human Rights"
\$41,590, Human Rights School

Vladimir Oblast Intellectual Public Movement "Lebed"
\$39,940, Support and Development of the Website Vibor33

Center of Social and Educational Initiatives
\$25,000, From Civic Education to a Democratic Culture

Kabardino-Balkar Republic Public Human Rights Center
\$60,000, Defending Human Rights in Kabardino-Balkaria

Regional Civic Institute Research and Information Center Memorial
\$40,000, Phase Three: Digital Archives

Interregional Association of Human Rights Organizations "AGORA"
\$80,000, Legal Defense for NGO Activists

Regional Civic Initiative - The Right to Life and Human Dignity
\$47,000, DOSH Magazine

Interregional Civic Foundation in Support of Civil Society Development "GOLOS"
\$51,477, Voter Education in 2012 Presidential Campaign

Council of Non-Governmental Organizations
\$30,000, Monitoring the Human Rights Situation in the North Caucasus

Kaliningrad League of Women Voters
\$20,596, A Right to Know-Youth and Elections

Regional Public Organization "Peace of Mind"
\$59,082, Helping the Helpers in Chechnya

Tula Municipal Civic Human Rights Organization "For Human Rights"
\$13,937, Voter 11/12

Yaroslavl Regional Public Organization in support of Civic Initiatives "Dialog"
\$24,961, Stimulating the Sociopolitical Activity of Youth in Yaroslavl Oblast

Regional Civic Organization in Defense of Democratic Rights and Liberties "GOLOS"
\$49,945, Long-Term Observation of the 2012 Presidential Elections to Mobilize Citizens and Protect Voters' Rights

Tajikistan

Independent Newspaper "Daybreak"
\$20,916, Supporting Independent Print Media

NGO Women Voters
\$46,972, Promoting Women's Participation

Young Lawyers Association "Amparo"
\$42,738, Defending Human Rights

Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law
\$48,717, Legal Aid and Human Rights Monitoring

National Association of Independent Mass Media in Tajikistan
\$47,000, Supporting Independent Media

News Agency Asia Plus, LLC
\$59,234, National Network of Correspondents

NGO "The Fourth Power"
\$33,626, Supporting Local Media

Human Rights Center
\$35,158, Courtroom Monitoring

Public Association "Youth of the 21st Century"
\$39,000, Center for the Development of Democratic Leadership

Center for the Support of Civil Society "Kalam"
\$50,000, Support for NGO Resource Center and Newspaper

Turkmenistan

Developing Market Economy
\$217,176, To improve the legislative environment for business, increase the flow of independent information, and inform youth about entrepreneurship.

Freedom of Information
\$72,060, Freedom of Information programs.

Human Rights
\$83,220, Human Rights programs to provide free legal aid to vulnerable populations.

Uzbekistan

Human Rights
\$54,000, Human Rights programs to provide free legal services to vulnerable segments of the population.

Eurasia Regional

Civil Initiative on Internet Policy (CIIP) Public Foundation
\$44,864, Teaching Information Security and Advocacy

Autonomous Non-commercial Organization "Institute of Human Rights"
\$57,408, Assistance to Refugees of Central Asia

Autonomous Non-Commercial Organization "Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations"
\$55,000, Internet Magazine "Oasis"

Caucasus Institute Foundation
\$41,970, Training Young Journalists

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

In 2011, NED grantees in Latin America and the Caribbean addressed a multitude of challenges associated with the wide variety of regimes and political systems in the region.

At one end of this spectrum is **Cuba**, the only dictatorship in the Americas. Though still repressive, timid economic reforms were recently set in motion, and a significant number of political prisoners were released and exiled in 2011. The Endowment supported ordinary Cubans interested in taking advantage of new economic opportunities by providing assistance to navigate the complicated Cuban system while continuing to support human rights activists and their families. NED focused on enhancing the use of new communication technologies by providing increased support and training to independent journalists and youth, thereby increasing the flow of information both inside and outside Cuba. NED grantees engaged emerging actors (such as youth, artists, bloggers, and women) to strengthen civil society on the island. In addition, NED helped recently released political prisoners exiled in Spain and other countries to raise international awareness of human and

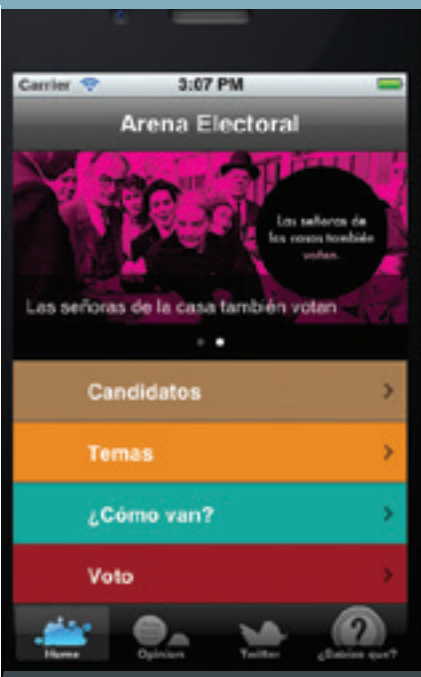
labor rights violations and the lack of freedom and democracy in Cuba.

Haiti's challenges are also substantial, with the country currently ranked fifth on *Foreign Policy's* list of failed states. During 2011, NED and its core institutes focused on promoting local ownership of the reconstruction process following the 2010 earthquake, as well as on developing the ability of local organizations to better interact with the international donor community and the Haitian government. NED supported programs to promote peaceful conflict resolution, improve relations with elected officials, and strengthen nascent civil society organizations. In 2011, NED assisted organizations focused on growing electoral participation, enhancing the advocacy and oversight capacity of civil society organizations, and building the capacity of legislators and union leaders.

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Workshop in the indigenous Apanguito community in Mexico run by Centro Regional de 'Defensa de Derechos Humanos 'Jose Ma. Morelos y Pavon.'





Left: Smart phone app developed by Fundación Ethos (a project of the Avance-Análisis Investigación y Estudios para el Desarrollo in Mexico) to increase civic engagement of youth. **Center:** CEJIL has worked with the Sarayaku in their land rights case before the Inter-American Court. **Right:** The National Democratic Institute trained election observers across Latin America and the Caribbean.

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

Nicaragua: Severe Setbacks to Democracy

The late 2000s saw Nicaragua experience severe democratic setbacks. In 2009, government-appointed judges of the Supreme Court's Constitutional Chamber ruled that Article 147 of the Nicaraguan Constitution establishing term limits for the president, vice-president, and mayors was “inapplicable.” This judicial ruling allowed Daniel Ortega to stand for and win re-election in November 2011.

Unsurprisingly, the 2011 presidential election was tainted by fraud and widespread irregularities. Ortega received 63 percent of the vote, double the historical voting preference for Ortega. National organizations, including NED grantee **Asociación Hagamos Democracia**, were denied the right to register as electoral observers, and international observers were impeded from entering 20 per cent of voting centers. The US government initiated a review of bilateral cooperation with Nicaragua following the 2011 election results.

Since then, media outlets and civil society organizations that are critical of government policies have come under attack. The government imposed new tariffs on the import of paper, ink and other supplies, targeting media companies and investigating the main opposition newspaper, *La Prensa*, for taxes allegedly owed on these supplies from previous years. Civil society leaders have experienced increased government pressure on their organizations, including unduly stringent audits and pressure on their members to leave their networks. Many international donors have stopped support for democracy and governance programs to avoid friction with the regime, and other donors have left the country altogether. In an environment where increasing pressure is expected, NED support to civil society and other independent actors continues to be critical.



Directors of Movimiento PUENTE in the media giving their opinion about Nicaragua's electoral process.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Andean Region: Human Rights and Extractive Industries

In the last decade, in the midst of sustained economic growth, the numbers and intensity of social conflicts in Latin America, and especially in the Andean region, have increased. These tensions have a variety of origins and manifestations, but the common framework is conflicting government, business and community interests in areas where large infrastructure projects and extractive industries are located. NED has identified this conflict as an emerging challenge to democratic governance and stability in the region and supports organizations working to address it from a democratic perspective.

One such organization is the **Due Process of Law Foundation** (DPLF), a NED grantee since 2005, which established a new Human Rights and Extractive Industries Program. DPLF is a nongovernmental, not-for-profit organization based in Washington, DC, that promotes the rule of law and human rights in Latin America. Over the past two years, DPLF has worked to gather information and gain expertise on issues related to natural resources management and exploitation, indigenous peoples' rights, and the relevant national and international legal frameworks. Known for its timely and thoroughly-researched reports, DPLF has published papers on the right to prior consultation and on extractive industries' corporate accountability in the Latin American region. Civil society organizations (CSO) and government agencies across the region use these documents, which attests to their continued relevance and utility not only



among human rights and indigenous activists, but also among intellectuals, legislators, businesses and decision-makers at the national level.

DPLF has also facilitated local CSO participation in thematic hearings before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. DPLF's work in the Andes and before international bodies has yielded results. In September 2011, DPLF's work was instrumental in promoting the passage of Peru's Law of Prior Consultation — the first in the region — which created a domestic legal framework for protecting the right to informed prior consent before the implementation of large-scale extractive projects. DPLF has provided legal analysis and support to organizations advocating for similar legislation in Bolivia and Ecuador.

The organization's legal analysis and advocacy efforts have contributed to governments, indigenous groups and extractive industries' understanding and use of the right to prior consultation as a viable and peaceful means for conflict prevention, and to the need for dialogue and negotiation on these sensitive issues.

Meanwhile, in **Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua,** and **Venezuela**, the Endowment focused on defending and strengthening democratic institutions, processes, and actors under attack by governments with authoritarian leanings. Freedom of expression was curtailed in these four countries, as networks of state-owned media expanded, and opposition and independent actors came under attack. Assaults took place most prominently, but not exclusively, in Ecuador. In response to these challenges, NED concentrated

on programs addressing freedom of expression, access to information, and protection for journalists. NED further supported organizations to promote free, fair, and competitive elections in unequal playing fields, including the constitutional referendum in Ecuador, the election of judicial authorities in Bolivia, presidential and legislative elections in Nicaragua, and the upcoming elections in Venezuela. Through good governance and government accountability programs, NED increased citizen participation and over-



Left: A volunteer with *Movimiento Mi Cometa* consults the local population in Guayaquil, Ecuador, about the country's justice system.

Right: The host interviews David Luna, Bogotá mayoral candidate, on La Silla Vacía ("The Empty Chair"), an independent Colombian news website.

sight of governments at the national, regional, and local levels. In these four countries, NED-supported programs addressed political, social and ethnic polarization by promoting dialogue, pluralism, and political participation across social sectors. Specifically, NED supported programs to increase the participation and inclusion of indigenous communities in Bolivia, and to identify and educate emerging Venezuelan leaders in pluralistic and democratic values.

NED also worked to help new democracies succeed. While **Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, and Peru** differ in their levels of democratic consolidation, the decentralization process that has occurred in each has provided many opportunities to strengthen democracy. In this set of countries, NED supported programs to promote citizen participation, improve candidate selection and public policy formation, advance accountability and transparency, and increase elected officials' capacity to respond to constituent demands, among other programs at the regional and local levels.

Yet other emerging challenges have led to an increase in violence and citizen insecurity across the region. These challenges are related to organized crime; illegal armed forces; drug, arms, and human trafficking; and ordinary delinquency. NED grantees addressed these complex challenges through a range of domestic and cross-regional programs,

several of which were conducted in Mexico and Central America.

In Argentina, programs sought to protect freedom of expression and promote presidential debates on public policies, while in Colombia, programs supported displaced people and victims of the armed conflict, especially Afro-Colombian communities. In Guatemala, NED grantees worked to defend the rights of women and indigenous populations, foster accountability in social programs, and promote comprehensive fiscal reform. Programs in Honduras focused on diminishing polarization, redefining civil-military relations, protecting freedom of expression, and strengthening the legislative branch and political parties. In Mexico, NED assistance empowered civil society to address citizen insecurity, improve the capacity of trade unions, defend freedom of expression and journalists, and protect women and indigenous populations. Programs in Paraguay strengthened a fledgling civil society. Programs in Peru addressed conflicts over natural resource exploitation, indigenous rights, and transparency in public universities.

There were also opportunities to support several programs with a regional focus, including strengthening trade unions, improving political parties and the capacity of elected officials, and supporting the market economy. Other regional programs included fighting impunity and defending the

victims of human rights abuses; litigation before the Inter-American System; an online version of the *Journal of Democracy* in Portuguese; citizen security; conflicts sur-

rounding natural resource exploitation in the Andean region; and building a cross-regional network of civil society activists to defend and promote democracy.



César Riquarte (right), director of Fundamedios, discusses press freedom in Ecuador.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Ecuador: Standing up for Freedom of Expression

Freedom of expression in Ecuador is under sustained assault from a hostile government. In 2011, President Correa's confrontational relationship with the media – which he accused of representing the traditional economic and political elite – continued to worsen. Correa's controversial May 2011 referendum included a question allowing for government greater control over the media, and its passage now enables the government to regulate media ownership and content through the creation of a Council on Communication and Information.

As Ecuador's leading media watchdog organization, **Fundamedios** is raising domestic and international awareness about the alarming rise of violations of freedom of expression in the country, illustrated by 2011's *El Universo* case, a personal libel case initiated by President Correa. Three executives and an editor from the Guayaquil-based newspaper, *El Universo*, were sentenced to three years imprisonment and a \$40 million fine for the publication of an article that allegedly of-

fended the President's honor. Though Correa has since pardoned the defendants, the questionable judicial proceedings and the precedent set by the lawsuit and ruling point to a serious decline in freedom of expression and in Ecuador's institutions.

El Universo is only the tip of the iceberg. Through comprehensive research and an innovative national alert network, Fundamedios has documented mounting threats against journalists throughout Ecuador. With Endowment support, in 2011 Fundamedios reported 156 assaults against freedom of expression through its monitoring network. This figure marks a steady rise in violations registered over the last four years, increasing from 22 cases in 2008, to 109 in 2009, and 117 in 2010. The majority of attacks reported in 2011 originated with a public official, 18.6 percent of which were instigated directly by President Correa.

In addition to its alert system, Fundamedios' timely and salient reports on the libel cases filed by President Correa have directly informed statements condemning the repression of free media by international organizations such as the Committee to Protect Journalists, Human Rights Watch, Freedom House, and the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression at the Organization of American States, among others.

Fundamedios also played a leading role in facilitating dialogue on the proposed Communications Law, identifying and publicizing its implications for freedom of expression. Fundamedios also conducted strategic litigation before the Constitutional Court to halt misuse of defamation laws and seek their removal from Ecuador's criminal code.

Fundamedios has become the leading freedom of expression organization in Ecuador and the region. Despite increasing direct attacks against the organization, Fundamedios' unwavering dedication to supporting freedom of expression has effectively exposed the abuses of governments and provided support to journalists under threat.

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Argentina

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$128,397 Agenda for the President

Foro de Periodismo Argentino (FOPEA)

\$40,500 Monitoring Freedom of Expression in Argentina

Foro de Periodismo Argentino (FOPEA)

\$22,500 Supplement

Bolivia

Asociación Boliviana de Ciencia Política

\$45,000 Promoting Democratic Debate on the New Autonomy Law

Asociación Juventud para el Desarrollo "JUDES"

\$70,000 Promoting Citizen Participation in the Election of Judicial Authorities

Asociación Nacional de la Prensa

\$55,023 Defending Freedom of Expression and the Press

Casa de La Mujer

\$45,000 Democratic Governance and Local Development with a Gender Focus

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$183,847 Promoting Dialogue on Alternative Policies

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$172,919 Strengthening the Voice of Business

CIUDADANÍA, Comunidad de Estudios Sociales y Acción Pública

\$45,000 Empowering Women to Increase Local Transparency

Fundación Construir

\$44,115 Strengthening the Indigenous Legal System in Cochabamba

Fundación Nueva Democracia

\$45,410 Monitoring and Reporting on Human Rights Violations

Instituto de Desarrollo y Gobernabilidad

\$42,668 Promoting Youth Participation in Political Processes

International Republican Institute

\$500,000 Strengthening Inter-Regional Coordination to More Effectively Address National Issues

Observancia – Centro Interdisciplinario

\$45,100 Promoting Dialogue between Civil Society and the National Assembly

Oficina Jurídica para la Mujer

\$41,232 Providing Legal Assistance and Education

Red Participación y Justicia

\$95,000 Promoting Judicial Transparency and Accountability

Red Participación y Justicia

\$20,000 Supplement

SAYARIY

\$50,963 Consolidating Local Transparency Practices

Colombia

Asociación de Afrocolombianos Desplazados - AFRODES

\$40,000 Defending the Rights of Displaced Afro-Colombian Communities

Blogósfera Producciones S.A.S.

\$39,920 The Citizen as a Protagonist in Colombia's Electoral Debate

Corporación Caribe

\$39,953 Monitoring the City Councils of Barranquilla and Santa Marta

Corporación Cívica de Caldas

\$28,000 Monitoring the Departmental Assembly of Caldas

Corporación Manos Visibles

\$40,000 Leadership Training for Afro-Colombian Women

Corporación Ocase

\$48,000 Promoting Youth Agendas for Municipal Development

Corporación Transparencia por Colombia

\$40,002 Promoting Accountability Among City Councils

Fundación Cívico Social Pro Cartagena (FUNCICAR)

\$55,000 Monitoring the City Council of Cartagena and the Departmental Assembly of Bolivar

Fundación Ideas para la Paz

\$39,945 Promoting Truth and Reconciliation

Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa

\$48,000 Monitoring Violations of Journalists' Rights in Legal Environments

Universidad Industrial de Santander

\$25,000 Promoting Transparency in the City Council of Bucaramanga

Cuba

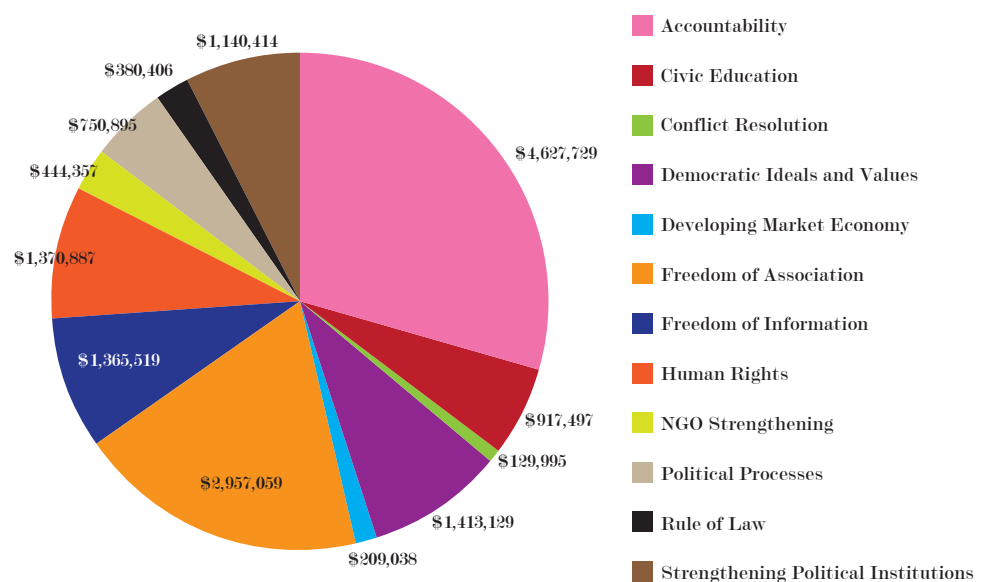
Afro-Cuban Alliance, Inc.

\$124,466 ISLAS: A Journal on Race and Civil Rights in Cuba

Center for a Free Cuba

\$55,000 Supporting Human Rights

Spending by program focus in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2011



Committee for Free Trade Unionism**\$85,000** Inter-Regional Democratic Networks and ILO Action**Cuban Democratic Directorate****\$162,089** Supporting Independent Civil Society**CubaNet News Inc.****\$252,000** To support independent Cuban reporting.**Grupo Internacional para la Responsabilidad Social Corporativa en Cuba****\$177,628** Supporting Independent Unions**Instituto Político para la Libertad Perú****\$61,727** Educating Youth on Democracy, Technology and Social Media**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$395,000** Empowering Civil Society**Observatorio Cubano de Derechos Humanos****\$67,434** Human Rights Observation**People in Need****\$160,202** Supporting Independent Journalists and Community Magazines**People in Peril Association****\$49,189** Enhancing Young Cubans' Understanding of Democratic Processes.**Civic Education****\$50,703****Rule of Law****\$11,204****Ecuador****Accountability and Freedom of Information****\$263,272****Human Rights****\$34,320****Strengthening Political Institutions****\$50,414****Corporación Participación Ciudadana Ecuador (PC)****\$50,034** Monitoring Spending on Public Advertising**Fundación para el Avance de las Reformas y las Oportunidades (Grupo Faro)****\$65,500** Promoting Municipal Transparency**Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo (FCD)****\$30,202** Monitoring the National Assembly**Guatemala****Acción Ciudadana****\$74,798** Citizen Oversight of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program 'Mi Familia Progresa'**Asociación Estoreña Para el Desarrollo Integral****\$34,958** Promoting Civic Participation for Maya Q'eqchi' in the Electoral Process**Centro de Acción Legal-Ambiental y Social de Guatemala****\$37,000** Strengthening the Promotion of Rule of Law in Environmental Matters**Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales****\$40,000** Including Fiscal Issues in the National Electoral Debate**Haiti****American Center for International Labor Solidarity****\$325,000** Building Union Capacity for Labor Rights Advocacy & Enforcement**Centre de Formation Citoyenne et d'Appui au Développement****\$139,620** Promoting Participatory Local Development in Rural Haiti**Coordination Communale de Comités d'Initiatives de Limbé****\$42,000** Strengthening Civil Society and Local Authorities in the North Department**Coordination des Comités d'Initiatives de la Commune de Gonaïves****\$35,000** Consolidating Civil Society for Local Development in Gonaïves**Coordination Nationale des Organisations de Base****\$40,455** Fostering Peace and Inclusion in Conflict-Ridden Neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince**Fondation Espoir / Jeune Ayiti****\$99,959** Citizen Initiatives in Community Development and Participatory Democracy**Institut Panos Caraïbes****\$40,000** Training Investigative Journalists in Three Provinces of Haiti**International Senior Lawyers Corporation****\$75,000** Promoting Rule of Law and Justice Sector Reform**Jurimédia****\$60,430** Consolidating a Human Rights Network in the North-East Department**Jurimedia****\$15,430** Supplement**Le Collectif des Notables de Cité Soleil****\$50,000** Promoting Citizen Oversight**Rassemblement des Citoyens Organisés de la Grand Anse****\$35,000** Strengthening Civil Society in Grande Anse.**Rassemblement National des Citoyens Organisés pour le Développement d'Haïti****\$70,809** Promoting a New Civil Society Leadership**Honduras****Asociación Comité por la Libre Expresión****\$39,856** Promoting Access to Public Information and Transparency**Asociación Libertad y Democracia****\$40,076** Promoting Dialogue among Civil Society Leaders**Centro de Documentación de Honduras****\$48,000** Strengthening Civilian Oversight of the Armed Forces and Defense Sector**Fundación Democracia sin Fronteras****\$40,000** Monitoring the National Legislature**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$400,000** Supporting Responsive & Inclusive Political Processes**Mexico****American Center for International Labor Solidarity****\$644,431** Promoting Freedom of Association through Trade Union Strengthening**Avance-Análisis Investigación y Estudios para el Desarrollo****\$45,000** Promoting Responsible Governance**Campaña Global por la Libertad de Expresión A19 A.C.****\$35,000** Strengthening Freedom of Expression through Strategic Litigation**Centro de Derechos Humanos de las Mujeres A.C.****\$30,000** Promoting Women's Rights and Access to Justice in Chihuahua**Centro de Periodismo y Ética Pública****\$36,602** Monitoring Freedom of Expression**Centro Regional de Defensa de Derechos Humanos "José Ma. Morelos y Pavón" A.C.****\$45,873** Promoting Human Rights and Citizen Participation in Indigenous Communities of Guerrero**IDHEAS, Litigio Estratégico en Derechos Humanos, A.C.****\$30,000** Strategic Litigation for Access to Justice and Due Process**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$330,000** Supporting More Inclusive Public Security Policy Development Processes**Nicaragua****Asociación Hagamos Democracia****\$65,000** Monitoring the National Assembly**Asociación Instituto de Estudios Estratégicos y Políticas Públicas****\$60,000** Analyzing the Role of the Armed Forces in Nicaragua within the Central American Context**Centro de Investigaciones de la Comunicación****\$45,012** Promoting Electoral Debate in the Media**Civic Education****\$60,000**

Civic Education

\$15,000 Supplement
Comision Permanente de Derechos Humanos de Nicaragua

Humanos de Nicaragua

\$55,000 Improving Access to Justice

Freedom of Information

\$54,800

Freedom of Information

\$15,000 Supplement

Fundación Iberoamericana de la Cultura (FIBRAS)

\$50,033 Developing a National Campaign for Civic Rights

Fundación Iberoamericana de la Cultura (FIBRAS)

\$80,000 Strengthening Youth Leadership

Grupo Projusticia

\$45,370 Understanding Constitutional Rights

Instituto Nicaragüense de Estudios Humanísticos

\$72,400 Local Agendas for Municipal Development

Movimiento Puente

\$29,200 Promoting Youth Voting in Nicaragua

Paraguay

Asociación Trinidad: Ciudadanía, Cultura, Desarrollo

\$35,200 Citizen Observatory for Access to Information and Legislative Oversight

Centro de Estudios Judiciales del Paraguay

\$49,480 Promoting Participatory Local Governance

Centro de Información y Recursos para el Desarrollo

\$50,938 Promoting Citizen Accountability

Instituto de Derecho y Economía Ambiental

\$32,000 Promoting Access to Information and Transparency in Paraguay

Instituto de Estudios para la Consolidación del Estado de Derecho (ICED)

\$35,000 Citizen Oversight of the Judiciary in Paraguay

Juventud Que se Mueve

\$29,028 Youth Leadership Program

Semillas para la Democracia

\$55,000 Strengthening Local Participation

Peru

Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos

\$54,995 Promoting a Culture of Dialogue in Ayacucho and Apurimac

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$199,681 Emprende Ahora: Democracy, Entrepreneurship, & Youth Leadership

Ciudadanos al Día

\$69,970 Demanding Good Government Practices from Regional Authorities

Consultores en Planificación

\$48,750 Engaging Youth in Local Development

Consultores en Planificación

\$15,000 Supplement

Coordinadora Departamental de Defensorías Comunitarias del Cusco

\$35,023 Promoting Coordination to Prevent Violence against Women and Children

Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales

\$50,000 Promoting Indigenous Democratic Governance

Instituto Prensa y Sociedad

\$75,000 Social Conflict, Exclusion and the Media

Universidad Coherente

\$46,850 University Observatory

Universidad Coherente

\$15,000 Supplement

Venezuela

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$209,038 Building Democratic Dialogue in the Workplace

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$167,727 Enhancing Democratic Dialogue through Legislative & Economic Analysis

Accountability

\$180,000

Civic Education

\$533,671

Freedom of Information

\$117,920

Human Rights

\$65,000

Strengthening Political Institutions

\$39,300

Political Processes

\$220,417

Latin America and Caribbean Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$450,000 Building & Strengthening Modern Democratic Unions in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, & Costa Rica

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$449,301 Trade Union Strengthening in Colombia & Venezuela

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$425,699 Trade Union Strengthening in Bolivia, Ecuador, & Peru

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$400,000 Sectoral & Industrial Strategies to Promote Freedom of Association & Collective Bargaining

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$49,301 Supplement

Center for Justice and International Law

\$150,000 Promoting Human Rights in the Northern Andean Region

Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina

\$109,128 Promoting Regional Support for Democratic Values

Centro Edelstein de Pesquisas Sociais

\$9,750 Journal of Democracy in Portuguese

Due Process of Law Foundation

\$99,535 Promoting Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Natural Resources

Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia, A.C.

\$75,000 Strengthening Citizen Observatories on Human Rights Advocacy of Migrants on the Mexico-Guatemala Border

International Republican Institute

\$650,000 Promoting & Sustaining Democratic Governance in Guatemala, El Salvador, & Honduras

International Republican Institute

\$250,000 Regional Integration of Substantive Policy Proposals

International Republican Institute

\$240,000 Support the Magazine *Perspectiva* to Encourage Mainstream Public Debate of Issues

Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy, Inc.

\$96,818 Effective Networks for Strengthening Democracy in Latin America

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$520,000 Supporting Inclusive Citizen Security Policy

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$250,000 Political Party Network

RESDAL Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil

\$201,640 Strengthening Institutional and Civilian Capacity in the Security and Defense Sectors

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

The year saw the end of decades of political stagnation in MENA countries, raised citizens' expectations, and brought about a new political dynamic. At this defining moment in MENA's history, NED extended a critical lifeline of solidarity and support to embattled civic rights and media groups, policy advocacy forums, democracy coalitions, and youth movements. Throughout the region, NED reached out to the new generation of media organizations, youth bloggers, and citizen journalists who were energized by the Arab spring and the spread of digital technology. In particular, NED increased its support to independent media groups, human rights monitors, and advocates for democratic ideas and values.

NED partners provided citizens with unique access to news, platforms for human rights networks, informational tools to strengthen grassroots activism, and forums on the benefits of democratic governance. Through NED support, democrats benefited from technical support in collecting information and broadcasting it within and beyond their countries' borders. Local activists, civil society groups and networks reached out to each other in search of best prac-

tices, effective tools and advanced trainings on a wide range of advocacy, reform and transitional issues. With the rise of political Islam, NED supported programs that integrated Islamic values and democracy as well as regional exchanges and networks. NED partners exchanged information, shared experiences, utilized resources, and coordinated their campaigns and networks.

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Tawakkol Karman of Women Journalists Without Chains addresses a rally in Yemen.





Left: The Network of Democrats in the Arab World disseminates best practices and facilitates the exchange of technical expertise among civil society groups. **Right:** The Oruj Learning Center in Afghanistan promotes women's participation in the workplace and decision-making bodies.

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

MOROCCO

Building local governance from the grassroots up

The voice of civil society is more vibrant than ever before and the participatory approach is becoming an important part of local governance programs in Morocco. NED partner **Espace Libre de Citoyenneté, de Formation, et de Développement à Mohammedia (ELCIFODEM)** is a leading voice in the promotion of local governance, and an effective and inclusive network of 44 grassroots organizations working to reshape politics locally.

In 2011, ELCIFODEM solidified its NGO network, created monitoring committees inside five municipalities, developed partnerships between CSOs and local governments, promoted transparency and accountability, facilitated collaborative approaches to address citizens' needs, and established four commissions of parity and equality according to the provisions of Article 14 of the municipal charter in Sidi Moussa, Mohammedia city, Chellalat, and Sidi Moussa Ben Ali municipalities.

ELCIFODEM also focused on effectively engaging local actors in the decision-making process, identifying challenges and opportunities to improve local governance, and developing strategies to implement local de-



ELCIFODEM connects Morocco's grassroots civil society organizations to create a strong voice for reform.

velopment plans according to the communal charter and the provision of Article 14 of the Municipal Act. To consolidate its efforts, ELCIFODEM signed partnership agreements with Sidi Moussa Ben Ali and Sidi Moussa AL-Majdoub municipalities to promote more transparency and efficiency in managing local public affairs.

ELCIFODEM led innovative programs in local governance, engaged local stakeholders through collaboration and partnership, and enhanced accountability through a participatory approach. ELCIFODEM programs have a profound impact on those communities where it is active, and the success of its collaborative efforts is evidence that community-based organizations and local authorities can work together to improve the lives of people in urban and rural communities.

With NED support, civic groups in **Tunisia**, **Egypt**, **Yemen**, and **Libya** participated in the complex transitional processes of building and shaping national and political institutions. NED partners, especially women and youth, established and led public debates and lobbied decision makers to uphold democratic reforms. NED focused on established and newly formed independent trade

unions, professional syndicates, and owners of small businesses, and developed their capacity to influence public policy and advocate reform. In addition, NED expanded its

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Yemen: Women Journalists Without Chains

Women Journalists Without Chains (WJWC) has been a NED grantee since 2008, but it was only with the Arab Spring protests in 2011 that the organization's dynamic founder, Tawakkol Karman, began to garner international attention which culminated in her sharing the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

Karman's story actually starts in 2005, the year she established Female Reporters Without Borders with seven other journalists. The goal was to provide a voice for women's rights and freedom of expression. When a clone organization loyal to the Saleh government received a license for the same name, she renamed her organization Women Journalists Without Chains.

The organization quickly became a media and women's rights resource. In 2006, WJWC started an instant messaging service, sending news on human rights to mobile phones across Yemen. Its popularity caught the attention of the country's Ministry of Information, which shut the service down within a year. WJWC began publishing annual reports on press freedom in Yemen, which documented growing levels of governmental abuse. Karman also started a list of the most "anti-free press" officials in Yemen, which she posted publicly. The organization established a daily news website, and runs journalist training seminars for women and young people.

And although WJWC initially focused on media rights, it soon expanded its scope to include reports on corruption, as well as other projects promoting good governance, democratic reform, and civil rights.

In 2007, Karman began regular, peaceful demonstra-



Tawakkol Karman (center) of Women Journalists Without Chains (photo: Sadeq Al-Wesaby, Yemen Times).

tions protesting government corruption and abuse. These continued every Tuesday, despite constant hostility from authorities, such as when the Ministry of Information refused WJWC a license for a newspaper and for a radio station. The size of the demonstrations varied — some days barely a handful joined her. In 2010, Karman was nominated by the American Embassy in Sana'a for the US State Department's "International Woman of Courage" award. Though she was passed over, it was an indication that the international community was starting to notice her work.

Then, on January 15, 2011, the day after President Ben Ali fled Tunisia, Karman posted a message on Facebook and organized a rally of solidarity with the Tunisians. It started small, but every day more Yemenis arrived until it became obvious that Yemen was joining the Arab Spring. She was briefly detained by security forces and received (and still receives) death threats, but Karman took the lead in the formation of the pro democracy Supreme Council for the Youth Revolution and was soon nominated as a member of the National Council for Peaceful Revolution Forces.

Karman shared the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize with Liberians Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work.



Top left: The Freedom of Expression Association holds monthly town hall meetings in Bursa, Turkey. **Top right:** The Enmaa Center for Research and Studies in Iraq stimulates debate within civil society on public policy issues. **Bottom left:** The New Libya Foundation supports the development of civil society within Libya. **Bottom right:** The Community Media Network (AmmanNet) organizes events to raise public awareness of parliamentary activity in Jordan.

support to policy forums and advocacy groups seeking to map out feasible political and public policy reform proposals, educate public officials and institutions, and advocate for democratic reforms.

In **Jordan** and **Morocco**, citizens openly called for elected accountable governments under constitutional monarchies. For the first time, these monarchs pledged constitutional reforms at the expense of their sovereign powers. Citizen demands focused on constitutional amendments, empowering parliament, strengthening local government, holding freer elections, setting up independent national commissions, and easing restrictions on political and civic participation. NED expanded its support to include a new

generation of media-savvy and politically active civil society groups, especially women and youth. At the national and provincial levels, NED partners formed advocacy networks and facilitated policy forums.

In **Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon** and **West Bank and Gaza Strip**, citizens in conflict zones confronted dysfunctional governments and public institutions afflicted with rampant corruption. With NED support, civil society advocated for accountability, better legislation and inclusive national policies. NED partners strengthened citizen-state relationships, engaged local officials on budgets and priorities, forged nationwide alliances, worked with parliament on national agendas, and disseminated civic and democratic values. They



The New Libya Foundation offers leadership training and mentorship for young activists in Libya.

campaigns on themes that united local factions on electoral law, labor law, and greater private-sector participation.

In closed countries, NED provided critical support to courageous human rights defenders and independent women's and youth groups. In the **Gulf**, superficial reforms and meaningless pledges failed to quell street demands for power sharing and accountability. Gulf rulers leveraged their

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

YEMEN

Integrating Islamic values into democratic societies

Free and fair elections brought major victories to Islamic groups in Egypt and Tunisia. With sensitivity to this regional trend, Yemen's **National Organization for Developing Society** (NODS) led public debates and dialogue on integrating Islamic values as a key underpinning of fundamental human rights in civil democratic states. In 2011, NODS culminated its four-year NED-supported program and trained over 500 local imams in most of Yemen's provinces on the principles of a civic state and human rights, and on the compatibility of Islam and democracy. NODS addressed the lack of awareness of human rights principles in Yemen, mobilized an influential sector of preachers, and supported open-minded religious leaders.

NODS president and founder Shawqi Al-Qadi is a former imam, a vocal proponent of human and women's rights, and a member of the Yemeni parliament

oil wealth to subsidize citizens' cost of living in expectation of their acquiescence to ongoing authoritarian kingdoms. **Algeria**, too, increased public sector salaries and promised reforms but failed to satisfy public demands for accountability; the government used brutal force against street protests and banned local NGOs from accepting foreign funding. In **Syria**, peaceful street protests interrupted decades of authoritarian rule and brought out new voices. Spontaneous youth groups organized mass street protests throughout Syria. In a year colored by the Arab spring, **Iran's** Islamic Republic intensified its repression and prevented any form of dissent or street protest. In such tough environments, NED supported human rights networks, independent journalists, and advocates of democratic ideas and values. NED brought activists in these countries together with their counterparts in regional and sub-regional networks to exchange information, improve their communication tools, and amplify their voices.

with the prominent Islah party. Al-Qadi and Tawakkol Karman (the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient) are leaders of an enlightened Islamic trend in Yemen's conservative tribal society. NODS's intensive program gave birth to the *al-Nahda* network of over 200 reformist religious leaders. Many religious authorities now work hand-in-hand with civil society. For example, a group of participant imams who attended the training rallied in Change Square in Sana'a and Freedom Square in Taizz to oppose a fatwa issued during the popular uprising opposing a civil state. Many of the clerics continue to partner with NODS and other NGOs to raise awareness of women's and children's rights. Their Friday sermons now regularly incorporate concepts such as democracy, rule of law, civic freedoms, and citizen participation.

NODS became a leading civic voice during an historic period that witnessed both the mainstreaming of civil society work in Yemen and the introduction of democratic principles in popular religious discourse. It will continue to play a leading role and facilitate more dialogue on the role of Islam in public life and advocate for a democratic civil state.



Left: The Afghan Women's Resource Center conducts rights awareness workshops in Laghman, Nangarhar, and Kapisa. **Right:** The Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies promotes leadership, democracy and good citizenship.

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Afghanistan

Afghan Education Productions Organization

\$65,300, Democracy through Theatrical Performance and Radio

Afghan Media Resource Center

\$35,000, 'Erada' Daily Newspaper

Afghan Women's Resource Center

\$46,500, Empowering Civic Councils

Afghanistan Human Rights Organization

\$75,000, Women Human Rights and Empowerment

Afghanistan National Participation Association

\$109,000, Broadening Public Discourse on Democracy and Islam

Afghanistan Organization Women Arise

\$20,400, Women's Empowerment in Ghor Province

Afghanistan Youth National and Social Organization

\$63,500, Governance Seminars for Afghanistan's Citizens

Bureau for Reconstruction and Development

\$42,000, Demanding Transparency and Accountability from Local Government

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$1,371,645, Increasing Institutional Capacity & Access to Information

Cooperation Center for Afghanistan

\$95,000, Strengthening Civil Society in Central Afghanistan

Development Organization for New Afghanistan

\$38,400, Raising Civic Awareness in Returnee Communities

Educational and Training Centre for Poor Women and Girls in Afghanistan (ECW)

\$62,000, Combating Violence Against Women

Hasht-e Subh Daily

\$180,000, Hasht-e Subh Daily - Herat

Institute for War and Peace Reporting

\$76,000, Balkh Reporters' House Development Project

Justice for All Organization

\$50,000, Legal Advocacy and Judicial Accountability

Khorasan Legal Services Organization

\$78,500, Legal Awareness and Aid for Indigent Afghans

Legal and Cultural Services for Afghan Women and Children

\$60,500, Legal Awareness and Accountability

Modern Organization for Development of Education

\$59,400, Communications Skills for Women Leaders

Oruj Learning Center

\$195,000, Oruj Learning and Management Institute

Social Services for Afghan Women Organization

\$53,700, Women's Rights within Islam

Welfare Association for Development of Afghanistan

\$50,000, Fostering Advocacy and Political Engagement Among Maliks

Western Afghan Women's Network

\$36,000, Confronting Domestic Violence in Rural Herat

Women Activities and Social Services Association

\$58,000, Consolidating Civic Engagement in Herat

Women and Youths for Peace and Development Organization

\$62,000, Religious Leaders and Responsible Community Leadership

Wakht News Agency

\$70,000, Capacity Building for Women Journalists

Youth Educational Services

\$40,000, Youth Democracy Training

Algeria

Collectif des Familles de Disparu(e)s en Algerie

\$40,000, Promoting Human Rights through the Restoration of Truth

AGIR Association for Youth Development and Growth

\$33,000, Promoting Youth Citizenship

Rally for Youth Action (RAJ)

\$25,000, Promoting Youth Civic Engagement

Egypt

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$84,521, Raising Awareness of Worker Rights Violations

Andalus Institute for Tolerance and Anti-Violence Studies

\$50,500, Democracy Academy

Arab Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights

\$34,000, Influencing Public Policy through Strategic Litigation

Arab Foundation for Civil Society and Human Rights Support

\$37,400, Building Effective Professional Associations

Association for Women's Total Advancement and Development

\$33,000, Mentoring and Advocacy Program

Association for Women's Total Advancement and Development

\$25,000, Start Me Up Mentoring Program

Bokra for Media Production, Media Studies, and Human Rights

\$27,000, A New Generation of Media Professionals

CEDAW Center for Democracy and Human Rights

\$50,000, National Campaign for Women's Political Participation

Center for Peace and Human Development

\$44,000, Promoting Accountability and Transparency

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$363,496, Enhancing Grassroots Participation in Reform

Convergence and Safety Consultancy

\$80,000, Security Sector Reform

Egyptian American Rule of Law Association

\$73,000, Reforming Freedom of Information Legislation for Better Governance

Egyptian Center for Education Rights

\$26,100, Strengthening Democratic Practice among Education Professionals

Egyptian Democracy Institute

\$43,500, Legislative Monitoring

Egyptian Democratic Academy

\$75,600, El Mahrousa Academy

El-hak Center for Democracy and Human Rights

\$25,000, Strengthening the Capacity of Local Journalists

Fares Foundation for Social Welfare

\$30,000, Democracy through Art

Hukuk Elnas

\$10,000, Promoting Street Law

Human Development Association

\$30,400, Citizenship Watch

Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies

\$50,000, Enhancing Public Debate on Critical Issues Relating to Democratic Transition in Egypt

International Republican Institute

\$100,000, Broadening Democratic Participation

MEMO 98

\$56,859, Fostering Free and Fair Elections

One World Foundation for Development and Civil Society Care

\$55,000, Forum for Democratic and Human Rights Studies

Policy Association for an Open Society

\$59,000, Policy Institute Support on Transition Issues

Press Action Group

\$19,500, Press Action Group

The Project on Middle East Democracy

\$36,500, Building Egyptian and Tunisian Policy Sector Capacities

Regional Center for Research and Consultations

\$27,000, Parliamentary Reform Forum

Roya Center for Development and Media Studies

\$24,100, Strengthening Electronic Journalism's Election Coverage

Rural Development Association

\$34,000, Activating Citizen Oversight of Local Government

Rural Studies Center

\$23,200, Democratic Mechanisms for Combating Corruption

Salam Institute for Peace and Justice

\$50,000, Imams as Advocates for Democratic Change and Reform

Technological Center for Human Rights

\$22,600, Digitizing the Process of Monitoring and Documenting Fair Trial Violations

Transparency Center for Studies and Development Training

\$9,500, Empowering Communities Affected by the Cairo 2050 Urban Development Plan

United Journalists Center

\$25,500, Supporting Local Electronic Media

Yalla Nesharek of Social Development Association

\$19,000, Promoting Youth Participation in Local Governance

Iran

Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation

\$100,000, Iran Human Rights Memorial Project

Association for Civic Society and Democracy

\$85,000, Raising Human Rights Awareness in Iran

Civic Education and NGO Strengthening

\$133,300

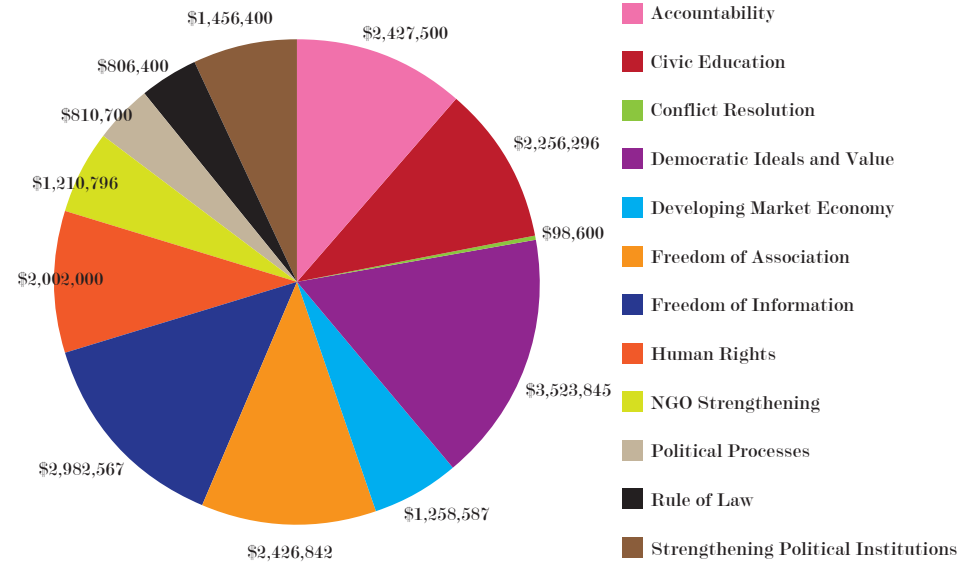
Freedom of Information

\$957,800

Human Rights and Democratic Values

\$254,000

Spending by program focus in Middle East and North Africa, 2011



Iraq

Al Aawg Foundation for Development
\$39,000, Developing Democratic Awareness among Students at Diyala University

Al Noor Universal Foundation
\$110,000, Activating the Role of Citizens and CSOs in Developing Local Councils and Services in Diyala

Al Tahreer Typical Society
\$94,000, Supporting Local Accountability of Provincial Council Members and Members of Parliament in Ninewa Province

Altadamon Ligament for Sporting and Youth
\$42,000, Anti-Corruption Education among Youth in Alanbar Province

Amal Humanitarian Association (Basra)
\$30,500, Strengthening Youth Leadership in Rural Society

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$396,887, Strengthening & Defending Union Partnerships

Athar Center for Development
\$68,850, Athar Center for Development

Awareness Cultural Association
\$40,000, Increasing Citizen Engagement and Government Accountability

Babylon National Association for Human Rights
\$35,500, Monitoring and Documenting Violations of the Rule of Law and its Impact on the Judiciary

Bent Al-Rafedain Organization
\$45,000, Training Leaders for Advocacy on Women's Rights

Center for Victims of Torture
\$150,000, Action Plan for Prison Monitoring

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$556,442, Building Constituencies for Reform - Phase VII

Civil Dialogue Forum
\$42,000, Mechanisms for Partnership between Civil Society and State Institutions

Civil Society Initiative
\$34,000, Youth Political Participation in Sulaimaniyya

Civilized Dialogue Organization
\$30,000, Building Bridges between Citizens and Local Government

Cultural Humanitarian Iraq of the Future Organization
\$33,700, Women's Forum and Monitoring Legislation in Najaf Province

Democracy and Social Support Organization
\$36,000, Youth Leadership Initiative

Empowerment Center for Partnership and Equality
\$32,500, Leadership Training for Female Political Party Cadres in Dhi Qar Province

Enmaa Center for Researches and Studies
\$50,000, Strengthening Civil Society Impact on Policy Making

Humanitarian Charity Organization (Al-Khair)
\$41,000, Empowering Youth in Political Parties in Maysan

Hammurabi Organization for Human Rights and Democracy Monitoring
\$142,000, Human Rights and Rule of Law Training in Salah Eddine and Alanbar Province

Hope, Peace, Joy Organization
\$30,000, Civic Education for Youth Leaders

International Forum for Islamic Dialogue
\$69,000, Youth Success in a Changing World

International Institute for the Rule of Law
\$49,000, Strengthening Civil Society Support for Judicial Independence

Iraq Civic Action Network
\$110,000, Capacity Building for Legislative Advocacy

Iraqi al-Firdaws Society
\$66,000, Addressing Community Needs in Basra through Women and Youth Advocacy

Iraqi Association for Human Rights in Basra
\$37,000, Radio Programs to Raise Awareness of Violence against Women

Iraqi Center for Human Rights Activists
\$41,000, Citizen Participation in Documenting Human Rights Violations

Iraqi Center for Human Rights and Democracy Studies
\$42,000, Advocacy Campaign for Municipal Council Elections in Baghdad Province

Iraqi Human Rights Watch Society
\$35,000, Engaging Local and Provincial Council Members in Promoting Human Rights in Karbala

Iraqi Institute for Human Rights
\$50,000, Human Rights Training and Monitoring in Kirkuk

Iraqi Journalists Rights Defense Association
\$48,000, Supporting Freedom of Information in Iraq

Iraqi Social Education Team
\$111,450, Leadership Training for Young Political Party Activists in Baghdad

Jssor Youth Organization
\$20,800, Civic Education and Participation in Dhi Qar

Kurdistan Civil Rights Organization
\$39,000, Dialogue between Duhok Provincial Council Members and Citizens

Kurdish Institute for Elections
\$79,000, Strengthening the Role of the Citizen in the Legislative Process

Mawtini Organization for Youth Development
\$25,000, Networking Youth and Political Leaders in Qadisiyya

Masaarat for Cultural and Media Development (MCMD)
\$50,000, Human Rights Advocacy through Media in Iraq

Media Center for Iraqi Civil Society Organization Iraq
\$40,000, Strengthening the Role of Civil Society in the Legislative Process

Model Iraqi Women Organization
\$25,000, Legislative Advocacy for Women's Rights

National Foundation for Human Development
\$37,000, Leadership Training for Youth in Karbala

New Iraq Academic Organization
\$34,000, Strengthening Cooperation between Citizens and Local Government

Public Policies Forum
\$37,000, Public Policy Forum in Baghdad

Rawafad Al-Kheer for Youth Organization
\$35,000, Engaging Citizens of Shatrah in Legislative Oversight of Dhi Qar's Provincial Council

Shabak Women Association
\$35,000, Women's Rights in Mosul

Society to Defend Press Freedom in Iraq
\$45,600, Freedom of Expression in Iraq

Southern Youth Organization
\$25,000, Communication and Negotiation Skills for Youth in Shatrah

Sufraa Foundation for Development
\$39,000, Activating Democratic Policy Formation Within Local Councils in Babil

Women and Child Rights Center
\$42,900, Strengthening Opportunities for Participation in Local Elections

Women's Legal Assistance
\$33,000, Reinforcing the Protection of Women's Rights in Sulaimaniyya

Youth Activities Developing Center
\$25,000, Youth Civic Participation in Sulaimaniyya Province

Jordan

Community Media Network (AmmanNet)
\$109,000, Monitoring the Parliament

Greyscale Films (Aramram)
\$35,000, Empowering the Voiceless

Mleih Young Women's Association for Social Development**\$23,600**, Advancing Women's Rights**Partnership Center for Democracy****\$59,000**, Strengthening a Pro-Democracy Cadre**Vision Institute for Civil Society Studies****\$29,400**, National Civil Society Dialogue on Provisional Laws**Lebanon****Arab Group for Christian-Muslim Dialogue****\$29,600**, Public Forum for National Dialogue**Center for International Private Enterprise****\$198,006**, Expanding Entrepreneurship Education to the National Level**Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA)****\$115,200**, Support for Local Government Leadership**Justice Without Frontiers****\$31,100**, Justice for Women**Lebanese Association for Civil Rights****\$47,500**, Campaigning for an Optional Lebanese Personal Status Law**Lebanese Center for Policy Studies****\$37,400**, Responding to Political Crisis**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$325,000**, Policy Development Center**Ofaq Association for Development and Democracy****\$37,500**, Dialogue in Ba'albak-Hermel**Rural Women and Development****\$28,000**, Promoting Women's Empowerment and Rights in the Beqaa' Valley**Sho'oun Janoubia (SJ)****\$80,000**, Sho'oun Janoubia Magazine**Tamkeen wa Tanmiya****\$46,300**, Women's Empowerment Program**Libya****Akhbar Libya Cultural Limited****\$70,000**, Akhbar Libya website**International Republican Institute****\$80,000**, Public Opinion Polling**Libya Human and Political Development Forum****\$105,000**, Advocating for Political Reform**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$168,500**, Support for Political Transition**New Libya Foundation****\$50,000**, Youth Leadership and Civil Society Development Program**Mauritania****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$170,000**, Supporting Women's Advocacy Initiatives**Morocco****American Center for International Labor Solidarity****\$869,070**, Worker Empowerment and Union Capacity Building**Alternative Citizen Movement (ALCI)****\$41,000**, Strengthening the Role of Civil Society in Local Governance**Al Amane Association for the Development of Women****\$35,200**, Promoting Human Rights and Civic Engagement through Media and Technology**Association Jeunes pour Jeunes (AJJ)****\$20,000**, Promoting Youth Engagement in Policy Monitoring**Association Mouvement Rihanate Citoyennes****\$30,000**, Advocating for the Implementation of Constitutional Reforms**Center for Humanities Studies and Research****\$65,000**, Promoting Youth Leadership and Democratic Change**Espace Libre de Citoyenneté, de Formation, et de Développement à Mohammedia (ELCIFODEM)****\$46,000**, Promoting Local Governance in Mohammedia**Ibn Rochd Center for Studies and Communication****\$31,100**, Promoting Civic Journalism**The Mediator for Democracy and Human Rights****\$25,000**, Promoting Government Accountability**Moroccan Association for the Development of Social, Cultural, and Sports in Marrakesh****\$20,000**, Youth Participation in Human Rights, Democracy and Political Affairs**Moroccan Center for Human Rights****\$20,000**, Monitoring Human Rights Violations at the Grassroots Level**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$200,000**, Empowering Young Leaders to Influence Youth Policies**Moroccan Review of Public Policies****\$29,000**, Evaluating Public Policies**Tanmia Association****\$30,000**, Enhancing Civil Society's Usage of Web-based Tools**Third Millennium Association for the Development of Civic Action in the Southeast****\$40,300**, Strengthening Local Governance in Southeastern Morocco**Union of Associations of Fes-Medina****\$33,600**, Fighting Corruption in Fès-Medina**The Women's Action Union****\$40,700**, Combating Violence against Women in Casablanca**Saudi Arabia****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****\$260,000**, Developing the Capacity of Women Advocates**Syria****Human Rights****\$17,000****Democratic Ideas and Values****\$38,700****Freedom of Information****\$94,300****International Republican Institute****\$500,000**, Supporting Democratic Reform**Tunisia****Al-Jahedh Forum for Free Thought****\$115,500**, Capacity Building and Civic Education**Arab Institute for Human Rights****\$42,900**, Enhancing Civil Society's Use of Video Documentation**Association Irtikaa for Effective Women Participation****\$20,000**, Women Participation in Democratic Transition**Center for International Private Enterprise****\$259,657**, Economic Platform Development for Political Parties & Capacity Building for Private Sector Political Engagement**International Republican Institute****\$50,000**, Public Opinion Polling**International Republican Institute****\$250,000**, Supporting Political & Civic Activists**International Republican Institute****\$475,000**, Supporting Democratic Governance**Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center****\$25,000**, Strengthening Citizenship**Search for Common Ground****\$139,500**, Enhancing Youth Engagement through New Media**Youth and Skills Association (Maharat)****\$20,000**, Promote Youth Civic Engagement

Turkey

Association for Monitoring Equal Rights (AMER)
\$55,600, National Monitoring Network

Freedom of Expression Association
\$199,900, Participation of Civil Society in Law Making Process

Human Rights Research Association
\$46,600, Advocating Comprehensive Legislation on Hate Crime

International Republican Institute
\$700,000, Enhancing Political Party Competition

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$600,000, Fostering a More Informed & Responsive Political Environment

Social Development and Gender Equality Policies Center
\$32,000, Partners for Equality

West Bank and Gaza Strip

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$428,629, Union Building for a Democratic Future

Al-Dameer Association for Human Rights
\$33,000, Promoting Human Rights in Gaza

Al Maqdese for Society Development
\$34,600, Protecting Workers Rights

Safad Advertising Company (Wattan TV)
\$96,000, Holding Public Officials Accountable

The Arab World Democracy and Electoral Monitor
\$37,800, Towards a Strong Representative Elected Government

Center for Democracy and Community Development
\$30,000, Promoting Youth Citizenship

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$244,482, Expanding Corporate Governance Culture throughout the Private Sector

Civitas Institute
\$31,600, Citizen Participation in Gaza

Coalition for Accountability and Integrity (AMAN)
\$37,000, Fighting Corruption Through Education

Community Media Center
\$27,400, Promoting Women's Voices in Gaza

Filastiniyat
\$59,400, Palestinian Female Journalists Club

Gaza Community Mental Health Programme
\$21,700, Promoting Rights-based Concepts in the Rule of Law

The General Union of Cultural Centers-Gaza
\$38,100, Promoting Youth Civic Participation in Gaza Strip

Palestinian Center for Democracy and Conflict Resolution (PCDCR)
\$69,000, Together for National Reconciliation

Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies
\$34,000, Promoting Tolerance and Voluntarism

Yemen

Arab Foundation for Supporting Women and Juveniles
\$25,000, Building Women's Leadership Capacity

Attanweer Association for Social Development
\$25,000, Political Empowerment for Yemeni Women Educators

Center of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
\$25,000, Developing Youth Leadership Capacities

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$221,396, Supporting Entrepreneurship & Civic Engagement

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$178,028, Building Communications Capacity for Business Associations

Civil Development Foundation
\$8,800, Establishing a Media Center for Independent Youth for Change

Civil Development Foundation
\$50,000, Strengthening Coordination and Strategy of Yemeni Youth Groups

Madar Legal Foundation
\$27,000, Strengthening the Independence of the Judiciary

National Forum for Human Rights
\$40,000, Monitoring Human Rights Violations

Partners Association for Development
\$25,000, Advocating Women's Political Rights

Qualification and Legal Assistance for Human Rights
\$25,000, Capacity Building for Human Rights Activists

Women Journalists Without Chains
\$40,000, Strengthening the Role of New Media in Support of Freedom of Expression

Women Journalists Without Chains
\$90,000, Civic Dialogue Forums in Yemen

Yemen Foundation for Social Studies
\$37,300, Developing Democratic Culture and Women's Rights in Rural Communities

Youth and Childhood Association
\$20,200, Engaging Youth in Active Citizenship

Middle East and North Africa Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$91,886, Building Support for Independent Unions in Algeria, Egypt, & Palestine

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$93,602, Strengthening Independent Unions

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$247,763, Strengthening Teachers' Unions in Jordan, Lebanon & Palestine

Al-Quds Center for Political Studies
\$60,000, Lessons from Turkish Democracy

Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy
\$111,400, Muslim Democrats Network

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$394,939, Advancing Democratic Reforms by Improving Access to Information

The Gulf and Middle East Association for Civil Society
\$78,500, Creating a Civil Society

International Center for Journalists, Inc.
\$84,500, Strengthening the Capacity of Journalists in MENA Region

International Forum for Islamic Dialogue
\$428,000, Islam21 Civic Education Network

International Republican Institute
\$500,000, Arab Women's Leadership Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$250,000, Promoting Online Community Building among Democrats

Network of Democrats in the Arab World
\$405,000, Addressing Transitional Needs of Civil Society in the Arab World

Small Gulf States Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$331,147, Strengthening Trade Union Capacity

GLOBAL

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$480,108, Promoting Democratic Participation & Rights for Domestic Workers - Phase IV

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$241,714, Organizing Workers in the Informal Economy

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$224,381, The Link Between Union Activism & the Expansion of Democratic Space

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$176,808, Using International Worker & Human Rights Standards to Build Rule of Law

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$298,541, Forum on Economic Freedom

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$241,317, Supporting Youth Entrepreneurship & Leadership

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$228,990, Improving Democratic & Economic Governance on the Local Level

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$219,139, Institutionalizing Responsible Corporate Citizenship in Development Banks

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$191,925, Knowledge Management 2011

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$100,445, Forum on Economic Freedom Network

East & Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project

\$41,550, The Pan African Human Rights Defenders Network

Global Forum for Media Development

\$100,144, Advancing Support for Independent Media

International Center for Journalists, Inc.

\$114,834, IJNet

International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience

\$250,000, Regional Networks of Conscience

International Republican Institute

\$900,000, Women's Democracy Network

International Republican Institute

\$572,500, Rising Stars Exchange

International Republican Institute

\$189,998, Rising Stars Exchange

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$84,106, Promoting Innovations, Interactions & Capacity Development among the Regional & Global Networks of Nonpartisan Citizen Election Monitors

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$75,000, Training Materials to Implement of the Democracy & the Challenge of Change Guide

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$67,500, Delivering on Democracy by Strengthening Policy Development & Implementation

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$60,000, Participation in the Community of Democracies Non-Governmental Forum

The Scholars at Risk Network, based at New York University, convened an advocacy team of experts in the fields of higher education and human rights to develop initiatives to protect academic freedom.





Top left: As part of an International Coalition of Sites of Conscience-supported project, the Gulag Museum at Perm-36 trained staff members from Russian museums in interpreting histories of political repression and fostering dialogue on current threats to democracy. **Top right:** International Coalition of Sites of Conscience meeting in East Timor. **Bottom left:** The Women's Learning Partnership and Sisterhood, a Global Institute/Jordan partner, organized a Youth Tech Festival with participants from the Middle East and North Africa. **Bottom right:** Collective Research and Training Development Action, a partner of the Women's Learning Partnership, conducts advocacy in support of its Claiming Equal Citizenship campaign in Lebanon.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$50,000, International Standards and Model Codes of Conduct for Democratic Legislatures

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$50,000, Strengthening the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$35,000, Roundtable on Promoting Effective Political Party Assistance

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$115,500, Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation Systems in the Field

Women's Learning Partnership for Rights Development and Peace

\$414,240, Women's Empowerment and Leadership

Miscellaneous

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$130,002, Program management

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$250,000, Program development

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$336,095, Program development

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$134,343, Program management

International Republican Institute

\$150,000, Program development.

International Republican Institute

\$120,000, Program management

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$298,000, Program development

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$132,394, Program management



The World Movement for Democracy, initiated by NED in 1999, is a global network of activists, practitioners, scholars, donors, and others engaged in advancing democracy around the world. Through electronic networking, regional meetings, global assemblies, and special projects, the World Movement facilitates the sharing of knowledge, information, and experiences to help enhance the work of its participants and thus leverage the support provided by democracy assistance organizations like NED.

Defending Civil Society Project

In 2007, the World Movement launched the Defending Civil Society Project to respond to growing governmental restrictions on democracy and human rights organizations. In an effort to help bring civil and political society together to advance reforms, the World Movement and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law ICNL joined several other nongovernmental networks and organizations in a Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society of the Community of Democracies. The Working Group's efforts were influential in establishing the UN's Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association. In 2011, World Movement Steering Committee member Maina Kiai (Kenya) became the first person to hold this position.

The Defending Civil Society Project also saw the release of a new series of 15 country reports. These reports, prepared by World Movement participants and legal experts, analyze the legal environment under which civil society operates in five specific countries in each of three regions: Africa, Asia, and Latin America/Caribbean. The reports are available online at www.wmd.org/projects/defending-civil-society/country-reports.

Democracy Assistance Project

The World Movement's Democracy As-

sistance Project has two key components: a series of country case studies conducted by the Madrid-based think tank FRIDE based on extensive interviews of democracy assistance recipients and other informed observers in fourteen countries at various stages of democratic development; and an online survey to gauge the views of democracy assistance practitioners and recipients.

In 2011, Joel D. Barkan, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, authored *Perceptions of Democracy Assistance*, a report on the results of the survey. FRIDE Director General Richard Youngs authored *How to Revitalise Democracy Assistance: Recipients' Views*, based on the country case studies. The World Movement Steering Committee prepared a

statement for the project that offers recommendations to donors and policy makers. Both reports and the statement are available at the World Movement's website.

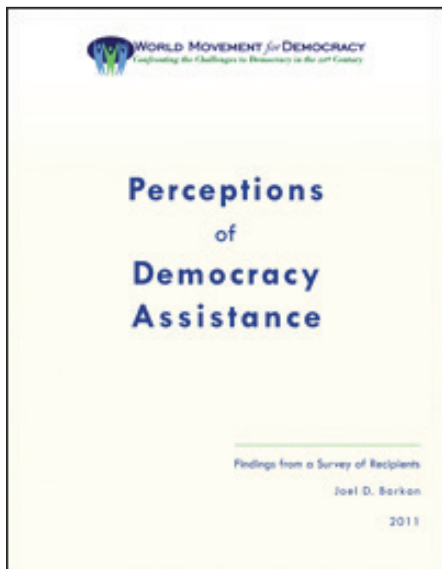
World Movement Networking

The World Movement sponsors or promotes a number of partner networks, each focused on a particular geographic region or special function. These networks offer a unique depth for democracy advocates interested in specific places or topics.

Networking Highlights: The Latin America and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) continued its efforts to strengthen Freedom of Association in the region. After successfully advocating for the passage of the Organization of American States Freedom of Association and Assembly Resolution, it has remained engaged with several members of the OAS Permanent Council, key officials within the OAS, and other civil society organizations in the region to pursue effective implementation of the Resolution. These efforts included the Redlad in collaboration with the Due Process of Law Foundation and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law to obtain a special hearing at the Inter American Human Rights Commission on freedom of association in the region. In



The World Movement's Facebook page can be found at www.Facebook.com/worldmovementfordemocracy



The full report as well as the country case studies and a Steering Committee statement on the project are available at www.wmd.org

In addition, the Network has launched an effort to monitor human rights and democracy violations and issue alerts when needed. As part of this effort, the RedLad developed a specific website to gather this information and track progress of alarming situations (<http://defensores.net/>). In 2011, its alerts reached more than 50,000 recipients.

In 2011, the World Youth Movement for Democracy continued its efforts to build solidarity and provide opportunities for young people to engage on democracy. Hundreds of members from around the world participated in the first “Snapshot of Democracy Global Photo Contest” by submitting their original photographs. The Youth Movement also sponsored the annual World Youth Day for Democracy on October 18. To commemorate the day, young people in a number of countries participated in activities held under the theme of “Ignite Change”.

World Movement Communications

DemocracyVoices: The World Movement’s video project, launched in 2010,

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saw the addition of 21 new videos featuring activists and practitioners sharing their experiences and insights.

DemocracyAlerts: In 2011, the World Movement Secretariat issued or updated 10 alerts on World Movement participants and other democracy activists facing danger.

DemocracyNews: The World Movement’s monthly e-newsletter, DemocracyNews, reaches over 4,300 activists, scholars, and practitioners. Subscribe for free via the World Movement website.



weekly Digital Media Mash Up. Sign up for these and other CIMA mailings and follow CIMA on Facebook and Twitter at www.cima.ned.org/about-cima/follow-cima.

The Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA) at the National Endowment for Democracy works to strengthen the support, raise the visibility, and improve the effectiveness of independent media development throughout the world. The Center provides information, builds networks, conducts research, and highlights the indispensable role independent media play in the creation and development of sustainable democracies.

CIMA works to achieve these goals through discussions, in-depth reports, and catalyst activities.

Discussions

CIMA organizes panel discussions, working groups, and roundtables featuring practitioners and academics to investigate important issues in international media. CIMA held 15 public events in 2011 on topics including “Democracy, Dissent, and Digital Media in the Arab World” and “License to Censor: The Use of Media Regulation to Restrict Press Freedom”. All of CIMA’s upcoming and past events can be found with summaries and video and audio recordings at <http://cima.ned.org/events>.

Catalyst Activities

CIMA maintains a comprehensive bibliographic database of media assistance resources with more than 1,100 items. On its website, CIMA has posted country profiles detailing the status of independent media in countries around the world and comparing media freedom indexes. These can be accessed on CIMA’s website at www.cima.ned.org. CIMA also gathers articles from numerous news sources on developments in media and distributes them via a Media News mailing and a

CIMA’s core activities complement NED’s role as a supporter of grassroots democracy initiatives and address many of the challenges that have been identified in the field of US-sponsored development of independent and sustainable media. To learn more about CIMA, please visit www.cima.ned.org.



Mariane Pearl, widow of murdered Wall Street Journal journalist, Daniel Pearl, speaks on a panel discussion organized by CIMA on Capitol Hill marking World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2011.

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Torben Brandt of International Media Support is interviewed after the CIMA event on Challenges for Independent Media in a Post-Gaddafi Libya on October 6, 2011, by a journalist from al-Hurra television.



Janis Karklins, assistant director-general of UNESCO's Communication and Information Sector, moderates a session to adopt the Washington Declaration at UNESCO's 2011 World Press Freedom Day celebration at the National Press Club in Washington on May 3, 2011.

World Press Freedom Day 2011

21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers

CIMA's major project in 2011 was its role as lead organizer of UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day conference. The three-day event, which took place at the Newseum and the National Press Club in Washington, DC, was the biggest yet in UNESCO's 20-year history of celebrating the occasion. The event hosted 800 registrants from more than 100 countries; featured 104 speakers from 45 countries; sponsored 75 fellows from nearly 30 countries; reached nearly 9 million people through social media; and inspired 500 news articles about the conference. CIMA leveraged its relationship with the State Department, media non-governmental organizations, and private industry to carry out the event, which resulted in the Washington Declaration, a resounding call for Internet and media freedom around the world. Key donors for the event included the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Omidyar Network, Open Society Foundations, and Google.

CIMA Reports

CIMA commissions research reports on key topics in media development and also publishes papers summarizing some of its events and working groups.

The Center published 14 reports in 2011:

- *Continental Shift: New Trends in Private U.S. Funding for Media Development*
- *Challenges for Independent Media in a Post-Gaddafi Libya*
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CIMA's reports are available for free download at www.cima.ned.org/publications.

Democracy Resource Center

The Democracy Resource Center (DRC) collects, organizes, and disseminates information and analysis produced by and about the wide range of groups and organizations working to strengthen democracy abroad.

The DRC consists of a library and an archive that holds approximately 20,000 works in 60 languages collected from NED grantees and other sources that can be searched via an online catalog. The DRC also maintains several online resources, many of which are accessible on the NED website.

Library and Archives

The library and archives house a collection of more than 20,000 books, journals, grantee reports, DVDs and CD-ROMs, and other publications on democracy. The DRC provides a unique collection of materials produced by prodemocracy groups worldwide, documentation on the history of the Endowment and programs it has funded, and information on the activities of other democracy-building groups and organizations.

Online Resources

Internet resources created and maintained by the DRC include:

- **Online Catalog:** WorldCat is a *single search* that connects users to all of the library's books,

articles, DVDs, and more. WorldCat lets anyone build and share lists, contribute reviews, find library items on a mobile phone, or use WorldCat apps in Facebook. A subscription to WorldCat Local connects the Democracy Resource Center to a network of 72,000 libraries from 170 different countries and territories. Visit the catalog: ned.worldcat.org

- **International Democratic Development Database:** This database contains information on more than 100 philanthropic organizations that provide grants, fellowships, and awards for groups working in the area of international democratic development.
- **Democracy Research Guide:** The guide includes suggested books, journals, websites and organizations on democracy promotion and related topics. The Democracy Research Guide also includes a three-step research tutorial for developing a structured research project.
- **NDRI Digital Library:** The NDRI Digital Library on Democracy (DLD) features more than 4,000 full-text publications produced by Network of Democracy Research Institute (NDRI) member institutions. This online library provides scholars, activists, and others interested in democracy promotion and related issues with access to an online repository of materials, many produced by new think tanks in developing and transitional countries.



The Democracy Resource Center is Washington's leading center for research on democracy.

The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a division within the Endowment in April 1994.

Since then the Forum has emerged as a leading center for analyzing and discussing the theory and practice of democratic development and

a clearinghouse for information on groups and institutions working to achieve and maintain democracy around the world. Through its publications, conferences, and academic networking, the Forum also supports and enhances the Endowment's grants program and the World Movement for Democracy.



The Forum's activities, many of which are funded by private contributions, involve and benefit scholars, policy makers, and activists representing diverse experiences and views. The Forum carries out three interrelated programs:

A Research and Conferences Program; the quarterly publication of the *Journal of Democracy*; and a Fellowship Program, comprising the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program and a small Visiting Fellows Program. To learn more, visit <http://www.ned.org/research>.

Research and Conferences Program

Forum research focuses on issues of democratic transition and consolidation as well as on the common challenges facing both new and established democracies. Each year the Forum convenes meetings ranging from international conferences to smaller seminars, lectures, and colloquia in Washington, D.C. In the past year the Forum cosponsored two major international conferences—one on democracy in Asia and one on the foreign policies of emerging market democracies—as well as an international workshop, several roundtable meetings on the Middle East in light of the “Arab Spring,” two lectures, including the prestigious Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World, and numerous luncheon colloquia.

Network of Democracy Research Institutes

As part of the Research and Confer-

ences Program, the Forum administers the Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI), an international association of research centers that study democracy, democratization, and related topics in comparative politics and international affairs. To learn more, visit www.ndri.ned.org.

The Forum also serves as the secretariat for the Comparative Democratization section of the American Political Science Association, for which it publishes an electronic newsletter, maintains a website, and helps to promote collaboration among US-based and foreign democracy scholars.

Roundtable Discussion: “Tunisia: The Problems of Transition, the Challenge of Democratization”

In January, the Forum and Georgetown University's Democracy and Gover-

nance program convened a meeting of democracy assistance practitioners and leading experts on Tunisian politics, democratic transitions, and electoral and constitutional design. The participants sought to identify potential obstacles to reform and to put forward options that Tunisians might choose among as they attempt to craft a democratic transition.

Roundtable Discussion: “Egypt's Transition Process”

In February, the Forum and Georgetown University's Democracy and Governance program convened a meeting of government officials, democracy assistance practitioners, and leading experts on Egyptian politics, political transitions, and electoral and constitutional design for the purpose of identifying the challenges and options for supporting indigenous Egyptian efforts to initiate a transition to democracy.

Conference: “Foreign Policies of Emerging Market Democracies: What Role for Democracy and Human Rights?”

On April 14–15, the Forum cosponsored a conference with the Brookings Institution entitled “Foreign Policies of Emerging Market Democracies: What Role for Democracy and Human Rights?” The conference featured panels on the records of India, Brazil, Turkey, South Africa, Indonesia, and South Korea in advancing human rights and multilateral democracy. A report on the meeting is available at: www.ned.org/events/foreign-policies-of-emerging-market-democracies-what-role-for-democracy-and-human-rights.

Roundtable: “Democracy Assistance for North Korea”

On June 7, the Forum and the Korea Institute for National Unification organized a conference on “Democracy Assistance for North Korea.” Panelists focused on possible scenarios of regime transition, the transition experiences of other countries, and recommendations for the international community.

Roundtable: “The Challenges of a Transition to Democracy in Libya”

On July 27, the Forum organized a roundtable discussion on the situation in Libya. The meeting brought together specialists on Libyan affairs and leading experts on the challenges of post-conflict societies, democratic transitions, and electoral and constitutional design in order to identify some possible paths toward the emergence of a democratic Libya.

International Workshop on “Translating Research Into Policy”

On August 18–19, the Forum’s Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI) and Korea’s East Asia Institute co-hosted a Korea Foundation-sponsored workshop in Seoul entitled “Translating Research into Policy: Successful Experiences, Relevant Lessons.”

International Conference on “Democracy in East Asia and Taiwan in Global Perspective”

On August 24–25, the Forum and National Taiwan University cosponsored a conference in Taipei entitled “Democracy in East Asia and Taiwan in Global Perspective.” Leading scholars, including Pippa Norris, Stephan Haggard, Benjamin Reilly, Jih-wen Lin, and Tun-jen Cheng, discussed the current state

and future prospects of democracy in East Asia. Revised versions of papers presented at the conference will appear in a *Journal of Democracy* book to be published early in 2013. For more information, please see: www.ned.org/events/democracy-in-east-asia-andtaiwan-in-global-perspective.

Conference on “Nigeria’s 2011 Elections and the Challenges Ahead”

On September 15, the Forum organized a half-day conference in Washington, D.C., entitled “Nigeria’s 2011 Elections and the Challenges Ahead.”

Eighth Annual Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World:

Abdou Filali-Ansary delivered the eighth annual Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World. See the “News and Events” section of this report for more details.

The International Forum for Democratic Studies colloquium series included topics ranging from “Latin America’s Changing Political Landscape” to “The Chechen Struggle: Independence Won and Lost.” Visit www.ned.org/research to learn more.

JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY

Since its first appearance in 1990, the *Journal of Democracy* has established itself as the leading voice in discussions of the problems and prospects of democracy around the world.

In 2011 the *Journal* examined shifts in political trends in Latin America (with

Javier Corrales, Eduardo Posada-Carbó, and Michael Shifter—January); assessed the advantages and dangers of new communications technologies in struggles for democracy (with Rebecca MacKinnon, Xiao Qiang, and Evgeny Morozov—April); analyzed the upheavals in Egypt and Tunisia (with Peter J.

Schraeder and Hamadi Redissi, Tarek Masoud, and Philip N. Howard and Muzammil M. Hussain—July); and compared the Arab revolts both with one another and with previous revolutionary waves (with Zoltan Barany, Stéphane Lacroix, Lucan Way, Marc F. Plattner, and John Carey and Andrew Reynolds—October).



The 2011 issues also included two essays by imprisoned Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo (January); an analysis of the “Paradoxes of the New Authoritarianism” by Ivan Krastev (April); an examination of the situation in Sudan on the eve of South Sudan’s independence by Khalid Mustafa Medani (July); and a set of essays on the foreign policies of new democracies by Pratap Mehta, Rizal Sukma, Soli Özel and Gencer Özcan, and Ted Piccone (October).

Beginning in 2009, an annual edition of the *Journal of Democracy* en Español has been published by the Institute of Political Science at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. Beginning in 2012, a semi-annual online edition of the *Journal of Democracy. Edição em Português* will be published by the Fernando Henrique Cardoso Institute (São Paulo) and the Edelstein Center for Social Research (Rio de Janeiro).

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Democracy Fellows Program

Named in honor of two of NED's principal founders, former US President Ronald Reagan and the late US Congressman Dante Fascell (D-FL), the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program enables democratic activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. The program is based at the International Forum for Democratic Studies, NED's research and publications arm, in Washington, D.C. Reagan-Fascell fellowships are typically five months in duration and focus on the political, social, economic, legal, and cultural aspects of democratic development.

In 2010–2011, the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program hosted leading democratic activists, journalists, and scholars from a wide range of countries, including **Angola, Cameroon, China, Georgia, Ghana, India, Iran, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Ukraine, and Venezuela.**



Ms. Mahboubeh Abbasgholizadeh (Iran, Feb.-July 2011) is a women's rights activist, journalist, and filmmaker from

Iran. A founding member of the Stop Stoning Forever campaign and the Iranian Women's Charter Movement, she is currently the coordinator of Zanan TV (www.ZananTV.org), an online television channel that promotes gender equality in Iran. During her fellowship, she developed a strategic framework for locating common ground between Iran's Green movement and the Iranian women's movement, delivering a NED presentation in June 2011 entitled "Engendering the Movement for Democracy in Iran."



Mr. Dayo Aiyetan (Nigeria, Oct. 2010-Feb. 2011) is founding director of the International Center for

Investigative Reporting (ICIR) in Abuja. He previously served as senior associate editor and Abuja bureau chief for TELL, one of Nigeria's preeminent independent political magazines. During his fellowship, Mr. Aiyetan examined the role of investigative journalism, especially non-profit newsrooms and reporting centers, in promoting public accountability, transparency, and integrity in Nigeria. In Jan. 2011, he gave a presentation at NED entitled "Combating Corruption in Nigeria: The Promise of Investigative Reporting."



Dr. Arturo Alvarado (Mexico, Oct. 2010-Feb. 2011) is professor in the department of sociology at El Colegio de México

(Center for Social Science). He is also a founder of Democracia, Derechos Humanos y Seguridad, an NGO based in Mexico City. During his fellowship, he used case studies of Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico to investigate

how the rise of endemic violence in Latin America is challenging democratic consolidation. In Feb. 2011, he gave a presentation at NED entitled "Violence, Criminality, and the Erosion of the Democratic State in Latin America."



Dr. Levan Berdzenishvili (Georgia, Oct. 2010-Feb. 2011) is founding president of the Republican Institute, a think tank focus-

ing on civic education and democracy building in Georgia. Following his involvement in the establishment of the underground Republican Party of Georgia in 1978, he spent three years in the Soviet Gulag (1984–87). Trained as a classical philologist, he helped to found the United National Movement of Georgia, along with future president Mikheil Saakashvili, and was a member of the Georgian parliament from 2004 to 2008. During his fellowship, Dr. Berdzenishvili studied the historical and cultural challenges facing Georgian democracy and published articles offering analysis and commentary on politics in his country. In Feb. 2011, he gave a presentation at NED entitled "A Not-So Rosy Result: Georgia Seven Years after the Rose Revolution."



Dr. Anton Burkov (Russia, Oct. 2010-Feb. 2011) is a lawyer based in Yekaterinburg, Russia. A human rights advocate, he

has litigated cases in Russian courts, including the Supreme and Constitutional courts, and currently serves as a legal representative in a number of

cases before the European Court of Human Rights. During his fellowship, Dr. Burkov investigated the principles that the European Convention can contribute to Russian legislation and legal practice. He also explored the establishment of an international human rights exchange program between Russian and US law schools. Dr. Burkov gave a presentation in Feb. 2011 at NED entitled "Bringing Human Rights Home: Application of the European Convention in Russian Courts."



Ms. Anne Stella Fomumbod (Cameroon, March-July 2011) is founder and chief executive officer of Interfaith Vision Foundation

Cameroon (IVFCam), an NGO based in Cameroon's Northwest region that works with community-based organizations to promote human rights and democracy at the grassroots level. During her fellowship, Ms. Fomumbod developed a blueprint for a center on human rights and women's political participation in Cameroon. In June 2011 she delivered a presentation at NED entitled "From the Grassroots to the Nation: Promoting Women's Human Rights and Political Participation in Cameroon."



Dr. Roukaya Kasenally (Mauritius, Oct. 2010-Feb. 2011) is senior lecturer in media and political systems at the University

of Mauritius. She is also co-founder and president of the Institute of Social Development and Peace, a think tank promoting dialogue and debate on issues of

human security, electoral reform, and poverty eradication in southern Africa. During her fellowship, Dr. Kasenally investigated how the mechanisms of deliberative democracy may be applied to Mauritius in order to deepen its democratic culture. In Dec. 2010, she gave a presentation at NED entitled "From Postcard to Scorecard: Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Mauritius."



Mr. Rafael Marques de Morais (Angola, March-Sept 2011) is an award-winning journalist with a special interest

in political economy and human rights in Angola. In 2009, he founded the watchdog website "Maka," dedicated to exposing corruption in his country. During his fellowship, Mr. Morais examined the extent to which institutionalized corruption affects rule of law, democratization, and functionality of the Angolan state. In May 2011, he gave a presentation at NED entitled "Corruption in Angola: An Impediment to Democracy."



Dr. Medha Nanivadekar (India, March-July 2011) is director of the Center for Women's Studies at Shivaji University in Kolhapur, India, and president of Bharatiya Stree Shakti, an Indian women's organization. During her fellowship, Dr. Nanivadekar examined women's quotas worldwide in order to devise effective strategies for negotiating equal gender quotas in the Indian parliament. In June 2011, she gave a NED

presentation entitled "Making Gender Quotas Work: A Case for Doubling the Seats in the Indian Parliament."



Dr. Carlos Ponce (Venezuela, March-July 2011) is general coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for

Democracy, a network of over 210 civil society organizations across the Americas. He is also a lecturer at Tufts University and a member of the steering committee of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD). During his fellowship, he examined ways in which civil society organizations can improve strategies to defend democracy in Latin America, including regional mechanisms to guarantee freedom of association.



Prof. H. Kwasi Prempeh (Ghana, April-July 2011) is a professor at Seton Hall University School of Law, in New Jersey, where

he teaches courses in constitutional law and comparative constitutionalism. During his fellowship, Professor Prempeh undertook a comprehensive review of Ghana's constitutional and legal systems in order to identify ways in the current constitution and the existing regime of laws have been complicit in which the entrenchment of Ghana's imperial presidency. In June 2011, he delivered a presentation at NED entitled "How (Not) to Write an African Constitution: Reflections on Ghana's Current Constitutional Review."



Mr. Mykola Riabchuk

(Ukraine, March-July 2011) is a senior research fellow at the Ukrainian Center

for Cultural Studies (UCCS) in Kyiv, and co-founder of *Krytyka*, a leading Ukrainian magazine. During his fellowship, Mr. Riabchuk completed a book manuscript on the democratic transitions of Eastern Europe, with a focus on Ukraine. In May 2011, he delivered a presentation at NED entitled “Ukraine’s Convolutional Transition: Between Dysfunctional Democracy and Unconsolidated Authoritarianism.”



Dr. Luis Ugalde

(Mexico, March-July 2011) has, over the past 20 years, combined a distinguished academic career

with high-ranking positions within the Mexican government. During his fellowship, Dr. Ugalde compared his experience during Mexico’s 2006 presidential election with other cases of contested elections, exploring the factors that increase the likelihood of post-electoral conflict in new and consolidated democracies. In June 2011, he gave a presentation at NED entitled “The 2012 Mexican Elections: A New Test for Democracy.”



Mr. Wan

Yanhai (China, Nov. 2010-March 2011) has been a leading voice on HIV/AIDS-related human rights issues in

China for almost two decades. In 1994, he founded the Beijing Aizhi Action Project (later renamed the Beijing Aizhixing Institute of Health Education) and has aided in the development of numerous other NGOs to benefit populations on the margins of society. During his fellowship, Mr. Wan analyzed strategies for strengthening human rights and civil society development in China. He gave a presentation at NED in March 2011 entitled “The Nobel Peace Prize and China’s Human Rights Movement.”

Visiting Fellows Program

In addition to the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, the International Forum for Democratic Studies hosts a small Visiting Fellows Program for scholars and practitioners with outside funding who wish to be affiliated with the Forum. During the 2010–2011 fellowship year, the Forum hosted Visiting Fellows Stephen Ndegwa, Mary Speck, and Allen Weinstein.



Dr. Stephen

Ndegwa (Kenya, March-Aug. 2011) is a Lead Public Sector Governance Specialist at the World Bank in Washington,

D.C. His fellowship project focused on legislative-driven budget processes and devolved development funds. He gave a roundtable presentation on his fellowship topic at NED on April 21, 2011.



Dr. Mary Speck

(US, Oct. 2010-July 2011) conducted research concerning Cuba’s failed democratic movement from 1950

to the consolidation of communist rule in the early 1960s. Following her fellowship, she accepted a position as a senior analyst with the International Crisis Group’s Latin America Program.



In 2010–2011, NED’s Democracy Resource Center (DRC) and Visiting Fellows Program welcomed the first Visiting Library

Fellow, **Professor Allen Weinstein** (US, June 2010-May 2011). A distinguished public intellectual who headed the Democracy Program that led to NED’s founding in 1984, Weinstein used his fellowship to contribute a treasure trove of materials to NED’s Library, including documents relating to the Endowment’s earliest days. As a Visiting Library Fellow, he conducted research for his book manuscript, *Odyssey: The Democratic Revolutions of Our Time*, and gave a roundtable presentation chaired by NED president Carl Gershman.

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Report of Independent Auditors

**The Board of Directors
National Endowment for Democracy
Washington, DC**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of National Endowment for Democracy (the Endowment) as of September 30, 2011, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Endowment's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Endowment as of September 30, 2011, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report, dated June 28, 2012, on our consideration of the Endowment's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



Vienna, Virginia
June 28, 2012

Balance Sheet September 30, 2011

	<u>2011</u>
Assets	
Cash And Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,346,819
Investments	651,304
Grants Receivables	88,961,980
Other Receivables	121,958
Prepaid And Other Assets	284,955
Property And Equipment, net	<u>3,329,003</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 96,696,019</u></u>
Liabilities And Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,775,961
Grants payable	89,229,720
Refundable advances – Due to DOS	1,851,799
Deferred rent	<u>1,711,033</u>
Total liabilities	<u>94,568,513</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	1,120,606
Temporarily restricted	<u>1,006,900</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,127,506</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 96,696,019</u></u>

See Notes To Financial Statements.

Statement Of Activities And Change In Net Assets
Year Ended September 30, 2011

	2011		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support and revenue:			
Grant revenue – government agencies	\$ 134,943,294	\$ -	\$134,943,294
Other grants and contributions	-	570,183	570,183
Other revenue, interest, and miscellaneous income	224,407	-	224,407
Net assets released from restriction – satisfaction of program restrictions	559,918	(559,918)	-
Total support and revenue	<u>135,727,619</u>	<u>10,265</u>	<u>135,737,884</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Federal grants programs	113,013,151	-	113,013,151
Other activities – federal	4,130,297	-	4,130,297
Other activities – non-federal	511,016	-	511,016
Total program services	<u>117,654,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,654,464</u>
Supporting services:			
Management and general	17,919,267	-	17,919,267
Total expenses	<u>135,573,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,573,731</u>
Change in net assets	153,888	10,265	164,153
Net assets:			
Beginning	966,718	996,635	1,963,353
Ending	<u>\$ 1,120,606</u>	<u>\$ 1,006,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,127,506</u>

See Notes To Financial Statements.

Statement Of Cash Flows

Year Ended September 30, 2011

	<u>2011</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Change in net assets	\$ 164,153
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	695,564
Realized and unrealized gain	(951)
Deferred rent	(1,036,325)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in:	
Grants receivable	3,602,540
Other receivables	131,277
Prepaid expenses	(151,271)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	52,826
Grants payable	(2,045,368)
Refundable advances – Due to DOS	523,618
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,936,063</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,028,546)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,028,546)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	907,517
Cash And Cash Equivalents	
Beginning	<u>2,439,302</u>
Ending	<u>\$ 3,346,819</u>

See Notes To Financial Statements.

National Endowment for Democracy Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended September 30, 2011

NOTE 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of activities: The National Endowment for Democracy (the Endowment) is a private, not-for-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. The establishment of the Endowment was followed by the National Endowment for Democracy Act (the Act) of the United States Congress which authorized the terms by which NED could receive an annual appropriation from Congress in the form of a grant awarded through the United States Information Agency (USIA). The purpose of the Endowment is to encourage free and democratic institutions throughout the world through activities that promote individual rights and freedoms. The Endowment awards grants to organizations with programs consistent with its objectives. On October 1, 1999, USIA and the US Department of State (USDOS) consolidated. Accordingly, the Endowment receives funding for its annual Congressional Appropriation and other special federal funding from the USDOS.

A summary of the Endowment's significant accounting policies follows:

Basis of accounting: The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, whereby, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. The Endowment reports to the US Government on the basis of obligations incurred and cash expenditures made.

Basis of presentation: The Endowment is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. There were no permanently restricted net assets at September 30, 2011.

Cash and cash equivalents: For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Endowment considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Financial risk: The Endowment maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Endowment has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Endowment believes it is not exposed to any significant financial risk on cash and cash equivalents.

The Endowment invests in mutual funds. Such investments are exposed to various risks such as market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments and the level of uncertainty related to change in the value of such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near

term could materially affect investment balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investments: The Endowment's investments consist entirely of mutual funds and are reflected at fair market value. To adjust the carrying value of these investments, the change in fair market value is included as a component of investment income in the statement of activities and changes in net assets.

Fair value of financial instruments: The carrying amounts of the Endowment's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses, approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

Property and equipment: Property and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which range from three to ten years. The Endowment capitalizes all property and equipment purchased with a cost of \$5,000 or more.

Valuation of long-lived assets: The Endowment accounts for the valuation of long-lived assets under the *Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* Topic of the Codification. This Topic requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangible assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of the long-lived asset is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the assets to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the assets. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the estimated fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reportable at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value, less costs to sell.

Grants receivable: Grants receivables are due from the Department of State (DOS) and represent funds obligated by the Endowment to other organizations and administrative costs incurred by the Endowment. When the Endowment incurs expenses and when approves and obligates grant to the various organizations, a receivable from the Department of State (DOS) and a related grant payable is recorded. The Endowment collects US government funds by filing requests for direct funding and by presenting payment vouchers against letters of credit when it disburses cash for program grants and administrative costs. When payments are received from the awarding agency, the receivable is reduced. Management does not obligate any grants until the funding is approved and thus determined that there is no need for provision for doubtful accounts at September 30, 2011.

Grants payables: Grants payable represent the undischarged balances of funds obligated to the Endowments grantees. Grantee organizations are entitled to collect funds as needed in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement. Such grants payable are generally

disbursed within a 12-month period after the funds have been obligated to the Endowment's grantees.

Refundable advances –Due to DOS. Amount represents funds returned to the Endowment by grantees for grants that have been deobligated plus indirect rate amount that was charged.

Support and revenue: The Endowment receives grants from DOS and private grantors for various purposes. Grants received from DOS specify the periods in which monies are to be expended. Additionally, certain government grants restrict the use of funds for programs in specific countries. Revenue from government grants is recognized as earned in the year in which the Endowment obligates the funds for the intended purpose that is set forth in the grant agreement.

Agreements with DOS provide for the subsequent audit of costs funded under the grant agreements. It is the policy of the Endowment to provide for cost disallowances based upon its experience in previous grant audits. There was no provision for such disallowance for the year ended September 30, 2011.

Contributions: The Endowment reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified in the statement of activities and change in net assets as net assets released from restrictions. Income on these net assets is classified as temporarily restricted or unrestricted, in accordance with the donor's stipulation.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income taxes: The Endowment is generally exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Endowment qualifies for charitable contributions deductions and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation. Income which is not related to exempt purposes, less applicable deductions, is subject to federal and state corporate income taxes. There was no net tax liability for unrelated business income tax for the year ended September 30, 2011.

Management has evaluated the Endowment's tax positions and has concluded that the Endowment has taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of the accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which addresses the determination of

whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. The Endowment files tax returns in the US federal jurisdictions. Generally, the Endowment is no longer subject to US federal or state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2008.

Subsequent events: Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 28, 2012, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. This review and evaluation revealed no new material event or transaction that would require an additional adjustment to or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 2. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Endowment's investments are measured at fair value and consist entirely of amounts invested in mutual funds.

The Fair Value Topic of the FASB Codification (the Codification) defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and sets out a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs corroborated by market data

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data

In determining the appropriate levels, the Endowment performs a detailed analysis of the assets and liabilities that are subject to accounting for fair value measurements. At each reporting period all assets and liabilities for which the fair value measurement is based on significant unobservable inputs are classified as Level 3. There were no Level 3 inputs for any assets or liabilities held by the Endowment at September 30, 2011.

The Endowment's mutual funds are comprised of managed funds, with the underlying investments consisting of mainly corporate and US government bonds. The fair values of these investments have been estimated using net asset value (NAV) per share of the investment. The Endowment had no unfunded commitments to these investments. The Endowment is permitted to make redemptions at any time and amount and, therefore, these investments are considered a Level 2 item.

NOTE 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment and accumulated depreciation at September 30, 2011, consist of the following:

Asset category	Estimated Lives	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Leasehold improvements	2 – 10 years	\$4,997,464	\$2,220,020	\$2,777,444
Furniture and fixtures	3 – 7 years	682,293	437,852	244,441
Computer equipment and software	3 – 5 years	879,228	572,110	307,118
		<u>\$6,558,985</u>	<u>\$3,229,982</u>	<u>\$3,329,003</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2011 was \$695,564.

NOTE 4. GRANT REVENUE – GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Grant revenue for the year ended September 30, 2011, consists of the following:

	2011
Total appropriations received from the US Department of State	<u>\$117,764,000</u>
Grants awarded/amended during the year	<u>\$18,907,183</u>
Revenue recognized	
Grants obligated, net of deobligations	\$113,013,151
Other grant-related expenses	<u>21,930,143</u>
	<u>\$134,943,294</u>

NOTE 5. EXPENSES

Program expenses for the year ended September 30, 2011, represent the following activities:

	2011
Federal grant programs	<u>\$113,013,151</u>
Other activities – federal:	
International Forum:	
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	411,580
Research and conferences	193,119
Management and support	370,008
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program	1,063,812
Democracy Resource Center	496,703
World Movement for Democracy	722,345
Center for International Media Assistance	872,730
	<u>4,130,297</u>
Other activities – non-federal:	
International Forum:	
Management and support	5,112
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	71,941
Research and conferences	42,459
Assessing Democracy Assistance	70,575
World Movement for Democracy – Defending Civil Society	192,568
World Movement for Democracy	69,863
NED events and development	58,498
	<u>511,016</u>
	<u>\$117,654,464</u>

NOTE 6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at September 30, 2011:

	Balance at September 30, 2010	Additions	Releases	Balance at September 30, 2011
NED events and development	\$634,283	\$ 50,131	\$ (72,923)	\$ 611,491
World Movement for Democracy:				
Hurford Youth	1,400	1,000	(2,400)	-
Canada Def. Civ. Soc.	64,252	376,135	(192,568)	247,819
Assessing Dem. Assist.	74,039	-	(70,575)	3,464
SIDA	173,208	-	(38,813)	134,395
International Forum:				
<i>Journal of democracy</i>	-	75,000	(71,941)	3,059
Visiting Fellows Program	551	-	-	551
Research and conferences	-	36,815	(36,815)	-
UNDEF	48,902	-	(48,902)	-
Korea Foundation	-	30,000	(24,981)	5,019
7th Assembly Youth Exchange	-	1,102	-	1,102
	<u>\$996,635</u>	<u>\$ 570,183</u>	<u>\$(559,918)</u>	<u>\$ 1,006,900</u>

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors during the year ended September 30, 2011.

NOTE 7. BANK LETTER OF CREDIT

During fiscal year 2005, the Endowment obtained a standby letter of credit in the amount of \$377,323 from a commercial bank. The letter of credit represents the security deposit for the Endowment's noncancelable operating lease for office space. On October 22, 2010, the letter of credit was decreased to \$188,661, in accordance with the lease amendment.

NOTE 8. RELATED PARTIES

The Endowment awards grants to various organizations to be used for programs that the Board of Directors determines are consistent with the purposes of the NED Act. Some of the organizations that submit proposals and are awarded funds have members of their Boards of Directors represented on the Board of Directors of the Endowment. Article VI, Section V of the Endowment's bylaws provides that any Board member who is an officer or director of an organization seeking to receive grants from the Endowment must abstain from considering a voting on such grant. The provision does not prevent any director from supplying factual information that the Board requests.

NOTE 9. OPERATING LEASE

The Endowment has a noncancelable operating lease that was amended on October 31, 2010, to include additional space and an extension of the lease term to March 1, 2021. The lease for office space includes a provision for rent escalations. The lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis ratably over the term of the lease. The difference between the straight-line expense and the required lease payment is reflected as deferred rent and lease incentive in the accompanying balance sheet.

2012	\$ 3,290,330
2013	3,378,595
2014	3,463,063
2015	3,549,639
2016	3,638,381
2017 – 2021	19,938,048
	<u>\$ 37,258,056</u>

Rent expense was \$1,725,804 for the year ended September 30, 2011.

NOTE 10. RETIREMENT PLAN

The Endowment has a defined contribution annuity plan for all of its employees, under which the Endowment contributes a percentage of eligible employees' annual earnings to individually-owned tax-deferred annuity contracts. The Endowment's contribution to the plan is based on 10% of an eligible employee's annual earnings. Employer contributions to the plan for the year ended September 30, 2011 were \$1,015,897.

NOTE 11. CONTINGENCY

Federal awards: The Endowment participates in a number of federally-assisted grant programs, which are subject to financial and compliance audits by the federal government or its representative. Management does not anticipate significant adjustments as a result of such an audit.

NOTE 12. CONCENTRATIONS OF REVENUE

During the year ended September 30, 2011, substantially all of the Endowment's revenue related to grants from the US Government.

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— “Statement of Principles and Objectives,” 1984



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1. A woodcut of the Goddess of Democracy statue that is presented as NED's Democracy Award, as carved by artist Thomas Marsh.
2. The Oruj Learning Center (Afghanistan) promotes women's participation in the workplace and decision-making bodies.
3. The International Forum for Islamic Dialogue (Iraq) organizes capacity building courses for youth and NGO representatives.
4. The Antenna Foundation (Nepal) increases citizen participation in Nepal's democratic process through radio.
5. The Center for Justice and International Law (Latin America, Regional) worked with the Sarayaku people in their land rights case before the Inter-American Court.
6. The Kremenchug City Committee of Youth Organizations (Ukraine) organized a Forum for Youth Activists entitled, "Ukraine - Youth are the Future."
7. The Ustadh Mahmoud Taha Cultural Center (Sudan) promotes democracy in Khartoum. Asma M. Taha is Executive Manager.
8. A young demonstrator after elections in Russia.
9. Suvash Darnal, a Nepalese democracy and human rights advocate and founder of the Samata Foundation (Nepal), was killed in August 2011 in a highway accident outside Washington, DC.
10. Civic activist Evgeniya Chirikova addresses the Civil Leadership School run by Vision of Tomorrow (Russia).
11. A young voter casts his ballot in the Democratic Republic of Congo (photo courtesy of National Democratic Institute).

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