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Chairman's Message

In his historic speech at the Endowment's twentieth anniversary celebration, President Bush outlined his vision of a world in which "*free nations grow stronger and dictatorships grow weaker.*" Still, as he hastened to acknowledge, there is nothing inevitable about this process. Vast numbers of people remain trapped in countries where they are forced to live "*in captivity, and fear, and silence.*"

NED's Statement of Principles and Objectives drawn up by the original Board of Directors asserted that the Endowment would not neglect those in closed societies "who keep alive the flame of freedom."

I am proud to say that we have remained true to our word, supporting democrats in Cuba, Burma, North Korea and other "outposts of oppression" where the most basic freedoms are denied and attempts to assert them are often brutally suppressed.

This past July at our Democracy Award presentation on Capitol Hill, NED paid tribute to those who are attempting to focus the world's attention on the human rights catastrophe in North Korea. According to a report released last fall by the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, that country's regime sponsors a vast network of prison camps the likes of which the world has not seen since Stalin's gulag.

Miraculously, some inmates have managed to survive, and the number escaping the country each year to seek asylum in South Korea has grown from a few dozen per year as late as the mid-1990s to over 1,000 in 2002.

Now, for the first time, a group has been formed to enable these survivors to campaign for human rights and democracy in their

totalitarian homeland. The founders of the Democracy Network Against North Korean Gulag, or "NK Gulag," Kang Cheol-hwan and An Hyuk, were two of the recipients of the Endowment's Democracy Award last summer. With support from NED, the group plans to interview recently arrived former prisoners, conduct other research to produce an annual survey of the human rights situation, maintain a database of the gulag system, and conduct a number of outreach activities to inform those in the south and elsewhere who are either unaware of the brutality or indifferent to it.

During a tour of the Holocaust Museum in Washington last summer, the Democracy Award recipients expressed their fear that absent any of the kind of documentation they saw in the exhibits there, the world would never know what is going on today in North Korea. One of them wept openly at the thought that no one would believe their stories of what they



experienced in captivity. Now the opportunity exists to have these stories told to the rest of the world.

NED's four affiliated institutes are also deeply engaged in the world's remaining dictatorships, from the National Democratic Institute's support for the Varela Project in Cuba and the International Republican Institute's work with the democratic opposition in Burma, to the Center for International Enterprise's anti-corruption initiatives in China, and the Solidarity Center's advocacy of worker rights in various repressive countries.

Some would describe these initiatives as quixotic. After all, many of the world's dictators have proven adept at maintaining their repressive regimes even in the face of strong international disapproval. But even more than such disapproval, what the Fidel Castros,

Kim Jong IIs, the Burmese generals and others of their ilk fear the most is the spread within their country of the subversive (to them) notion that governments exist to serve the people, not the other way around.

Those who doubt that dictators can be ousted by popular uprisings need only to be reminded of what happened in the former Yugoslavia several years ago. Today the regime of Slobodan Milosevic and his henchmen stands exposed before the court of world opinion as the result of the years-long struggle of the NED-supported democratic opposition. Significantly, that opposition became the model for the peaceful "revolution of roses" that toppled a corrupt regime in the Republic of Georgia toward the end of 2003.

As the President proclaimed on November 6th: "These regimes cannot hold back freedom forever—and, one day, from prison camps and prison cells, and from exile, the leaders of new democracies will arrive."

As we enter our third decade, the Endowment resolves to continue its support—technical, financial, and moral—to all those whose valiant struggles against the world's remaining dictators inspire us all.

Vin Weber
Chairman

President's Message

Over the past generation there have been two great presidential addresses on the theme of global democracy: President Ronald Reagan's Westminster Address of June 8, 1982, and President George W. Bush's "age of liberty" address last November 6. Each address focused on the fundamental threat to American national security — Soviet communism during the presidency of Ronald Reagan and Islamic terrorism today during the presidency of George Bush — and envisioned the triumph of freedom over its principal adversary.

Each address identified the expansion of democracy as the key to freedom's victory. Not least, each also marked a milestone in the history of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the Reagan address launching the effort to create NED and the Bush address commemorating its 20th anniversary. The association of the Endowment with presidential statements of such historic importance is both a source of pride for NED and an awesome challenge to fulfill the hopes of its founders and supporters.

The world changed profoundly during the years separating the two presidential speeches, and so did NED. The collapse of Soviet communism and the rise of economic globalization, combined with the revolution in communications technologies, brought about a new era of political change and turmoil. On the one hand, these developments helped raise political consciousness and expectations across the world, leading to unprecedented democratic advances in Asia, Latin America,

Africa, and the post-communist countries. But they also produced new movements of resistance to modernization and democracy that found their most militant expression in the rise of Islamic extremism. The clash between modernity and reaction produced the terrorist attacks of September 11 that opened a new era of conflict and danger.

As President Bush's speech to NED made clear, the new security concerns associated with the

war on terrorism have not pushed the promotion of democracy off the agenda but have raised it to a higher priority than ever before. The President drew a direct link between the rise of terrorism and political failure in the Middle East, leading him to call for an end to "sixty years of Western nations excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom" in the region. While he did not spell out any new measures to advance democracy other than declaring that "the establishment of a free Iraq at the heart of the Middle East will be a watershed event in the global democratic revolution," he set a new standard against which all future U.S. policies and actions will now be judged. And given the occasion for delivering this important address, he also implicitly conveyed the message that NED would have a major part to play in the implementation of the new "forward strategy of freedom in the Middle East."

Indeed, one of the great differences between the current period and the time of President Reagan's

Westminster Address is that NED *does* now exist and has developed a capacity over the past twenty years, together with its four core institutes, to advance democratic political development in meaningful ways throughout the world, including, of course, in the Middle East. Fundamentally, this capacity consists of NED's grants program and the projects carried out by its four core insti-



tutes — the National Democratic Institute (NDI), the International Republican Institute (IRI), the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS).

The grants program has a number of features that account for its effectiveness and the high regard it enjoys in the United States and among democracy activists around the world:

- It is *global in scope*, supporting democratic and activists in all regions of the world who are fighting to establish democracy where it doesn't exist at all or to strengthen it where it is weak and threatened by anti-democratic forces.
- It is *responsive to diverse conditions and to local needs*, offering aid to those trying to open closed societies, to liberalize semi-authoritarian systems, to strengthen fragile new democracies, and to rebuild and renovate institutions in countries torn by war and internal conflict.

- It is *institutionally comprehensive*, providing support not just to parties, parliaments, and elections, but also to trade unions, business associations, independent media and intellectual journals, research centers, human rights groups, and the broad spectrum of civil-society organiza-

tions working to promote women's participation, civic education, conflict resolution, and government accountability and transparency.

- It is *dedicated to the empowerment of indigenous democratic forces*, always cognizant that the role of external support is not to impose solutions or engineer outcomes but to enable democrats to build their organizations, expand their networks, and carry out their own ideas for advancing democracy.

In addition to funding, monitoring, and evaluating its global grants program, NED has also developed new instruments that enable it to play a unique and catalytic role within the expanding community of institutions and individuals engaged in promoting democracy around the world:

- Its International Forum for Democratic Studies, which includes the *Journal of Democracy* and the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, is the pre-eminent research center in the world that that systematically bridges the

worlds of activism and scholarship and also disseminates the most original thinking about problems of democratic development.

- It has actively encouraged new and established democracies in Europe, Asia, and the Americas to create their own democracy assistance foundations, and it has taken the lead in fostering greater communication and collaboration among these foundations in the pursuit of common democratic objectives.
- It has fostered the sharing of experience and international democratic solidarity through the creation of the World Movement for Democracy, which links the growing number of democracy practitioners and organizations through Internet communications, a variety of networks based on geographic regions and functional areas of work, and a biennial worldwide assembly.

The challenges facing NED in the period ahead are awesome and complex. We must help Iraq and Afghanistan build a new, peaceful political and institutional order and expand support to democracy activists throughout the Middle East. We must continue to help democrats in Russia and other post-Soviet countries resist the slide to a new authoritarianism and also help activists in the Balkans defend democracy against a possible resurgence of nationalist extremism. The groups working from exile or within the remaining dictatorships in Asia, China included, urgently need help, as do civil society activists in Africa whose work to end terrible civil conflicts and defend human rights is an inspiration to democrats around the world. Even in Latin America, where democratic gains were once thought to be secure, pro-democracy groups need help in their fight against new forms of anti-liberal populism.

These issues just touch upon the difficult problems NED must confront. We have never believed that there are short-cuts to democracy or that the fall of dictatorship means that freedom is secure. Indeed, the problems are especially acute in countries where fallen dictators have left behind impoverished and divided populations without access to institutions that can facilitate their participation and empowerment. But we have no doubt that these populations want democracy and, if given the opportunity, have the desire and the ability to build it, step by step. They should not be alone in this effort but deserve the support of those, like ourselves, who already enjoy the benefits of democracy.

During the past twenty years, NED has provided this kind of help quietly and effectively. Its performance has earned it the strong backing of Democratic and Republican administrations alike and what is now solid bipartisan support in the Congress. Those who remember the difficult early years of NED, when we had regular battles in the Congress for our budget, know how far we've come and why we will never take for granted the support we now enjoy. Nor can we ever forget the founders of NED who are no longer with us — Dante Fascell, Lane Kirkland, Al Shanker, Louis Martin, Charlie Smith, and our friend Walt Raymond, who died during the past year. May their memory inspire us to respond appropriately to the many challenges that lay ahead.



Carl Gershman
President

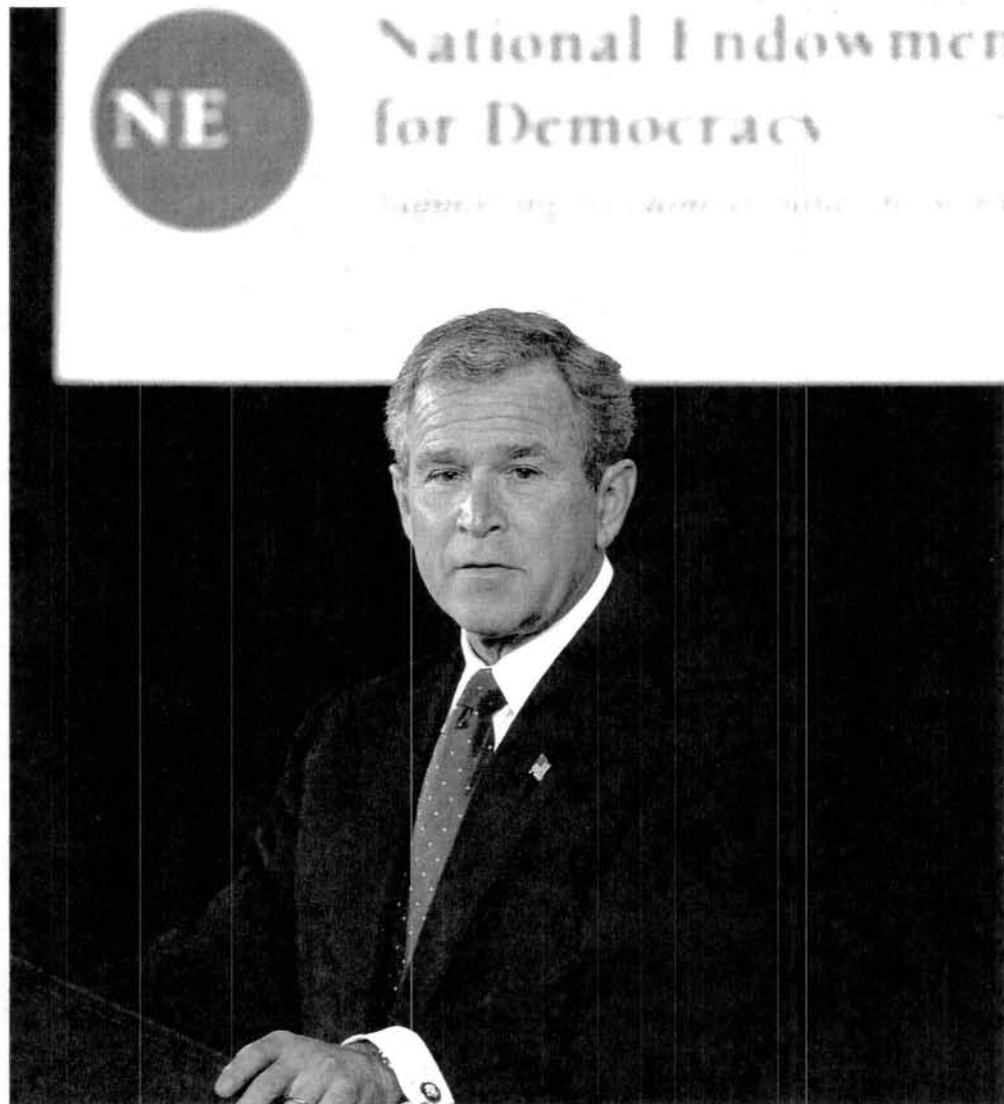
NED News and Events

NED Celebrates 20th Anniversary

In a speech hailed by the *Washington Post* as “soaring and passionate,” U.S. president George W. Bush paid tribute to the work of the National Endowment for Democracy and presented a bold “forward strategy” for the promotion of democracy in the Middle East and throughout the world. “This organization has seen a lot of history over the last two decades, you’ve been a part of that history. By speaking for and standing for freedom, you’ve lifted the hopes of people around the world, and you’ve brought great credit to America,” declared Bush. On November 6th at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, members of Congress, Ambassadors, current and former NED board members, staff, and invited guests joined the President in congratulating the Endowment on its 20th anniversary.

Recalling President Reagan, who in 1982 used his now famous Westminster address to predict the failure of communism and call for the creation of an American organization to promote democracy globally, Bush said, “President Reagan said that the day of Soviet tyranny was passing, that freedom had a momentum which would not be halted. He gave this organization its mandate: to add to the momentum of freedom across the world. Your mandate was important 20 years ago; it is equally important today.”

The 20th anniversary program began with opening remarks from NED Chairman Vin Weber, and was followed by congratulatory remarks from Congressional speakers Senator

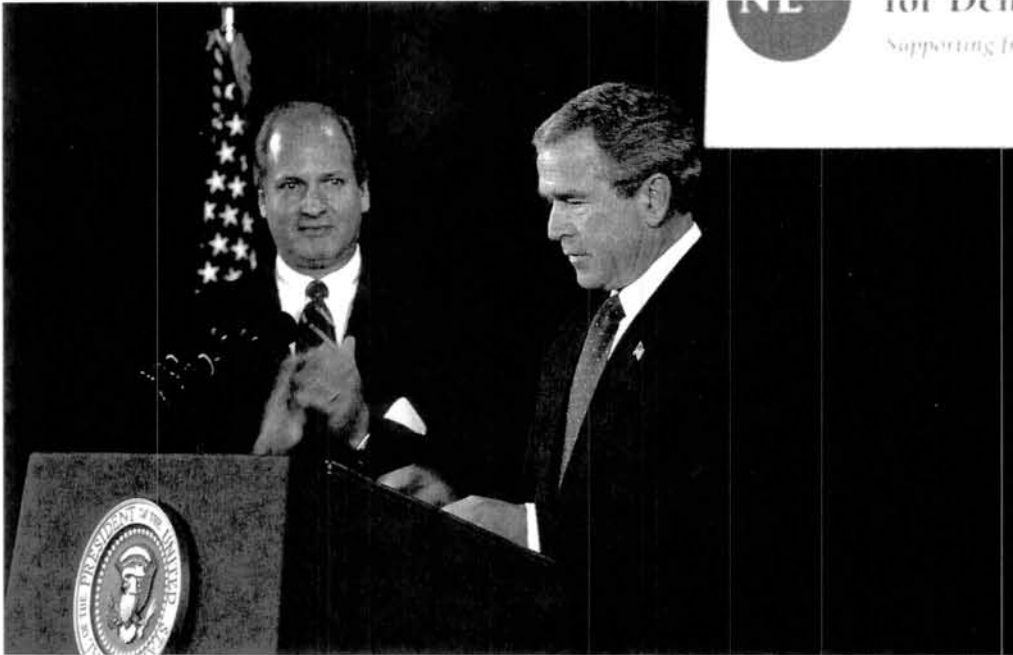


President George Bush gives the keynote address for the NED 20th anniversary.

Evan Bayh (D-IN), Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS), Rep. Chris Cox (R-CA) and Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA). “I am pleased to be here today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this outstanding organization, because in doing so we celebrate not an organization, but we dedicate ourselves to the cause for which it stands,” stated Bayh. “It is a cause that places us firmly on the right

side of human nature, the right side of human history, and on the right path for defending the land we love.”

President Bush began his speech by declaring that America’s resolve to support those individuals around the world who long for liberty will shape the next stage of the world democratic movement. Specifically naming Cuba, Burma, North Korea and Zimbabwe,



NED Chairman Vin Weber applauds President Bush.

nations where democratic reform is elusive, President Bush said the U.S. will continue to aid all those who struggle for freedom. "We will stand with these oppressed people until the day of their freedom finally arrives."

At the heart of his speech, President Bush asserted a new American commitment to democracy in the Middle

East. In making the case for a radical shift in policy, Bush criticized decades of U.S. policy in the Arab Middle East, saying, "[s]ixty years of Western nations excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom in the Middle East did nothing to make us safe — because in the long run, stability cannot be purchased at the expense of liberty."

Citing examples of recent democratic reform in Bahrain, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Yemen, and Jordan, the President demanded wide scale regional reform. "The good and capable people of the Middle East all deserve responsible leadership," declared Bush. "For too long, many people in that region have been victims and subjects. They deserve to be active citizens."

Concluding the program, NED President Carl Gershman noted that just as NED was there to assist groups who worked successfully for democratic change in many other regions for the last twenty years, it will continue to do the same for democrats in the Middle East and elsewhere for years to come. "[T]he human spirit cannot be intimidated, crushed or denied," said Gershman, "and democracy will inexorably move forward, one step at a time. It is in that spirit that we look to the future with determination, confidence and hope."

2003 Democracy Award

Four courageous individuals working to expose and eliminate North Korea's gulag and promote the cause of human rights in North Korea received the National Endowment for Democracy's 2003 Democracy Award at a Capitol Hill reception on July 16, 2003. Benjamin Yoon, founder of the Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights, a NED grantee, was selected by NED's Board of Directors to receive the honor along with An Hyuk, Kang Cheol-hwan, and Soon Ok Lee, survivors of North Korea's gulag. Awards were presented by Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS), who authored



Four Korean human rights activists receive NED's Annual Democracy Award on July 16. Pictured from the left are Kang Cheol-hwan, Rep. Christopher Cox, the Rev. Benjamin Yoon, NED Chairman Vin Weber, Soon Ok Lee, NED President Carl Gershman and An Hyuk. Kang, Soon and An are all survivors of North Korea's gulag.

recently passed legislation allowing North Korean refugees to apply for asylum in the United States. In ways both personal and persuasive, each of the four awardees strives to draw international attention to the human rights catastrophe in North Korea.

A daylong multi-panel conference preceding the award ceremony, "Gulag, Famine and Refugees: the Urgent Human Rights Crisis in North Korea," was co-organized by NED, the Defense Forum Foundation, and the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea.

In a keynote address, NED Board member Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ) asserted, "It is critical that as the United States and the international community seek to deal with the growing security threat posed by North Korea, the human rights atrocities committed by the regime in Pyongyang continue to be exposed, so that the world understands the character of the regime with which we are dealing."

Andrew Natsios, administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development and author of *The Great North Korean Famine*, spoke during the luncheon about North Korea's food crisis. Though North Korea continues to receive food aid, Natsios said its government violates every norm for receipt of such aid. Natsios believes food aid should continue but with pronounced pressure from the international community for improved monitoring. Other topics discussed at the conference included: The Refugee Crisis, Testimony of Gulag Survivors, and Documenting North Korea's Gulag.

Benjamin Yoon, who founded the Amnesty International chapter in South Korea before that country's



(left to right) Suzanne Scholte, Benjamin Yoon, Lee Hae-young, Kang Cheol-hwan, and An Hyuk took part in a day long conference, "Gulag, Famine and Refugees: The Urgent Human Rights Crisis in North Korea."

autocracy crumbled, founded the Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights in 1996. The Alliance spreads awareness about conditions in the North, partly by providing a forum for escapees to share their stories. It also publishes detailed information about human rights abuses, has spawned an international human rights campaign on North Korea, and has created schools in the South to provide escapees with basic and civic education.

Kang Cheol-hwan was just nine years old when he was sent with his family to the Yodok kwan-li-so (political penal-labor colony) because his grandfather had been accused of treason. Kang spent the next ten years in Yodok, where he was tortured, severely malnourished, and forced to perform hard labor. After escaping from the North, he worked with French activist and historian Pierre Rigoulot to write an account of his imprisonment, *The Aquariums of Pyongyang*. He now lives in Seoul and is a co-founder of the Democracy Network Against North Korean Gulag, a South Korean NGO working to abolish the North Korean gulag and to promote democratization in North Korea.

An Hyuk was arrested after voluntarily returning to North Korea from China and confessing his escape to the authorities. Accused of spying, An Hyuk was eventually imprisoned in the Yodok kwan-li-so, as well. He escaped to South Korea from the North in 1992 and has since written two books, including *Escape from North Korea*, which he co-authored with Kang. He is a co-founder with Kang Cheol-hwan, of the Democracy Network Against North Korean Gulag.

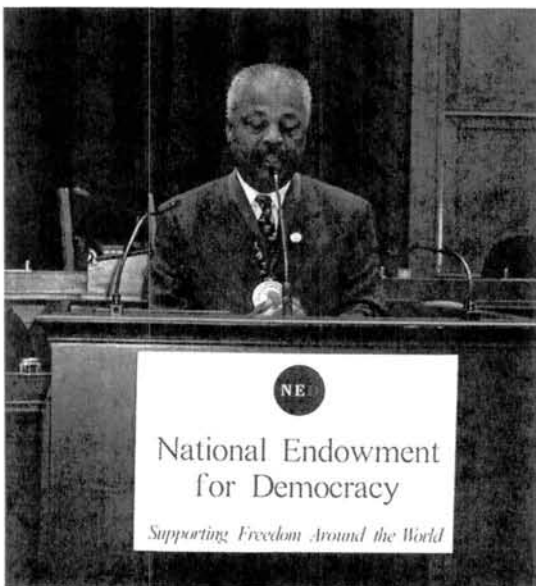
Soon Ok Lee was supervisor of the North Korean state material distribution center prior to her arrest in 1986 on trumped-up charges of embezzlement. She endured six years of horrifically brutal conditions in the Kyo-hwa-so (long-term prison-labor camp). Three years after her unexpected release, she escaped to the South with her son. In 1996, she published *Eyes of the Tailless Animals*, a shocking account of the kyo-hwa-so system. Today Lee conducts a personal campaign to expose and eliminate North Korea's prison-labor camps.

Democracy Service Medals Awarded

The Democracy Service Medal was created by the NED Board in 1999 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated through personal commitment their dedication to the advancement of freedom, human rights, and democracy. The medal has been presented to a select group of individuals who have made singular contributions internationally to the cause of democracy and human rights: Lech Walesa, Lane Kirkland, Martin Bútora and Alexandr Vondra in 1999, John B. Hurford in 2000, John Brademas, Richard Lugar, Fred Iklé, and Stephen Solarz in 2001, and Paula Dobriansky, Jan Novak, and Chen Wu, Sue-jen in 2002. This year, two highly deserving individuals received the medal: Congressman Donald Payne and Nicaraguan President Enrique Bolanos.

Donald Payne

On March 12, NED hosted a two-part tribute to Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-NJ), who recently completed nine years of service on the NED Board



Longtime NED Board member Rep. Donald Payne was honored by NED with its Democracy Service Medal.

of Directors and has long championed human rights and democracy on the African continent and worldwide.

Preceding the presentation of the medal, NED hosted a panel discussion in honor of Congressman Payne titled *Africa's Democracy Agenda*. The discussion, which was chaired by Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA), featured presentations by Walter Kansteiner, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, and Dr. Richard Joseph, director of African Studies at Northwestern University and a NED Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow. They were joined by a distinguished panel of a dozen Africa experts, who offered commentary on the current challenges to democracy in Africa and praise for Congressman Payne's support of democratic progress there.

Following the discussion, the Democracy Service Medal was presented to Congressman Payne at a Capitol Hill reception. Thomas R. Donahue, NED's vice-chairman, paid tribute to Payne noting, "From the successful struggle to achieve democracy in South Africa, to the protracted efforts to remove the dictators from Nigeria, to the ongoing attempts to heal the ravages of war in Congo, Liberia, and Sudan, Don has played a significant role both on the Hill and at NED."

Enrique Bolaños

On March 25 at a reception held in the Treaty Room of the U.S. Department of State, NED honored Nicaraguan President Enrique Bolaños, a former NED grantee, for his courageous battle against corruption in Nicaragua. The program included remarks by Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage,



NED Chairman Vin Weber congratulates Nicaraguan President Enrique Bolaños as NED President Carl Gershman looks on.

who commented that Bolaños is "a man with tremendous conviction and courage who not only took a stand against corruption, he also took the steps to prove to his people that no one—no one—is above the law. The truth is that democracy will only work if everyone is held to the same standards of accountability, no matter how rich or powerful and regardless of the bonds of affinity and friendship."

NED Chairman Vin Weber presented the medal to Bolaños and said, "President Bolaños has kept his promise to the Nicaraguan people and has taken the most far-reaching steps in the history of the country to end the corruption and abuse of power that have prevented Nicaragua from fulfilling its potential as an independent and democratic country... He has displayed both personal courage and firm democratic conviction, offering a model of presidential leadership that is truly admirable."

In his acceptance remarks, Bolaños proclaimed, "There is only one right time for the president of a democratic nation to fight corruption, and that is: *always!*"

World Movement for Democracy

Initiated by NED at a 1999 global assembly in

New Delhi, India, the World Movement for Democracy has since emerged as a thriving worldwide network of democrats cooperating to promote democracy. It is led by a distinguished international Steering Committee, and NED currently serves as its secretariat. In this capacity, NED facilitates communications among World Movement participants, maintains and updates the website (www.wmd.org), organizes the biennial global assemblies, and assists in the development of regional and functional networks. NED also issues a monthly electronic newsletter called *DemocracyNews*, as well as periodic alerts regarding persecution of World Movement participants around the world, and maintains an online, searchable database of participating organizations engaged in some twenty different areas of democracy work.

Networks, Resources, and the World Movement Website

Networks and Resources.

During 2003, the World Movement developed both regional and functional networks. One network that has made significant progress is the **Africa Democracy Forum (ADF)**, which emerged as a result of discussions at the Second Assembly in São Paulo, Brazil, in 2000, and now draws together democracy activists, practitioners, and scholars from across the African continent. The ADF met in Durban, South Africa, in April 2003, and decided to monitor democracy in Africa, protect democrats, support the development of information technology, share advocacy skills, train network members, establish and maintain dialogue with state leaders, empower people at the grassroots level, and encourage civil society to use the ADF to gain support, especially in repressive regimes and in countries of conflict. The ADF last met at the World Movement's Third Assembly in February 2004.

The World Movement website offers

a wealth of information and resources to encourage networking in other regions. Regional links provide information about local democracy-promotion groups and networks, new publications and research, potential funding sources for democracy groups, and internship and training opportunities.

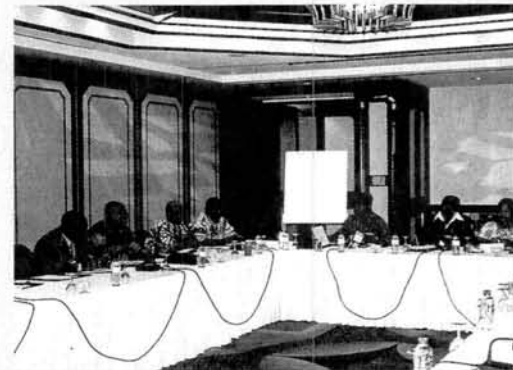
Functional Networking.

The World Movement also brings together activists and practitioners around areas of democracy work. The following are highlights of some of these emerging networks:

- **International Movement of Parliamentarians for Democracy (IMPD).** This initiative brings together democratic legislators from around the globe to play an important role in the worldwide support, promotion, and defense of democracy. Members of the network advocate for democratic reform and challenge undemocratic practices, including acts against democratically elected parliamentarians. The network will con-

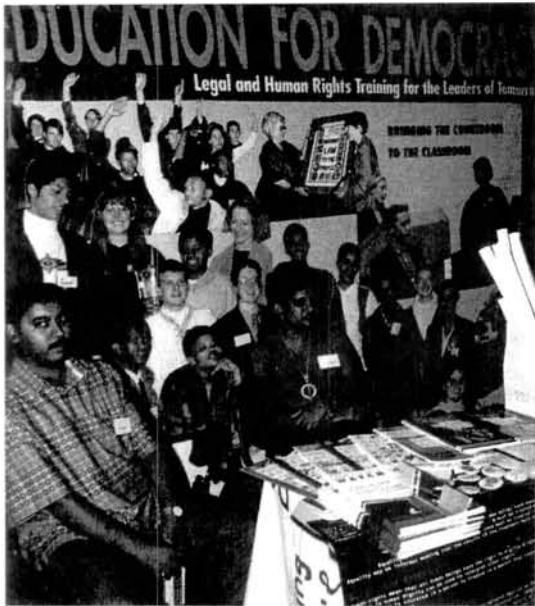


Ivan Krastev of Bulgaria was one of the opening speakers at the Third Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Durban, South Africa.



Members of the Africa Democracy Forum discuss challenges facing African democracy movements during a meeting held in April.

duct a number of activities, including coordinated information campaigns, letter-writing, public speeches, official hearings, newspaper editorials, and other avenues available to legislators in their official and unofficial capacities. Since its founding meeting, the IMPD has grown to include more than 300 parliamentarians representing more than 30 countries and has issued statements denouncing the crackdown of Cuban dissidents, the arrest of journalists and trade unionists in Zimbabwe, and the detention of Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma, and alerted IMPD members to the arrest of a Mongolian MP and the bankrupting of opposition figures by the Government of Singapore.



World Movement participants exchanged information through exhibits at the Democracy Fair.

• **Youth Movement for Democracy.**

This network enables young democrats to share with peers their experiences in bringing about democratic transitions or strengthening democracy in their respective countries. The most promising aspect of the Movement is that young activists who have significantly contributed to transitions to democracy within their own countries are given the opportunity to share their experiences with young people from other countries who wish to undertake similar efforts. The Movement is currently developing democratic leadership training programs to empower young practitioners who work on democracy issues in conflict-affected countries.

• **Democracy Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Group.**

This group brings together individuals interested in sharing expertise and ideas about the technological aspects of democracy promotion work. It was formed from a Second Assembly workshop that focused on using the Internet and other media to promote democracy. With assistance from NED's Democracy Resource Center (DRC), the

ICT Group uses an e-mail discussion list and its website to exchange information on new developments in Internet and e-mail security, using technology in NGO work, website construction, e-mail discussion lists, and other practical topics.

• **Network of Democracy Research Institutes.**

This network is an association of organizations that conduct research on democracy, democratization, and related topics in comparative government and international affairs. Included in the network are independent institutions, university-based study centers, and research programs affiliated with political parties, labor unions, and democracy and human rights movements, and other organizations. The network was established to facilitate contacts among democracy scholars and activists and to promote a greater awareness of the diversity and vitality of democracy studies today. In 2003, the network boosted its membership to 47 groups. The Research Network is coordinated by NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies.

We expect several additional func-

tional networks to be launched or consolidated as a result of the World Movement's Third Assembly, focusing on local governance, women's political participation, civic education, political parties, media, and human rights.

• **Alerts on those in Danger.**

During 2003, the World Movement issued a number of alerts on behalf of participants facing danger because of their work. Alerts were issued for Sergey Duvanov, an independent Kazakh journalist who has been imprisoned on false charges since October 2002 and whose trial was widely viewed as unfair; Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and 17 other officials of the National League for Democracy (NLD) in Burma; nearly 80 Cuban activists, who were harassed and imprisoned in March of 2003; and 18 Tibetan refugees who were deported from Nepal to China on May 31, 2003.

• **The World Movement**

Website. In addition to sections highlighting regional and functional networks, the World Movement website has several features to facilitate exchange

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and information sharing among participants and other visitors to the site.

• **Participants Database.** The online, searchable database of World Movement participants is essential for the networking activity of the World Movement. Each entry includes contact information for the participating organization and a link to its website, information on the areas of democracy work in which the organization is engaged, types of activities it conducts, its publications, and other pertinent information. There are currently more than 250 organizations included in the database, which is likely to increase significantly as a result of the Third Assembly in February 2004.

• **“What’s Being Done On...?”**

This section of the website features particular themes or areas of democracy work with extensive information about relevant activities being conducted by organizations throughout the world, as well as links to relevant resources. A new theme is announced every several months via the World Movement’s electronic newsletter, *DemocracyNews*, and the information from the previous installment is placed in an online archive. Topics covered during 2003 included: Peace Building and Democracy; Civic Education for Democracy; and Trans-

World Movement’s Third Assembly

During 2003, the Secretariat at NED devoted significant time to the organization of the Third Assembly in Durban, South Africa. Originally scheduled to take place in April 2003, the Steering Committee postponed the event due to the war in Iraq, and the Assembly was re-scheduled and took place in Durban on February 1–4, 2004. Throughout 2003, the staff worked with numerous NGOs who organized the nearly 60 Assembly workshops. In addition, the Assembly held a Democracy Fair featuring an exhibition area for participants and local organizations in South Africa, a technology training center, a video screening room, and a “town hall” in which participants educated each other about their causes and generated petitions and other action-oriented activities. Three South African NGOs, the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), and the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), served as local partner organizations.

Among the highlights, the Assembly’s opening session featured keynote presentations by World Movement participants Lodi Gyari (Tibet), Zainab Bangura (Sierra Leone), and Ivan Krastev (Bulgaria), as well as welcoming remarks by KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Premier Lionel Mtshali and a message from the African National Congress (ANC). The World Movement also presented its Democracy Courage Tributes to the democracy movements in Sudan and Belarus, the Mano River Union Civil Society Movement (Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea), and two groups working on reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians: IPCRI, based in Israel, and Panorama, based in the West Bank. The presentations were made at the John B. Hurford Memorial Dinner, named in memory of the late NED Board member who was an early advocate of the World Movement.

A report containing the results of the various workshops and other Assembly activities will be available in mid-2004 and posted on the World Movement website.

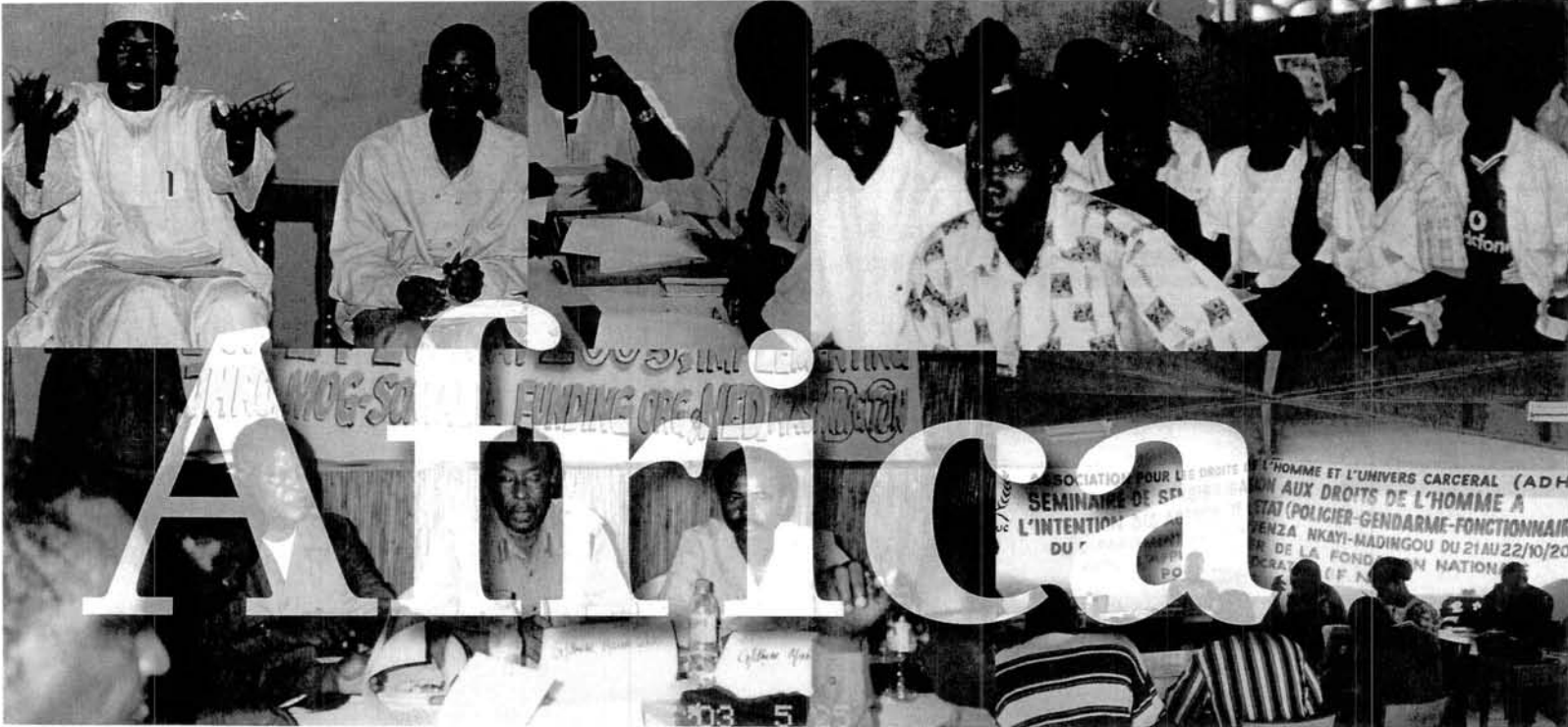
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• **E-Mail Lists and Other Information Sources.** This section of the website provides a list of other organization’s electronic newslet-

ters, “list-servs,” alerts about human rights abuses or activists in danger, and other sources of information (organized by region) to which participants in the World Movement for Democracy may wish to subscribe.



Africa experienced a range of remarkable

political changes within the past year. What has been most impressive is the extent to which Africans are taking responsibility for the continent's daunting problems and the noticeable growing momentum for democratic change, despite its many obstacles. Among the year's highlights were progress in the peace processes in Congo and Sudan, an upsurge in violence ending with a peace

agreement in Liberia, civil war and a tense cease-fire in Cote d'Ivoire, on-going negotiations in Somalia and democratic elections in Somaliland, flawed elections in Nigeria, and the inauguration of a democratic government in Kenya. The NED Africa program was involved in some way in all of these developments. In NED's top priority countries in Africa, the **Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, and Liberia**, NED's African partners often played important supportive roles in the gains made towards peace and democracy.

The final details of **Congo's** Transitional Program, which included an interim constitution, the unification of the army, the composition of the national transitional government, and national elections, were signed in Pretoria on March 6, 2003.

Many NED grantees participated in the negotiations, and the constant pressure from civil society insured that democratic institutions and processes were included in the peace agreement. Civil society was recognized as a stakeholder in negotiating the agreement and was granted responsibilities in the transitional government. Individuals associated with NED grantees now head the electoral commission, the media observatory, and the Congolese House; and several others are members of the new parliament. Yet violence continues in eastern Congo, and NED devoted greater emphasis to supporting civil society efforts in some of the most difficult locations, such as Kindu. Throughout Congo, NED's 45 active grantees are leading the efforts for conflict resolution, respect for human rights, ethnic

tolerance, and are beginning to plan for future elections.

Likewise in **Sudan**, although a peace agreement had not been signed by the end of 2003, peace now seems inevitable due to tremendous support and pressure from not only the international community, but also the efforts of Sudanese civil society. NED grantees have been directly involved in reconciliation among warring southern factions, and in the north, the activities of women, youth, academic, cultural and human rights groups all contributed to a steady shift in the discourse from war to peace. Independent media struggled against censorship, legal aid programs saved individuals from inhumane shari'a punishments, and conflict resolution groups took on the problems of the Nuba Mountains and Darfur. Sudan's massive displaced population received growing attention from NED with human rights education and empowerment programs. Although they are the most marginalized group in Sudan, their stake and role in the transition will be critical.

In **Liberia**, civil war engulfed the country by June 2003, and the fighting even reached the streets of Monrovia. While eleven of NED's twelve Liberian partners had their offices looted, they nevertheless carried on their human rights activities under death-defying circumstances. On August 12, 2003, President Charles Taylor was forced to flee the country and peace negotiations in Accra, Ghana, established a transitional government that was inaugurated on October 14. Liberian civil society, led by several NED grantees, made significant contributions to the conference and the establishment of democratic safeguards in the ensuing agreement, in addition to securing positions in the government on the electoral commission and the transitional parliament. They continue to fight both from within and outside the new government, which is still dominated by warlords and cronies of Taylor. Innovative projects by NED grantees included efforts aimed at reform of the security forces, human rights literacy training, and civic education targeting youth. In addition to continuing support to NED's longstanding partners in Liberia, more support was directed

to the scores of new democracy groups that have emerged.

NED partners also contributed to several important elections in Africa in 2003. In **Nigeria**, NED grantees once again led the Transitional Monitoring Group of domestic election observers and continued the pressure for reform afterwards, including the electoral law, budgetary process, and Muslim-Christian relations. NDI, IRI, CIPE and ACILS also fielded election observation missions and provided a wide range of other forms of assistance to the labor and business sectors. **Somaliland** held its first democratic presidential elections, and NED grantees fielded virtually all of the domestic observers, conducted electoral education campaigns, and IRI provided welcomed technical advice. In Somalia, meanwhile, NED grantees sought to preserve respect for human rights despite the slow progress of political negotiations and the persisting anarchy. **Kenya's** new democratic government took power at the very beginning of the year, and once again, former grantees are leading the National Human Rights Commission, and serving other roles in the government. Both NDI and IRI provided critical assistance in the transition by advising the political parties on coalition-building and how to avoid political violence.

Finally, nearly 200 African democracy activists, including many of the Endowment's African partners, met in Durban, South Africa, April 23 – 25 to hold the first conference of the Africa Democratic Forum (ADF). The group has established a network of democratic activists spanning the continent and is focused on injecting a democratic agenda into the governmental efforts of the Africa Union (AU) and the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD). A complementary forum was held in Washington, DC on March 12 that raised funds for the ADF and honored retiring NED board member and Africa specialist Congressman Donald Payne. Across the continent, African democrats are making progress, despite many obstacles and frequent setbacks. As their efforts have coalesced, NED has helped Africans find their own, democratic solutions, and the momentum for change is clearly building.



Africa

Description of 2003 Grants: Africa

Angola

Associação Horizonte para o Desenvolvimento do Jovem Rural e Agricultor de Angola Horizon (Horizonte Association)

\$25,766

To conduct training for civil society and human rights trainers, who will then participate in community-based debates. Horizonte will also organize two forums on voting rights, civil rights and responsibilities, and prepare and distribute informational pamphlets on these topics.

Comitê Inter-Eclesial para Paz em Angola (Inter-Ecclesiastical Committee for Peace in Angola)

\$25,500

To broadcast a twice-weekly, half-hour radio program called the *Peace Diary*, focused on issues such as peace, justice, and reconciliation and aimed at all Angolans, regardless of their religious or political affiliation.



Dave Peterson, NED's Africa Director, (front row, fourth from the left) sits in on a Horizonte Association youth training.

Search for Common Ground

\$50,000

To fund its *nucleos* (community-based conflict-resolution groups), which respond to conflicts regarding land, resources, food aid, press freedoms, government policies, and police brutality. Activities of the *nucleos* include conflict-resolution theater, dialogue sessions, mediation, radio and video dialogues, training sessions, and peace concerts. The *nucleos* will also share their skills with other civil society groups, local political parties, radio stations, and government ministries.

Cameroon

Africa Governance Alert

\$20,000

To conduct a voter-education campaign among disadvantaged individuals and help them to obtain their voter cards. The campaign will include registration of voters, training of election observers, and production of 2,000 posters with information concerning registration and other steps of the electoral process.

Chad

Ligue Tchadienne des Droits de l'Homme (Chad Human Rights League)

\$38,000*

To offset administrative costs, allowing the organization to utilize funding from other sources to cover the cost of implementing its programs. The League will conduct a human rights and civic education campaign that will include translation of human rights documents, production of radio programs, and training workshops focused on human rights and conflict mediation.

Cote d'Ivoire

International Republican Institute

\$100,000

REPROGRAMMED 2002 FUNDS

To continue to assist the Civil Society Collective for Returning Peace to Cote d'Ivoire to provide Peace Committee members with conflict resolution training.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION.



The National Counseling Center, which received a NED grant in 2002, uses street theater as a tool to educate Angolans about the importance of voting.

Democratic Republic of Congo

American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$400,000

To implement a program to increase people's knowledge of their civic rights and responsibilities, complemented by public dialogue between unions and their civil society partners, and leaders of the government. The project will conduct 71 activities that include strategic planning, instructors' preparation, local civic education workshops, and national conferences, allowing civil society to address critical issues as the country moves towards elections.

Association Africaine de Defense des Droits de l'Homme (African Association for Defense of Human Rights) \$60,000

To publish its quarterly bulletin and compile an annual human rights report for distribution locally and internationally, that documents all the cases of human rights violations for 2003. To provide technical assistance to Congolese for intervention or expertise regarding human rights cases, for pro bono legal aid, or to make use of ASADHO's human rights data and other resources.

Association des Jeunes Femmes du Maniema (Young Women's Association of Maniema) \$15,000

To support its program of human rights information and training for residents of Maniema province. The Association will organize training workshops, roundtable discussions, cultural activities, and a working group and will produce and broadcast a half-hour radio program focused on women's issues and basic principles of human rights. The Association will also produce and distribute a monthly newsletter containing human rights information and documenting the human rights situation in the region.

Association Mwanga \$15,000

To continue advocating for the rights and empowerment of Congolese women.

The Association will conduct a four-day conference for women leaders across the Maniema region. Issues identified at the conference will form the basis for quarterly roundtable discussions, which the Association will highlight in its quarterly newsletter. In observance of International Women's Day, the Association will organize a march and a follow-up roundtable discussion with political, military, and religious authorities and members of civil society. The Association will use a portion of Endowment funding to support its judicial assistance program, which provides free legal aid to women victims of human rights abuses.

Centre Chretien pour le Developpement des Paysans en Milieu Rural (Christian Center for the Development of Rural Farmers) \$32,000

To conduct a broad campaign of human rights education, advocacy, and training for the Fizi and Baraka zones of South Kivu. The program will include production of a human rights newsletter, a series of discussions and seminars on non-violence, production of training materials, and human rights education and advocacy in local schools.

Centre d'Etudes Juridiques Appliquées (Center of Applied Legal Studies) \$35,000

To implement a program of human rights advocacy in Butembo, North Kivu and to expand its resource center with more human rights publications. The program will include a seminar on human rights for activists, investigation of human rights abuses, publication of a quarterly human rights newsletter, and production of a human rights education program for radio broadcast. The Center will also train 200 paralegals and continue its legal assistance program for victims of human rights.

Centre des Droits de l'Homme et du Droit Humanitaire (Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law) \$45,000

To implement a human rights education and advocacy program in Katanga province. The Center will conduct training and strategy sessions for five of its local chapters, monitor cases of political prisoners, distribute approximately 700

copies of its quarterly newsletter, and publish and distribute 5,000 copies of two brochures on women's rights.

Centre Psycho-Mater Misericordiae (Mother of Mercy Psychological Center) \$30,000

To develop a human rights monitoring program to identify and rehabilitate victims of human rights abuse, particularly women and underage boy soldiers in South Kivu. The Center will conduct three one-day conferences on human rights issues affecting young people for approximately sixty participants, including lawyers, human rights activists, victims of human rights abuse, and religious leaders. The Center will also produce and broadcast an eight-part radio program about major issues surrounding victims of forced recruitment.

Collectif des Organisations des Jeunes Solidaires du Congo-Kinshasa (Collective of Youth Solidarity Organizations in Congo-Kinshasa) \$25,000

To train ninety democracy and human rights activists from three provinces. Each province will subsequently establish a human rights nucleus to join the network of Nucleus Organizations of Youth for the Democratic Dawn. The grantee will also use NED funding to develop appropriate democracy-promotion programs among youth in each province.

Comité d'Action pour le Développement Intégral (Committee of Action for Integral Development) \$25,000

To complete a program of peace education in the zones of Uvira and Fizi in South Kivu. The Committee will conduct two two-day training workshops for residents of the Uvira and Fizi zones and will organize a major consultative conference on the role of civil society during periods of conflict.

Congo en Images (Congo in Pictures) \$40,000

To inform citizens about the political transition and encourage greater local participation through the production of a monthly newsletter with analysis of the transition and a video on reconciliation efforts to be aired on local television in

Kisangani. To conduct training workshops on issues including the transition, social and economic rights, electoral perspectives, and journalism and peace; to host open public debates on topical political issues and to produce segments on a bi-monthly television program focused on the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

Convergences

\$25,000

To provide human rights education, conflict resolution, and nonviolence training for youth in the community of Kitshanga. Convergences will conduct a training-of-trainers program for 40 young people, who will then work to train 800 youths in the Kitshanga area on human rights. Convergences will also intersperse the program with vocational skills training for participants, including brick-making and gardening, to help them gain economic self-sustainability and develop a vested interest in improving the town's overall human rights situation.

Federation des Droits de l'Homme (Human Rights Federation)

\$25,000

To implement a program of human rights education and advocacy, including human rights education in secondary schools, seminars for judges on human rights protections, and legal assistance to victims of human rights abuses in the Katanga province. The organization also will produce and broadcast a monthly television and radio program devoted to general human rights issues.

Femmes et Enfants pour les Droits de l'Homme (Women and Children for Human Rights)

\$35,000

To organize a series of seminars for local churches, government administrators, secondary and university students, and media professionals on peaceful conflict-resolution strategies. The seminars will be supplemented by quarterly debates on local issues and by radio programs on the culture of peace and on resolution of inter-ethnic conflict. To continue to provide pro bono legal assistance to indigent victims of human rights abuse in the West Kasai province.

Fondation pour le Renforcement des Capacites des Populations (Foundation for the Reinforcement of the Capacity of the Population)

\$25,000

To conduct a series of human rights training sessions for human rights activists, police officers, and traditional leaders in the Maniema province. The organization will also continue to conduct quarterly meetings with recently established human rights clubs and produce and broadcast forty-eight short radio programs.

Groupe Jeremie

\$25,000

To conduct a peace and human rights program that will include publications, radio programs, a bi-annual human rights report, and visits to local secondary schools in the city of Bukavu. Groupe Jeremie will also offer judicial assistance to indigent victims of human rights abuses and will conduct twice-monthly visits to prisons to monitor the human rights situation of prisoners.

Groupe Justice et Liberation (The Justice and Liberation Group)

\$60,000

To continue its program of civic education concerning human rights through staff visits to elementary and secondary schools; a training program for teachers on incorporating human rights into school activities; and the creation of a youth parliament for students to identify problems in their communities in Oriental province. GJL will also continue its training aimed at a cross-section of young people aged 18-24 on human rights issues.

Groupe Lotus

\$60,000

To continue its program of human rights education, monitoring, and advocacy by conducting training sessions and workshops on human rights and conflict resolution and by publishing press releases, special reports, and a newsletter. Groupe Lotus will also initiate a program of quarterly peace-education and conflict-prevention sessions with the sixteen major ethnic associations in the Oriental province.

Groupe Lufalanga

\$20,000

To initiate a civic education and human rights program to engage ninety-three youth associations in the city of Kisangani. Groupe Lufalanga will also publish a newsletter containing human rights information and news, based on information supplied by local youth groups.

Haki Za Bin Adamu

\$45,000

To train judges and judicial personnel in Maniema on human rights issues and to conduct a human rights training program for young activists in the province. Supplemental human rights information will be made available to human rights activists and other interested residents through the organization's human rights resource center.

International Human Rights Law Group (IHLRG)

\$75,000

To conduct a capacity-building program for human rights NGOs in four provinces in eastern Congo by providing them with institutional and technical assistance. IHLRG will provide individual one-on-one consultations, larger region-wide workshops, and ongoing technical assistance. It will also award small grants to local groups to supplement the training.

Jeunes Paysans en Action (Young Farmers in Action)

\$21,892

To conduct a human rights education, advocacy, and training program in the Bas Congo region of western Congo. The organization will first conduct a training-of-trainers program and then organize local committees to host bimonthly discussions and debates on human rights. Following the completion of the program, the organization will hold an evaluation seminar with its trainers to discuss the campaign and devise strategies to revise and expand its outreach program.

Justice and Peace Commission of the Diocese of Kindu

\$20,000

To organize two training sessions on the fundamentals of human rights for

representatives of eighteen parishes in and around the Kindu area. After training, participants will share what they have learned with their parishioners. The organization will also produce and broadcast a twelve-episode human rights program on the local government radio station.

**La Voix des Sans Voix
(Voice of the Voiceless)
\$60,000**

To continue its human rights monitoring and advocacy by training young activists, monitoring the human rights situation, and publicizing human rights violations through newsletters and conferences. The organization will also conduct meetings and phone interviews with authorities on behalf of human rights victims and involve them in its educational programs.

**Les Amis de Nelson Mandela pour les Droits de l'Homme (Friends of Nelson Mandela for Human Rights)
\$60,000**

To continue support for its human rights advocacy and education program that includes a series of workshops on trends in human rights, monitoring techniques, advocacy efforts, and conflict resolution techniques. The organization will also hold monthly roundtable discussions on topics relevant to the human rights situation in Kisangani, Kinshasa and Mubji Mayi that allow a broad cross-section of the population to discuss current human rights problems and propose strategies for overcoming these problems.

**Ligue des Electeurs (League of Voters)
\$50,000**

To continue its democracy education and advocacy program that features a civic education campaign in each of the ten provinces in Congo that bring together representatives of pro-democracy organizations to discuss transitional mechanisms and institutions, to link activists from each region to a larger monitoring program which will be coordinated by the Groupe de Travail sur la Question Electorale et les Réformes Institutionnelles, and to monitor how well institutions aiding in the transition are performing.



Participants at a conference organized by Medias pour la Paix gather to discuss the role of tribalism and ethnic conflict as a hindrance to stability and democracy in the DRC.

**Ligue Nationale pour les Elections Libres et Transparentes (National League for Free and Transparent Elections)
\$35,000**

To hold civic education training sessions in four peripheral communities of Kinshasa. The organization will also publish five more editions of its quarterly bulletin, *Le Scrutin*, focusing on the consolidation of the peace process and encouraging Congolese citizens to get involved in the democratization process.

**Maniema Libertes (MALI)
\$25,000**

To organize two major human rights conferences. The first will bring together thirty teachers to focus on civic education in secondary schools; the second will bring together thirty representatives of various religions in the region to discuss the role of churches in building peace. In addition, MALI will produce a monthly radio program on peace, tolerance, ethnic cohabitation, and human rights. It will also organize a bimonthly public-debate series, convening speakers from different political factions to discuss issues related to peace, human rights, and democracy.

**Medias pour la Paix (Media for Peace)
\$35,000**

To conduct a study of ethnic conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The organization will host a three-day conference during which it will author a new declaration against tribalism and ethnic divisions. It will also gather information from the conference, as well as from two

workshops dealing with specific ethnic and tribal conflicts.

**Promotion de la Democratie et Protection des Droits Humains (Promotion of Democracy and the Protection of Human Rights)
\$16,000**

To provide pro bono legal assistance to indigent victims of human rights abuse in the Goma area; to publish monitoring reports on human rights abuses in prisons; and to provide legal and social services to underage soldiers in prison. The organization will also conduct a series of civic education workshops aimed at highlighting legal safeguards protecting the rights of women and children.

**Promotion de la Femme Rurale (Promotion of the Rural Woman)
\$35,000**

To conduct a program of human rights education and advocacy, featuring training sessions on human rights and democracy for community leaders, public discussions on human rights, and roundtable discussions with other NGOs on important local issues affecting the progress towards democracy and the protection of human rights in the Western Kasai province. The organization will also produce and broadcast twenty-four half-hour radio and television programs focusing on theory and application of human rights principles, rule of law, and protection of human rights.

Africa

Promotion et Appui au Developpement Communautaire (Promotion and Support of Community Development) **\$24,898**

To conduct a training program for thirty paralegals, allowing the participants to consult with potential victims of human rights abuses in rural areas; to offer pro bono legal services to women; to lobby the executive and parliament on land rights; and to meet with other NGOs to develop a consensus on how to put the issue of land rights on the agenda of the transitional government.

Promotion et Appui aux Initiatives Feminines (Promotion and Support for Women's Initiatives) **\$60,000**

To conduct six one-day conferences on a variety of human rights issues, which will be supplemented by skills-training workshops to help women become active participants in the peace process. The organization will also continue to broadcast its weekly radio program on practical human rights issues; sponsor street-theater performances to reinforce the messages of human rights, women's rights, and participation in politics; and continue its human rights monitoring program.

Radio Maendeleo **\$35,000**

To expand its network of listening clubs, especially in rural areas through the purchase and distribution of twenty short-wave radios to new listening clubs, which will become part of a network of discussion groups. The organization's staff will visit each club to promote and monitor the project. Discussions will be led on a monthly basis by a staff person who will encourage club members to discuss their understanding of public service programs about peace, reconciliation, and human rights.

Solidarite des Femmes de Fizi pour le Bien-Etre Familial (Solidarity of Women of Fizi for the Wellbeing of the Family) **\$25,000**

To conduct a program of human rights advocacy and education. The organization will provide human rights education sessions, mental health counseling, and pro bono legal aid to victims of human rights violations, and will sponsor a human rights contest for the best traditional song and best skit highlighting the themes of human and women's rights. It will also conduct a training session on human rights documentation and monitoring, conduct exchange visits with leading human rights organizations, and publish 300 copies of a related brochure.

Structure de Culture d'Education Populaire et des Droits de l'Homme (Structure for Popular Culture and Human Rights Education) **\$19,200**

To conduct a four-day human rights training workshop for thirty human rights activists in Boma. In order to monitor the human rights situation in Boma, the organization will also set up and staff ten local offices, which will organize a series of civic education workshops on relevant national and international human rights documents.

Synergie pour la Paix (Synergy for Peace) **\$40,000**

To launch a campaign aimed at promoting peace and non-violence by using conferences, workshops, media broadcasts, and training sessions to reach a broad audience within Kisangani and outside the city in Bengamisa. Synergie will continue its civic education and advocacy program through the organization of monthly women's associations discussions on human rights and conflict resolution and monthly community roundtables to debate and discuss DRC's political transition and ways in which NGOs can coordinate democracy advocacy efforts.

Umoja Wa Wanawake Wa Kulima Wa Kivu **\$20,000**

To organize twelve human rights training sessions aimed at breaking the isolation of women in Kindu and the rural districts of Kailo, Pangi, and Kasongo-Kambambare. Three sessions for 15–20 women will be held in each locale.

Voix du Handicapé pour les Droits de l'Homme (Voice of the Handicapped for Human Rights) **\$40,000**

To promote increased political participation by marginalized groups through a program of workshops to discuss barriers to political participation for women, youth, and the handicapped. A follow-up session will target local government officials and traditional leaders to promote discussion of strategies for removing cultural and legal barriers to participation. The organization will also continue to publish a monthly newsletter, in addition to using local government radio and television to discuss issues related to dialogue and political inclusiveness.

Ethiopia

HUNDEE **\$22,133**

To promote women's rights through workshops for women and men that examine their respective socio-economic status in the community. The organization will also host a community conference to inform participants about women's rights and protection. At the end of the series of workshops, the Women's Rights Protection /Defense Committees will be established to generate information on violations of women's rights.

Zami Multi-Media **\$26,740***

To purchase the equipment necessary for on-air and production studios for a radio and television station. Zami will broadcast for ten hours each day, and issues addressed will include conflict, the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, the lack of a democratic culture, the need for economic liberalization and good governance, rule of law, human rights, the culture of peace and tolerance, and development.

Ghana

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**
\$87,079

To work with the Private Enterprise Foundation (PEF) in its initiative to review all key parliamentary bills in Ghana that affect the private sector. PEF will work with its member associations to review draft legislation, analyze issues, and craft professional policy-position papers.

Kenya

International Republican Institute
\$12,500

To support Citizens Against Violence (CAVi) in efforts to dissuade young people in Nairobi from engaging in politically motivated violence. CAVi will implement community-based intervention programs among youth that will include dialogue, negotiation, arbitration, and awareness campaigns.

International Republican Institute
\$137,500

To organize an advocacy workshop for representatives from a variety of Kenyan non-governmental organizations that will address principles of advocacy, research and policy analysis, message development, coalition-building, utilization of the media, and development of professional relationships with political leaders and government officials. Following the workshop, IRI will work with the participants to provide preliminary opportunities for the organizations to apply their advocacy skills, as well as hold a series of public fora to discuss reform issues.



NDI conducts a women's political empowerment training for the Kenya Africa National Union (KANU). KANU is working to increase the political participation of women.

Kenya Community Abroad
\$24,863

To sponsor a Kenya National Strategic Planning Conference to help the new government prioritize the country's immediate needs; to facilitate input from various Kenyan professional and interest groups and the international community; and to construct a five-point economic test to help independent policy think-tanks and the proposed National Development and Labor Council measure the success and effectiveness of government policies over the next five years.

Kenya Human Rights Commission
\$40,000

To hold an international conference on transitional justice and accountability in order to mobilize support for legal proceedings against those implicated in politically instigated violence between 1991 and 1998. The Commission will mobilize victims and survivors of the killings by holding three community fora, placing four advertisements in national newspapers urging human rights victims to provide testimony, and commissioning two lawyers to work on the cases.

**National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs**
\$300,000

To continue working with Kenyan political parties in the post-election, transitional environment to strengthen their role in good governance by increasing their ability to engage constructively in public policy debates. NDI will work to enhance parties' understanding of their rights and responsibilities, in both opposition and government, and to develop their capacity to aggregate and represent citizen interests.

Liberia

**Association of Liberian
Professional Organizations**
\$35,000

To support its function as the secretariat of the Civil Society Movement of Liberia. The Association will also hold four capacity-building and information-sharing workshops in rural Liberia, which will be followed by the appointment of four rural coordinators responsible for stimulating grassroots participation in civil society

activities. To assist the Association to collaborate with counterparts in Sierra Leone and Guinea to coordinate efforts with the Mano River Union Civil Society Movement.

**Committee for Peace and
Development Advocacy, Inc.**
\$16,000

To launch an Adult Human Rights Literacy Training Center, where adults can be taught to read while simultaneously learning about the Liberian constitution and basic human rights. The Committee will visit surrounding towns and villages to hold regular consultations with those who are unable to participate in the Center program. Information regarding human rights abuses will be gathered on these visits and compiled into a database to identify trends. The Committee will publish 2,500 copies of its quarterly newsletter, *Human Rights News*.

Justice and Peace Commission
\$44,000

To continue its program of human rights education, monitoring, and legal aid. The Commission will continue its weekly human rights and civic education radio program focusing on the basic tenets of human rights and will conduct workshops focusing on human rights instruments, monitoring, reconciliation, and peace-building. It will also continue to provide free legal services through its Legal Aid Program to indigent people whose rights have been violated.

Liberia Institute of Journalism
\$25,000

To organize a series of workshops emphasizing human rights and political reporting for journalists from northeastern and southeastern Liberia. In addition, the Institute will organize a two-day sub-regional symposium for participants from Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia. The symposium will focus on creating a space for dialogue between politicians and policymakers on the one hand, and journalists, human rights activists and community leaders on the other.

2003 marked NED's 20th anniversary. In its first two decades, the Endowment and its four core institutes assisted literally thousands of grassroots organizations in more than ninety countries. The examples of present and past programs featured below give only a glimpse of NED's continuing commitment to support all those aspiring to the universal values of freedom and democracy worldwide.

Founded just over a year ago by a group of young Liberian university graduates, students, and professionals, the **National Youth Movement for Transparent Elections (NAYMOTE)**, is working to channel the idealism and energy of Liberian youth to support the growth of democracy in their war-ravaged country. Through a multifaceted civic education campaign that promotes understanding of national election laws and encourages citizens to make responsible decisions in choosing their leadership, NAYMOTE has quickly emerged as a leading advocate of free elections in Liberia.

During the past year, NAYMOTE conducted a massive school and community media campaign for civic and voter education. Organizers developed working committees within several secondary schools, colleges, universities and community centers throughout Liberia that trained student leaders to provide civic education in their respective institutions.

NAYMOTE also uses a wide range of communications tools to spread their message to a broader audience across Liberia. NAYMOTE is disseminating thousands of brochures, leaflets, posters and newspapers admonishing Liberians to vote wisely, with messages such as "Your one vote could do much for the rest of your life for your country, it could kill or liberate: don't sell it. Save your nation and your dream." Nationwide radio programs are another tool that provide not only basic lessons in civic education, but also news and information on important topics including the international stabilization force, the war crimes tribunal and the transitional legislative elections.



After the Accra peace agreement was signed on August 18, 2003, NAYMOTE conducted an extensive observation of the legislative elections that were held for county representatives in Monrovia. As Liberia prepares for its upcoming 2005 national elections, NAYMOTE is poised to assist the many international groups working for fair elections. Echoing the expectation of many Liberians, NAYMOTE's executive director, Eddie Jarwolo, pointed out that "these elections are a key element for non-violent change, since they will help usher in the democratic way of life we seek."

1987 – NED supports the **Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (IDASA)**, a research center that seeks to improve communication and understanding between white and black communities.

1987 – *The Sudan Times*, an independent English-language newspaper, uses NED funds to purchase supplies essential to its continued publication.

1990 – The **Civil Liberties Organization** uses NED support to investigate and document Nigeria's human rights record.

1992 – The **Soweto Civic Association** organizes the residents of Soweto to engage in negotiations for the restructuring of local government in South Africa.

1996 – **Campaign for Democracy** strengthens its organizational structures, and conducts a massive civic education program through press conferences, leaflets, and its newspaper *Democracy Echo* in Nigeria.



1999 – Thirteen NED-funded groups in **Nigeria** join together with 40 other NGOs to form the **Transition Monitoring Group (TMG)** in 1998. TMG mobilizes 11,000 observers for Nigeria's historic February 27 presidential election.

2001 – The **Center for Documentation and Advocacy** publishes and distributes the *South Sudan Post* throughout Sudan and abroad.

2001 – In the **Congo (DRC)**, NED supports **28 independent groups** working to promote human rights, independent media, rule of law and to impact the Inter-Congolese dialogue.

2002 – **NDI** carries out the third phase of an ambitious 18-month program for political parties in Kenya, emphasizing coalition building and deterrence of political violence in preparation for the historic presidential and parliamentary elections in Kenya.



NED 1999 Democracy Award is accepted by Nigeria's Transition Monitoring Group.



The staff at the Movement for Democracy and Elections in Liberia.

Liberian National Law Enforcement Association
\$30,375

To conduct a series of workshops and training seminars for criminal-justice practitioners on issues related to human rights and processes of criminal justice, and to strengthen their capacity and skills. A follow-up survey will be used to gauge public opinion of the operation and effectiveness of the criminal-justice system and the effectiveness of the seminars. Also, the Association will produce a monthly radio program, *The Criminal Justice Forum*, and host a quarterly public forum.

Liberian Women Initiative
\$20,000

To build on its previous training programs for women and introduce a voter-education campaign specifically targeted towards encouraging women to vote. The organization will produce and/or distribute billboards, flyers, posters, and electoral materials; advise women who are interested in running for office in the October elections; and conduct weeklong trainings through its "Increasing Women's Participation in Governance and Leadership" program.



Movement for Democracy and Elections in Liberia
\$25,000

To conduct a series of meetings and training workshops in order to select and train facilitators and resource persons for its civic education project. MODEL will hold five civic education workshops for 150 participants each, including men and women of voting age, teachers, and county administrators. These workshops will include audiovisual programs, drama, music, community activities, and a voter's guide.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$199,999

To expand activities to build the political organizing capacity of civil society groups to participate in an eventual political transition process. The Institute will also assist civil society organizations in building linkages, encouraging cooperation and reaching consensus on their role in a political transition process in Liberia.



The staff of NAYMOTÉ produced civic education posters for a national civic education campaign in Liberia launched in March.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$100,000

To provide technical and material support to Liberian civic organizations interested in monitoring the October 2003 elections and conducting targeted voter-education. NDI will conduct a series of civil society roundtable discussions and capacity-building workshops to support coordination and collaboration among Liberian civil society groups, and build the organization and administrative capacities of Liberian NGOs.

National Youth Movement for Transparent Elections
\$20,000

To organize a series of discussions at high schools, colleges, universities, and community centers throughout Liberia on election issues. The organization will follow up the discussions with return civic-education visits to the schools and by encouraging youth to make use of its headquarters in Monrovia. The organization will also produce radio programs and posters and brochures with various electoral messages.

Press Union of Liberia
\$40,000

To continue to hold monthly meetings with leaders of media institutions to critique the press's performance and to

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host the second National Media convention to discuss barriers to the free flow of information. The Press Union will also provide support to the legal defense of journalists, assist families of imprisoned journalists, and provide food and medicine to political prisoners.

Prisoners Assistance Program

\$21,055

To conduct two human rights training workshops for fifty residents, ten from each of five targeted communities, to provide human rights training for the commanders of the police depots in the communities, and work collaboratively with residents of the communities to set up community-based action structures to promote and defend human rights. The fifty trained community residents will be the driving force in these structures.

Rural Human Rights Activists Programme

\$27,000

To hire trained human rights activists in Liberia to help the organization's staff develop and facilitate a series of training-of-trainers workshops, and to produce a training manual for participants to be used at schools, religious institutions, and refugee and IDP camps in the form of a lecture series. The organization will also produce and broadcast its radio program, *Peace Forum*, develop billboards with human rights messages targeting the rural illiterate population, and produce a monthly newsletter.

Mali

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$100,000

To conduct a three-month program to enhance the capacity of Malian women to organize and advocate for fair representation in politics and public policy. The program will assist legislators and civic groups in sustaining related efforts, securing concrete commitments to increase women's political participation and guaranteeing women fair treatment under the law.

Mozambique

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$75,757

To help the Industrial Association of Mozambique (AIMO) build the skill and capacity to provide more comprehensive business and economic information to AIMO members, provide more informed grassroots input to the policy process, and use a process-oriented approach to guide the government in developing coherent, realistic, and sustainable economic and industrial policies.

Coopartes Editorial

\$30,000

To produce a supplement to its weekly newspaper, *Demos*, in Mozambique. The content of the supplement will be a series of letters on the elections collected during a series of two-day workshops that *Demos* will organize in five rural areas.

Niger

Association Nigerienne pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme (Nigerien Association for the Defense of Human Rights)

\$35,000

To continue its human rights advocacy, monitoring, and training programs. The Association will use NED funding to support its eight branch offices, which carry out a number of human rights programs; to produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter; and for outreach to other civil society organizations in Niger working on human rights and democracy.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$100,000

To work with Nigerien political party leaders to increase opportunities for women to participate in the political process and enhance their capacity to represent their parties in elections. Activities will include a multi-partisan roundtable with political party leadership and potential women candidates, radio programming designed to highlight the significance of increased

WOMEN IN NIGERIAN POLITICS

Thanks to legislative changes in 2002, Nigerian women, when campaigning for the political process, have an unprecedented opportunity to take discourse to a system long dominated by men. The new law, which requires that women comprise at least 25 percent of candidate lists, acts to remedy an acute disparity among men and women in the country's governing councils, where few women occupy any national leadership positions and most of the 1,200 local council seats. The number will be raised five to the newly created commune level, the country's smallest governing authority, viewed as part of an ambitious decentralization program.

Local governments in a particularly appropriate arena in which to increase women's participation in Niger's nascent democracy. Local politics often address issues that most directly affect women's lives and the issue of competing

as the local level are much better than the national office, making it more accessible to women who typically have access to these resources than men. Late drafting as well as the more traditional men's political networks are some of the main obstacles to women's participation in the political process. In the existing traditional decision-making system.

The success of the new law hinges on how the political parties prepare and respond to this directive with lists of qualified female candidates capable of meeting varying campaign requirements as well as increasing the transparency, inclusiveness, fairness and openness toward women and building an environment favorable to their candidates.

NDI'S CONTRIBUTION

More than 120 Nigerian political leaders from 27 political parties gathered at an NDI-

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More than 120 Nigerien leaders from 27 political parties gathered at an NDI forum to discuss the obstacles to women's participation in the political process. The meeting's proceedings and recommendations were summarized in this pamphlet for distribution.

women's participation, and campaign skills training for a core group of women activists.

Radio Anfani

\$35,000

To strengthen independent media through the broadcast of civic education programs. The education programs will include a call-in portion with discussions on topics such as local governance, electoral processes, political violence, and the role of civil society.

Nigeria

Centre for Constitutional Governance

\$40,000

To conduct training workshops on the Nigerian Constitution, the electoral process, human rights and civic responsibilities for Volunteer Local Government Educators, community educators, and state facilitators. The organization will also produce various civic education materials, establish three human rights centers in each of three states, recruit two attorneys to provide legal assistance on a volunteer basis to individuals seeking legal reparations for human rights abuses through the Nigerian courts, and compile information from the human

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SORONU NIWULITE OBODO ALA ANYI**



**WOMEN, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:
PARTICIPATE IN DEMOCRACY**

AND HELP BUILD THE NATION

Produced by IMO YOUTH NETWORK PROGRAMME (IYNP)
with support from NED U.S.A.

Materials such as this poster were used throughout Nigeria by the IYNP to promote peace and democratic governance.

rights centers into the third and fourth editions of the *CCG Newsmagazine*.

Committee for the Protection of People's Dignity

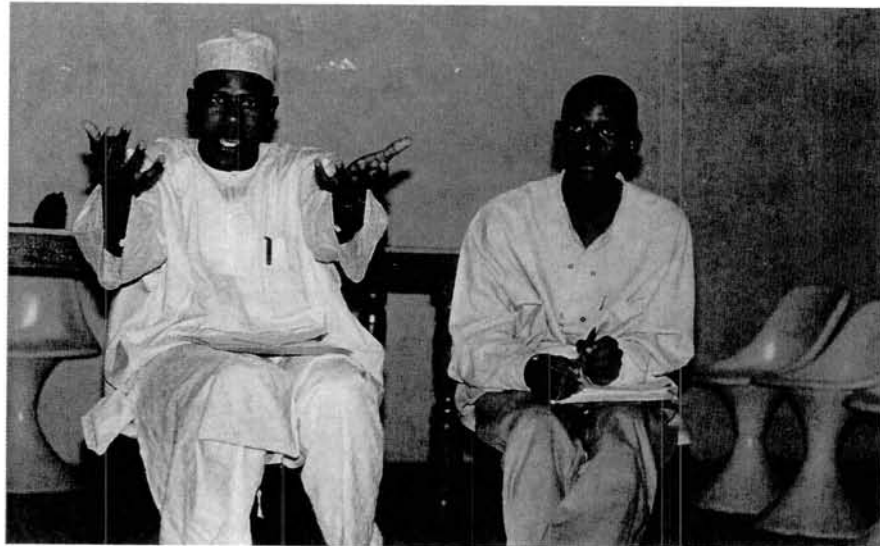
\$28,075

To educate young people about democracy and human rights and the relationship between religion and democracy through the expansion of youth camp programs in northern Nigeria. The camp's activities include debates, games, and role-playing about other ethnic groups to strengthen tolerance and understanding of each others' socio-cultural backgrounds.

Community Action for Popular Participation (CAPP)

\$32,963*

To host a two-day national workshop in Abuja on the establishment of the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Commission (HYPPADEC) bill for 100 participants drawn from the legislature, industry, media, and civil society. The workshop will serve the dual purpose of raising awareness of Nigerians on



Nigerian participants share their views about democracy at a youth camp sponsored by the Committee for the Protection of People's Dignity.

the imperative of the passage of the HYPPADEC bill, and providing an opportunity for the participants to assist CAPP in the development of

an advocacy plan to support passage of the HYPPADEC. CAPP will publish and distribute proceedings of the workshop.

Constitutional Rights Project

\$50,000

To create its advocacy office, which will campaign for the repeal of decrees and antiquated laws which contradict human rights norms and the Nigerian constitution, and to support the enactment of draft legislation that strengthens human rights and democratic institutions. The Constitutional Rights Project will continue to publish its monthly newsletter on legislative activities; produce its weekly newspaper commentary on government policies; and conduct the Legislative Internship Program.

Human Rights Law Service

\$40,039

To research existing electoral laws, the Nigerian constitution, and relevant case judgments, and appoint two lawyers to study the information and draft a policy document to serve as a guide in resolving election-conflict cases through the court system. The final draft will be published in book form, and 5,000 copies will be distributed to various governmental and civic stakeholders. A corresponding media and advocacy

campaign will be mounted to publicize the effort.

Human Rights Monitor

\$38,000*

To continue educating citizens on democracy and human rights through the development, production, and placement of a series of radio and television public service announcements; sponsorship of interactive, phone-in radio and television programs; publication of quarterly articles on the elections and electoral process; and translation of Independent Electoral Commission materials into three languages. The organization will also produce six reports on electoral issues and continue to produce its quarterly publication *Equal Justice*.

Imo Youth Network Programme (IYNP)

\$24,380

To conduct six one-day training-of-trainers workshops on civic education, decision-making, and democratic values. A total of 300 adult women and 100 young girls will be trained and later participate in exchange visits with women from other project communities in Imo. IYNP will also conduct a series of seminars, rallies, and radio discussions aimed at promoting peace and women's participation in democratic governance; produce and distribute promotional materials with electoral-education messages; and publish two newspaper articles promoting women's participation in democratic governance.



Participants gather at a conference sponsored by the Association pour les Droits de l'Homme et l'Univers Carceral to discuss human rights concepts with local police and other law enforcement officials in Congo (Brazzaville).

Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

\$36,000

To demystify the judicial process for ordinary Nigerians and allow for greater monitoring and accountability of the courts through twenty-five judicial-culture education forums. The Institute will also maintain three staff attorneys to take on ten public-interest litigation cases for the very poor; train 500 students from the Niger Delta region on "community law" and alternative dispute-resolution techniques; and conduct an anti-corruption media campaign.

League of Democratic Women

\$40,000

To continue publication of a quarterly newsmagazine and to conduct a development and training workshop entitled "Civic Education for an Enduring Democracy." Workshop participants will execute a follow-up training and advocacy campaign which will culminate in a public rally in each of the states. The instructional materials presented at the workshop will be disseminated through newspapers, uploaded onto the LEADS website, and compiled for additional publication.

National Congress of Nigerian Commoners (NCNC)

\$20,000

To conduct a civic education and advocacy campaign focused on the problem of political violence in the five states of southeast Nigeria. In each of the states, NCNC will hold workshops on the problem of political violence. NCNC will create and publish 2,000 copies each of a monthly newsletter entitled "Democracy Surveillance," as well as produce a series of eight half-hour radio programs on political violence. Finally, NCNC will organize a debate for secondary school students and an essay competition for undergraduate students on "Curbing Political Violence."

Women in Nigeria – Kaduna Chapter

\$29,098

To continue advocacy work with women in northern Nigeria. The program will address violence against women and includes an advocacy training program, a program to form a core of reporters and monitors, and a report of cases and issues involving violence against women to be presented to the public during a launch ceremony.

Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)

Association pour les Droits de l'Homme et l'Univers Carceral (Association for Human Rights and the Prison Universe)
\$23,244

To conduct a series of workshops and trainings aimed at increasing the understanding of human rights concepts among the judiciary, police force, youth and community groups, and prison guards. As part of its human rights monitoring program, the Association will also seek to publish the results of its investigations into abuses that have been reported by its trainers.

Observatoire Congolais des Droits de l'Homme (Congoese Observatory of Human Rights)

\$40,000

To monitor and document the human rights situation in Congo-Brazzaville by compiling reports of human rights violations and publishing a report on detention conditions. The organization will also continue its legal-assistance program and organize an informational workshop on "The Struggle against Impunity: The Problem of Torture in Congo."

Republic of Guinea

Organisation Guineenne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen (Guinean Organization for the Defense of Human and Citizen's Rights)

\$22,351

To conduct two human rights training workshops for government officials in Kankan and N'Zerekore. Endowment assistance will also be used to cover the organization's infrastructure costs.

Senegal

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**
\$1,500

To work with the National Council of Employers in Senegal in assisting the National Employers' Association to improve public understanding of the market economy and the role that business associations play in a democracy through a series of twenty-four radio and four television broadcasts. The program will focus on raising awareness of private sector contributions to employment, investment, and tax revenues.

Sierra Leone

Campaign Against Violent Events
\$25,000

To conduct a one-month consultative exercise with traditional leaders, opinion leaders, parliamentarians, and civil society groups in order to foster better relationships and increase understanding of the Sierra Leone government. Based on this exercise, CAVE will conduct tailored training sessions to introduce the concept of democratic leadership to traditional institutions. CAVE will also set up public civic education resource centers, organize district-level consultative meetings to bring together parliamentarians and their constituencies, and continue its program of civic education for the general public through theater troupes, radio programs, and roundtable discussions.

Campaign for Good Governance
\$40,000

To continue its program of human rights education, monitoring, and advocacy, focusing particularly on the rights of women and children, especially in rural areas. CGG will organize an education and advocacy campaign in five rural districts. It will also dispatch its legal-aid lawyers to provide practical support to victims of human rights abuses and will provide medical service to those victims who need it. In addition, CGG will continue to host its weekly radio and television programs, which focus on the principles of human rights and the practical human rights issues facing the country.

**Center for Democracy and Human
Rights (CDHR)**
\$25,000

To organize a national conference and workshops in four district offices to discuss the role of civil society organizations in the consolidation of democracy and the promotion of human rights and to provide media coverage through the CDHR's radio discussion program. CDHR will also encourage community meetings at the village level to discuss civil society initiatives and the maintenance of four district offices in the northern province which will be responsible for monitoring, documenting, and reporting the conditions in prisons and detention centers.

Forum for Democratic Initiatives
\$28,740

To establish a Democracy and Peace Club to develop and coordinate extra-curricular activities for students to increase their participation and knowledge of democracy. Activities will include a weekly crossword puzzle with democracy themes in newspapers, student visits to state institutions, an inter-school debate on peace and democracy, a program to bring influential speakers to schools, a Peace Camp, a touring exhibition, and a National Unity Language Competition.

**Foundation for International
Dignity (FIND)**
\$30,000

To conduct a public-awareness campaign to disseminate information about refugee flows and minimize negative perceptions and stereotyping of refugee populations. FIND will produce radio spots, talk shows, and discussion forums on refugee issues and will conduct training sessions for the leadership of the refugee and IDP communities, human rights and humanitarian agencies, local community leaders, and host governments.

**Media Foundation for Peace
and Development**
\$20,000

To improve political-affairs reporting and civic awareness throughout Sierra Leone. The Foundation will conduct training workshops for fourteen radio

broadcast journalists on reporting and civic education before assigning them to the fourteen electoral districts of Sierra Leone. It will also procure broadcast and recording equipment to strengthen the capacity of Sierra Leone's only independent radio stations—Radio Bo and SKYY FM—to broadcast civic education, political news, parliamentary proceedings, and other information, including a daily live radio-discussion program, *Democracy Now*.

National Forum for Human Rights
\$32,209

To conduct a series of meetings with human rights activists in the Mano River Union countries: Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia. The meetings will discuss the human rights situations in each of the three countries with the aim of establishing the Mano River Union Human Rights Coalition. The Forum will also set up Human Rights Coalition desks in each country to implement decisions made by the Coalition steering committee regarding human rights activities.

Somalia

Banadir Radio
\$30,000

To broadcast a series of radio programs that will raise awareness of democracy, human rights, and women's rights in Mogadishu. Banadir Radio will also implement joint programs with civil society groups to promote activities focusing on peace and invite activists to participate in debate and talk show programs.

**Dr. Ismail Jumale Human
Rights Organization**
\$33,536*

To continue to play an active role in the Eldoret peace negotiations and to conduct three human rights training workshops, which will be tailored to various participant groups—including police officers, primary school teachers, and youth—and designed to strengthen their awareness of human rights. The organization will also continue its investigation and documentation of human rights abuses and combine its findings into regional reports, which will be made available to the public.



Somali police participate in a human rights training organized by the Dr. Ismail Jumale Human Rights Organization.

HornAfrik Media

\$45,430*

To conduct training for twenty journalists with the help of journalism instructors and human rights experts. The trained journalists will produce documentaries on human rights issues, women's rights, and democracy and related issues, as well as produce six call-in shows focusing on human rights, democracy, and women's issues. HornAfrik will also publish 1,000 copies of a reference book based on the issues studied in the classes.

Horn of Africa Relief and Development Organization

\$25,000*

To undertake youth training at Pastoral Youth Learning (PYL) Centers in six villages in Sanaag, Somalia. Training will follow the PYL curriculum, which focuses on peace and responsible community leadership, resource management, human health, and animal health. After the training, the youth trainees will visit pastoral communities to research local governance systems, natural resource management, and development challenges before cooperatively carrying out a small-community development project throughout the year.

Somali Journalists Network

\$20,000

To conduct two sets of training workshops to improve the standards of So-

malis. The first workshop will address conflict reporting and conflict resolution, while the second will focus on journalist safety.

Somaliland

Consortium of Somaliland NGOs (COSONGO)

\$29,860*

To conduct four civic education training workshops for participants from local NGOs, community-based NGOs, and village elders and to produce and disseminate follow-up reports. In addition, COSONGO will produce a Somali-language version of its monthly newsletter, currently published in English.

HAWO Group

\$20,000

To promote democracy and women's rights among grassroots women's organizations through a series of trainings for the women in the Sool and Sanaag regions. Workshops will focus on organization capacity building, training-of-trainers on human rights in the media, the need to respect human rights in daily law enforcement functions, and the importance of women's rights. HAWO will also produce a monthly radio program on democracy, human rights and good governance that will target a grassroots women audience.

Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee

\$39,816

To continue its civic education campaign aimed at youth through the use of its traveling circus. The program features acrobats and street theater as tools to disseminate civic education messages. To increase participation of youth in political decision-making, the Committee will also produce booklets and leaflets on good governance and democracy and organize a series of youth workshops and symposiums.

Nagaad Umbrella Organization

\$45,549

To organize a series of training workshops to address women's rights and participation in political decision-making, including one workshop with participants from neighboring countries and one with male politicians and religious leaders. Participants from a training-of-trainers workshop will campaign for women candidates and promote women's rights in the upcoming parliamentary elections. To promote women's rights and democracy through civic education programs, such as television projects, songs, and poetry.

Samo-Talis

\$43,438*

To conduct human rights seminars and training workshops and to publish its monthly human rights newsletter, including three English-language supplements. For Somaliland's upcoming national elections, Samo-Talis will conduct voter education; provide advice to political parties on free, peaceful, and ethical participation in the elections; consult with electoral commission staff; and provide election monitoring.

Sudan

Badya Center for Integrated Development Services

\$40,040

To continue to document violence against women in the Nuba Mountains; organize a peace tournament to inform youth of peace building techniques, and to produce a series of booklets on peace and democracy. The Center will continue its "second chance education"

for children who have been deprived of schooling because of cultural values that discriminate against girls. The Center will also host a tribal reconciliation conference between the Rawawga Arabs and the Meri Nuba.

Centre for Documentation and Advocacy
\$31,000

To continue publication of its monthly magazine, the *South Sudan Post*, which has become one of the most important sources of news, analysis, and commentary on South Sudanese politics, peace developments, and humanitarian efforts. To conduct workshops on peace, human rights and democracy, compile reports on the peace process, and establish community information centers.

Democracy Development Center
\$25,000

To support a series of training workshops for discussions and participatory activity on various aspects of the culture of peace and democracy, after which participants conduct civic education programs in their local communities. To design training on conducting scientific public opinion polling.

Equatoria Relief and Development Association
\$23,136

To conduct a series of civic education workshops in Southern Sudan, on conflict resolution, human rights, and tolerance for community leaders, women, youth, local administrators, and representatives from local law enforcement institutions.

Freedom Equality Peace Society
\$20,000

To organize a series of training-of-trainers workshops in Khartoum, Blue Nile, and Kordofan states for youth organizations. The workshops will address conflict resolution, human rights and gender development, leadership skills, and democracy.

Kwoto Cultural Center
\$65,000*

To expand its program of performances, which incorporate drama, songs, and traditional dances from southern Sudan. Themes of the performances will

focus on war, displacement, immigration, peace and justice, human rights, HIV/AIDS, children in war-torn areas, diversity in cooperation, and conflict-resolution. Kwoto will also conduct twelve lectures on arts and culture, and six musical concerts, at its headquarters in Khartoum.

Mutawinat Benevolent Company
\$35,000

To raise public awareness about women's legal rights with a program including workshops on labor issues and land tenure laws; a training course for its network of paralegal volunteers on reporting, monitoring and documenting violence against women; and institutional support for its four local offices. Mutawinat will also provide a book on the condition of women in Sudan's prisons; a quarterly newsletter in English and Arabic; posters and pamphlets on women's rights and legal aid; and a full-page advertisement in a daily newspaper twice a month on women's rights issues.

National Center for Peace and Development
\$30,000*

To establish a Sudan Democracy-Building Center, which will focus on preparing the institutional and intellectual capacities of the Sudanese to manage democratic transition. The Center will offer four training courses twice each year, with courses in democracy building, peace-building and conflict management, political organization, and leadership. It will also hold a symposium every two weeks addressing good-governance issues.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$100,000

To assist a select group of Sudanese women's organizations in developing their role in the ongoing peace process and the post-conflict implementation phase of the peace plan. The secondary aim of this six-month project is to promote communication between northern and southern civil society organizations.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$100,000

To support a program to bring together youth organizations from the north and south of the country to discuss issues of common concern and their role in a post-conflict society. NDI will conduct a series of roundtables and forums in Khartoum, Yei, and Nairobi to help youth groups begin the process of civic organizing by identifying issues and skills necessary to advocate for change.

Southern Women Group for Peace
\$27,000*

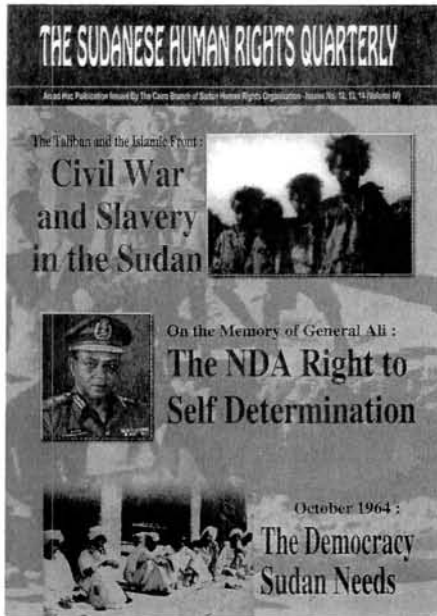
To establish a women's peace center, which will conduct research and documentation on gender and governance and explore issues of justice, equity, and conflict resolution in other countries. The organization will continue its justice and peace lobbying campaigns, which target political leaders, community groups, and the grassroots and international communities. It will also hold a series of training workshops on human rights, conflict resolution, and peace lobbying.

Sudan Human Rights Association
\$39,700

To conduct fact-finding missions to refugee settlements in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, north-west Kenya, and southern Sudan, and distribute field reports based on the information gathered during these missions. The Association will continue to publish its quarterly newsletter, continue its Paralegal Training Project, and continue to employ a social worker to provide counseling and referral services to refugees who contact the headquarters office in Kampala.

Sudan Human Rights Organization – Cairo
\$100,000*

To support civil society and the peaceful democratic movement in Sudan through its website, printed materials on the needs of Sudanese refugees, human rights reports, press statements, urgent action appeals, and the *Sudanese Human Rights Quarterly*, published in Arabic and English. The organization will continue to monitor human rights violations by the Sudanese government and by warring groups in Sudan. It will also



The Sudanese Human Rights Quarterly is published in Arabic and English by the Sudan Human Rights Organization in Cairo.

expand its legal-aid services for internally displaced persons in Sudan, continue to assist the refugee community in Cairo, and conduct a training workshop for local human rights activists from various Sudanese cities.

Sudan Organization Against Torture
\$27,000

To organize the first ever symposium on human rights education in conjunction with the Ahfad University for Women of Sudan. The symposium will include workshops on human rights in the Sudanese public and private educational system, the role of civil society, public and private media, and human rights education. The Organization will compile the proposals and recommendations from the symposium into a book and also produce a manual for human rights education.

Sudanese Studies Center
\$60,000

To organize civic activities on democracy and peace building for Sudanese youth, women, and journalists, to publish an extracurricular civic education book, and to conduct a series of symposiums and workshops. NED support will also be used by the Center to continue publishing its journal, *Sudanese Writings*, and to produce its annual report on the state of civil society and the development of politics and economy in the Sudan.

South Africa

International Republican Institute
\$75,000

To conduct training workshops focused on strategic and participatory planning and information-dissemination as part of a pilot program to address crisis-management and the AIDS epidemic within local governments and their communities. The trainings will be conducted through IRI's KwaZulu-Natal regional office.

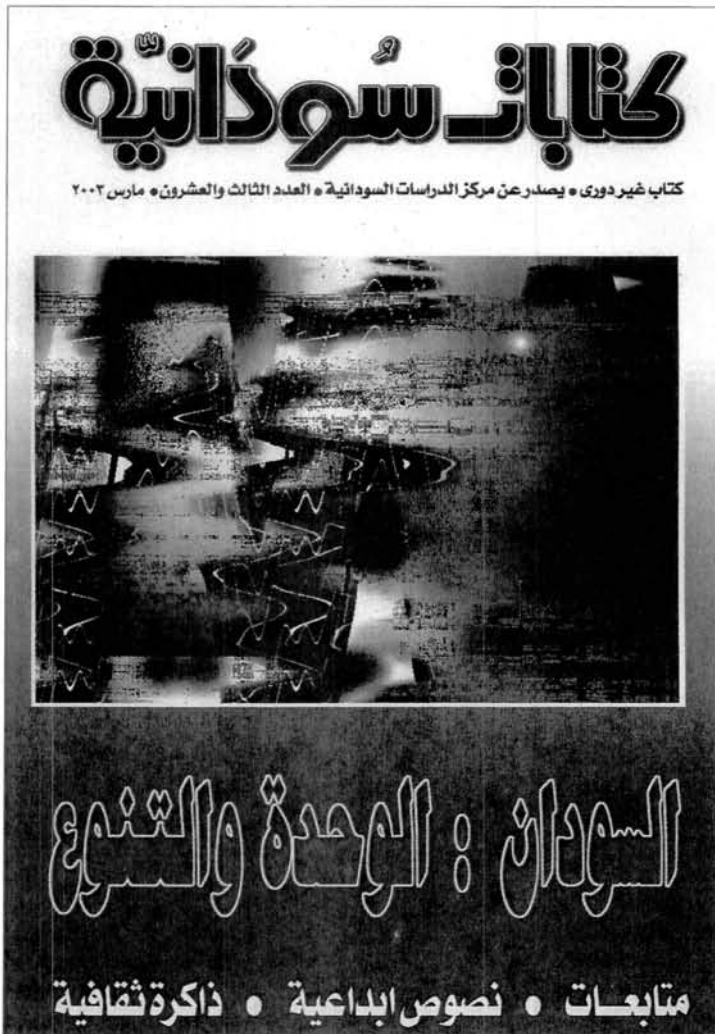
International Republican Institute
\$40,000

To support the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) and the Free Society Project (FSP) in their aim to strengthen civil society in South Africa. FSP will support effective policy alternatives that promote individual liberty, democratic governance, and free enterprise. SAIRR will continue to produce the *Fast Facts* newsletter and weekly column in the South African newspaper *Business Day*. The organization will also continue to provide timely briefings and analysis of pending legislation and will testify before the parliament.

Togo

Ligue Togolaise des Droits de l'Homme (Togo Human Rights League)
\$20,654

To organize conference-debates on fundamental notions of human rights, broadcast a human rights program on community radio stations, and promote a human rights competition utilizing its network of twelve branches throughout Togo.



The Sudanese Study Center produces *Sudanese Writings* an academic periodical that discusses political reform, peace building, and the role of democracy in Sudan.

Uganda

Center for International Private Enterprise \$73,808

To support the Federation of Uganda Employers (FUE) and its "Decentralizing Advocacy" project through which district and regional FUE committees will advocate for friendly policies and regulations that will stimulate local investments by business and attract outside investment.

Foundation for Human Rights Initiative \$72,250

To research, monitor, and document cases of abuse in five areas: police and prison reform; freedom of expression, association, and assembly; independence and integrity of the media; practices of arbitrary arrests, torture, and illegal detention; and the treatment of internally displaced persons, minorities, and children. The organization will release periodic reports on its research findings and recommendations for further action. The findings will also be compiled into the *Annual Human Rights Report on Uganda 2003*.

Human Rights Concern \$21,776

To support a human rights training program in Uganda. HURICO will conduct four regional training-of-trainers sessions from which a core group of regional human rights trainers will be formed. These trainers will then train their own staff and organizational constituencies on the principles they have learned.

International Republican Institute \$75,000

To examine Ugandan citizen views on a variety of democratic systems and their components. IRI will contract with a regional polling firm to conduct a nationwide poll and will host a series of town hall meetings, attempting to include both national and regional public officials. IRI will then provide the country's constitutional review commission with a formal presentation of views expressed by the public through both the poll and the meetings.

Lwo Development Incorporated (LDI) \$35,020

To continue peace-building activities that supplement and support the structures of the community and the traditional leaders' reconciliation methods. LDI will conduct training sessions on conflict-resolution, facilitate the re-integration of former combatants into the community, and continue to increase the capacity of local organizations by hosting a training session on effective ways to use the media to promote peace-building. It will also develop a civic education radio program to complement this training.

Africa Regional

Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme (Act Together for Human Rights) \$48,196

To conduct a three-day training program in three cities in the Republic of Congo and Chad. Approximately fifty young people will attend the sessions, which will focus on introducing participants to the basic tenets of human rights. Agir Ensemble will then choose twenty to twenty-five students for a human rights practicum that will combine theory and practice.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$95,363

To conduct a three-day leadership development program for approximately thirty women from East Africa in Entebbe, Uganda. The program will deliver practical information at both the basic and advanced levels to enhance participants' success in leadership positions in their communities.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$55,861

To conduct a second year of activities associated with maintaining the African Virtual Business Association Network's (AVBAN) existing services, building AVBAN's user network, and actively generating success stories from AVBAN's growing network by creating an awards program.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$98,364

To co-sponsor the second Pan African Consultative Forum on Corporate Governance in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2003. The conference will bring together 200 participants from across Africa as part of a broader program aimed at supporting African solutions to African corporate-governance challenges. The findings and recommendations will be presented to an international conference in Paris so that African views can be included in the revision of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) principles on good corporate governance.

Environmental Rights Action (ERA) \$25,000

To review all contracts that have been made between West African governments and oil consortia to determine their implications, and develop a list of concrete tools for strengthening environmental law and addressing local community concerns regarding the gas pipeline. ERA will conduct consultations locally and regionally regarding basic democratic principles and policies that must be addressed by relevant financial and government institutions including a three-day regional civil society consultation on the West African Gas Pipeline.

International Republican Institute \$75,000

To coordinate bilateral and regional training events to educate promising young men and women leaders throughout Africa about democratic values and mechanisms for boosting civic participation. IRI will also conduct activities to foster the development of an active political voice for these individuals and will seek to enhance the role of female public officials in East Africa by encouraging the creation of caucuses and other networking opportunities.



A diversity of challenges confronted those

who would advance democracy in Asia in 2003. These included the familiar restrictions and repression of authoritarian states, the weak institutions and corruption of more nominal democracies, as well as newer pressures that are a result of government strategies to combat international terrorist networks operating throughout the region.

In response to these circumstances, NED continued to concentrate its resources in Asia on organizations working to pry open dictatorial systems and broaden rights and political space in semi-authoritarian countries. When possible, support was also extended to groups seeking to consolidate reforms in new democracies, work in war-torn societies, and address two cross-cutting issues: aiding democracy in the Muslim world and strengthening solidarity networks among democratic activists and thinkers.

Support for democratization in **China** and **Burma** remained the Endowment's largest programs in Asia. In **China**, the Endowment continued its strategy of support for vigorous

advocacy on human rights and democracy as well as programs designed to advance reforms in the country in such areas as building a market economy, the rule of law, and responsive and accountable local government. The Endowment's program to facilitate the free flow of information and help Internet users evade the government firewalls encompassed the efforts of a wide variety of dedicated editors: from policy-oriented journals such as the *Modern China Studies* quarterly journal, to news providers such as the China Information Center's *ObserveChina* service, to journals of opinion and commentary on culture and democratic values, such as *Democratic China* and *Beijing Spring*. Inside China, CIPE continued its support for independent

public policy research and debate, while ACILS expanded its project to aid workers affected by China's rapidly changing economic environment. In the **Hong Kong** Special Administrative Region of China, more than half a million people, out of a total population of seven million, surprised the world by demonstrating against proposed restrictive national security legislation, sending an unmistakable message testifying to the readiness of the Hong Kong public to step forward to protect its rights. In response to this unprecedented political activism in Hong Kong, NED increased its support for public opinion polling, groups monitoring civil liberties, and think tanks examining governance and constitutional review issues.

In **Burma**, the ruling military junta responded to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's continued and ever more evident popularity by orchestrating an ambush on May 30. The attack left scores of her defenseless National League for Democracy party supporters injured or killed, and Suu Kyi was abducted and ultimately returned to house arrest. Throughout the year, NED continued its large-scale assistance to the beleaguered democracy movement in the country. Key areas of work included assistance to political prisoners and their families, human rights documentation and advocacy, the free flow of information and independent media, labor organizing, ethnic reconciliation, women's political participation, and transition research and preparation. A notable example among NED's large portfolio of programs supporting small but dynamic ethnic-nationality civil society groups is the work of a Shan women's group that conducts women's empowerment and capacity building workshops for women from the Shan ethnic minority and reports on the situation of women in Shan State.

For **North Korea**, where continued iron-fisted political control makes pro-democracy activity impossible, the Endowment increased its support to South Korea-based organizations carrying out human rights research and advocacy. A new grantee, the Democracy Network Against North Korean Gulag, is the first human rights organization founded by survivors of the North Korean prison-camp system. NED support will enable the group to conduct research and advocacy to raise awareness of the North Korean system and to increase pressure on the human rights issue.

Pakistan's democratic activists worked in an increasingly difficult environment in which to advocate for freedom of the press, defense of individual liberties, accountable government, and minority rights. The Endowment was able to target increased support there, including a grant to the Democratic Commission for Human Development for a far-reaching civic education program to foster the principles of secular democracy, nonviolent political discourse, and global engagement.

In **Southeast Asia**, the new security positions of several governments, most notably in Malaysia and Thailand, further restricted civil liberties and served as an excuse to repress peaceful political opponents. As a result, cross-border solidarity among democrats became more important and support for regional programs took on an expanded role in the NED's Asia portfolio. Noteworthy regional programs included NDI's highly successful political party anti-corruption project, which has attracted the sustained involvement over several years of those political parties across the region most committed to democratic principles, and the innovative ACILS project of labor law research and activism involving lawyers, legal scholars, community groups and NGOs throughout Asia.



**Description of 2003
Grants: Asia**

Bangladesh

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$95,652

To support the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry's research and advocacy efforts to promote a more open and transparent economic environment and to support a women's entrepreneurial development program.

Burma

A) Capacity and Institutional Building

\$105,000*

To undertake a multifaceted legal research and education program to promote respect for human rights and the rule of law in Burma.

\$15,000*

To convene a meeting of the Chin State Constitution Drafting Working Group.

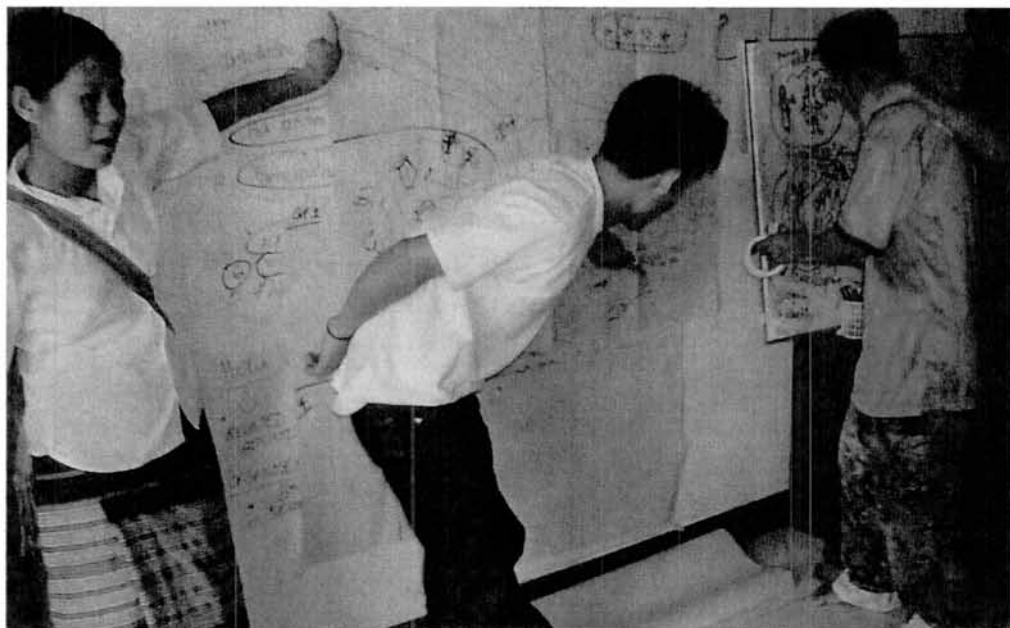
\$80,000*

To distribute human rights and democracy materials inside Burma; to train party activists in techniques of nonviolent political action; and to provide humanitarian support for party activists and others along the Thai-Burma border and inside Burma.

\$20,000*

To carry out a broad-based support program for ethnic women from Burma in Thailand and inside eastern Burma. Current programs include women's empowerment, capacity building, information and documentation, crisis support, skills training and micro-enterprise, primary health, and basic education.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION.



A Burmese group conducts a training-of-trainers workshop. Participants are trained in human rights education and different techniques to empower women and ethnic groups.

International Republican Institute
\$240,000

To provide specialized training to exiled Burmese political organizations that disseminate information in Burma about democracy and nonviolent political action.

International Republican Institute
\$230,000*

To provide funding and technical assistance for prodemocracy organizations and to increase cooperation between prodemocracy organizations and ethnic nationality groups.

\$42,000

To support a national reconciliation and political solidarity program that promotes unity among prodemocracy and ethnic forces in Burma; and to conduct basic political education training for grassroots activists from Burma.

\$30,000*

To improve coordination and cooperation among Burmese women's groups; to conduct a series of women's rights and empowerment training workshops; and to advocate for women's political rights.

B) Education and Outreach

\$15,000

To produce and distribute human rights and democracy materials, including pamphlets, stickers, and calendars, for distribution within Burma and to work to educate monks and Buddhist laypeople about democracy and human rights.

\$50,000

To support a program of civic education and teacher training for Karen and Karenni educators. The program will provide civic education for Burmese teachers in refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border and will develop teams of teacher-trainers to travel into Burma to reach even less accessible populations. It will also publish a small resource book containing essential democracy and human rights documents that can be used in classrooms and training workshops.

\$80,000*

To continue to research, document, and publicize the treatment and status of political prisoners in Burma; to provide basic humanitarian assistance to political prisoners and their families; and to raise international awareness of the human rights crisis inside Burma.

\$40,000*

To organize a series of women's empowerment and peace education training courses; to research and write a report on the trafficking and prostitution of Burmese children; and to publish a bi-monthly newsletter.

\$50,000*

To conduct an intensive training-of-trainers course; to implement human rights education and training courses for grassroots participants, including women and ethnic activists; and to publish a Kachin-language human rights manual.

\$39,000

To increase awareness about political developments in Burma, and to strengthen international support for Burma's prodemocracy movement.

\$50,000

To support a Bangkok-based foreign affairs office to conduct diplomatic activities in Southeast, South and East Asia to build international support for the democracy movement in Burma.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$119,961

To build international support for democracy in Burma among parliamentarians, governments, and political party leaders worldwide.

\$320,000*

To support the implementation of the Burmese prodemocracy movement's comprehensive strategic plan aimed at creating a political environment in Burma that is conducive to dialogue between the National League for Democracy, other ethnic nationalities and the Burmese military government.

\$15,000*

To support ethnic nationality political parties, and to promote tripartite dialogue in Burma, by ensuring that the leading ethnic political leaders have access to basic communication equipment as well as adequate funds to travel and meet with constituents and other political leaders.

C) Humanitarian Assistance

\$15,000

To conduct training courses and workshops, and to publish a bi-monthly newsletter that highlights the plight of internally displaced persons.

\$30,000*

To support an umbrella organization composed of representatives from major prodemocracy and ethnic organizations to enable it to coordinate health and education programs for refugee populations in Thailand and India and ethnic populations inside Burma.



Burmese women participate in interactive exercises as a part of an empowerment training.

D) Information and Media

\$40,000*

To produce reports on conditions inside Burma and provide assistance for prodemocracy activists to support human rights and democratic reform in Burma; to publish 2,000 copies of a quarterly report that grades Burma on such topics as health, education, human rights, and the economy; and to produce a number of videos.

\$25,000

To publish an English-language monthly newsletter on the human rights situation in Western Burma and to conduct a capacity building program for human rights activists.

\$175,000*

To continue producing and transmitting a twice-daily shortwave radio program from studios in Oslo while focusing on improving programmatic quality and administration, investing in advanced training and education for staff, and securing additional transmission facilities.

\$45,000*

To produce English-language human rights reports on conditions in southern Burma; to educate citizens in southern Burma about democracy and human rights; and to publish a bimonthly ethnic language newsletter and a monthly ethnic language newspaper for refugees along the Thailand-Burma border.

\$100,000*

To publish and distribute an English-language magazine; to maintain a Burmese- and English-language Web page; and to expand an internship and training program for Burmese journalists inside Burma and in exile.

\$12,000

To publish a twenty-eight-page, monthly, bilingual newsletter that provides an alternative news source for readers in Burma, in refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border, and in exile in Thailand. Between 1,500 and 2,000 copies of each issue will be distributed in Burma and Thailand and internationally.

\$100,000*

To publish and distribute a monthly Burmese-language newspaper that includes extensive coverage of the Burmese prodemocracy movement and situation in Burma and complete texts of speeches and policy statements of Burmese prodemocracy leaders and organizations.

\$25,000

To promote democracy and human rights in eastern Burma through the publication of a monthly ethnic language newspaper, which provides news and information about eastern Burma.

\$15,000*

To publish a bilingual version of a monthly human rights newsletter, to inform people about the basic principles of human rights and democracy, international mechanisms to protect human rights, and the human rights situation in eastern Burma.

Cambodia

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

\$30,000

To help the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL), organize both short- and long-term election observation delegations for the July 2003 Cambodia National Assembly elections. Throughout the election cycle, ANFREL will publicize its findings through statements, press releases, and reports.

Cambodian Human Rights

Action Committee

\$22,000

To support a coalition of Cambodia's leading human rights groups by coordinating investigations, legal assistance, advocacy, and meetings with government officials regarding significant human rights cases and issues.

Documentation Center of Cambodia

\$35,000

To produce a digital archive of the nearly 36,000 photographs in the Center's collections and to publish five books of photographs based on this collection. The photo project aims to encourage citizen participation in the national debate on how best to deal with former Khmer Rouge leaders and their legacy.

China

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$65,239

To support the China Labor Union Base through the Wei Jingsheng Foundation. The Foundation will serve primarily as a center for the collection and dissemination of information relating to the state of Chinese labor rights, and will provide leadership and coordination for Chinese labor activists.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$90,584*

To provide support to China Labor Watch for its bilingual website that serves as a basic information clearinghouse for activists and scholars involved with labor

issues in China. The campaign educates the Chinese people about worker rights, labor issues, and legal avenues provided to workers under Chinese law and internationally recognized standards, and informs international human rights organizations, scholars, and others in the public policy arena about the current situation of labor in China.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$373,944

To support the China Labour Bulletin's plans to expand programs in mainland China and Hong Kong. The Bulletin educates workers in China about worker and trade union rights, labor standards and democracy issues, and gathers and analyzes information on industrial relations and the status of trade union rights in China for international dissemination.

Beijing Spring, Inc.

\$90,000*

To publish the monthly Chinese-language magazine *Beijing Spring*, which carries analysis and commentary by authors inside and outside China regarding political developments, social issues, and the prospects for democratization in China.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$88,610

To support the advocacy activities on a variety of reforms related to rule of law and privatization, through public discussions, speeches, publications, and a conference.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$531,532

To engage with Chinese groups on six projects designed to enable entrepreneurs, economists, and corporate actors to play an enhanced transparent and democratic role in public policy development, as well as to publish a new Chinese-language online periodical, *Journal of Private Enterprise*.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$85,760

To work with the China Center for Economic Research to support an electronic economics information network and to facilitate greater exchange of reform-oriented ideas and proposals among Chinese economists.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$53,151

To support the Unirule Institute of Economics' bi-weekly symposia with private entrepreneurs, academics, government officials, and journalists on China's reform process. Unirule will also disseminate symposium papers to private entrepreneurs, academics, and government officials interested in economic reform.

Center for Modern China

\$148,000*

To publish *Modern China Studies*, a quarterly Chinese-language journal of economic and social science research concerning liberal, democratic solutions to contemporary policy questions in China; and to maintain a website and publish books on democratization in China.

China Information Center

\$404,105*

To disseminate news and independent analysis of developments in China and important international events through two Chinese-language websites and an e-mail list.

Democratic China

\$135,000

To produce a Chinese-language monthly Internet magazine on politics, society, and culture, promoting democracy and pluralism in China. Democratic China will additionally pursue an experimental program providing subsidies to enable publication and distribution in China of books that would otherwise not be publishable due to their political sensitivity.

**Foundation for China in the
21st Century**
\$160,000*

To support the Chinese-language Internet periodical, *China E-Weekly*, and to carry out a multi-faceted program of publications and conferences on questions of rural governance, political reform, and paths to constitutional democracy in China.

Human Rights in China
\$350,000

To support human rights documentation, reporting, publicity, and advocacy; direct support for victims of political persecution; and production and circulation of materials informing Chinese citizens about their rights.

International Republican Institute
\$350,000

To support a program to promote the broadening of Chinese elections; to promote electoral reform at the village and urban levels; to support the training of rural women in political participation; and to develop materials on civic education.

Laogai Research Foundation
\$292,981*

To support a research and publication program on Chinese forced-labor prison camps (*laogai*) and to investigate and document other human rights violations occurring in China.

Press Freedom Guardian
\$88,000*

To support a Chinese-language newspaper that covers politics, current events, human rights, democratization, and the activities of the Chinese democracy movement, that is disseminated in China and abroad through print copies, e-mail subscriptions, and a website.

China (Hong Kong)

**American Center for International
Labor Solidarity**
\$260,434

To collaborate with the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions and other Hong Kong-based labor rights NGOs to provide basic training and education on trade union rights and other labor rights. The coalition will strengthen the work of the Yuen Long training center, which conducts leadership workshops, educates unemployed workers in government-sponsored job retraining courses, and conducts research to determine what types of manpower training and skills assessment best serve the needs of the workers in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor
\$60,000

To carry out human rights reporting, casework, campaigning and public education, drawing local and international attention to civil and human rights developments in Hong Kong.

**National Democratic Institute for
International Affairs**
\$179,999

To provide technical assistance and training to Hong Kong political parties to strengthen the role of parties in Hong Kong, and to support pro-democracy civil society organizations in their efforts to draw attention to the deterioration of political rights in the territory.

China (Tibet)

Cultural Survival
\$40,000*

To raise civic consciousness through the establishment of a library and learning center. The center will provide Tibetans and others with access to a broad range of information in Chinese, English and Tibetan; English-language classes, computer courses, and public lectures; and a forum wherein researchers, religious leaders and students can interact and explore ideas.

International Campaign for Tibet
\$45,000

To support publications and a series of meetings designed to improve communication between Tibetans and Chinese concerning a democratic future for China and Tibet.

Social and Resource Development Fund
\$50,000*

To support the Fund for Democracy and Human Rights Education, a Tibetan-managed mini-grants project that provides modest support for Tibetan organizations working to educate their communities about democracy and human rights and to increase participation in the political process.

Tibet Information Network
\$80,000*

To disseminate independent news analysis and reporting on Tibet.

Tibet Institute
\$40,000

To purchase an offset printing press to facilitate the Institute's capacity-building and civic awareness efforts; and for the distribution of books, magazines, and brochures on Tibet within Tibetan communities in Nepal.

Tibetan Literary Society
\$25,000*

To publish and distribute throughout the Tibetan community in exile and in Tibet *Bod-Kyi-Dus-Bab* (Tibet Times), a Tibetan-language newspaper published three times per month.

Tibet Museum
\$15,000

To collect, preserve and present material relating to modern Tibetan history, to commemorate the loss of Tibetan culture and lives as a result of the Chinese occupation, and to project the hopes and aspirations of the Tibetan people for a brighter future.

2003 marked NED's 20th anniversary. In its first two decades, the Endowment and its four core institutes assisted literally thousands of grassroots organizations in more than ninety countries. The examples of present and past programs featured below give only a glimpse of NED's continuing commitment to support all those aspiring to the universal values of freedom and democracy worldwide.

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National Endowment
for Democracy

Supporting freedom around the world

1983 Twentieth Anniversary 2003

Established in 1995 in anticipation of Hong Kong's 1997 transfer of sovereignty, the **Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor** has become the leading group working to strengthen the rule of law and democratic institutions in the territory. Known for its unique combination of highly competent legal defense of civil rights and effective public campaigns for democracy, the Monitor today is poised to expand its capacity to lead a coordinated campaign for democracy in Hong Kong through the mobilization of activists and the general public.



Since its founding, the Monitor's work has focused on the protection of basic civil liberties in Hong Kong within the "one-country, two-systems" framework. Its initiatives include efforts to monitor immigration and prison authorities, press for improvements in Hong Kong's legal and institutional human rights safeguards, and monitor public events to ensure that individual freedoms are not suppressed.

During 2003, the Monitor took a leading role in coordinating the activities of the Civil Human Rights Front, a broad coalition of more

than 40 Hong Kong groups concerned about the secretive drafting of the Article 23 "anti-subversion law" that would threaten basic political rights guaranteed in Hong Kong's Basic Law. On July 1, 2003, the sixth anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong to China, the Civil Human Rights Front organized a protest march calling for an immediate withdrawal of the pending legislation. More than 500,000 of Hong Kong's 7 million residents lined the streets in an unprecedented show of dissatisfaction with the government. The legislation was promptly withdrawn.

Law Yuk Kai, director of the Monitor, believes an important lesson learned on July 1 by the people of Hong Kong is that if they speak out, they will not be alone. "I see this anti-23 movement as a social movement," he says, "and the next movement should be pro-democracy. Otherwise, people will continually have to deal with issues like this, one by one... We have to treasure this moment of time, and continue to work really hard to keep the momentum going as the Chinese authorities are using all their political and economic might to tighten the leash."

1984 – China Perspective, Inc. publishes the *Chinese Intellectual*, a journal providing a forum for free discussion of issues related to democratic values and the future of China and is the first of many Chinese reform publications to receive NED support.

1986 – In the Philippines, NED supports important efforts by **NDI** and **FTUI** to monitor the February elections, reporting on fraud and intimidation and fielding thousands of election monitors through cooperation with the **Trade Union Congress of the Philippines**. **CIPE** also works to fight corruption and strengthen business associations throughout the country.

1992 – The Democratic Alliance of Burma, an umbrella organization of pro-democratic groups, provides education and training to Burmese citizens on theory and application of nonviolent struggle.

1992 – NED makes its first grant to Harry Wu's **Laogai Research Foundation** to create a database to store and track information about Chinese forced labor (*laogai*) prison camps, interview former prisoners, and publish and translate materials into Chinese for dissemination in **China**.

1993 – The Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB), a radio program taped in Bangkok and the border areas of Burma, is broadcast from Norway, under the direction of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma.

1994 – CIPE works with the **Chinese Economists Society** to strengthen public understanding of market-economy societies by publishing a series of 14 books.

1995 – The Khmer Student Association's multifaceted program increases student exposure to democratic principles in **Cambodia**.

1997 – IRI works for legislative, policy, and legal reform in **China**, providing support for village level electoral reform, public policy formation and legislative reform at the national and provincial levels.

1999 – The Citizen's Alliance to Help Political Prisoners in North Korea organizes the first international conference on human rights abuses in **North Korea**.

2000 – Human Rights in China campaigns in support of the Tiananmen Mothers who are fighting for government accountability for the June 4, 1989 massacre in Tiananmen Square.

2002 – The quarterly journal of the **Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights, Keys**, includes commentaries, interviews, articles written by North Korea experts, testimony from North Korean defectors. Published in three languages, the journal addresses democratization and human rights issues in **North Korea**.



Harry Wu



Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy
\$14,000*

To conduct a week-long workshop for Tibetan leaders to discuss the human rights situation in Tibet and ongoing efforts to start a democratic government in exile.

Tibetan Parliamentary and Policy Research Centre
\$18,865*

To hold two 15-day working group sessions to explore potential forms of Tibetan autonomy. In preparation for the workshops, the TPPRC will commission an expert to prepare a briefing book that provides relevant documents and comparative models of the distribution and division of powers among governmental institutions.

Tibetan Review Trust Society
\$23,000*

To publish *Tibetan Review*, a monthly English-language news magazine that covers Tibet-related news and analysis.

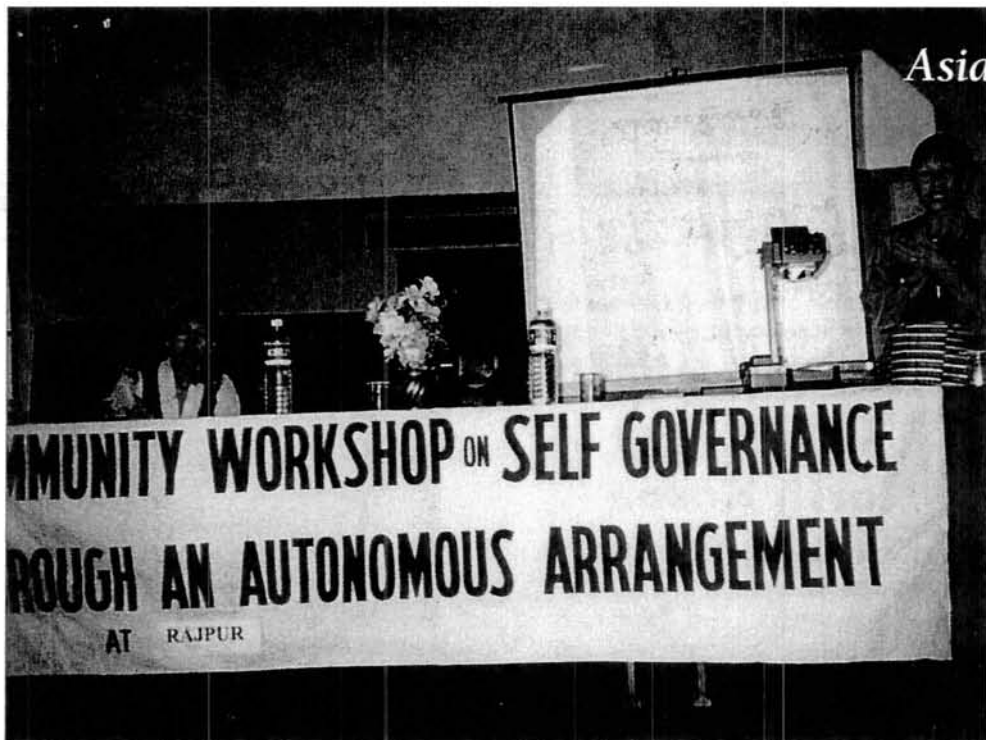
Voice of Tibet
\$20,000*

To support an independent Tibetan-language shortwave radio station providing regular news about Tibet, the Tibetan exile community, and the Tibetan government-in-exile for listeners in Tibet and in exile in neighboring countries.

Indonesia

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$87,936

To support the Institute for the Study and Advancement of Business Ethics (LSPEU) to publish two editions of the *Jurnal Reformasi Ekonomi*, an Indonesian-language journal that covers key topics of reform such as corporate governance, democratic governance, and economic liberalization in transition economies, and to organize two workshops on related issues.



The Tibet Parliamentary and Policy Research Centre hosts a conference in Rajpur, India on Tibetan autonomy.



The *Jurnal Reformasi Ekonomi*, supported by CIPE, discusses economic reform in Indonesia.

Malaysia

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development
\$70,000*

To support up-to-date documentation on the human rights situation in Malaysia by adding to a human rights website; to carry out a number of thematic human rights awareness campaigns, and to expand a human rights defender network.

International Republican Institute
\$200,000

To continue to develop local polling capacity and efficacy by supporting national and local opinion polls and focus-group research, including training for opinion researchers and reform-oriented users of opinion research.

Southeast Asian Press Alliance
\$60,000

To strengthen independent media in Malaysia and conduct a capacity-building workshop for Malaysian journalists.

Mongolia

Liberal Emegteichuudin
Oyuny San (LEOS)
\$35,000

To support programs fostering democratic education, the development of civil society, and the participation of women in public life.

North Korea

Citizens' Alliance for North Korean
Human Rights
\$105,000

To support research into and dissemination of eyewitness accounts of human rights abuses and prison camp operations in North Korea, and to support the Citizens' Alliance campaign to bring North Korean human rights issues to South Korean and international attention.



As part of their democratic education campaign, the Mongolian group LEOS presents prizes to winners of its civil society and democracy essay contest.

Database Center for North Korean
Human Rights
\$40,000*

To create and maintain a comprehensive repository and database of available refugee testimonies regarding human rights conditions in North Korea, as well as a website to make the full-text access of the database available for the public.

Democracy Network Against North
Korean Gulag
\$75,000*

To enable the first human rights organization founded by survivors of the North Korean gulag to conduct research and campaign on the topic of North Korean human rights, by chronicling the prison camp system, producing a report on public executions and conducting a campaign to focus on a "list of the missing."

Network for North Korean Democracy
and Human Rights
\$60,000

To engage in a wide-ranging program of research, campaigns, and public education designed to draw South Korean and international attention to issues of democratization and human rights in North Korea, including the publication of periodicals in Korean, English, and Japanese, and the maintenance of a bilingual website.



The Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights organized a peaceful protest on August 15 in South Korea to draw worldwide attention to the human rights abuses taking place in North Korea.



At the 4th International Conference on North Korean Human Rights & Refugees, held in Prague and sponsored by NED grantee Citizen's Alliance for North Korean Human Rights, activists protest the human rights conditions in North Korea.

Pakistan

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$309,805

To enhance communications between union members and their elected representatives; for rights-based trade union education and workshops for local labor leaders; and to support the efforts of several Pakistani NGOs and labor groups working to eliminate child labor, uphold the rights of female workers, and monitor and report on the labor situation.

Democratic Commission for Human Development

\$50,000*

To support a civic education program in the northwest Frontier Province to foster the principles of secular democracy, freedom, nonviolent political discourse, and global engagement.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$99,680

To work with local civic organizations to conduct an in-depth analysis of the Freedom of Information Ordinance, produce an informational booklet, and conduct targeted training.

Sri Lanka

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

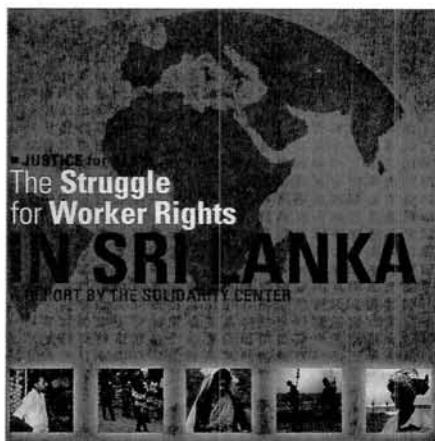
\$203,639

To support the development of a labor research institute; to support the rights of women workers; and to promote civil society among migrant workers.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$70,725

To support the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka to carry out research and advocacy efforts designed to promote a more open economic environment.



This report, produced by ACILS, is part of a series detailing the plight of workers rights in Sri Lanka.

People's Action for Free and Fair Elections

\$15,000

To increase understanding of federalism among the general Sri Lankan population by providing examples of federal structures around the world, and to promote a joint Tamil-Sinhalese approach to constitutional reform, through workshops, training sessions, and a short film.

Vietnam

Association for Vietnamese Overseas: Culture and Liaison

\$70,000

To publish *Que Me*, a bimonthly Vietnamese-language magazine that provides uncensored news and promotes democratic values, and to publicize human rights abuses in Vietnam.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$60,889

To support the Economics University of Ho Chi Minh City's radio and television broadcasts through which private business owners can learn about and speak out on policy issues that affect private enterprise in Vietnam.

Asia Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$475,000 *

To provide support from its DC office for programs of the independent labor movement in exile to educate workers and other citizens, both inside Burma and in exile, about labor rights and democracy; and to document violations of internationally recognized labor rights.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$294,653

To work on target labor law issues, such as freedom of association and gender discrimination, based on observations of the region and discussions with local partners. ACILS will work with partners in six nations to enhance their capacity to advocate in labor and employment law, and with the public.

Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

\$50,000

To hold in-country human rights investigation training courses for two of its members, the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand and the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.

International Centre for Ethnic Studies

\$50,000

To design and implement a South Asian regional training program to strengthen civil society organizations that focus on the promotion and protection of minority rights.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$249,978

To work with the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats to provide technical assistance and information to political parties implementing internal anti-corruption reform measures, and to assist parties with constituent-outreach activities and increasing the involvement of the public in the development of the parties' anti-corruption efforts.



NED's focus in Central and Eastern Europe

during 2003 was primarily on the countries of the Balkans. Despite the fall of Slobodan Milosevic and the presence of 65,000 NATO troops and numerous international aid organizations, the region continued to be plagued by political instability, inter-ethnic tension and economic malaise. Although the Balkans showed signs of stabilizing after years of conflict, efforts by countries to reform their political and economic systems continued to be impeded by weak institutions, political extremism, corruption and unresolved border issues.

NED continued to address the deep-rooted problems of the region with programs to promote the strengthening of the nongovernmental sector in those countries—like Albania and Moldova—where civil society was weak, to encourage the development of independent media, increased transparency in the political process and accountability of elected officials, and

the promotion of economic reform and the rights of workers. The Endowment gave greater emphasis during the year to programs that supported the political process, especially citizens' participation in local governance and programs that developed civic institutions which monitored and, where necessary, assisted reformist governments. NED funding also

encouraged greater cross-border cooperation between civic organizations within the region, and between Balkan democracy activists and their colleagues in Central Europe and Eurasia.

The republics of the former Yugoslavia continued to be an area of particular interest for the Endowment. In **Serbia**, NED assisted media programs designed to raise the awareness of ordinary Serbs about the events of the last decade, in particular the Milosevic regime's role in the wars in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo. Radio Television B-92 produced TV documentaries, which in one case led directly to the first-ever war crimes convictions by the Serbian judicial system. NED committed increased resources during the year to civic efforts to reform the police and the army in Serbia, which continued to be controlled by remnants of the Milosevic regime. Given the general lack of professionalism in the media sector in the region, NED also supported programs that educated journalists in Western standards and trained young journalists in investigative reporting techniques. Endowment funds maintained the operations of the only independent journalism school in the unstable province of **Kosovo**; and in **Bosnia**, ACILS improved the ability of local unions to defend the legal rights of workers, educate members about their rights, and expand their outreach to young workers.

Despite invitations to **Romania** and **Bulgaria** to join NATO and the general pro-reform direction of their current governments, the two countries' highly centralized political systems continued to restrict citizen input while their economies remained largely unreformed. Romanian grantee, The Community Foundation-Sibiu, conducted a program that increased citizen involvement in the local decision making process on the allocation of municipal budgets, thereby encouraging greater transparency of city governments. With Endowment support, NDI provided campaign-organizing and voter-outreach training to democratic political parties in Romania ahead of this year's local and national elections.

NED increased its funding to democratic groups in **Albania**, where reform efforts continue to be thwarted by weak state institutions, an underdeveloped civil society and a deeply divided political landscape. NED-funded programs that promoted greater cooperation between civic groups and law enforcement agencies to build greater trust between local communities and the police. The Tirana-based Institute for Democracy and Mediation received NED fund-

ing to establish non-governmental Police-Community Relations Committees in towns throughout Albania to mediate disputes between citizens and law enforcement officials.

NED became increasingly involved in **Moldova** during 2003. The country is marked by weak state institutions, widespread corruption, a fledgling civil society and an opposition marginalized by the increasing authoritarianism of a Communist-led government. Moreover, Moldova continues to be a divided state, with one-quarter of its territory controlled by the self-proclaimed "Transdnester Republic," which is dominated by Russian extreme nationalist forces and military units. In 2003, the BIOTICA Ecological Society received NED funding to ensure the expansion and long-term survival of the nascent civic sector in Transdnestria by establishing five NGO resource centers in the breakaway region.

In 2003, NED made its final grants for projects in **Slovakia** where, with a successful parliamentary election in late 2002 and invitations to join NATO and the E.U., a democratic transition seems to be firmly on track. The program focused resources on organizations based in Bratislava which are acting as advocates for new legislation on key issues, such as corruption, and are serving as watchdogs to oppose backsliding on reforms. The Institute for Public Affairs, Slovakia's leading think tank, used assistance to prepare a "report card" on the state of the country's reforms.

NED continued to support and expand cost-effective regional programs that transfer NGO experiences, skills, and program models from Poland, Slovakia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic to their Balkan counterparts. In the area of **cross-border programs**, NED drew on its extensive networks in Eastern Europe. MEMO 98, a Slovak organization that is one of Central Europe's leading media monitoring organizations, developed media monitoring programs in Serbia and Montenegro which are serving as watchdogs and advocates for media reform. The Poland-based Educational Society of Malopolska (MTO) promoted activism at the grassroots level by establishing parent-teacher NGOs in Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Croatia. Transitions Online (TOL), a media development organization based in Prague, worked with the Sarajevo Media Center and Transparency International-Bosnia to implement an investigative journalism project in Bosnia.

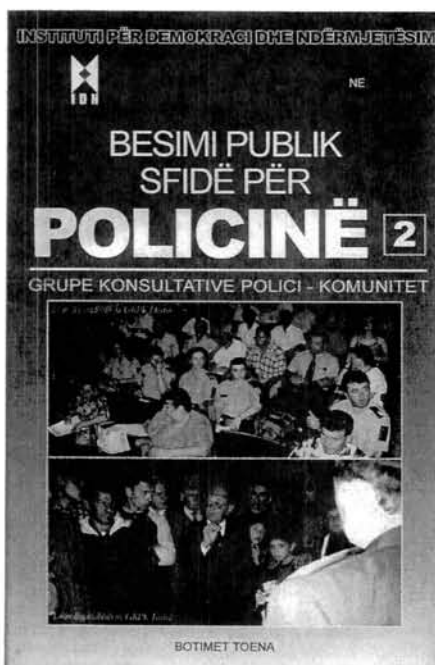
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Albania

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$24,560

To conduct two three-day seminars for trade union leaders on the civic responsibilities of unions. The seminars will incorporate aspects of basic union education, including the structure and role of unions in society, communication techniques, and union services.



The Institute for Democracy and Mediation published this report on ways to improve relations between citizens and law enforcement.

Institute for Democracy and Mediation \$75,000*

To continue support for a program aimed at building trust between citizens and law enforcement officials by establishing independent committees to serve as fora where citizens and police can work to solve law enforcement problems. The Institute will also advocate for the implementation of recent legislation to increase cooperation between local law enforcement agencies, government institutions and the public.



This publication produced by the Albanian Institute for International Studies examines the status of local governance in Albania.

TIR-FAX News Agency \$37,290*

To strengthen its information-gathering capacity at the local level by expanding and further equipping its network of correspondents throughout Albania. The goal of the project is to increase the accessibility of high-quality, unbiased reporting in Albania and ensure TIR-FAX's survival as a crucial independent news source.

Bosnia- Herzegovina

American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$132,230

To help local unions access legal assistance and training on collective bargaining and conflict resolution. ACILS will host seminars on labor-law reform and collective bargaining for local workers and union leaders, as well as sponsor seminars and a forum for trade-union youth on their role in democratic trade unions and the practice of labor relations in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION.

Center for Civic Cooperation – Livno \$31,060*

To encourage inter-ethnic reconciliation between Muslims and Croats by training local citizens in conflict prevention and dispute mediation, responsible journalism, micro-enterprise development, and local public administration. The Center will also equip an office in Livno for the Independent Trade Union of Secondary School Workers and provide basic union education for its members in cooperation with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Centers for Civic Initiatives \$69,290*

To increase the accountability of elected officials and improve the transparency of the decision-making process at the local level, the Centers will monitor the work of municipal councils in both entities of the country in cooperation with its network of NGOs and volunteers. The Centers will report findings to encourage citizen's participation in the local decision making process and to promote greater accountability of local elected officials.

Civil Society Promotion Center \$40,000*

To conduct a series of seminars for local-government representatives and community-based NGO leaders in five municipalities in the Federation and the Serb Republic entities. The training program will increase the public relations skills of local officials, encourage them to involve the nongovernmental sector more directly in their work, and help them to develop new ideas for integrating citizens' input into the local government process.

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Republika Srpska \$45,000*

To continue monitoring the human rights situation in the Serb Republic, disseminating information through print and electronic media on human rights abuses to local residents and the international community, and educating residents of the Serb Republic about their basic human rights. The Committee will also continue the operations of its legal-aid office, where citizens of the Serb Republic can obtain information on

international human rights standards, report human rights abuses, and seek assistance in countering such violations.

Helsinki Citizens Assembly - Tuzla
\$46,580*

To implement a youth civic activism project in five regions of Bosnia to increase youth participation in the political process. The project will include a series of surveys, public debates, seminars, workshops and issue-based campaigns. The Assembly will also establish a youth NGO resource center in Tuzla.

Independent Radio Studio "N"
\$33,360*

To continue broadcasting unbiased news and information to the populace of the western Herzegovina region of Bosnia. Funding will be applied towards staff salaries and basic operating expenses.

Transitions Online
\$30,503*

To implement an investigative journalism training program for young journalists in Bosnia. Transitions Online trainers will assist the students in producing investigative articles on organized crime and corruption; the articles will then be published in Serbo-Croatian in the local Bosnian press and in English on the organization's website.

Tuzla Citizens' Forum
\$45,000*

To increase cooperation between the governmental and nongovernmental sectors and help foster pro-democratic civil society at the grassroots level. The organization will conduct public opinion polling on the quality of public administration, publish monthly monitoring reports on the work of municipal officials, organize a series of roundtables bringing together public officials and citizens, and carry out public advocacy campaigns in four key cities.

Bulgaria

Association School of Politics
\$44,442*

To organize four courses to promote communication and dialogue among young politicians, journalists, and lawyers from across the political spectrum in Bulgaria. The courses will be attended by young leaders from each of the four parties represented in the Bulgarian Parliament and media and legal professionals.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$61,143*

To support the Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development in selecting key leaders from target sectors and regions and organize focus groups. The Foundation will draft a National Business Agenda, that will be distributed among business leaders, central and local government officials, and the public. In addition, the Foundation will organize eight seminars to provide feedback to branch and regional business associations and a national conference to present the National Business Agenda.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$86,431

To support the Economic Policy Institute in implementing a project to examine gaps in Bulgaria's transition to a market-based economy. The Institute will generate proposals on policies, regulations, and practices in the field of institutional reform to foster a confident legal and institutional environment and will aim to create effective cooperation with relevant institutions and involve their representatives in technical and policy discussions to help stimulate reform.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$97,443

To work with the Center for the Study of Democracy to present a successful example of local coalition-building among private business associations, NGOs, the Sofia Municipality, and the 24 Sofia districts. The Center will also work towards the elimination of information asymmetry on local licensing and permit regimes between the administration, civil society, and private business.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$275,000

To expand its current parliamentary outreach program to include municipal candidates. NDI will select approximately five municipalities, conduct in-depth public opinion research on local issues therein, and share the results with local government, political parties, and civic groups. NDI will work with local civic groups, members of parliament, and candidates to organize public meetings and debates.

"Tolerance and Mutual Aid" Foundation
\$28,400*

To maintain its nationwide network of young Roma leaders who will act as liaisons between local government officials and the Roma community; to work with local officials and legal professionals to reduce widespread discrimination against Roma; to monitor human rights abuses at the local level; and to provide legal aid to victims of abuse.

Croatia

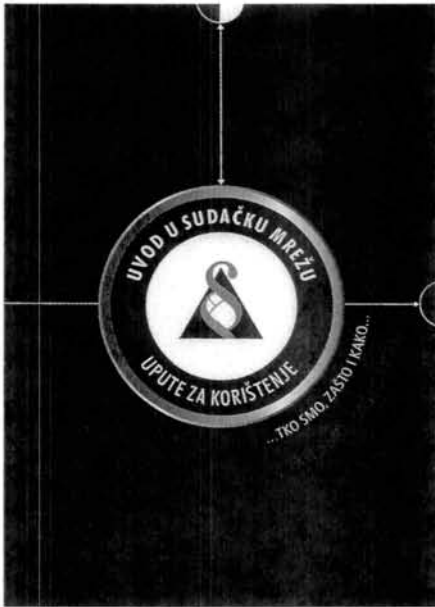
Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights
\$50,000*

To improve journalistic practices through support for a media monitoring project, including the publication of a quarterly bulletin containing examples of news distortion. The Committee's Media Council will continue to defend individuals and groups against abuses by the media and will draft a new freedom of information law and campaign for its passage by parliament.

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Produced by the Croatian group GONG, this manual teaches first time voters about voting rights and procedures.



This manual instructs Croatian legal professionals on how to use a database of court decisions built and maintained by NED grantee Judges' Web.

GONG
\$50,000*

To continue the "I Vote for the First Time," program, which informs high school students about their role as citizens in a democracy and about the importance of participating in elections.

Judges' Web
\$50,000*

To continue to develop its on-line, searchable database of judicial rulings for use by legal professionals in Croatia. The Judges' Web will increase the number of court decisions entered into the database, extend its services to all courts in Croatia at the municipal and county level, and cover costs of technical support to maintain the expanding system.

Croatia/Bosnia-Herzegovina

STINA Press Agency
\$23,000*

To maintain its information-gathering capacity in western Herzegovina by supporting its strong network of correspondents in the region and throughout the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. STINA will produce quality in-depth reporting and ensure the free flow of independent news and opinion in the region.

Kosovo

Council for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms
\$40,000*

To maintain the operations of its headquarters, monitor the human rights situation in the province, and disseminate information on human rights abuses to the international community. The Council will also strengthen its network of seven branch offices, publish periodic electronic information bulletins, and organize lectures and workshops on human rights for local activists.

Faik Konica Journalism Academy
\$20,000*

To enable the Academy to conduct a series of courses on the principles of professional journalism and media management for young journalists working in electronic and print media, by covering partial operating costs.

KOHA Vision
\$75,000*

To continue to provide timely and objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments to its listeners by paying the salaries of its producers, journalists, presenters, technicians and stringers.

Kosova Action for Civic Initiatives
\$38,636*

To assemble expert teams to develop proposals for reforming key aspects of Kosovo's political and economic system by working closely with local academics, journalists, business leaders, and civic activists. Through a series of round-tables, the organization will produce policy papers which will be presented to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe as they institute changes affecting major areas of the province's political and economic life.

"Kosova Live" News Agency
\$39,120*

To offer its unique daily news service free-of-charge to fifteen local independent radio stations in Kosovo for one year; to translate its news service into Serbian/Bosnian for use by ethnic minority media in the province; and to strengthen independent media outlets at the local level in Kosovo by enabling them to broadcast objective information.

Radio TV 21
\$75,000*

To continue providing timely and objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments to its listeners by paying the salaries of its dedicated staff of producers, journalists, presenters, technicians and stringers.

Zeri I Dites (The Daily Voice)
\$20,000*

To provide newsprint to *Zeri I Dites* (The Daily Voice) that will enable the newspaper to continue publishing on a regular basis, providing objective information on political, cultural, and economic developments in Kosovo to its readers.

Macedonia

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$57,682*

To enable the Macedonian Business Lawyer's Association to organize a nationwide small-business conference as part of a program aimed at organizing the small-business sector and engaging it with government in a new way. The conference will establish training programs and disseminate information via newsletters and small-business fora.



This conference report, *Small and Medium Size Enterprises*, was published by CIPE after a nationwide program aimed at improving interactions between Macedonian businesses and government.

Moldova

Association of Independent Press

\$18,756

To establish an Investigative Journalism Center that will serve as an informational resource and training center for journalists and students. The Center's staff of journalists will develop, research, and write professional pieces of investigative journalism, which will be published by the Association's members newspapers throughout Moldova, and produce a monthly newsletter focusing on specific corruption and organized-crime cases.

Association for Participatory Democracy

\$29,800

To produce two online publications tracking and analyzing the activities of Moldova's key government institutions: the Moldovan Parliament, the Council of Ministers, and the Presidency of Moldova. The online newsletter and journal will be made available to the general public on ADEPT's website and will be distributed via email to government offices at the national and local level, key media, political party headquarters, nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, and foreign embassies.

BIOTICA Ecological Society

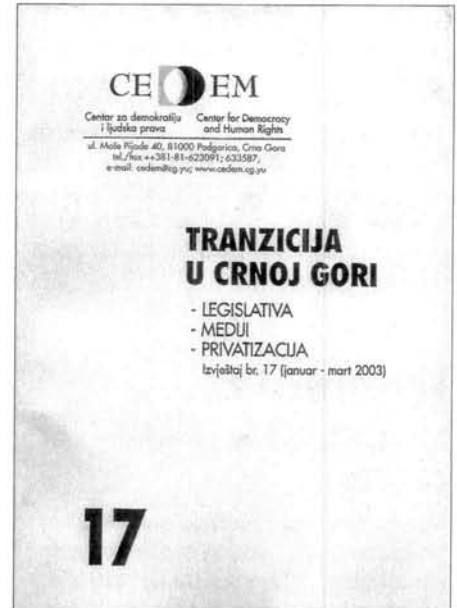
\$29,770

To conduct a multifaceted technical-training assistance program to ensure the expansion and long-term survival of the civic sector in Transdnistria. In addition to a series of training seminars on organizational and computer skills for civic leaders, BIOTICA will establish five NGO resource centers in the region to help strengthen struggling civic groups and encourage the further development of the "third sector" in Transdnistria.

Moldovan Helsinki Committee for Human Rights

\$30,000

To monitor the human rights situation in Moldova, disseminate information on human rights abuses to its citizens, and educate residents in Moldova about their basic human rights. The Committee will continue operating its legal-aid office, where citizens of Moldova can obtain information on international human rights standards, report human rights abuses, and seek assistance in countering such violations. It will also monitor the drafting and enforcement of legislation by the government to ensure that Moldovan institutions are in compliance with international standards of human rights.



This quarterly report published by the Center for Democracy and Human Rights, monitors legislative, media, and privatization reforms in Montenegro.

Montenegro

Association of Young Journalists

\$34,920*

To improve journalistic practices in Montenegro by conducting a comprehensive media monitoring project, including the publication of monthly reports containing examples of political bias in the media. The program will also monitor the implementation of reforms in media legislation and advocate for the adoption of a freedom of information law.

Center for Democracy and Human Rights

\$42,160*

To monitor and analyze the parliament's legislation, analyze developments in relations between Serbia and Montenegro, and monitor political developments related to a possible referendum on independence in Montenegro. The Center will also monitor independent media in Montenegro to assess professionalism and objectivity. The results will be published and distributed to key governmental and nongovernmental officials in Montenegro and the international community.

Central and Eastern Europe

Center for Development of Nongovernmental Organizations

\$39,220*

To implement an NGO development program consisting of legal and public advocacy counseling; to maintain an NGO database; and to conduct a series of seminars on the third sector for young civic activists.

Romania

Association for Civic Education

\$30,000

To implement a nationwide training program for 300 young civic and political activists. The program will include an intensive training workshops in ten cities across Romania on topics geared



The ProDemocracy Association held a public rally before presenting the results of their petition drive to reform Romania's electoral law to the Parliament.



Sfera Politicii, produced by the Civil Society Foundation, is a monthly periodical that discusses and analyzes current political development in Romania.



NDI conducts a political party seminar for the Democratic Alliance, a coalition of political parties in Romania.

toward developing effective public communication skills and handling policy decision-making processes.

Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Romania – The Helsinki Committee

\$55,000*

To encourage political leaders to create a legislative framework that respects civil liberties; to provide legal advice to victims of human rights abuses; to monitor and document human rights violations; and to educate citizens on legal norms for the protection of human rights.

Center for Independent Journalism

\$29,815*

To run an intensive series of training seminars for reporters, editors, and managers in print and electronic media in the regions of Moldavia, Walachia and Transylvania. The courses will focus on principles of professional investigative journalism, political reporting, legal protections for journalists, media management, and information technology. Seminar participants will also gain on-the-job experience by developing, researching, and writing their own professional pieces of investigative journalism.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$114,917

To help the International Center for Entrepreneurial Studies assist a coalition of business associations, which includes the Strategic Alliance for Business Associations, and the Alliance for Economic Development of Romania, create public-private partnerships with government entities and policymakers; to analyze the causes of and develop strategies for dealing with corruption.

Civil Society Foundation

\$24,000*

To restart publication of the policy review *Sfera Politicii* (The Political Sphere), providing support for staff salaries and communication costs required to publish twelve issues.

Foundation for Pluralism

\$45,000*

To organize a School for Young Political and Civic Leaders, which will promote communication and dialogue among young civic and political activists at the local level throughout Romania. The school will conduct training seminars for

sixty young leaders from the local youth branches of political parties, municipal councils, the local staff of members of parliament, and local nongovernmental organizations.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$175,000

To organize national and regional training seminars to assist political parties in identifying and addressing specific needs of their constituencies in their pre-electoral campaigns and to assist political parties in establishing direct voter contact. NDI will also distribute pre-election reports to U.S. and European policymakers to raise awareness of Romanian elections.

Pro Democracy Association

\$76,025*

To implement a nationwide petition drive to collect the signatures required to introduce an electoral-reform bill in the country's parliament. The Association will form a coalition of civic organizations and trade unions throughout the country that will participate in the effort to inform the public about the petition and help collect signatures.

Pro Democracy Association, Cluj

\$38,411*

To select, train, and place forty university and law students in parliamentary committees, government ministries, and municipal and county councils for six-month internships. The Association will also work with faculty in eight Romanian universities to incorporate the internship placement program into university curricula.

Revista "22"

\$36,005

To replace its antiquated computer system and purchase the newsprint required to publish fifty-two issues of "22" magazine, which provides in-depth professional analyses of current political and economic developments in the country.

Serbia

BETA News Agency

\$54,000*

To continue producing high-quality, unbiased information on important developments in the former-Yugoslav region. BETA will cover the subscription costs of its service for six struggling independent radio stations in the Bosnian Serb Republic and for the Local Press Association of Serbia, a network of 24 independent print media.

Center for Anti-War Action

\$32,650*

To continue developing the organizational capabilities of two new regional centers and establish a seventh regional center in Serbia. The activities of the centers will be town meetings and educational seminars with local authorities, local political party representatives, business and union leaders, journalists, and civic activists to discuss fundamental local-level issues. Through a series of workshops, roundtables, publications, and a national conference, the Center will also encourage cooperation and information-exchange between its regional centers and develop their organizational, networking, and conflict-resolution skills.

Center for Civil-Military Relations

\$43,700*

To produce a series of ten television programs to be aired on state television and independent networks aimed at raising the public's awareness of the need for civilian control of the army, police and intelligence agencies. The Center will encourage citizens to press their elected representatives to undertake far-reaching reform of the security sector.

Center for Inter-Ethnic Reconciliation, School for Investigative Journalism

\$70,000*

To provide 300 young reporters, editors, and media managers with journalism training. The program will consist of an intensive three-month series of training seminars held in six municipalities in the multi-ethnic regions of southeastern Serbia and the Sandzak. Seminar participants will also gain on-the-job experience by developing, researching, and writing their own professional pieces of investigative journalism.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$85,079*

To support the Center for Liberal-Democratic Studies in a project to combat corruption in Serbia's justice system. Project activities will include investigation and study of corruption in the judicial system, support for anti-corruption initiatives through the development of legal democratically-based institutional structures, and efforts to raise awareness among policy makers, government officials, business leaders and the general public throughout Serbia about the costs of corruption in the judiciary.

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia

\$27,600*

To support the Scholar's Initiative by providing research stipends for young scholars from Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro, and Kosovo to enable them to produce new research on specific case studies associated with key issues of debate regarding recent history in the former Yugoslavia.

Media Center

\$51,716*

To conduct a media monitoring project focused on the Serbian media's coverage of the defense and security sector. The Center will also publish a monthly report containing examples of poor journalistic practices, such as political bias and misinformation.

Medienhilfe

\$175,000*

To cover six months of basic operating costs for eight of the most important independent electronic media in the Association of Independent Electronic Media network in Serbia (Radio 021, *Radio Boom 93*, *Radio Devic*, *Radio Ozon*, *Radio Patak*, *OK Radio*, *RTV Bajna Basta*, *STV Negotin*). Funding will also be used to meet *Medienhilfe's* administrative costs of implementing this project.

Central and Eastern Europe

Otpor (Resistance) People's Movement \$228,000*

To maintain the operations of its Belgrade headquarters and thirty-nine of its local branch offices located in towns and cities throughout the country. *Otpor* will maintain its network of supporters throughout Serbia and carry out numerous public campaigns during the coming year.

Radio Television B92 \$100,396*

To cover the production costs of two one-hour documentaries examining major crimes committed during the disintegration of former Yugoslavia. B92 will also purchase video and sound equipment that will give it the ability to film, edit, and mix on location.

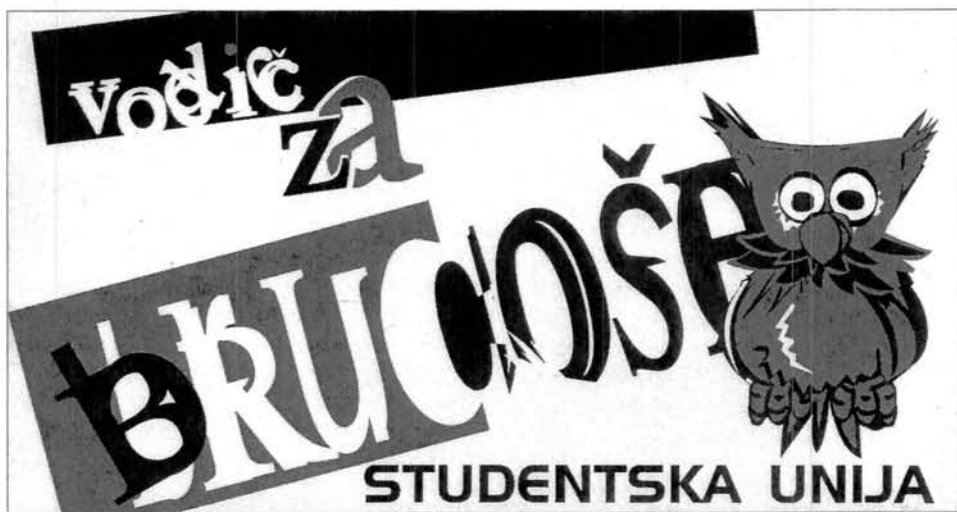
Student Union of Serbia \$61,360*

To encourage greater student involvement in the country's general reform effort and to build its capacity to represent student interests on the campuses of Serbia's four main universities. The Student Union of Serbia will establish new chapters, conduct a national membership drive, organize a campaign for university reform, publish informational materials representing student interests, and train student leaders in organizational and leadership skills.

The Student Union of Serbia produced and distributed these and many other leaflets and informational brochures on Serbian university campuses to encourage student civic participation. Leaflets used slogans such as "Your country is calling you...to join the civil service" (first two); "Freshman Guidebook" (third from the top); and "Either we'll find the path or create it ourselves" (bottom).



Kako te funkcionira u našem društvu? Šta sištar? Miroslav...
 Postoji li crhina stitara u Srbiji? Činji Govri
 Šta je prigovor savetiti? Šta je crhina stitara?



2003 marked NED's 20th anniversary. In its first two decades, the Endowment and its four core institutes assisted literally thousands of grassroots organizations in more than ninety countries. The examples of present and past programs featured below give only a glimpse of NED's continuing commitment to support all those aspiring to the universal values of freedom and democracy worldwide.

Due to a lack of public funding and know-how, police officers in Albania have not been properly trained and possess little knowledge of law enforcement procedures and human rights standards. Abuse of power, including unlawful imprisonment and torture, are not uncommon, leaving many citizens feeling disenfranchised with the local authorities. The **Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM)** is a NED grantee that is working to develop greater interaction between law enforcement agencies and citizens, and encourage greater public debate on solving the problems of security at the local level.

Created in November 1999, IDM is dedicated to encouraging civic participation in the political process in Albania. Since its creation, the Institute has worked to increase the transparency of public institutions at the local level by promoting an open dialogue between nongovernmental actors and official institutions.

Inspired by the work of the Center for Law Enforcement Education in Nigeria, a former NED grantee, IDM launched a program to meet the challenge of improving relations among the police, local officials, and citizens in Albania. The program strives to encourage public dialogue on the problem of policing at the local level and increase the transparency, accountability and efficiency of Albania's law enforcement agencies in an effort to dispel the deep level of mistrust that exists between citizens and local police officials. IDM



also plans to monitor the implementation of legislation calling for increased cooperation between local government administration and law enforcement offices. IDM has also established three Police Community Consultative Groups in municipalities throughout Albania with the support of the Minister of Public Order and the Minister of Local Government. These independent committees serve as fora where citizens and police can work together on solving local law enforcement problems. Working in towns where the level of violence and mistrust between the community and the police is very high, and there has been little interaction between local government and law enforcement, IDM has encouraged local police departments to communicate their activities to the public more effectively, and has already improved relations between citizens and police officers.

With the addition of extensive media coverage of its activities to the dissemination of its own publications, IDM has gained widespread attention. IDM's work has been recognized by international organizations in Albania, including the European Union Police Monitoring Mission, which noted the important contribution that IDM has made to improving law enforcement at the local level. By improving communication, transparency and relationships among law enforcement, citizens, and local government, the Institute for Democracy and Mediation is contributing to the strengthening of civil society.

1984 – 1989 – NED, through the **Free Trade Union Institutes (FTUI)**, the **International Rescue Committee**, and many other groups, provides millions to support the independent **Solidarity** trade union and democracy movement inside **Poland**. Assistance is used for a wide range of activities and institutional support, including medical supplies, independent education, publishing, and humanitarian services.

1987 – **Charter Seventy-Seven Foundation** provides technical assistance to encourage free speech and communication in **Czechoslovakia**.

1990 – **Freedom House** provides a printing press to the independent newspaper **Romania Libera**, in **Romania**, and NED helps the Romanian journal **Agora** and the **Group for Social Dialogue** establish a Center for Democratic Studies in Romania.

1991 – In **Yugoslavia**, **Radio B 92**, an independent radio station in Belgrade, purchases a transmitter and other equipment to increase its broadcasting range.

1992 – **The Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe** establishes **Centers for Pluralism** in **Poland, Hungary, Czech and Slovak Federal Republics, Bulgaria, Romania, and Ukraine**, providing forums for communication and open debate of ideas.

1996 – **FTUI** supports **Nezavisnost**, an independent trade union confederation that is a cornerstone of democratic opposition in **Serbia-Montenegro**.

1998 – Through direct grants to NGOs and support to its four institutes, NED supports the successful democratic movement in **Slovakia's** Parliamentary and local elections. In particular, NED assists the **Civic Campaign '98 (OK'98)**, a non partisan, independent initiative of more than 100 NGOs that is credited with boosting voter turnout to record levels.

1999 – Both before and after the 11-week NATO bombing campaign in **Serbia**, NED provides **emergency assistance to the democratic opposition** though all four of its core institutes, as well as through direct grants supporting independent media, campaigns for civic change and support for grass-roots NGOs throughout Serbia.

2000 – The **Otpor** Student Movement promotes civic activism at the local level in **Serbia** and mounts a hugely successful Get-Out-the-Vote campaign.



National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$325,000

To develop the skills communication skills of individual members of parliament and party caucuses in order to effectively inform the public about policy and reform issues. Program activities will include regional trainings, developing resource materials for parliamentary staff, and comprehensive training to design and use effective internal communication structures. NDI will then work to ensure that party structures are engaged so that they can inform policymakers about public sentiment on specific reforms and communicate back to the public on party aims and accomplishments.

Transparency International Slovakia (TIS)

\$20,000

To assist the Center for Economic Development to implement a program to combat corruption at the regional and local level in Slovakia. The Center will conduct a survey on localized corruption, organize four seminars on local corruption issues, identify and disseminate information on the causes, sources, and impact of corruption on the local level, produce a blueprint for reform, and advocate for the systemic changes necessary to fight corruption.

Central and Eastern Europe Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$80,237

To help build solidarity among young trade union members in Southeastern Europe through support for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions' South East Europe Youth Network. The Network will conduct two trilateral meetings of participating youth sections and use its website to share information and develop strategies to address the needs of young workers in the region.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$42,683

To provide support for two main activities of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions' Central and Eastern Europe/Southeastern Europe Women's Regional Network. ACILS will coordinate with the ICFTU to develop a new training manual on collective bargaining and issues of interest to women. In addition, it will cosponsor the fourth regional Women's School, during which the new manual will be used to train sub-regional coordinators and participants from twenty countries.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$171,920

To support the efforts of unions in Southeastern Europe to increase the economic literacy of their members and to build their capacity to participate effectively in the reform process. The project's activities will be focused on Serbia, Montenegro, and Macedonia.

Institute for Regional and International Studies

\$96,090

To work with the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives and the Caucasian Institute for Peace Democracy and Development on a cross-border research, training, and advocacy program to investigate and address inefficient governance, and offer practical policy solutions in Bulgaria, Georgia, and Moldova. The program will consist of three policy papers, six roundtables, press releases, press conferences reporting the findings; two training seminars in Moldova and Georgia for young civil servants and civic leaders; and a final compilation report of the program's findings and outcomes, which will be published in English, Bulgarian, Georgian, and Romanian.

International Republican Institute

\$600,000

To work toward a consolidation of democracy in Central Europe, IRI's regional office in Slovakia will focus on a series of activities to strengthen political party infrastructures, promote the use of ideas rather than personalities as the organizing force for political parties, and expand the role of young people in the political process. IRI will also conduct programs for activists from Central and Southeastern Europe and the Baltic States.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$38,190

REPROGRAMMED 2001 FUNDS

To continue to promote political party connections and cooperation in the Central and Eastern European region. NDI will bring reform-minded party leaders together to discuss a long-term regional program to address common development needs and provide a networking forum for ideologically similar parties.

Malopolska Educational Society

\$45,000*

To expand its program of promoting civic education and activism at the grassroots level in the Balkans. The Society will organize five training workshops, assist the trainees in creating twenty new parent-teacher NGOs, and strengthen its network of forty other parent-teacher associations. The Society will also organize a regional conference, a coordination and evaluation meeting, and a small-grants program that will support local civic education programs.



Progress towards democracy in the Eurasia region

continued to face many challenges in the past year. In most countries the trend was toward backsliding from previous democratic gains. During 2003, NED continued to provide assistance to democrats throughout the region as they continued to struggle to break with former Soviet practices.

Although **Russia's** economy, buoyed by high oil prices, grew at a record pace in 2003, the country's already weak democratic institutions came under the greatest threat since the collapse of the USSR, with the complete exclusion of the pro-democratic parties from the country's legislature after parliamentary elections in December. Endowment funding in Russia helped grantees resist authoritarian trends and push for greater freedom and openness. A program to develop a capable cadre of young people to continue the work of earlier generations of dissidents and activists was conducted by the Youth Human Rights Movement, while the INDEM Foundation developed and taught a course on techniques for fighting corruption at Moscow State University.

The Endowment also supported efforts to preserve historical memory and develop civic education materials through a grant to the Perm-36 Memorial Museum of the History of Political Repression and Totalitarianism. Despite being a target of violence, and even the assassination of its volunteers, the Society for Russian-Chechen Friendship continued to gather and distribute information about the ongoing conflict in Chechnya. CIPE programs in Russia have worked to identify the causes of corruption and implement strategies to reduce its impact on small business. IRI and NDI continued to provide training and support for democratic political parties and candidates.

In **Ukraine**, 2003 was characterized by the ongoing struggle between the political opposition and the pro-presi-

dential forces as they prepare for crucial presidential elections scheduled for October 2004. The election is likely to determine which path Ukraine will take in the near future—in-
tegration with the West or remaining beholden to Russian interests with strong links to other post-Soviet states in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Endowment programs supported a broad range of civil society initiatives. Youth Alternative and Smoloskyp, Inc. conducted programs to place student interns in the national parliament and to carry out a series of seminars and conferences for young political activists. NED funds were used to publish a journal and hold roundtables on topics of importance to democratic development. ACILS re-opened its office in Kyiv for the first time since the late 1990s, while CIPE worked with Ukrainian think tanks to identify key policy issues and promote a “national business agenda” to improve Ukraine’s small-business environment.

In **Belarus**, Alexander Lukashenka remained “Europe’s last dictator,” while the presidents of the Central Asian states reaffirmed the sub-region’s reputation as being among the most authoritarian in the world. The Endowment remained one of the largest foreign donors operating in Belarus. NED resources went to support hundreds of NGOs and independent publications that are opposing Lukashenka’s authoritarian regime. NED assistance proved crucial in helping the country’s nascent civil society to survive and grow in a year when dozens of NGOs and independent publications were closed down. Support was used to assist NGO development, independent media, youth groups, regional NGO resource centers, human rights organizations and third sector umbrella groups. Activists and democracy-building NGOs in Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic also received NED funding to assist their counterparts in Belarus through crossborder exchanges and training programs. One important success in 2003 was the election of at least forty representatives of NED-supported organizations to local government positions throughout Belarus.

In the **Caucasus, Armenia** and **Azerbaijan** held deeply flawed parliamentary and presidential elections. The year ended with the only positive development for democracy occurring in **Georgia** with the “revolution of roses.” Mass popular protests against electoral fraud brought people out onto the streets and forced the resignation of the president. Mikheil Saakashvili, the new president elected in January 2004, has promised to push forward a democratic agenda in Georgia.

In the aftermath of the elections in the Caucasus, the prospects for the development of the third sector have diminished. In 2003, NED support focused on human rights and electoral programs. In Armenia, the Helsinki Association provided human rights monitoring and legal support to Armenian citizens, and the Association of Women with a University Education held conferences, trainings, and seminars to encourage women’s participation in the political process. In Azerbaijan, the independent newspaper, *Ekho*, published a special supplement and internet chat on the elections, and the Model Constitutional Court and Debates in Civil Society taught young people the skills of analytical reasoning, rhetoric, and parliamentary debate.

In **Central Asia**, many forms of independent activity are either suppressed or at an embryonic stage of development. Starting from this low point, conditions in Central Asian states are actually declining as new restrictions criminalizing NGO activity were imposed in **Turkmenistan** and restrictive media regulations were passed in **Kazakhstan** and **Uzbekistan**. Against this bleak background, NED’s programs in Central Asia aim to lay the foundation for long term development of democratic societies so that gradual progress towards democratization will coincide with a growing public capacity to take full advantage of such change.

In Uzbekistan, NED funds supported a unique conference, which gathered all of the factions of the Uzbek opposition as well as the major human rights organizations, in an effort to coordinate strategies for the future. The human rights group Ezgulik formed a national network to document government repression, while the independent journal *Harakat* published an extensive report on the use of torture in Uzbek prisons. In Tajikistan, the Independent School for Journalists and the National Association for Independent Mass Media focused on training journalists and encouraging government accountability. In Kazakhstan, the Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law provided legal assistance to the indigent and trained law students in human rights legislation and human rights work. The discussion club Polyton carried on its regular meetings and internet publications despite the arrest of its director, Sergei Duvanov, whose imprisonment on highly dubious criminal charges has prompted an outcry from international human rights organizations.

**Description of 2003
Grants: Eurasia**

Armenia

**Armenian Association of Women with
University Education**

\$32,800

To build skills and promote activism among women, through nation-wide training seminars, regional seminars, survey research, a conference, and ten roundtables. The Association will also establish two new regional information centers, publish the conference proceedings, the results of the survey, and print and email versions of a newsletter.

**Center for International
Private Enterprise**

\$67,143

To support the Association for Foreign Investment and Cooperation in providing a comprehensive assessment of the state of corporate-governance reforms and initiatives in Armenia. The Association will congregate various members of relevant corporate-governance communities for training programs and roundtable discussions and will provide information to assist in the development of sound corporate-governance practices.

Helsinki Association of Armenia
\$41,180

To continue support for the "Lawyers for Human Rights" project to improve legislation on human rights; to continue providing pro-bono legal services; to monitor trial proceedings and the prison system; to educate the public about their rights under Armenian and international law; and to improve human rights education for lawyers.

Republican Center for Democracy
\$37,900

To provide legal aid to vulnerable segments of the population; to conduct monitoring of human rights; to publicize its activities through press conferences and workshops; and to lobby for legislation concerning judicial reform.



The Model Constitutional Court conducts a mock trial in Siazem to teach Azeri citizens about rule of law.

Azerbaijan

Ayna Matbu Evi Publishing House
\$25,487

To conduct a four-part program of activities to provide increased access to information for voters during the upcoming presidential elections. The Publishing House's *Ekho* newspaper will increase coverage of the pre-election campaign in five regions of Azerbaijan, conduct a special Internet forum, and publish an additional insert of election-related news and information.

**Azerbaijan Foundation for the
Development of Democracy**
\$34,990

To provide legal consultations for the most vulnerable segments of society in ten regions of Azerbaijan. The Founda-

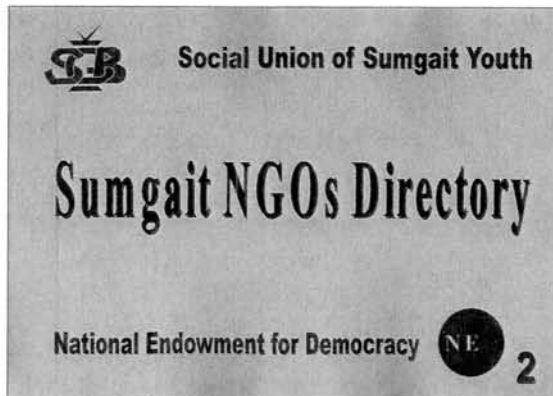
tion's ten regional offices will respond to citizens' requests for legal aid, offer instruction on laws and regulations governing NGOs, inform the public about laws pertaining to the presidential elections, and produce three publications pertaining to these programs.

Center for Debate in Civil Society
\$12,756

To sponsor a program to encourage debate among Azerbaijani youth by teaching debate skills to hundreds of students in five parts of Azerbaijan, holding a series of public student debates, and convening a student parliament.

Center of Young Leaders
\$25,000

To integrate Azerbaijani youth into the local NGO and media community. The Center will conduct a five-month intensive course of study for youth, publish a monthly newspaper and Web page, and foster the formation of a youth movement, with the intention of educating Azerbaijani youth and imparting the values of activism, teamwork, and civic responsibility.



The Social Union of Sumgait Youth produced a local NGO directory to increase networking among civic groups.

Center for Political and Economic Reforms (CPER)

\$35,000

To increase the chances for a free and fair presidential election in Azerbaijan in 2003 by publishing informational materials on preventing fraud and falsification throughout the presidential election period and by training election observers and monitors in fifteen regions of Azerbaijan.

FAR Centre for Economic and Political Research

\$42,823

To increase the chances for a free and fair presidential election in Azerbaijan in 2003 by studying and reporting on public opinion and voter intentions, generating an educational manual for election observers, and training election observers and monitors.

Human Rights Center of Azerbaijan

\$25,000

To monitor the judiciary and educate the Azerbaijani public about legal standards and procedures, including the process of appealing to international bodies. The Center will conduct courtroom monitoring, provide legal counseling to persons who complain about arbitrary judicial behavior, and conduct seminars in Baku to teach human rights defenders and victims of human rights abuses how to use Azerbaijan's laws and international instruments to press their cases. Upon project completion, the staff will hold a series of press conferences and publish a report of their findings.

Society of Women for Peace and Democracy of Trans Caucasus

\$16,650

To write, publish, and distribute a book on the rights and responsibilities of the police in Azerbaijan and to conduct a series of training seminars for approximately 1,000 of the most civically active members of the population from five villages on the Absheron peninsula.

Legal Education Society

\$35,380

To educate the Azerbaijani public about the European System of human rights by conducting six mock trials, publishing

several books on European and international human rights law and practice, and producing three talk shows to be broadcast on an independent television station. The Society will also provide free legal advice and preparation of cases for consideration by the European Court of Human Rights and the UN Committee on Human Rights, training courses for the legal and human rights communities and for members of the media, and a university-level survey course on the international system of human rights protection.

Model Constitutional Court

\$29,846

To raise the awareness of the Azerbaijani public's understanding of the rule of law and the benefits of a democratic system through a program of mock trials. The Model Constitutional Court will hold eleven mock trials throughout Azerbaijan, publish articles in the press after each trial, produce a book about their activities, and begin consultations with counterparts in Georgia and Central Asia about conducting similar programs.

"Reliable Future" Youth Organization

\$26,335

To implement a program to strengthen democracy at the local level in Azerbaijan by conducting training for leaders and employees of municipalities in ten regions of Azerbaijan and publishing booklets for use by residents and leaders of the targeted municipalities.

Social Union of Sumgait Youth

\$17,735

To continue and expand the operation of its Multimedia Support Center, which provides needed services to the sixty NGOs in the Sumgait region. The Center will also purchase additional equipment for use by registered NGOs, produce television programs highlighting the work of the NGO sector, and publish directories of local NGOs and initiative groups for public dissemination.

Southern Resource Center of Human Rights Organizations

\$30,953

To implement a program to improve the observance of human rights in Azerbaijan through the establishment of resource centers throughout five regions

of the country (North, Shirvan, West, South, Nahichevan). The Center will support NGOs in the various regions of Azerbaijan, organize an exploratory working conference, and develop the technical resources of each regional center. The local centers will provide legal aid, office services, and training for regional NGOs, in addition to administering a small grants program and organizing a conference.

SOS '03 Electoral League

\$34,958

To mobilize voter participation prior to Azerbaijan's 2003 presidential elections by holding an international conference on election issues, publishing educational materials, holding public forums, sponsoring a series of live broadcasted presidential debates, and holding a series of rallies and other public activities to increase voter involvement in the election.

"Towards Civil Society" Center

\$19,075

To support a program to strengthen democracy at the local level in Azerbaijan by supporting better relations and communication between local governments and the media. The program will include training seminars in fifteen regions of the country, continued work with the media on covering municipal matters, and publication of materials in bulletin form and on the internet.

Belarus

A) Independent Media

\$185,378*

To strengthen pro-democratic sources of objective information, including national and regional newspapers, youth magazines, websites, NGO bulletins, an Internet magazine, and other independent publications that are breaking the information blockage maintained by the authoritarian regime in Belarus.

B) Human Rights

\$131,101*

To promote human and civil rights in Belarus by supporting networks of human

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION.

rights activists, defending activists and organizations repressed by the regime, monitoring the country's human rights situation, providing legal aid, organizing human rights education programs, and disseminating information about rights violations.

C) NGO Development

\$279,340*

To develop and strengthen Belarus' third sector, especially regional NGOs, civic clubs, and youth groups, through support for training workshops, roundtables, public meetings, networking projects, small grants, publications, equipment, and daily operating expenses.

D) Local Government

\$67,583*

To promote pro-democratic local government and reforms at the local level in Belarus through training, advocacy, education, and public outreach campaigns.

E) Political Parties and Free Elections

\$178,610*

To train pro-democratic political party activists, especially youth, through crossborder networking programs, to study lessons learned from the country's 2003 local elections, to build pro-democracy coalitions at the local levels, and to promote debates on key topics facing Belarus' electorate.

Georgia

Fund "Sukhumi"

\$19,942

To provide women in western Georgia with the theoretical and practical knowledge to become independent actors in a democratic society through



Prodemocracy activists rally in Georgia.



The staff of Kazakh grantee Polyton.

entrepreneurship; to organize training seminars on basic principles of entrepreneurship for women; and to publish an informational bulletin on women's entrepreneurship.

United Nations Association of Georgia

\$26,931

To expand its network of youth groups in two regions of Georgia, Kutaisi, and Gori. Each club will conduct twelve meetings and six case studies of negotiations over the course of the year and also provide libraries and Internet resources to help participants prepare for the events. The Association will also organize a ten-day summer camp.

Kazakhstan

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$136,447

To implement an introductory union-education program for national and local union leaders. The program will include a total of ten seminars on issues related to the ways in which unions engage in effective advocacy in a democratic environment.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$89,039

To support the Almaty Association of Entrepreneurs in a project to analyze the flaws of the Administrative Code, the single most important legal document regulating the relationship between



This book, *Administrative Barriers to Business in Kazakhstan*, was produced by CIPE using NED funding.

government and entrepreneurs. The Association will work to rid the Administrative Code of corrupt points and to steer the country toward democratic reform.

Independent Information Agency "Polyton"

\$20,020*

To continue its weekly discussion club, a forum for democratic activists, members of the media, and concerned citizens to exchange ideas and produce alternative sources of information and opinion. The discussion club will include a separate youth section for topics of particular interest to young people. The club will



Street Law provided civic education training for several teachers in Kazakhstan.

publish reports on the information and analyses generated from its discussions, using its website and e-mail.

Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law

\$21,165*

To provide free legal consultations in the bureau's headquarters in Almaty, observe trials, organize a legal-aid hotline, and report on these activities via the media. The Center will also provide free access to the database "Jurist," which contains texts of laws that are otherwise difficult to obtain.

Street Law – Kazakhstan

\$29,202*

To conduct a -level civic education program in three regions of Kazakhstan. The program will include training for ninety teachers and school administrators and pilot teaching for approximately 300 students in the eighth through tenth grades in ten to fifteen regional schools.

Women's Federation "Status"

\$14,955

To advocate for equal protection of women's rights; to monitor the law-enforcement and judicial authorities and promote the concept of accountability; to encourage female participation in the political process through an internet resource center for female victims of domestic violence in the city of Ust-Kamenogorsk in East Kazakhstan oblast. The Federation will amplify the impact of

the project by holding seminars for organizations that offer free internet access, to teach them not only to address the problem of domestic violence, but also how governmental institutions would approach the issue in a democratic society.

Kyrgyzstan

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$53,191

To implement a program to increase business participation in policy making to improve business development and the economy of Kyrgyzstan by solidifying a constructive private-public dialogue. The institute will work with the Committee of Private Entrepreneurs to target small traders and lesser market participants. CIPE will also form a partnership with the Bishkek Business Club that focuses on medium-sized business. These groups will channel the voice of the business community into a dialogue with government on ways to improve the democratic climate and entrepreneurial environment.

Civil Society Against Corruption

\$24,990

To establish a program entitled "Building Blocks of Democracy" in preparation for the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections. The program will include legal and human rights consultations in its head office; visits to 22 villages to train 660 local activists in anti-corruption

and political advocacy; organization of a contest for the best anti-corruption program; trainings for local anti-corruption organizations; and public discussions of pertinent political issues such as electoral law.

Internews Kyrgyz Republic

\$16,621*

To translate its popular *Media Law Manual* into Kyrgyz and distribute it for use in universities and to train university professors of media law to improve their teaching skills and substantive knowledge. Internews will also set up a center to provide legal advice to mass media in the south of the country, monitor the situation of journalists in Kyrgyzstan, and report regularly about the state of media law.

Kyrgyz Committee for Human Rights

\$26,080

To maintain a regional network of fifteen existing human rights offices and establish five new offices that will all provide legal advice and human rights assistance. The committee will report on human rights issues; lobby the government to comply with international laws pertaining to torture; and assist victims of the Aksy demonstration in obtaining a complete investigation and hold officials accountable for the use of force against protestors.

MSN Company, Ltd.

\$50,000*

To continue support for independent press freedom by supplying newsprint to the *Moya Stolitsa* newspaper. The newspaper, which reports unbiased information on national politics, the economy, law and current events, will publish two editions per week over a six month period.

Shoola-Kol

\$19,972

To continue a human rights project in the Tonsk region of Kyrgyzstan. The project will provide legal services in its main office, train school teachers in the 31 schools, and hold a series of two day seminars to raise awareness about elections and increase participation in local elections in 2004.

Russia

The Andrei Sakharov Archives and Human Rights Center of Brandeis University

\$22,292

To contribute to understanding the Soviet past by making the Sakharov KGB file widely available to Russians through an online database. The database will include scanned copies of the documents along with a search engine.

Andrei Sakharov Museum and Public Center

\$32,000

To conduct a teachers' competition to raise interest in the history of Stalinism. Teachers from seven cities will create lesson plans on the subject; the winners of seven regional competitions will take part in a national competition to be held in Moscow.

Agency for Social Information

\$49,999*

To produce a daily news wire on developments in the NGO sector. The wire will be sent to media outlets, NGO subscribers, and state agencies and institutions. The Agency will also produce quarterly bulletins on various issues of interest to the NGO community and monthly bulletins on the general development of the nonprofit and nongovernmental sector.

Center for Development of Democracy and Human Rights

\$42,500

To produce a monthly bulletin containing analyses of pending legislation and parliamentary activity on human rights issues. The Center will organize press conferences to increase the availability of information and public response about pending legislation and will produce a short book analyzing the voting behaviors of members of the Duma.

Center for Ecological Policy in Russia

\$25,000

To organize a conference of ecological activists, to be called the Civil Society Congress. Approximately 750 civil society activists from throughout Russia will attend. The Center will also prepare and present an analytical report on the current state of civil society.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$139,274

To support the Regional Public Foundation's "Information Science for Democracy" Program in several activities aimed at decreasing corruption that affects small- and medium-sized businesses.

Center for Social Projecting "Vozrozhdenie"

\$49,876

To organize six conferences for members of the political elite of Pskov oblast in northwest Russia. Vozrozhdenie's information service will prepare a series of newspaper articles and radio and television programs for the public at large, dealing with various topics related to the functioning of a democratic political system; every two months, up to 100 members of the regional political elite will take part in a conference to discuss the applicability of these topics to the Pskov political scene.

Center for Support of Democracy and Civic Initiatives

\$24,999

To carry out research into corruption in Yaroslavl oblast; to organize a Public Anticorruption Committee, which will hold monthly roundtables for local experts and officials and work to promote passage of anticorruption legislation; to carry out a program of training seminars for local officials, civil society actors, and representatives of the mass media; to publish two brochures advising citizens how to deal with corruption; and to publish a monthly newspaper dealing with the issue of corruption throughout the region.

Center for Support of Democratic Youth Initiatives

\$30,000

To expand its program of teacher-training, human rights curriculum development, and publishing. The Center will open up to nineteen civic education teaching centers throughout Perm oblast and offer human rights training to teachers from throughout the oblast. The Center will also carry out a civic education olympiad for tenth and eleventh graders, produce an updated edition of its methodological guidebook and two brochures for teachers, and offer free courses in human rights to adults in Perm oblast.

Center for Support of Land Reform in Vladimir Oblast

\$36,500

To distribute information on land reform in Vladimir oblast and the four neighboring oblasts through newspaper articles, pamphlets, radio transmissions, and public meetings in order to familiarize rural residents with issues and procedures relating to land sales. Center staff will coordinate a public legal-aid office to advise residents of Vladimir oblast directly and will occasionally become involved in court cases. Finally, Center staff will work with government agencies and legislators to develop new regulations relating to land reform.

Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations

\$41,994

To distribute daily, weekly, and monthly bulletins on violations of journalists' rights to its extensive mailing list of professional journalists and human rights experts. The Center will also maintain and modernize its website, and will continue to develop its "Association of Journalists' Organizations in Defense of Freedom of Speech," in order to help journalists unite effectively in defense of their rights.



GOLOS produced the following voter mobilization poster for Russia's Duma elections. "Yesterday we did not vote... Today they won't let us vote. Don't let this happen! Vote in the elections."

**Chelyabinsk Oblast Public Fund
"Helping Hand"**
\$36,926

To continue its free legal-aid clinic for the indigent while offering human rights training to employees of pretrial detention centers. Helping Hand will also continue its training program for NGO leaders and operate an NGO resource center with material resources and consulting services for local NGOs. Finally, Helping Hand will expand its legal aid and NGO resource consultation activities to neighboring Sverdlovsk oblast by opening a branch of its organization in the oblast capital, Ekaterinburg.

Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Tatarstan
\$24,548*

To arrange for the publication of human rights materials in newspapers in the local languages of three non-Russian republics and to carry out training for human rights activists, journalists, and representatives of government agencies in each of these republics. The Committee will also continue to provide free human rights defense services in these republics and will carry out a series of public-information lectures for residents of rural regions of the republics.

Environmental Human Rights Center "Bellona"
\$40,000

To continue publishing its journal, *Ekologia i Pravo (Ecology and Human Rights)*, which examines the issues of environment, government, and human rights. The Center will increase the frequency and print run of the journal and continue to operate its webpage. The Center also plans to establish a network of part-time correspondents throughout Russia.

Glasnost Defense Foundation
\$42,821

To publish six books on the freedom of the press. These publications will be used in training seminars provided by the Foundation and other organizations and provided to public and university libraries, university journalism departments, lawyers, representatives of national and regional executive and legislative agencies, and human rights organizations.

GOLOS NGO Coalition
\$60,000

To train election observers in six regions of the Russian Federation and release twice-weekly reports on violations committed during the Duma election campaign. At the end of the campaign, GOLOS will release a comprehensive report on the entire monitoring effort, including recommendations on how to make the election process freer and fairer.

Human Rights Publishers
\$36,000*

To publish and distribute *Human Rights Defender*, with a circulation of 3,750, throughout the Russian Federation. The journal publishes articles on the human rights situation in Russia, along with news and important human rights documents from abroad.

INDEM Foundation
\$25,000

To work with the School of Public Administration of Moscow State University to develop a complete course on corruption, including lesson plans, practical exercises, and a textbook. The course will be taught at Moscow State University during the Fall 2003 semester.

Independent Council of Legal Expertise
\$50,000

To provide human rights organizations and other influential groups with expert analyses of pending legislation; actively intervene in particularly complex instances of human rights violations; and work to develop effective mechanisms of social influence to guarantee individual rights.

Information Agency "Memo.ru"
\$49,521*

To continue to maintain its website devoted to the Caucasus, *The Caucasus Switchboard*. The website contains news on current events, information on civil society, news of NGO events, and academic and applied analysis of the region.

Information and Analytical Center SOVA
\$25,000

To compile a database of articles containing anti-democratic rhetoric in the Russian press, which will be posted on the SOVA Web site. SOVA will also produce a monthly electronic newsletter and organize three roundtables for Russian democracy activists. Finally, SOVA will produce an analytical report at the end of the project, following the March 2004 presidential elections.

Information Center of the Human Rights Movement

\$49,945*

To continue its campaign to raise the visibility of the human rights movement through press releases, press conferences, and press monitoring. The Center will also help overcome human rights groups' information shortage by publishing a specialized bulletin, *Chronicle of the Moscow Helsinki Group*, which will discuss issues of interest to human rights activists. Finally, the Center will help human rights organizations work more effectively with the press by offering training in press relations.

Information-Research Center PANORAMA

\$41,134

To develop a website and publish a series of briefing books on the developing threat to Russian democracy.

International Memorial Society

\$40,185

To train human rights activists in using data from public opinion polling. Using existing polling data on how Russians think about human rights issues, twenty-five human rights activists will develop informational campaigns intended to raise public concern about specific human rights issues. Public opinion polls in each city before and after the campaigns will assess the program's impact.

International Protection Center

\$40,000*

To offer free legal representation to individuals who have exhausted all possibilities in the Russian legal system and wish to pursue their cases in the European Court of Human Rights. Potential cases will be screened to ensure that they meet the criteria for admissibility before the court and staff attorneys will prepare the necessary documentation of the cases and present oral arguments before the court.

International Republican Institute

\$150,966

To conduct a year-long series of seminars for the League of Women Voters and the Women's Leadership and Partnership Network; to encourage women



CIPE worked with the Regional Public Foundation to conduct an anticorruption training.

from these groups to pursue political involvement; and to develop informal networks among themselves. The seminars will consist of women elected officials sharing advice with women wishing to run for public office, as well as political party trainings.

International Republican Institute

\$200,000

To conduct a program on practical applications of concurrent and complementary government powers. IRI will work with deputies of multiple parties to solicit recommendations for these applications from those at the municipal and regional levels. IRI will recruit and assemble a team of experts who can serve in a consultative fashion to regions and federal district administrations. Over the course of the program, three consultations will be provided in the three target areas. At the end of the program, IRI will record its experiences in a third installment to its series on Russian Federalism.

Interregional Foundation for Civil Society

\$60,000

To sponsor a small-grants program to assist regional human rights groups and place them on more solid footing. These grants offer local human rights organizations the opportunity to begin working in a genuinely professional manner, to gain experience planning and carrying out projects, and to learn how to apply for and manage external funds.

Kaliningrad Resource, Information, and Analysis Center

\$25,000

To conduct a program of human rights monitoring in Kaliningrad oblast. The Center will train six human rights

monitors, employ a variety of methods to monitor adherence to human rights norms, prepare a report for distribution to local officials, and organize a roundtable for representatives of regional law enforcement agencies and a seminar for leaders of Kaliningrad oblast NGOs.

League of Women Voters of St. Petersburg

\$42,800

To support its St. Petersburg headquarters and six of its regional affiliates in northwest Russia. The League will organize a series of events for elected officials, NGO leaders, and the public at large. In addition, each of the regional affiliates will operate a full-time public reception office to offer citizens legal advice and to assist NGO leaders in establishing and developing their organizations.

Narodnaya Asambleya Foundation

\$50,000

To continue its operation of the Information Press Center and organize press conferences, briefings, seminars, and roundtables for human rights and pro-democracy organizations, which will give journalists access to a wide variety of speakers on key political, economic, and social issues.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$300,000

To undertake a regionally based program to strengthen public confidence in elections, improve basic electoral processes and strengthen political parties. NDI will conduct intensive political party building seminars and trainings for political parties, organize a series of roundtable discussions and civic working groups on democratic institutions, and help the VOICE Association prepare to monitor the State Duma elections in December 2003.

Ozersk City Social and Ecological Public Organization "Planeta Nadezhd"

\$26,177*

To carry out in-depth sociological research into the political culture and decision-making processes of the city of Ozersk, a "closed administrative territorial formation" (ZATO) which is home to

the Mayak nuclear plant, one of the worst sources of nuclear contamination in the world. This research will serve as the basis for two seminars for NGO leaders and officials from ZATOs from throughout the Urals region, and for a publishing and lobbying campaign to strengthen the legislative basis for defense of human rights in ZATOs.

Perm-36 Memorial Museum of the History of Political Repression and Totalitarianism

\$35,000

To develop teaching materials for civic education and history teachers that can be widely distributed throughout Perm oblast and Russia.

Regional Strategy – Kaliningrad
\$29,244

To conduct a training program for young political activists in Kaliningrad oblast and to offer ongoing consultation for youth NGOs out of its office in the town of Svetly. The organization will also offer specialized training for twenty-five NGO "middle managers," twenty-five journalists, and 100 volunteers from three rural regions of Kaliningrad oblast.

Russian Association for Civic Education
\$33,416

To hold the Sixth National Olympiad in Civic Education for the 2003 school year. Through a national campaign, students ranging in age from eleven to seventeen years will be invited to submit answers to a series of essay questions. Essays will be judged by an expert panel of educators and finalists will be invited to the final competition in Moscow, where winners in various age categories will be determined. During the final competition, the students' teachers will participate in civic education training exercises.

Ryazan Regional Branch of the Memorial Society
\$35,000*

To continue publication of its journal, *Karta*, which offers a combination of articles on recent Soviet history, comparative politics, and present-day human rights issues. The journal is distributed to other NGOs, regional branches of the



"Because they don't have a vote in the election and you do! Vote in the elections." This voter mobilization poster was produced by NED grantee GOLOS in anticipation of Russia's Duma elections.

Memorial Society, independent trade unions, local government officials, and numerous universities and libraries.

Saratov Legal Reform Project
\$30,000

To operate a free legal clinic staffed by professional lawyers and student interns from the legal-training institutes of the Saratov region. Student interns will participate in all forms of legal work relating to human rights violations and undergo extra training in practical aspects of legal work. The organization will continue its efforts to coordinate the work of the several legal clinics currently operating in the Saratov region.

St. Petersburg Humanity and Political Studies Center "Strategy"
\$47,000*

To examine corruption in three regions of Russia. The Strategy Center will carry out research on corruption, hold workshops and conferences for NGO leaders and local and regional self-government officials, and present a series of recom-

mendations on how to prevent corruption to the legislators of the three regions.

Tochka Opory
\$51,000*

To award approximately fifteen subgrants to regional Russian youth NGOs for programs on issues such as human rights education, involvement of school students in local decision-making processes, and the reduction of interethnic tension. Tochka Opory will also offer training to NGO leaders on topics such as accounting, project management, and fundraising.

Tomsk Research Center for Human Rights
\$24,914

To implement a three-part program of free legal aid to impoverished victims of human rights abuses, a human rights

monitoring and research program, and publication of a monthly newspaper and analytical bulletin on the state of human rights in Tomsk oblast. Endowment funding will be used to support the Center's work outside the city of Tomsk by supporting travel to outlying regions of the oblast, and will allow the Center to continue promoting pro-human rights policies at the local level.

Voronezh United Democratic Center
\$40,428*

To continue its program of informational activities and legal aid throughout Voronezh oblast by operating legal-aid centers in more isolated regions, increasing the print run of its newspaper, and carrying out seminars for pensioners living in rural areas.

Yaroslavl Regional Public Organization Center for Social Partnership
\$49,997

To implement a wide-ranging program of NGO training, hearings on budgetary transparency, election monitoring, publications, and public events to support free and fair elections in Yaroslavl oblast.

Youth Human Rights Network (YHRM) \$34,996*

To offer training and internships to young human rights activists from throughout the nations of the former Soviet Union and to publish a newspaper devoted to youth human rights issues. YHRM will also develop informational materials in support of nationwide campaigns on human rights issues and provide informational and other support services to human rights organizations throughout Russia and the nations of the former Soviet Union.

Za Prava Cheloveka \$45,000

To conduct a program of informational activities and direct human rights assistance intended to coordinate the activities of human rights organizations throughout Russia. *Za Prava Cheloveka* will expand its program in five more regions, offering free legal assistance to victims of human rights violations, publicizing human rights violations through the mass media and on its own Web page, and providing analyses of patterns of human rights violations.

Za Prava Cheloveka \$35,343

To organize the Second Congress in Defense of Human Rights which will call together activists from a variety of organizations, including, environmental groups, human rights organizations, trade unions, independent journalists, and foreign observers to remind the authorities of the continued significance of the nongovernmental sectors; to draw attention to rising threats to democracy and human rights; and to put forth a program of joint action in defense of democratic freedoms.

Russia (Chechnya)

Chechen Committee for National Salvation \$25,000

To implement a program of legal aid and information gathering and distribution. Working in the cities of Nazran, Grozny, Urus-Martan, and Gudermes, the Committee will offer legal assistance to Chechen refugees and gather and

distribute information about refugee conditions and about government actions.

LAM Center for Complex Research and Popularization of Chechen Culture \$50,000*

To promote democratic ideals and practices throughout the Chechen Republic and Chechen diaspora by organizing a series of roundtables for representatives of the Chechen intelligentsia. The Center will also publish six issues of its bulletin; manage a website that presents materials from numerous Chechen NGOs; produce several short films; conduct public opinion surveys; and offer five mini-grants to newly formed NGOs.

LATTA Center \$25,000

To organize a conference and three roundtables on various issues facing Chechen civil society and make efforts to organize a Chechen Civic Council of NGOs, which will serve as a basis for developing joint proposals on Chechnya's political future. LATTA will also gather information on ongoing events in Chechnya for distribution in an email bulletin titled, "Dispatches from Chechnya," and publish a quarterly bulletin, *LATTA*, containing in-depth analyses of the political and social situation in Chechnya.

The Society for Russian- Chechen Friendship \$50,000

To support a network of correspondents throughout the Chechen Republic and to distribute information received from

these correspondents to both the Russian and Western media. The information will be distributed in the form of press releases, news analyses, and the Society's monthly newspaper, *Pravozashchita*.

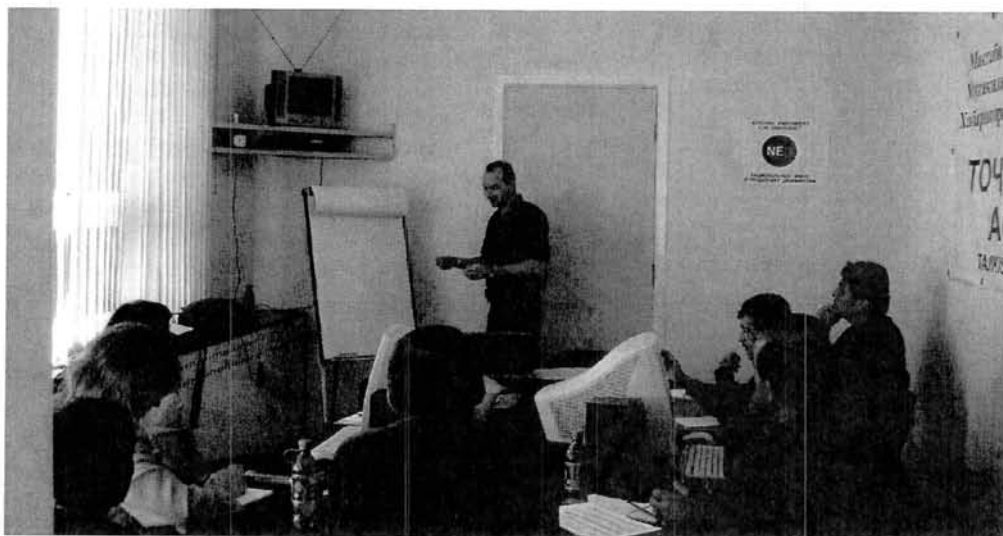
Tajikistan

Center for International Private Enterprise \$62,463

To support the National Association of Managers and Marketologists' efforts to improve the relationship between the business community and government tax agencies, by working to reduce the loophole in the existing Tax Code and develop a Code of Ethics for tax collectors and taxpayers.

Independent School for Journalists "Tajikistan – 21st Century" \$35,000*

To provide modern, comprehensive training for radio professionals. The school will train sixty staff members from the four independent radio stations that recently were granted operating licenses by the government. The school will also conduct consultations and offer working journalists and students of journalism free access to the resources assembled at the school, including internet, computers, office facilities, manuals, and textbooks for radio professionals.



This training for radio producers was conducted by the Independent School for Journalists in Tajikistan.



NED Eurasia Director Nadia Diuk and Program Officer Miriam Lansky (center) meet with NDI staff and local NGOs in Tajikistan to discuss future program activities in anticipation of the 2005 Parliamentary elections.

National Association for Independent Mass Media

\$24,912*

To conduct eight seminars in four regions of Tajikistan to bring together journalists with press representatives of federal ministries, Procuracy officials, court officials, and the police. The Association will publish a manual for trainers and organize one-week internships at Moscow newspapers for six Tajik journalists.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$184,776

To continue to maintain an office in Tajikistan to help local NGOs prepare for the 2005 parliamentary elections. The institute will conduct activities aimed at strengthening political parties, encouraging civic participation, and increasing independent broadcast media.

NGO "Modar"

\$24,798*

To conduct a program aimed at improving the status of women as full participants in the civic life of some of the most isolated regions of Tajikistan. The project will include the publication of a book explaining political involvement as it relates to women; a series of trainings for trainers who will use the book; a series of seminars and roundtables; and a regularly broadcast radio program.

Turkmenistan

A) Protecting Human Rights and Providing Legal Assistance

\$105,212

To monitor human rights and promote the rule of law by providing pro bono legal assistance to the most vulnerable segments of the population, such as refugees, stateless persons, and those persecuted by the regime. In addition, Endowment supported programs provide legal counsel and clinics in Turkmenbashi and Ashgabad, conduct seminars for NGO staff, monitor human rights abuses and violations of due process, and provide office support for local NGOs.

B) Promoting Education and NGO Development

\$48,735

To expose youth to democratic ideas by improving the system of secondary education. This includes training teachers in interactive methods of instruction and ways to incorporate them into the curriculum and making manuals, guides, and samples available for teacher use. Endowment funding will also support NGO development programs by conducting evening seminars and individual consultations for staff of newly formed

NGOs, providing office support, resources and legal consultations to strengthen various NGOs against government repression.

Ukraine

Agency for Legislative Initiatives

\$24,850*

To support the publication of the monthly *Parliament Journal*. The journal contains unique and timely information about Ukraine's parliament, as well as a section on comparative analyses of parliamentary practices in other countries.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$399,968

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity will implement a program of extensive trade union education targeting further development of tripartite social dialogue, the building of union leadership skills, promotion of women leaders, and strengthening organizational capacity. ACILS will continue its support for trade union-sponsored legal assistance and media outreach, and will support and encourage greater dialogue between Ukrainian trade unions and the international labor community.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$83,598*

To work with the Association of Entrepreneurs "Infobusiness" to combat corruption in taxation and customs. The Association will monitor Ukrainian taxation and customs legislation to disclose areas that leave room for corruption; hold twelve regional seminars to discuss specific pieces of ambiguous legislation and to seek official explanations from government supervisory bodies; offer legal support to entrepreneurs involved in arbitration; and create an Internet resource that will include all seminar materials and information about specific case studies and court cases.



Prospectives: The Newsmagazine of Private Industry was published by the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research with assistance from CIPE.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$147,529

To work with the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research and the Institute for Competitive Society to implement a project advocating a National Business Agenda for Ukraine. Nationally, CIPE's partners will work with policymakers to propose updated legislation towards implementing the reform-policy recommendations made during a previous project. On the regional and local levels, CIPE's partners will focus on local and regional barriers to private-sector development and will work with those administrations to develop strategies for implementation of existing and proposed reforms.

Democratic Initiatives Foundation \$50,000

To conduct twelve monthly large-sample public opinion surveys, in conjunction with smaller monthly surveys of approximately eighty Ukrainian journalist attitudes on key domestic and foreign-policy issues. Results of the surveys will be discussed at roundtables held in various regions and will be published in the Foundation's quarterly bulletins and website.

Dniprovsky Center for Social Research \$25,000

To organize a wide-ranging program of research, seminars, roundtables, and informational activities designed to increase the flow of information between citizens, NGOs, and government in the Dnipropetrovsk region of Ukraine.

Donetsk Human Rights School \$32,000

To conduct a program of conferences, teacher training, and curriculum development for secondary-school teachers. The School will organize a national conference for civic education specialists and a civic education training seminar; prepare a guide to civic education resources for faculty and students of pedagogical institutes; revise and update its courses on civic education for use in Ukrainian schools; and prepare CD-ROM versions of its teaching aids.

Europe XXI Foundation \$49,795

To implement a program focused on examining the role of civil society organizations in decision-making in six of Ukraine's regions. A series of roundtables will analyze the results for each region, which will be used to develop an "Action Plan for Civil Society," to be discussed at a final conference. The Foundation will also publish two books: *Civil Society: Step by Step* and *Who's Who in Ukraine's Political Community*.

Foundation for Regional Initiatives \$35,000

To educate large numbers of Ukrainians about their rights and the means available to defend them by producing and transmitting a series of public service announcements over regional Ukrainian television stations. These announcements will be accompanied by a program of publications, conferences, and roundtables intended to multiply the impact of the program.

Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation \$42,980

To continue its program of regional meetings of the Euro-Atlantic Network. The Institute will hold a series of seminars and roundtables throughout Ukraine, which will provide a forum for

discussion of democracy and integration into Western structures and bring new nongovernmental organizations into the network. The Institute will then ensure that these NGOs are provided with a regular supply of information and literature on issues pertaining to democracy, European integration, and the democracy criteria outlined in the NATO-Ukraine Action Plan.

Internews Ukraine \$50,000

To maintain its Telekritika website, which is devoted to in-depth analysis of the Ukrainian media and provides a forum for widespread public discussion of media issues.

Kharkiv Center for Women's Studies \$50,000

To continue its program of training and consultancy for NGO leaders and journalists on human rights issues. The Center will also work to raise awareness of women's issues by distributing information to print media and producing television programs, and continue its research and publication program on women's issues.

Kharkiv Group for Human Rights Protection \$40,000*

To produce and distribute several periodicals on various aspects of human rights in Ukraine; to monitor torture and the right to privacy; and to carry out two training seminars for human rights teachers, NGO activists, government officials, and lawyers. The organization will also produce a television program on human rights to be broadcast nationwide.

Lion Society \$25,000

To conduct a series of training seminars to introduce representatives of NGOs and initiative groups to basic principles of NGO work and management and produce ten brochures for use in these seminars. The Lion Society will also introduce schoolteachers to basic methods of teaching civic education for a democratic society and organize short internships with western Ukrainian NGOs for twelve activists from NGOs in Southern and Eastern Ukraine.

**Luhansk Regional Organization
"Public Education and Legal
Assistance" (PELA)
\$28,790***

To set up a website describing the local government's activities and open eighteen public Internet-access locations to make the website more accessible. PELA will continue to provide free legal-aid services to the local population and will continue its *Hromadsky Sektor (Civil Sector)* television program, which will also help advertise the website and Internet access program.

**Open Society Foundation
\$48,500***

To conduct a public information campaign to provide voters with timely information about the activities of their elected representatives in the Verkhovna Rada. The campaign will include the publication of quarterly reports on activities of Rada's deputies and factions and two books. These publications will be discussed at twelve monthly press conferences and three roundtables.

**Regional Information Center for Women
\$24,941**

To implement a program entitled "E-Government: New Steps in Developing Civil Society in the Kirovohrad Region." The program will provide for the creation of three new Civic Education Network centers, part of a growing regional network of NGOs, and include seventeen training events throughout the year for participants from all ten centers in the network. The Center will maintain an interactive website throughout the program, publish two brochures on information technology and government, hold a competition to identify successful civil society initiatives in the region, and present its program at upcoming international conferences on civil society in Kyiv.

**Smolokyp, Inc.
\$66,827***

To continue its program of democracy workshops and conferences for young people. Smolokyp will also publish its monthly information bulletin, *Smolokyp Ukrainy (Torch of Ukraine)*, the journal *Moloda Natsiya (Young Nation)*, its annual reference book *ABC of Ukrainian Politicians*, a collection of Ukrainian *samizdat*, and an anthology of major



The Ukrainian-American Bureau for the Protection of Human Rights produced the first translation of *The Federalist Papers* to be distributed throughout Ukraine.

works of democratic philosophy. Finally, Smolokyp will continue to develop its *samizdat* archive, library, and museum in Kyiv, as well as its website.

**Spilnyi Prostir
\$50,000**

To encourage independent media in Ukraine, the Spilnyi Prostir Association will carry out a media monitoring program in all 24 of Ukraine's regions and publish monthly reports on campaign preparations for the Fall 2004 presidential elections. In addition, through its network of 24 regional newspapers, the Association will carry out a public information campaign designed to increase Ukrainian voters' ability to interpret and assimilate information coming to them from potentially biased sources.

**Ukrainian-American Bureau for the
Protection of Human Rights
\$40,000**

To conduct a program of research and publishing focusing on the interaction of NGOs and government. The Bureau will carry out surveys of experts with direct experience in NGO-government relations in four of Ukraine's largest cities; prepare and publish an analytical report, including recommendations for government officials based on the surveys; and organize four roundtables to



This publication, *The Doctrine of Private Initiative*, was produced by CIPE with NED funding.

discuss the report. The Bureau will also arrange for the translation into Ukrainian of *The Federalist*, which will be published and distributed to Ukrainian citizens and libraries.

**Ukrainian Center for Economic and
Political Research (Razumkov Center)
\$50,000**

To publish its monthly analytical bulletin, *Natsionalna bezpeka i oborona (National Security and Defense)*, which addresses a variety of topics in Ukrainian politics and society. The Center will produce five monthly issues of the bulletin, 3,000 copies each in Ukrainian and 800 copies each in English.

**Ukrainian Legal Foundation
\$39,955**

To create a searchable database of judicial rulings for use by legal professionals in Ukraine. The framework for researching and analyzing the rulings and practices for the database will be determined by a team of analysts. Also, a system will be formulated for providing access to legal professionals and for providing information from the database to Ukrainian courts and legal institutions on a regular basis.



The Youth Rights Movement, which received a NED grant in 2002, produced this 2003 human rights calendar for young activists in Ukraine.

Ukrainska Pravda

\$32,812*

To support the website of this online newspaper. Funding will be used primarily to pay salaries and to pay for web hosting, which will allow *Ukrainska Pravda* to continue producing approximately ten new news articles and opinion pieces per day.

Youth Alternative

\$77,882*

To support its "Students for Parliament" program, which supplies democratically-oriented members of parliament with knowledgeable student interns for free. During their internships, students attend seminars and produce collections of articles on important issues facing Ukraine.

Uzbekistan

\$10,280*

To organize a series of seminars in the Ferghana Valley in collaboration with local units of self-government. The seminars will address issues pertaining to women's rights, preventing violence against women, and promoting women to leadership roles. To publish and distribute a bulletin for women and youth.

\$12,015*

To continue a program of human rights monitoring and legal aid in the Ferghana Valley. The program will monitor and report on the human rights situation in the area, provide free, quality legal advice to the victims of human rights violations, represent the victims before various courts, tribunals, and other institutions to seek redress, and publish a quarterly bulletin containing monitoring results and policy recommendations.

\$40,140*

To organize a conference to bring together the different groups of the Uzbek democratic movement to coordinate positions and policies and promote the development of strategies for democratic transfer of power in Uzbekistan. Representatives of the media and international organizations will be invited to attend, and the conference proceedings will be published.

\$48,000

To support the printing and electronic publication of an independent Uzbek journal. Endowment funding will enable the journal to be produced six times, increase its regular print run to 3,250 copies, maintain a website, and expand its in-country resources.

\$12,765*

To document instances of illegal and arbitrary behavior on the part of Uzbekistan's law enforcement and judicial authorities. To make five research trips to explore different types of abuses in different regions of the country and to author five bulletins on their findings.

\$90,326

To provide assistance in developing a vibrant private sector and a strong middle-class by helping to level the playing field for all who want to participate in the economy. The project will consist of activities aimed at protecting private property rights of entrepreneurs.

\$15,735*

To monitor and report on cases of arbitrary detentions made on political and religious grounds, including abuses of prisoners in this category, and official discrimination against such prisoners' families. To monitor trials and transcribe the proceedings; provide free, quality legal advice to the victims of human rights violations; and represent victims before various courts, tribunals, and other institutions to seek redress. To conduct five fact-finding and instructional trips to throughout the country with the research obtained providing material for a quarterly report, a monograph, and a manual for activists.

\$7,270*

To establish a center for independent public opinion polling and conduct the first pilot poll, a survey of youth attitudes, in a region of Uzbekistan.

\$15,091*

To provide information and technical support to NGOs in the Ferghana Valley. To hold consultations for NGO activists; conduct site visits to the regions; expand its library; publish a bulletin; and maintain a web page.

\$150,596*

To impart the lessons of its six-year experience in civic education to educators from other countries in Central Asia through a series of training seminars, specific recommendations, and a conference. To conduct its landmark a civil society camp for 125 high school students.

Central Asia Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$94,407

To conduct seminars on strategic planning, collective bargaining, organizing, youth outreach, and improving internal communications for trade unions in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. Representatives of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the International Labor Organization, and global union federations will participate in the seminars.

Central Asia/ Caucasus Regional

Central Asia and Caucasus Journal

*\$49,980**

To provide a forum for political leaders and civic activists to present thoughtful alternatives to the government and confrontational opposition views on regional developments, particularly on how to nurture democratic values in a manner consistent with native traditions.

East Central Europe/ Eurasia Regional

American Bar Association Central Europe and Eurasian Law Initiative

*\$45,000**

To implement a training program for human rights activists from the Fergana Valley region of Central Asia. Thirty representatives from human rights organizations based along the borders of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan will attend a two-week training course at the CEELI Institute in Prague. The program will provide the activists with the skills and mechanisms to defend and combat violations of human rights in this key region.

East European Democratic Center

\$72,450

To continue assisting the independent press in Eastern Europe. The Center will carry out a two-part cross-border program, including a project to increase independent newspaper distribution and a small grants competition to assist newly-established independent newspapers. More than thirty independent regional newspapers will participate in the project, and approximately ten to fifteen will be awarded small grants to expand their print run or develop their distribution systems.

East European Democratic Center

*\$43,000**

To continue assisting the third sector in Eastern Europe. The Center will carry out a three-part program, including a small grants competition to support approximately fifteen to twenty independent newspapers, a conference to promote and improve cross-border democracy-building programs, and an informational website.

East European Democratic Center

*\$58,560**

To continue fostering the development of independent youth organizations in western Ukraine. Seven basic and advanced training workshops for approximately 175 local youth leaders will be conducted, two strategic planning roundtables will be held, and twenty-five to thirty small grants will be awarded for regional and local youth initiatives in eight regions of the country.

East Europe Democracy Center

*\$50,000**

To develop a program to assist the local and regional non-state press in Ukraine. To conduct two training seminars for representatives of thirty newspapers, organize ten internships at similar papers in Poland, and provide small grants to eight to ten local and regional publications.

Foundation for Education for Democracy

*\$20,000**

To continue its cross-border civic education training program in Eastern Europe. Funding will be used to organize a series of events for teachers, students, and school administrators, including meetings of civic education teachers' clubs, basic and advanced civic education workshops, a seminar for local school headmasters, a train-the-trainer workshop for new teacher-trainers, and a newsletter for civic educators. Approximately 420 individuals will be trained.

Foundation for Education for Democracy

\$120,000

To conduct thirty training workshops in Ukraine, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Mongolia, and Moldova. The workshops will provide training in civic education, leadership, NGO development, and train-the-trainer skills for more than 650 local activists. Approximately seventy local trainers will take part in the training programs, as well as in exchanges and internships. Also, the Foundation will produce four "how-to" training brochures in print runs of 1,000 copies, continue to develop its webpage, and publish six issues of its newsletter.

Foundation for Education for Democracy

\$55,000

To oversee a program of thirty training workshops and twenty exchanges and internships for approximately 660 activists from Rostov-on-Don, Kaliningrad and Samara.

Kaunas Municipal Training Center

\$39,329

To train newly-elected, pro-democratic local government officials in Eastern Europe. Approximately forty-eight activists will take part in two training programs, two study visits, and an internship program.

Kaunas Municipal Training Center/Baltic International Development Agency
\$42,000*

To promote the development of civil society in the Kaliningrad region of Russia through cooperation between NGOs in the Kaliningrad region and their counterparts in Lithuania; to increase the skills and professionalism of NGOs in Kaliningrad; to encourage cooperation between NGOs and local government administrators in Kaliningrad; and to maintain the NGO Information and Support Center. The Information Center will provide NGOs with access to equipment, office space, and information sources such as computers, an NGO database and an electronic library on civil society, legal advice and training for newly established NGOs, and electronic access to information brochures and training materials on the Center's website.

Lithuanian and U.S. Initiatives
\$27,344

To help rural activists in Eastern Europe establish local government committees, train pro-democratic local government officials, and assist local NGOs and independent newspapers. More than a dozen public meetings, training workshops, roundtables, planning meetings, and study visits to Lithuania will be organized.

MEMO 98
\$45,000

To conduct and support media-monitoring programs in Slovakia, Ukraine, Montenegro, and Serbia. MEMO will serve as a watchdog and an advocate for media reform in Slovakia and will work with local partners to develop an indigenous capacity for similar media work in the other four countries. MEMO will establish and train three teams of local media monitors, establish five domestic monitoring teams, work with its partners to craft and carry out country specific action plans for media reform, and produce and distribute a series of country and issue-based media reports.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$240,221

To issue a subgrant to the European Institute for Democracy (EID) to organize and administer NDI training programs in political party and coalition-building; NDI will provide both financial and technical assistance. NDI will conduct trainings with EID for groups from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Russia, and Ukraine, and will send Polish experts to interested countries to conduct follow-on trainings.

People in Need Foundation (PINF)
\$24,744*

To continue its cross-border program supporting the activities of independent organizations and democratic activists from Eastern Europe. PINF will conduct a series of study visits and exchange programs in the region with a focus on strengthening effective local government, promoting educational reform, and highlighting human rights issues. Approximately eighteen young political leaders, educational experts, and human rights activists will participate in the exchanges.

People in Need Foundation (PINF)
\$38,200

To continue its cross-border program promoting human rights, humanitarian assistance, and freedom of information in the North Caucasus. NED funding will be used to continue operating the Prague Watchdog website, which reports on the political, military, economic, and humanitarian situation in Chechnya and Ingushetia. PINF will also launch a Russian-language version of the site, commission and disseminate more than 140 articles, and expand the site's staff.

Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation
\$31,400*

To create an internship program in Poland for representatives of the independent media in Central Asia. Participants will train at selected newspapers, publishing houses, and radio and television stations. The program will also include a series of media-related seminars and meetings to provide introduction to important Polish organizations, activists, and government officials.

Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation
\$33,160

To conduct a series of internships in Poland for representatives of the independent media in Eurasia. At least twenty-five journalists, editors, and media activists will spend three weeks in Poland at selected newspapers, publishing houses, and radio and television stations, receiving practical training in accordance with their specialties and the work they are currently performing. A series of media-related seminars and meetings will introduce the participants to important Polish organizations, activists, and government officials.

The Pontis Foundation
\$52,000

To assist pro-democratic youth groups and activists in Eastern Europe through a program of training, study visits, and internships designed to strengthen youth leaders and organizations. The cross-border program will focus on improving policy analysis and the development, civic education, and leadership skills of young activists by bringing approximately forty-five activists to Slovakia.



Latin America and the Caribbean

As events of the last year have demonstrated, even in Latin American countries once considered successful democracies, stability remains fragile. Throughout the region, Latin American countries are experiencing a crisis of representation and governance. Discontent with political elites and institutions is growing as citizens increasingly feel that their leaders are unaccountable, unresponsive and, in many cases, corrupt. Public

trust in political parties has declined dramatically, while social and political institutions are struggling to adjust to new constituencies and popular demands. Despite these challenges within the region, democracy in several countries remained remarkably resilient. The challenge for democracy in the Western hemisphere is to ensure that the concepts and institutions of justice, accountability and honest and efficient government are deepened and expanded. In 2003 NED's programs in Latin America supported and worked with groups to improve citizen participation in policy making and government, combat corruption and increase governmental efficiency,

and better defend and protect human and political rights.

In **Argentina**, while the country was still recovering from the political and economic turmoil of the past few years, the Endowment supported programs that were instrumental in organizing a broad array of popular and civic organizations around key democratic reforms that had emerged during the social upheaval in 2001. IRI partnered with the Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth to train youth in four provinces of Argentina on political communication skills, ethics, accountability and democratic values to promote good governance among new

and emerging political leaders. CIPE helped forge a business-agenda for rule of law reform to serve as a platform for business leaders to work with the newly elected government.

Endowment funding in **Colombia** supported the election and training of local justices of the peace, established a network for the protection of elected city council members in war-torn areas, provided support to journalists who were under threat, and established means to provide legal services to remote and refugee populations. The *Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas* (League of Displaced Women) established community centers and with Endowment support provided legal assistance for displaced indigenous and Afro-Colombian women.

In **Venezuela**, NED grantees were instrumental in supporting the results of the international negotiations to resolve the country's political impasse. NED grantees conducted civic education and outreach campaigns to support the constitutional referendum process. At the same time, in poor and remote areas of the country, grantees such as Consorcio Justicia, Justicia Alternativa, Acción para el Desarrollo, Acción Campesina, and Asociación Liderazgo y Vision trained thousands of local residents and governments in conflict resolution and mediated local political and social disputes. CIPE and ACILS helped to organize and represent the vast informal sector, canvassing informal sector workers and owners to better understand their interests and demands.

This year marked a difficult period for civic activists inside **Cuba**. In March the government brutally cracked down on members of independent groups from various sectors and in closed-door trials sentenced seventy-five activists to prison. The crackdown provoked international condemnation, and intensified international solidarity with independent Cuban

activists. The *Federación Sindical de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua* (Federation of Electric, Gas and Water Plant Workers in Exile) used NED support to disseminate accurate and credible reports of labor rights conditions, and worked with counterparts in other countries to raise the issue of labor conditions in international fora. Despite the toll exacted on independent journalists by the March crackdown, Endowment grantee CubaNet continued to publish articles on conditions in Cuba and support the independent journalists who wrote them. In response to the crackdown, several international groups worked to coordinate humanitarian assistance for political prisoners and increase awareness of the status of the political prisoners and their families and the internal democracy movement.

In **Mexico**, the Endowment continued to support training for government officials and civic organizations on freedom of information issues, promotion of women's participation in government, election monitoring and human rights. The *Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia* (the Security and Democracy Institute), the first non-profit organization in Mexico to address the issue of police reform at the national level, worked with police administrators, legislators, investigators and civil society to develop proposals and a plan to improve police accountability.

Throughout the region, NED supported a hemispheric civil-military network that is monitoring defense budgets and defense policy and working with governments to improve transparency of defense expenditures. The organization, *Red de Seguridad y Defensa en América Latina*, this year also established an association of congressional defense commissions that is training legislators and the staffs in defense and security policy and providing policy and technical support to congresses throughout the region.

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Andean Region

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$774,893

To conduct a program to build alliances between unions and civil society at both the community and national levels. The program will specifically focus on the issues of the loss of social benefits, good jobs, and the right to organize and participate as workers and citizens.

Instituto de Prensa y Sociedad (Press and Society Institute)

\$82,000

To continue its network to protect journalists in the Andean Region and to expand its access to information initiatives. The Institute will also work to expand monitoring efforts in Colombia, hold a training workshop for Colombian journalists, conduct journalist training in Peru, and support the development of an alert network of protect journalists in Venezuela.



The website of NED grantee, IPYS, provides journalists in the Andean region with alerts and other information that is critical to their survival.

Argentina

Association for Civil Rights

\$57,000

To promote the transparency of Congress by making citizens aware of its importance and how it functions. The Association will conduct a program that will involve the publication of reports and manuals on congressional voting, workshops, creation of a network for journalists, and advocacy and civic education.

Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (Center for Legal and Social Studies)

\$52,000

To improve the capacity of human rights organizations in the interior of Argentina. The Center will train representatives of human rights organizations from six provinces in human rights standards and advocacy to better monitor local conditions.

Fundación Nueva Generación Argentina (New Generation Foundation)

\$31,613

To promote community initiatives, the Foundation will conduct training sessions for leaders of neighborhood associations in and around the city of Rosario on topics such as democratic leadership, local government, and mediation.

International Republican Institute

\$300,000

To work with the Argentine NGO Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Public Equity and Growth (CIPPEC) to support electoral-reform efforts. IRI will provide technical support and assistance to CIPPEC in efforts to reform the electoral law in three provinces, as well as the national electoral law. IRI and CIPPEC will also work with local emerging leaders and political movements to promote greater respect for democratic values among potential future decision makers.

Bolivia

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$72,245

To provide on-the-ground support to participants of NDI's 2003 Political Leadership Program. NDI will sponsor expert training visits to Bolivia to provide technical assistance to participants as they implement party reform projects.

Colombia

Asociación de Grupos Juveniles LIBERTAD—AfroAmerica XXI

\$49,890

To promote citizen participation in local government by establishing a dialogue to create municipal and state action plans in response to the Afro-Colombian community's needs. The Association will urge elected officials to incorporate these plans into their annual budgets.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$84,146

To support the *Confederación Colombiana de Cámaras de Comercio (Colombian Confederation of Chambers of Commerce)* in working directly with the business sector to improve state governance. This project will focus on promoting ethical standards, strengthening transparency in public procurement procedures, and building the skills of journalists to report on best practices in transparency.

Corporación Región (Regional Corporation)

\$30,000

To consolidate the work of the Regional Corporation's three peace and reconciliation centers by training new conciliators, providing continuing education to current center staff, helping to promote the centers, and maintaining a dialogue with government officials.

Corporación Transparencia por Colombia (Transparency Corporation for Colombia)

\$51,261

To examine the illegal influence of the private sector on the formation of laws through a broad based research coalition consisting of civic organizations, academics, media and other individuals and organizations interested in corruption issues.

Federación Nacional de Concejos (National Federation of Council Members)

\$85,000

To strengthen this membership association of local councilors to better serve and represent the needs of its elected constituents throughout the country. The Federation will train councilors on the use of the internet to improve communication among the 12,200 councilors and hold educational workshops on municipal management. In addition, the Federation will hire a full-time lawyer to provide legal advice and human rights assistance.

Fundación para un Nuevo Periodismo Iberoamericano (Foundation for New Latin American Journalism)

\$70,000

To carry out a series of training sessions for journalists that will cover technical aspects of war reporting and precautionary strategies for self-protection. In collaboration with five related organizations, the Foundation will strengthen the alert network for the protection of journalists.

Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas (League of Displaced Women)

\$45,000

To provide education and support to displaced Afro-Colombian and indigenous women in the department of Bolivar. The League will carry out an educational program to teach human rights and establish a community center to coordinate assistance and improve communications. League staff will advocate before national and local governments for the recognition of displaced women's legal and educational rights.

Plural – Corporación Centro de Estudios Constitucionales (Plural—Center for Constitutional Studies)

\$65,000

To continue its program promoting the tribunal system of the justice of the peace. *Plural* will work in eight municipalities located within the department of Valle del Cauca to solidify support of the system at the policy level, organize community support for the system, provide new training to elected justices, and evaluate the work of the justices.

Universidad de Los Andes (University of the Andes)

\$70,000

To continue the Visible Candidates/Visible Congress (CV) project to monitor the work of the Colombian Congress and provide information on its activities to the public as a way of increasing the accountability of elected officials to the electorate.

Cuba

Center for a Free Cuba

\$55,000

To provide humanitarian assistance and emergency relief to political prisoners and their families. Assistance will go to family members of recently detained prisoners and to the more than 280 prisoners that were already in prison before the spring 2003 crackdown.

Cuban Committee for Human Rights

\$65,000

To cover the operating costs and program activities of its Miami office, which works on behalf of human rights and human rights activists in Cuba. The organization's activities will include collaboration with the United Nations' Human Rights Commission in its monitoring and investigation of human rights conditions in Cuba; publication and dissemination in Cuba and internationally of several publications on human rights; and provision of humanitarian assistance to political dissidents and prisoners of conscience in Cuba.



The website CubaNet offers a forum for independent Cuban journalists and provides humanitarian and material assistance to journalists on the island.

CubaNet

\$41,000

To provide humanitarian and material assistance to independent journalists in Cuba. CubaNet will continue its support to the professional development of the independent journalists who contribute regularly to its website.

Disidente Universal de Puerto Rico

\$55,000

To continue publication of its monthly journal, *El Disidente*. The journal contains articles and editorials from activists living on the island, dissidents living in exile, and international news organizations.

Federación Sindical de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua en Exilio (Federation of Electric, Gas, and Water Plant Workers in Exile)

\$75,000

To promote labor rights in Cuba, the Federation will report on forced child labor and other labor-rights violations inside Cuba. The reports will be presented to the International Labor Organization and distributed to human rights and labor groups throughout the world.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Group for the Support of the Independent Farmers' Cooperatives in Cuba (GACICUBA)

\$58,000

To provide technical, organizational, and material assistance to the independent-cooperative movement in Cuba and to support a wide sector of civil society groups in rural areas throughout the island. GACICUBA will contact cooperatives and cooperative associations in Latin America and Europe to build links between these groups and independent associations in Cuba.

Information Bureau of Human Rights Movement in Cuba

\$60,000

To maintain regular contact with Cuban groups to collect information on conditions in Cuba and the activities of dissident groups and share that information with different groups in Cuba and with a wide network of international organizations, journalists and human rights groups. The Information Bureau will also publish and disseminate its newsletter, *Palestra Cívica*.

International Republican Institute

\$350,000

To work with the Cuban Democratic Directorate (*Directorio*) to aid the pro-democracy movement within Cuba. *Directorio* will design and disseminate informational and educational material to aid the pro-democracy movement in its development of citizen initiatives and distribute information outside the island on the Cuban pro-democracy movement to generate greater international solidarity and recognition for its goals and methods.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$198,000

To promote greater international awareness of the Varela Project. NDI will attend international civic and intergovernmental meetings and will work to inform international leaders and the general public about the activities of dissident leaders.



CIPE sponsored this workshop on competitiveness and leadership in Ecuador.

Pan American Development Foundation

\$45,000

To promote international awareness of the library movement in Cuba, the Pan American Development Foundation will encourage libraries outside Cuba to collaborate with and send support to independent libraries inside the island.

The Foundation will work closely with local journalists and dissident groups to develop a work plan to produce printed materials and a video journal on life in Cuba, and assist them in producing and distributing those materials.

Pontis Foundation

\$16,372

To share experiences with youth activists inside Cuba. The Pontis Foundation will also undertake a campaign to promote awareness in Slovakia of the situation in Cuba and promote greater activities by

People in Need Foundation

\$60,000

To work with various independent groups in Cuba to develop their capacity to produce and distribute *samizdat*.

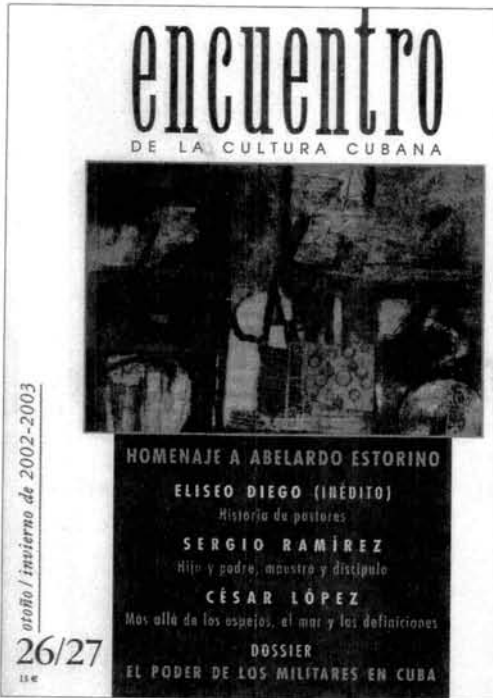


In June 2003, the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador conducted a conference to discuss ways of improving civilian institutions that manage defense and security policy.

Slovak citizens and the Slovak government in supporting the activities of independent Cubans inside the island.

Revista Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana (Encounter Journal of Cuban Culture)
\$65,000

To provide support to production of the quarterly journal *Encuentro*. *Encuentro* is dedicated to discussion and promotion of political change in the larger context of Cuban culture, philosophy, and history.



Produced by Revista Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana, *Encuentro*, is dedicated to political change and Cuba's future through discussion of Cuban culture, philosophy, humanities and art.

Ecuador

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$205,737

To work with the National Association of Entrepreneurs (ANDE) and the Ecuadorian Institute of Political Economy (IEEP) to train business and political leaders on the importance of improving their market-based economic systems and defining the role of political leadership through a series of seminars and international workshops on topics such as free-market economy rules and institutional political reform.

Guatemala

Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Training Institute for Sustainable Development)
\$55,000

To promote an effective and democratic police force by producing the first ever study to evaluate the 1996 Peace Accords and police reforms to date. The findings will be used to produce training manuals to address critical issues of corruption and crime prevention, as well as be incorporated into the Police Academy's curriculum.

International Republican Institute
\$299,999

To implement a program to prepare political parties and civil society for the country's November 2003 national elections. Assistance to parties will focus on communications, platform building, and constituent relations. IRI will continue with its youth program, aimed at promoting leadership, engagement, and civic responsibility, and will also develop a new program to promote citizen participation in the electoral process.

MesoAmerican Centre for Sustainable Human Rights
\$42,547

To help six grassroots human rights organizations foster links with national governments and national organizations. Activities with the groups will include drafting a strategic plan, designing, monitoring, and evaluating projects; and introducing them to new training techniques and technology.

Mexico

Acción Popular de Integración Social (Popular Action for Social Integration)
\$45,000

To monitor the federal congress and twenty state legislatures concerning women's issues. The results of their monitoring activities will be distributed through a newsletter, *Agenda Afirmativa*, and through the consortium of women's groups *Consortio por la Equidad*.

American University
\$50,000

To work with the *Universidad Iberoamericana*, to strengthen the incorporation of human rights curriculum in Mexican law schools. The project will work with deans of Mexican university law schools to implement pilot programs in human rights law.

Alianza Cívica (Civic Alliance)
\$52,000

To promote citizen participation in monitoring the work of deputies in congress through its pilot project encouraging citizens to "Adopt a Deputy." The project will consist of monitoring a particular deputy's work in congress. At the same time, Civic Alliance will disseminate information on the structure and functions of congress.

Democracia, Derechos Humanos, y Seguridad (Democracy, Human Rights and Security)
\$50,000

To create a baseline study for use in making recommendations for police policy reform and to promote pilot projects to engage citizens in the area of public security. The organization will create a working group to research several topics related to police behavior; seminars will be held to further the debate and analysis of corruption; and press conferences will be held to inform citizens about the project and final recommendations.

Fundación Información y Democracia (Information and Democracy Foundation)
\$42,000

To conduct training for state legislators, judges, journalists, and activists on the legal, political, and ethical aspects of access to public information. The object of the training and of a national event to be sponsored by the Foundation is to continue generating an informed debate among the participants and the public and to expand the coalition supporting reform.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia (Institute of Security and Democracy)

\$55,000

To bring together public-security experts, government and police officials, and citizen groups to promote democratic reform of the police system. Through educational seminars and advocacy efforts with government officials, the Institute will work toward designing laws, regulations, and training manuals to improve the organizational and human capital in the area of public security in Mexico.

International Republican Institute

\$174,999

To train the Mexican women's group, *Asociación Nacional Cívica Femenina* (ANCIFEM), on topics such as organizational development and strategic planning in order to strengthen ANCIFEM.

Libertad de Información México (Freedom of Information Mexico)

\$43,000

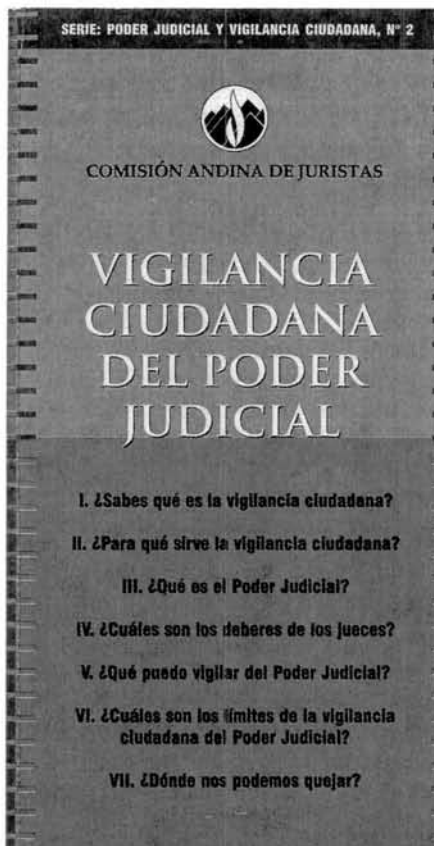
To create state chapters that will advocate for the passage and implementation of state-level freedom of information laws throughout the country. The organization will train chapter leaders in the principles and practices of the law and publish manuals and bulletins to encourage citizens' use of the law. In addition, the organization will monitor efforts to implement freedom of information laws at the federal level and will produce a report outlining its successes and failures.

Nicaragua

International Republican Institute

\$250,000

To continue to support programs focused on encouraging citizen participation in political discourse and promoting accountability of elected officials. IRI will work with political parties to establish youth auxiliaries with formal mechanisms to influence party platform development, and encourage youth involvement within the party structure to enhance participation in elections and other aspects of the democratic process.

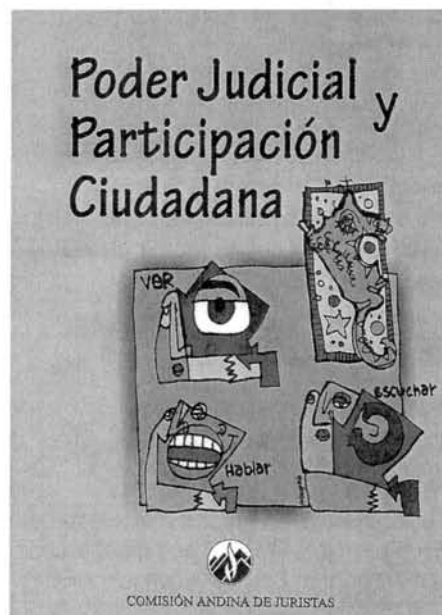
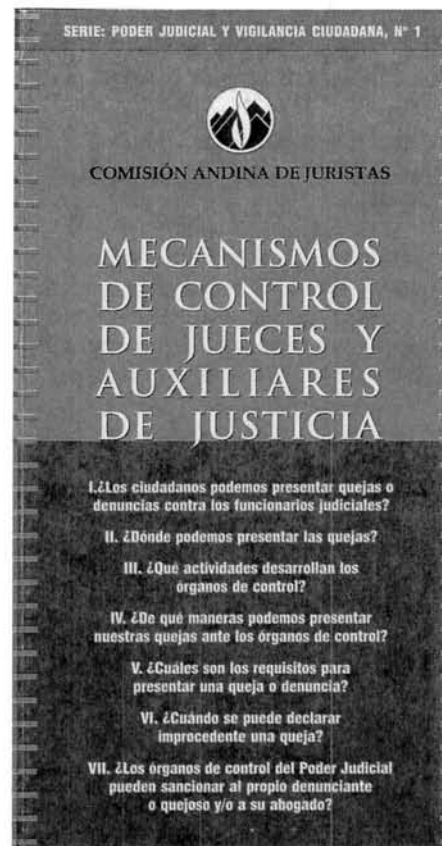


The Comisión Andina de Juristas distributed several pamphlets throughout Peru, including the three on this page, to encourage citizen monitoring of the judiciary. The pamphlets read, "Citizen Monitoring of the Judiciary" and "Mechanisms for Oversight in the Judiciary" (above) and "The Judiciary and Citizen Participation" (below).

Instituto Nicaragüense de Estudios Humanísticos (Nicaraguan Institute for Humanistic Studies)

\$43,493

To promote informed citizen participation and accountability for local government in response to the November 2004 municipal elections, and to conduct training workshops for citizens and candidates for local elected offices. The workshops will promote understanding of the powers and limitations of a mayor and council member to enable candidates to create realistic political platforms.





Citizens wait to vote for local justices of the peace in Venezuela. The justice of the peace program was implemented by NED grantee Consorcio Justica.

Peru

Andean Commission of Jurists \$60,600

To educate judges and civil society about the importance of citizen monitoring of the judicial system. Research will be conducted on how civil society and the judiciary can cooperate to increase transparency. A series of workshops will be held to bring together representatives of civil society and the judiciary to discuss how to enhance community-judiciary vigilance and cooperation. Workshop results will be presented to authorities involved in reforming the judicial system.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$143,410

To work with *Instituto APOYO* and *El Comercio* newspaper in Peru to lay the groundwork for a national business agenda with the input and participation of a core group of business leaders. The project will also seek to initiate a new relationship among different business associations in the country and strengthen these institutions' leadership in the development of a private-sector agenda for reform in Peru.

Instituto de Defensa Legal (Institute for Legal Defense) \$59,265

To support the development of new leadership and organizations, the Institute will implement a program designed to prepare three regional organizations, *Coordinadora de Líderes por la Democracia*, *Colectivo por la Democracia de Huancavelica*, and *La Escuela de Líderes – Junín*, to carry out projects. The program will include conducting citizen leadership training schools,

educating citizens on the importance of participation in local government, and promoting civic involvement in regional government.

Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Estratégicos (Political and Strategic Studies Institute) \$70,000

To train civilian leaders in military and strategic issues to better enable them to work with Congress and the civilian defense ministry in reorganizing and redefining civilian defense and security institutions and policy. The Institute will conduct a comprehensive course for civilian leaders from the executive and legislative branches of government; carry out focus groups to introduce a defense white paper to civil society and receive feedback; continue to inform the public about defense and security issues; and consolidate its organization.

International Republican Institute \$299,999

To continue to promote the development of political parties through capacity-building training and efforts to improve party infrastructure; provide training in financial management; assist political parties in gaining increased access to the internet in regional capitals; and promote dialogue facilitation and consensus building between new regional authorities and the central government.

International Republican Institute \$25,000

REPROGRAMMED 1999 FUNDS

To facilitate dialogue and consensus building between new regional authorities and the central government and provide training for new local authorities who took office in January 2003. IRI will conduct training sessions focused on ethics and transparency in financial management to augment its ongoing program. Additionally, IRI will sponsor training activities for regional and federal authorities designed to bridge differences, identify mutual objectives, develop consensus building strategies, and implement constructive public policy initiatives.

*INDICATES FUNDING SOURCE OTHER THAN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$74,001

To provide technical assistance for the party-strengthening projects of emerging political leaders from six major Peruvian political parties by sponsoring expert trainer visits to Peru over the coming year. The projects focus on improving the performance of political parties in the Peruvian congress and increasing party coordination with regional governments, municipalities, civil society, and constituents.

Peruvian Press Council \$50,000

To prepare government officials to meet the requirements of the freedom of information law. The Council will carry out a pilot program in ten municipalities to train local government officials on access-to-information law. The Council will also work with the National Ombudsman's office to train thirty members of the judiciary to resolve disputes regarding the application and interpretation of this law. The Council will similarly work on improving administrative transparency within the judiciary.

Proética \$40,000

To promote citizen participation in the fight against corruption in the region of Lambayeque. The project will include a public education campaign to inform citizens about the need for an anticorruption strategy, workshops with government officials and civil society to draft an anti-corruption plan, regional promotion of the plan, and tracking of public procurement practices.

Venezuela

Acción Campesina (Farmer Action) \$58,000*

To promote farmers' rights at the national and local levels through policy reform on agriculture and land redistribution and draft proposals to reform current agrarian public policies at the state and municipal levels. *Acción Campesina* will also serve as a source of information to policymakers, political parties, and civil society on the implementation of national laws and their effects.

Latin America and the Caribbean



Activists participate in the first Andean Conference of Justices of the Peace and Community Justices. The conference was sponsored by NED grantee Consorcio Justicia.

Acción para el Desarrollo (Action for Development)

\$10,000*

To conduct informal civic education workshops for leaders of neighborhood associations in poor neighborhoods in and around Caracas. The organization will hold a total of thirty workshops on democratic values and conflict resolution to train presidents of neighborhood associations in seven major districts. At the end of the workshops, participants will develop a plan to promote development and democratic dialogue within their communities.

Asociación Civil Consorcio Justicia (Justice Consortium)

\$54,000

To implement a program to monitor the status of the judicial system and its operation and to work with the congress to improve legislation and laws. The group will also work with municipal officials and

community leaders in the poor neighborhood of Libertador in Caracas to train local communities in peaceful conflict-resolution and to establish local mediation committees in sixty neighborhoods.

Asociación Civil Consorcio Justicia – Occidente

\$14,412*

To work in the state of Táchira to train communities in conflict resolution and mediation techniques and to promote the election of local justices of the peace.

Asociación Civil Justicia Alternativa (Alternative Justice)

\$14,107*

To provide training on conflict resolution, human rights, the role of police and the local justice systems in conflict resolution in the state of Aragua.

Asociación Civil Liderazgo y Visión (Leadership and Vision)

\$42,207*

To conduct a democracy and human rights training program for officers of the Caracas metropolitan police force. The Association will conduct 25 training courses on dialogue and conflict resolution, police-community relations, and citizenship. The Association will also work with communities to serve as a facilitator between neighborhoods and local police.

Center for Justice and International Law

\$83,000

To work on Venezuela-related human rights cases before the Inter-American Human Rights Commission and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The Center will conduct training sessions in Venezuela for human rights groups, journalists and civil society organizations on human rights, the Inter-American system and relevant rights and protections under the system.

Centro al Servicio de la Acción Popular (Center for Popular Action Service)

\$65,000

To monitor social expenditures, the impact of poverty-alleviation programs, and social development and change in Venezuela. The Center will monitor government budgets and programs, gather data through surveys, and monitor social-development indicators to develop a national picture of the state of poverty and social programs in Venezuela. It will also publish a report based on its findings for national and international distribution.

Fundación Justicia de Paz del Estado Monagas (Justice of the Peace Foundation in Monagas State)

\$11,698*

To support mediation and conflict resolution at the local level. Fundación Justicia will train local government and judicial officials in mediation and conflict resolution and establish state-wide network of mediators in Monagas.

2003 marked NED's 20th anniversary. In its first two decades, the Endowment and its four core institutes assisted literally thousands of grassroots organizations in more than ninety countries. The examples of present and past programs featured below give only a glimpse of NED's continuing commitment to support all those aspiring to the universal values of freedom and democracy worldwide.

Past Present

In recent years, the severely polarized political situation in Venezuela has reached crisis proportions. NED grantee **Súmate**, a national association of citizens and professionals formed in January 2002, is helping citizens use constitutional means to bring a democratic resolution to this potentially violent impasse.

According to the Venezuelan constitution, citizens have the right to a referendum on a leader's mandate if they can collect signatures from twenty percent of all electors. In an agreement brokered by the international community to resolve the political crisis, both the Venezuelan government and the opposition agreed to pursue the constitutional provision that provides for a recall referendum. In November and December of 2003 **Súmate** mobilized a nationwide citizen campaign to monitor the signature collection process, which was conducted by the *Consejo Nacional Electoral* (National Elections Commission).

Súmate has helped citizens participate in the referendum process in several ways. By creating radio and television ads and fliers to educate citizens on voter registration and on the referendum;



by encouraging voters to visit their local elections office to confirm their registration; and by educating citizens on the constitutional clause providing for the right to a referendum, **Súmate's** campaign has informed Venezuelans of their right to request a transparent, fair referendum process. By the end of the year, 3.4 million citizens had signed recall petitions, well over the required twenty percent.

During the collection process, **Súmate** organized some 30,000 volunteers who monitored every petition location, joined by volunteers from both the Carter Center and the Organization of American States at a third of those sites. The Elections Commission then provided **Súmate** with copies of the petitions, which they meticulously indexed, individually documenting each signature, which included identity numbers, addresses, signatures and fingerprints. **Súmate** has made their signature database available to all international monitors. This documentation could be invaluable in determining the fate of the recall, since President Chavez has challenged the validity of more than a million signatures.

1984 – Through **CIPE**, NED helps the **Instituto Libertad y Democracia (ILD)**, headed by Hernando de Soto, carry out its ground-breaking research on the Peruvian informal sector, which leads to significant deregulation in Peru, later emulated by many other countries.

1984 – NED supports **Conciencia**, an Argentinean women's organization similar to the US League of Women Voters, in their efforts to prepare the Argentine public for the return to democratic rule. Highly successful, **Conciencia** goes on to found branches in several other Latin American countries.

1985 – NED assists the independent Nicaraguan daily newspaper, **La Prensa**, purchase printing supplies without which the paper would have been forced to stop publication.

1988 – Scores of independent Chilean groups and NED's four core institutes use NED support for a massive civic education effort that includes a broad spectrum of think tanks, independent publishing, trade unions, political parties, cooperatives and youth leadership training in advance of the 1988 presidential plebiscite. Technical assistance is also provided for voter registration and opinion polling.

1989 – NED's four core institutes and dozens of independent groups conduct a wide range of activities supporting the democratic opposition in **Nicaragua** in preparation for the 1990 elections.

The four institutes support business organizations, labor unions, and 14 democratic parties to carryout programs of civic education, voter registration, election monitoring and observation, get out the vote drives, policy analysis and independent media.

1995 – **Transparencia** works for a fair and transparent presidential election in **Peru**.

1998 – The **Center for a Free Cuba** provides emergency humanitarian assistance to the families of political prisoners and democracy activists who are under government attack, while the quarterly journal **Encuentro**, is a vehicle for outside ideas and information to reach Cuba. These two programs are part of a wide-ranging effort to support human rights, independent media and democracy on the island.

2000 – **Mexico** is NED's top priority for Latin America. With both direct assistance and grants to **NDI**, **IRI** and **ACILS**, the Endowment provides critical assistance to civic groups, including **Civic Alliance**, to ensure a free and fair process in the landmark presidential election that brings an end to 71 years of single party rule.





Citizens in Venezuela carry signs stating, "We are moving toward democracy."

Fundación Momento de la Gente (The People's Moment Foundation)
\$64,000*

To organize Venezuelan civic groups to collaborate with the National Assembly in developing legislative initiatives and debate around three separate bills on municipal government, electoral procedures, and citizen participation. The Foundation will provide technical advice to assembly members, organize public seminars for the discussion of the bills, and design and propose ways of increasing public awareness of and debate on the proposed legislation.

Instituto de Prensa y Sociedad – Venezuela (Press and Society Institute – Venezuela)
\$44,500*

To construct a network of alerts in Venezuela to report attacks and threats against journalists. The Institute will support correspondents in the provinces by monitoring press conditions and investigating cases of attacks or threats, and will offer a series of professional training sessions for journalists. It will also participate in regional press-advocacy meetings and work with international and regional organizations dedicated to freedom of expression.

International Republican Institute
\$116,000*

To conduct party training in the states of Zulia, Anzoategui, and Carabobo, with particular emphasis on external communications, grassroots strengthening of parties, and inclusion of marginalized sectors in parties.

International Republican Institute
\$299,999

To help Venezuela's political parties establish a stronger role in the country and regain the trust of the electorate through a combination of polling and political party training in critical areas of party reform. IRI will support the parties in platform development, effective two-way internal communication structures, and processes for transparent and democratic selection of party leaders.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$116,000*

To work with municipal leaders and governments to rebuild citizen confidence and participation in the political system and the parties through anticorruption initiatives. NDI will also work to help renew traditional political parties and assist with the building of new political parties.

Súmate
\$53,400

To create a network with other organizations in the region that work on elections, produce election-related, voter mobilization materials, and consolidate its national network of volunteers. Súmate will establish a coordinator in each state and train people from local organizations on how to monitor the collection of signatures.

Latin America Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity
\$40,000

REPROGRAMMED 2001 FUNDS

To promote labor rights in the Inter-American human rights system. ACILS will work with a coalition of U.S. and Central American trade unions and NGOs to plan and carry out a thematic hearing on violations of freedom of association and collective bargaining before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in March 2004 in Washington, DC.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$171,116

To promote institutional reforms in the region, CIPE will host a workshop that will bring together key counterparts from throughout the region. The results of the workshop will shape CIPE's Latin American reform priorities for the coming years and will set the stage for the development of a series of concrete projects designed to promote specific institutional reforms in particular countries.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$149,380

To assist the Political Science Institute to publish four new issues of *Perspectiva*, a magazine that supports democratic, market-oriented reform in the region and offers guidance on how those reforms can be broadened and deepened.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$60,000

To assist civic groups develop new strategies for strengthening democratic institutions and engaging citizens in the political process through organizational training exchanges and the Civic Network website.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$40,000

To maintain and expand the distribution of democratic ideals through the Political Party Network website. NDI will increase materials on party reform on the website; maintain and deepen the network of party leaders, directors of political party programs, and emerging leaders affiliated with the network through a monthly electronic newsletter and online forum; continue to develop materials on party reform issues including outreach to underrepresented sectors, internal democracy and party ethics; and sponsor the travel of experts to work with political parties seeking technical assistance on key party reform issues.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
\$277,755

To strengthen the capabilities of emerging political leaders to promote modern, transparent, and responsive parties. NDI will continue its Political Leadership Program, inviting and working with new participants from the parties with which the Institute is currently working in Peru, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico.

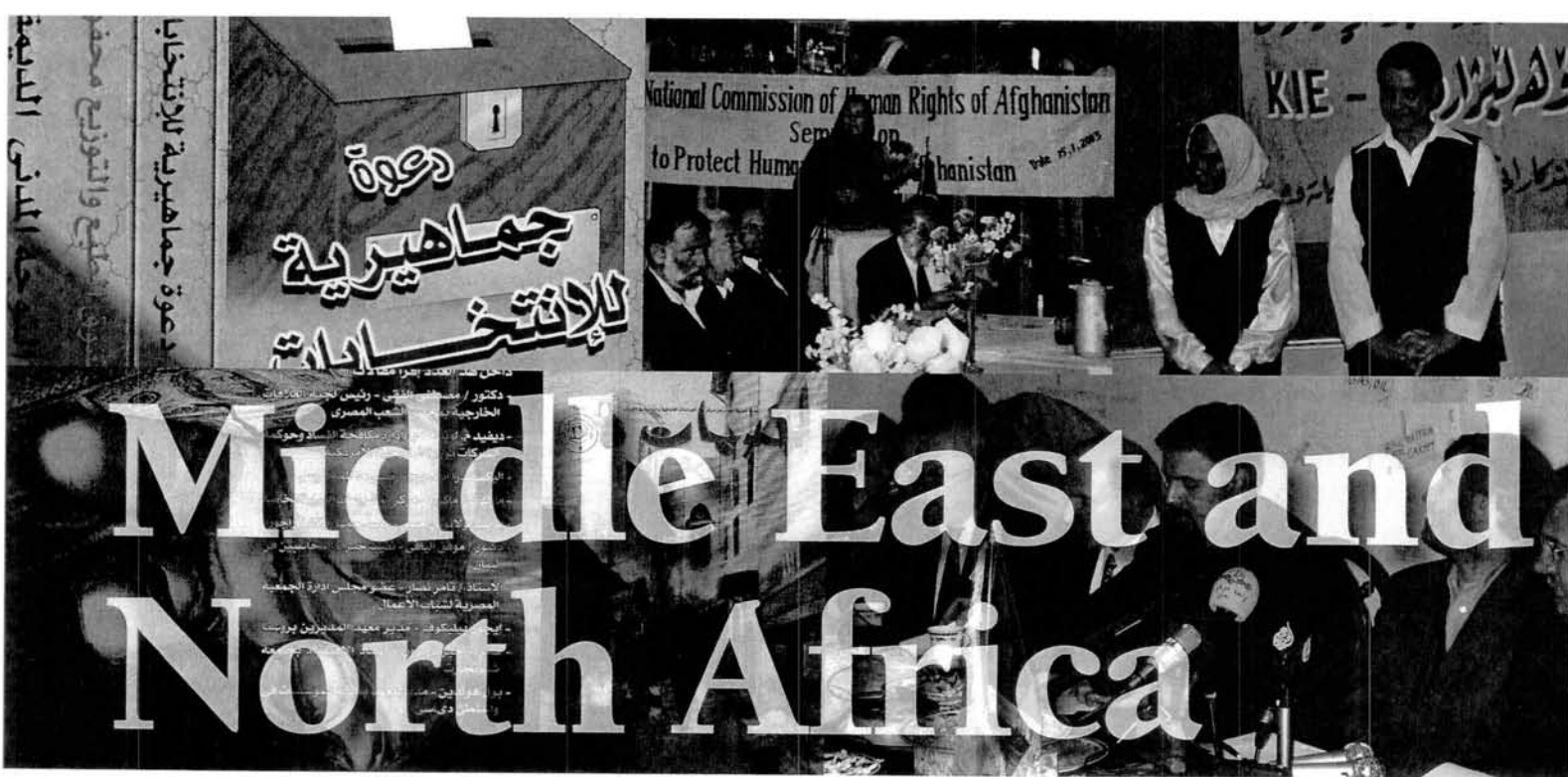
Seguridad Estratégica Regional (SER) en 2000 (Regional Strategic Security in 2000)
\$102,000

To maintain its regional network of NGOs, academics, and state institutions in Latin America working in the field of civil-military relations, defense, and security. Working with local groups, SER will conduct a three-country research project in Nicaragua, Argentina, and Ecuador on defense and security expenditures and budget transparency and develop a network of Congressional Defense Committees in the region to train and provide technical assistance to Defense Committee staff and legislators.



Perspectiva, a quarterly magazine that discusses democratic and market reform in the region, is produced and distributed by CIPE.





In the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

region, calls for democracy have risen dramatically. Democracy groups and activists throughout the region, emboldened by the combination of Saddam Hussein's downfall and increasing international support for genuine political

reform, have intensified their demands, despite widespread concern about terrorism, security, postwar difficulties in Iraq and Afghanistan, further erosion of human rights in pursuit of the war on terror, and the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. While some governments in the region allowed modest reform, most continue to restrain freedom, restrict NGOs, intimidate journalists, and silence democracy advocates. Highly publicized US initiatives in support of democracy in the MENA region have put NED at the forefront of the democracy struggle and heightened expectations for change.

NED responded to these challenges by expanding its democracy program and support to burgeoning civil society movements. Consistent with its strategy of the past decade, NED supported nascent democratic groups throughout the region working for freedom of expression and asso-

ciation, human and women's rights and civic and political participation. Where there were signs of political opening and opportunity for citizen participation, as was the case in Morocco, Lebanon and Yemen, NED focused its support on projects encouraging women's participation, independent media organizations, civic education and local governance. In countries with marginal freedom, such as Syria and Saudi Arabia, NED helped exiled groups and engaged human rights and democracy activists in regional programs. NED also expanded its program in the Persian Gulf, which has the most conservative and isolated countries in the region.

After the liberation of **Iraq** in April of 2003, NED was able to significantly expand its democracy programs there. With NED support, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), the International Republic Institute (IRI)

and the Center of International Private Enterprise (CIPE) established offices in Iraq. Both NDI and IRI have embarked on ambitious programs to assist new independent political parties and nascent civil society organizations, while CIPE will continue its successful program to help develop vibrant business associations and economic journalists. In addition, NED support has allowed Iraqis to start awareness campaigns on constitutional issues, strengthen independent media, and offer civic education to different sectors of society throughout the country. NED grants have focused particularly on capacity building of civil society groups through both material support and technical training by experts of diverse backgrounds, including leaders of regional organizations and NGOs from Central and Eastern European countries with experience in promoting democracy in post communist nations. NED also supported programs of collaboration between its longtime grantees in northern Iraq and groups from liberated regions to help transfer valuable experience to where it is needed most.

In **Afghanistan**, NED reached out to nascent civil society organizations and rapidly increased assistance to build institutional capacity and networks that will support democratic developments on the ground. NED-supported programs have had impact in most of the regions and provinces in Afghanistan, and have affected diverse sectors, but of particular importance were several programs that supported empowerment of women and democratization of indigenous structures such as *Maliks* and *shura* councils throughout Afghanistan. With NED support, the NDI, IRI and CIPE have established offices in Afghanistan and have played significant roles in developing nascent civil society organizations, independent political parties, and independent media.

In the **West Bank/Gaza Strip**, NED's support to NGOs committed to long-term programs related to building Palestinian democracy remained critical. NED provided funding to NGOs that engage a broad cross-section of the Palestinian population, including women and youth, on human rights awareness, institution building, non-violent approaches to conflict resolution, and civic education on the need for political reform and the rule of law.

To bolster the campaign for human rights in the Middle East, NED continued to support local training programs, advocates, and regional monitoring groups. Endowment funding supported the Regional Program for Human Rights Activists, a group that monitors violations of due process and advocates for judicial independence and separation

of powers in the Arab world. The Human Rights Information and Training Center received NED funding to design a series of seminars to strengthen human rights awareness among citizens of **Yemen** and the entire Gulf region.

Women's participation remains most critical to democracy building in the MENA region and NED continued its support for women's rights and their role in public life in conservative countries such as **Yemen** and **Bahrain**, as well as in more open countries, like **Lebanon** and **Turkey**. In **Jordan**, NED supported legal literacy, human rights and political awareness projects by three local women's groups, Sisterhood is Global International, Women's Organization to Combat Illiteracy and the Jordanian Women's Union, as well as a project by a regional women's group based in Jordan, The Arab Women's Media Center, which focused their work on training women and youth to use the media in advocating for their rights.

In **Lebanon**, with authoritarian control of the central government, civic groups have been pressing for good governance and grassroots democracy at the local level. NED supported the Development and Municipality Studies Center in publishing and disseminating its newsletter on models of democratic and good governance, and the Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace ran workshops to engage municipal leaders, civic organizations, and interested citizens to meet the challenges of local government.

NED also supported civic groups in **Turkey** in their work for constitutional and legal reforms. The Foundation for Anatolian Folklore and Culture receives assistance to expose legal barriers to freedom of expression and the Helsinki Citizens Assembly was supported to advocate for constitutional reform. NED also supported NDI to promote the enactment of meaningful ethics and anticorruption laws in the Turkish parliament.

Political awareness, voter education and citizen participation have been the focus of many NED-supported projects in the region. In **Bahrain**, which went through fundamental political reforms and held its first ever legislative and local elections in 2002, NED supported NDI in organizing voter education and candidate-training activities, with a particular focus on Bahraini women and on building a coalition of local civic organizations. With a grant from NED, the Civic Democratic Initiatives Support Foundation in **Yemen** worked to raise civic awareness and expand voter registration ahead of Yemen's parliamentary elections. With Endowment funding, Citizenship Forum in **Morocco** developed and implemented a broad civic education curriculum.

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Afghanistan

Afghans for Civil Society \$84,000

To convene a pilot 56-member provincial council, or *jirga*, in the Uruzgan province, composed of traditional tribal elders and other respected members of the community. The *jirga* will open an office, maintain an open-door policy to meet with constituents, and form three committees to take up responsibilities of security, reconstruction, and monitoring of the provincial government.

Afghans for Civil Society \$36,165

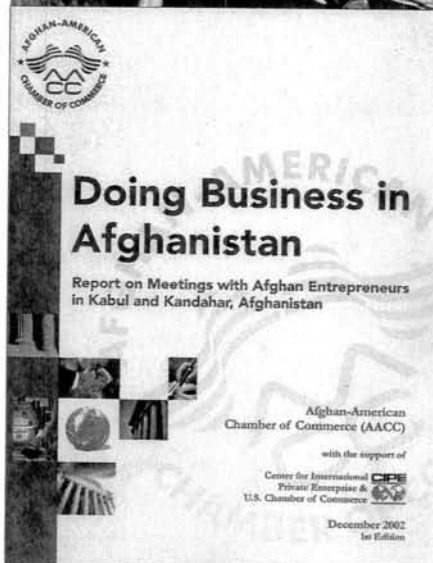
To convene regular training sessions and meetings of representative Kandahar-area women over a four-month period in order to analyze provisions of proposed Afghan laws and suggest modifications. The women will also prepare a detailed response to the draft constitution, for submission to the Constitutional Review Commission upon its arrival in Kandahar.

Afghanistan Study Center \$68,700

To build the institutional capacity of ASC and to conduct 30 civic education workshops throughout Afghanistan, culminating in a national conference. ASC will run a public-awareness campaign and disseminate democratic values through the production and distribution of posters, literature and brochures.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$166,587

To establish an office in Kabul and provide technical assistance and training to business association leaders; coordinate the provision of small project grants to business groups; and coordinate a public outreach and education program that will provide basic materials on entrepreneurship to policymakers and the business community.



CIPE Executive Director John Sullivan meets with the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce. As a result of the meeting, CIPE produced a guide to doing business in Afghanistan (see inset).

Cooperation Center for Afghanistan \$60,000

To conduct a workshop for civil society organizations; establish a network of democratic voices in advance of the June 2004 national elections; hold 10 public educational meetings on voter awareness for rural citizens in five key provinces; provide technical and legal advice to women candidates; publish a series of 15 books by Afghan women intellectuals to advance the participation of women in public life; and conduct a survey on patterns of good governance and participatory decision-making drawn from indigenous models of community-based institutions and local *shura* and *jirga* councils.

International Republican Institute \$225,000

To build upon its current program of promoting freedom of expression and public debate by supporting the Afghan Media Resource Center (AMRC) and the center's daily newspaper *Erada*. IRI will also continue its program of public advocacy through training and assistance to the Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau (ANCB), and citizen participation and civic education through support to the Association for Democracy in Afghanistan (ADA).

Center for International Private Enterprise \$212,246

To team with the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce to foster a climate for a market economy and support business associations, think tanks, and other business organizations inside Afghanistan. To ensure a more sustained and diversified effort from various stakeholders toward democracy and a market economy.

Center for International Private Enterprise \$77,780

To organize an intensive one-week training program and advocacy workshop for senior staff and/or board members of business associations on key topics of association management, public-policy advocacy, and the role of business associations in democratic development.



Afghan women's rights activist, Fatima Gailani opens a seminar on "How to Protect Human Rights in Afghanistan." The conference was sponsored by the National Commission of Human Rights of Afghanistan.



IRI works with the Afghan Media Resource Center to produce the daily newspaper *Erada*.

National Commission of Human Rights of Afghanistan

\$46,000

To build the institutional capacity of NCHRA and conduct a series of human rights seminars, workshops, and short-term educational courses for lawyers, teachers, law enforcement personnel, and judges in the provinces of Kapisa, Wardak, Paktiya, and Kabul. The Commission will also publish and distribute its human rights bulletin and initiate a human rights monitoring program to investigate alleged human rights abuses and independently monitor the central government's policies to ensure effective application of human rights norms.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$125,384

To hold four political party-development seminars and two roundtable sessions on inter-party communication. NDI will also conduct a roundtable discussion on the political process, focusing on the drafting of the constitution, with representatives from political and civic groups and the international community. In addition, NDI will seek to expand the

role and influence of political parties in the constitutional development process, including the legal framework governing the 2004 elections. Through participation in the constitutional development process, parties will have an opportunity to address key capacity-building challenges that they currently face and more effectively participate in the development process.

NEGAR – Support for Women of Afghanistan

\$35,000

To conduct a series of six conferences in key urban areas of Afghanistan to educate Afghan women on their legal and political rights under international law and the 1964 Constitution. NEGAR will draft recommendations on the status of women in the new Afghan constitution, which will be presented in final form to government officials and the Constitutional Review Commission in Kabul and to members of the Constitutional Loya Jirga in December.

Welfare Association for Development of Afghanistan

\$49,210

To conduct a pilot project to train 450 *Maliks* from nine districts in eastern Afghanistan in peace-building, conflict resolution, democracy, accountability, women's rights, national unity, and community empowerment. The Association will develop a network of *Maliks* in targeted districts to mobilize citizens to vote in the June 2004 elections.

Afghanistan/Iran

Women's Learning Partnership

\$115,720*

To work with its Afghan partner organization, the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), to develop an e-learning center in Herat, Afghanistan. The project will include two, three-week training-of-trainers sessions for AIL trainers and community leaders on the use of computers and the Internet to advance women's rights and democracy advocacy; creation and administration of a pilot Internet-based course on democracy and leadership for Afghan and Iranian Persian speakers; and organization of a regional training-of-trainers seminar for Afghan women in leadership roles.

Algeria

Collectif des Familles de Disparues (Collective of Families of the Disappeared)

\$40,000

To build the capacity of its Algiers office, including providing judicial and psychological support to mothers; to open satellite offices and training staff and volunteers in Oran and Constantine; and to strengthen the organization's seven committees of mothers. The Collective will also publish a minimum of four editions of its quarterly newsletter.

Bahrain

Bahrain Transparency Society

\$35,000

To advocate transparency through drafting of freedom of information legislation; to develop and maintain a website on transparency; to continue the monitoring and exposing of corruption by public officials; and to organize workshops on corruption and transparency for members of parliament, NGOs, and activists.

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Bahrain Women Society

\$28,000

To develop a curriculum for training women on legal and political rights. The organization will train 12 trainers and conduct six workshops to train 120 women on claiming their rights.



The Bahrain Women's Society produced this brochure, "Aiding a Better Future," to promote women's rights in Bahrain.

Egypt

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$306,420

To partner with key business associations and a local press institute to organize monthly meetings on institutional-reform issues affecting entrepreneurship, intraregional trade, and the informal sector. Information from these roundtables will be disseminated through the *Economic Reform Today* journal and CIPE's Arabic-language website. CIPE will also expand its youth outreach web-



CIPE produces *Economic Reform Today* to discuss economic reform and other issues affecting business in the region.

site, www.efham.com, which highlights entrepreneurship and civic participation. Finally, CIPE will engage the Ministry of Trade, stock exchanges, and Capital Market Authority to develop a code of corporate governance for Egypt with feedback from market players.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$74,014

To support the Egyptian Junior Business Associations; to develop an Egyptian Youth National Business Agenda; and to encourage business participation in the government decision-making process through creating open dialogue with the government. The program will include group discussions, a national conference, workshops, and the production of newsletters.

Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

\$40,000

To expand the national dialogue on human rights and democracy to rural areas and continue to investigate and report human rights abuses and educate the populace on the benefits of tolerance. The organization will also organize a bi-monthly forum with grassroots activists and its annual Intellectual Forum conference; publish a newsletter; and hold a training camp to instruct new members and staff.

Human Rights Association for the Assistance of Prisoners

\$30,000

To train lawyers, social workers, student activists, and NGO leaders in investigating and reporting human rights abuses that occur in prisons and detention centers, to educate the populace on the rule of law, and to further train its staff.

Legal Aid Association for Constitutional Rights

\$10,000

To develop a democratic network of young human rights activists by implementing a training program for young people from rural areas in the governorate of Duqhilyah in human rights and citizen participation.

Iran

Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation

\$30,000

To develop an educational Iran Human Rights website that includes an electronic library in Farsi on human rights laws and instruments.

Iran Teachers' Association

\$25,000

To print and distribute 500 hard copies of its quarterly journal, *Mehregan*, and strengthen its content, as well as continue to produce and distribute an electronic version. The journal aims to foster the development of democratic principles and freedom of thought and expression by imparting cultural, political and social knowledge and understanding of these principles.

Iraq

American Society for Kurds

\$50,000

To organize a youth workshop on human rights for participants from the Iraqi Kurdish provinces of Arbil, Dahok, and Sulaymania. ASK will develop a strategy to engage youth in public life through internships at local human rights organizations and a supervised monthly roundtable meeting as a forum to network and exchange ideas.



IRI holds its first Iraqi political parties meeting in Tikrit.

ASUDA Organization for Combating Violence against Women

\$22,000

To conduct a survey of women's rights violations in the three Kurdish provinces of Iraq and publish the results in a report. ASUDA will establish a permanent mechanism to monitor women's rights based on the survey results. It will also conduct a public awareness seminar in Sulaymania to be aired on local television.

Badlisy Cultural Center

\$45,000

To continue a human rights campaign in northern Iraq. The Center will hold twelve workshops, develop an NGO network, publish eight issues of its newsletter, and produce and present two short plays to promote human rights in northern Iraq.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$134,259

To support a CIPE delegation to travel to Iraq to meet with representatives of the Iraqi private sector. The delegation will discuss the role of chambers of commerce and business associations in the nation's rebuilding and seek to empower the private sector to be more proactive in voicing its opinions. CIPE will also work with the Iraq Institute for Democracy and

its weekly publication *Al-Ahali* to produce a monthly business review and provide Iraqis with information on business trends within Iraq, regionally, and globally and develop their understanding of the state of Iraqi firms and business-support organizations. Additionally, CIPE will conduct a business-environment assessment to determine the state of the Iraqi private sector.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$145,713*

To establish an office in Baghdad and build a network of association and business leaders; to provide technical assistance and training of association leaders; to coordinate the provision of small project grants to groups; and to conduct a public outreach and education program for policymakers, educators, and the business community.

International Republican Institute

\$566,501

To work with the Iraq Foundation for Development and Democracy to launch the "Transition to Democracy" project, an independent, nonpartisan effort on the part of Iraqi civil society to take an active role in national reconstruction. IRI will also work with other Iraqi centers to monitor and provide feedback about the views and priorities of ordinary Iraqis.

Iraq Institute for Democracy

\$15,000*

To expand the readership of its newspaper, *Al-Ahali*, to cover all Iraq. The Institute will print and distribute an additional 10,000 copies of the newspaper weekly in Baghdad.

Kurdish Institute for Elections

\$24,000

To conduct a public awareness campaign on election reforms, monitor the elections of four professional associations, and conduct a civic education program in 10 high schools on democratic elections and translate into Kurdish and Arabic a series of reference books on elections.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$226,142

To support individuals and organizations in Iraq in cultivating political and civic participation and political institutions based on democratic principles. NDI will organize a two-week technical-assistance mission to Iraq for political and civic leaders, conduct focus groups and research to provide local leaders and transitional authority members with insights on Iraqi public opinion, and produce and distribute written reports detailing the findings of the mission and the public opinion research.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$89,222*

To catalogue and describe pre-existing and newly formed political parties and civic organizations; to inform the efforts of NDI and other international organizations; to establish a baseline for training political groups; and to assist political parties and organizations in creating a basic organizational structure.

Women for Women International

\$30,050*

To hold a two-day conference in Baghdad to enable Iraqi women to play an active role in the political, economic, and social reconstruction of Iraq, and to participate in the national dialogue.

Israel

Center for Research and Cooperation
\$30,000

To conduct a four-part feasibility study and develop a plan to create an Israeli-Palestinian coalition to help foster democracy, civic education, and peace in the context of future Palestinian elections.

Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information
\$35,000

To organize a working group of Israeli and Palestinian civic actors concerned with the relationship between democratic reform and peace in both societies. The group will develop a strategy and platform to promote democracy and peace and will disseminate a series of working papers and op-eds in the press as a means to garner support for this platform in their respective societies.

Jordan

Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center
\$30,000

To strengthen democratic institutions in Jordan. The Center produces research and analysis on civil society and democratization, and is working to strengthen its capacity to use media tools in order to disseminate democratic culture and elevate the role of civil society organizations in Jordan.

AmmanNet
\$33,200

To support Jordanian citizens in monitoring their elected officials through a regular weekly summary of parliamentary activities and through specific monitoring of members of parliament from Amman and Irbid and six city council members. The project will include a weekly sixty-minute educational radio program on parliamentary activities, and audio recording of all monthly municipal council meetings for six months.



The Kurdish Institute for Elections held student government elections for students in Sulaymania as part of a civic education campaign in 10 high schools.

Arab Media Institute
\$30,000

To research, train, study and monitor local and regional journalistic work. AMI will continue to create a network of counterpart regional and international organizations that will promote the media's role in advancing peace, democracy and human rights.

Arab Women's Media Center
\$30,000

To expand its "Media for Non-Media Professionals" training program to include women and Jordanian youth. The program will consist of training sessions on the relationship between press freedom, human rights, and democratic development.



The AmanNet website provides a forum where Jordanian citizens can monitor the activities of parliament.

Center for Defending the Freedom of Journalists
\$30,000

To develop a training agenda, curriculum, and advocacy activities for a cross-section of Jordanian youth on the fundamentals of free expression, the role and responsibilities of journalists, the citizen's right to know, and other critical issues relating to press freedom and universal human rights.

Center for International Private Enterprise
\$62,076

To conduct a study of the informal sector in Jordan, organize workshops on the issue in five governorates, organize a national debate to present the study and summaries of the workshops, and develop a national work plan addressing informal-sector issues.



The Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists produced this booklet, "Know Your Rights," to inform Jordanian citizens on basic freedoms.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$92,519

To organize training workshops for women candidates, provide electoral advice and materials, and facilitate exchanges between Jordanian women candidates and current and former women candidates from other countries in the region. NDI will work directly with Jordanian women as well as in partnership with Jordanian women's organizations.

Sisterhood is Global International -Jordan

\$60,000

To implement a multifaceted human rights training program for women. The program will include four workshops on the roles and responsibilities of voters and candidates, four workshops on strengthening human rights awareness within Islam, and six workshops on using the Internet as an educational and advocacy tool. The organization will work to further develop its in-house library of education and reference materials. Sisterhood is Global will also design a series of activities focused on the first period of the Jordanian parliament, which opened on December 1, 2003, and disseminate information and resources to members and citizens alike to equip them with the skills to develop and analyze legislation and enable them to address key issues of legal reform.

Women's Organization to Combat Illiteracy

\$32,000

To conduct a five-day training-of-trainers workshop for 24 local women activists and women involved in the organization's core activities. The workshop will be followed by 120 training sessions for young women residents of Taybeh, Abu Nusseir, and the Ba'qa' refugee camp, on the Jordanian electoral process and the meaning of democratic political participation for young voting-age women in disadvantaged locations in Jordan.

Women's Union in Jordan

\$45,000

To establish a legal-hotline service and develop its branch offices in Madaba and Irbid as part of a larger campaign to raise awareness about, and decrease the prevalence of, domestic violence and abuse of women's rights.

Lebanon

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$66,053

To support the Lebanese Transparency Association (LTA) in implementing a four-part project aimed at increasing the capacity of the Lebanese private sector to implement good governance practices. The LTA program will include a survey on corruption and accountability

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in private- and public-sector relations, a survey analysis conducted through a series of roundtables, and a workshop where the findings will be presented alongside the benefits of and the tools for implementing corporate governance.

Development and Municipality Studies Center

\$40,000

To produce twelve issues of its newsletter *Baladiyat (Municipalities)*. The magazine features articles and interviews on topics relating to municipal government and development, and is distributed to municipal leaders, NGOs, academics, and activists throughout northern Lebanon. The Center will also convene focus groups on a quarterly basis to gauge reader response and will work to enhance the capacity of its website to post the publication and other information related to local government.



The monthly periodical *Baladiyat* provides information on local government and development in northern Lebanon.

Generation for the Integrity of Lebanon

\$35,000

To hold civic education and human rights training sessions for a diverse cross-section of youth in southern Lebanon; and to design and implement a civic education program in secondary schools throughout the south.

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The Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace hosted a seminar in Fâkihah on ways that government and civil society can work together to strengthen local governance.

Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace

\$40,000

To strengthen local government in Lebanon. The project will include five workshops bringing together municipal leaders, civic organizations, and interested citizens to discuss, research, generate dialogue about, and develop small-project solutions to the challenges of local government. The Foundation will also publish volume two of a reference manual with information and case studies about local governance.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$107,000

To provide technical assistance to civil society organizations in Lebanon, and to develop a strategy to establish a relationship between civil society and government and assist participating NGOs in initiating a process of applied budget analysis. In addition, the Institute will continue to help members of the newly-formed Lebanese Women's Network cooperate through an organization retreat, conflict resolution training, and assistance on an advocacy activity.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$160,000

To conduct a series of meetings and trainings to help political parties and movements develop identities that transcend sectarian lines and address

internal weaknesses. NDI will also train a small number of young women activists to facilitate focus groups to identify challenges facing young women; to develop a program to encourage political participation; and to provide a forum for political debate around reform issues. Finally, the Institute will continue its support of civic advocacy efforts in Lebanon with a more targeted focus on NGO coalitions to improve their abilities to lobby for more effectively reform.

Philanthropic Amlieh Association

\$135,000

To undertake a variety of human rights training initiatives for young women in the Shia' areas of Beirut, southern Lebanon, and the Bekaa Valley. The Association will continue to develop partnerships and initiatives with other local organizations and will strengthen their institutional capacity through a network of trainers and the creation of a resource center.

Rene Moawad Foundation

\$30,000

To create human rights and civic clubs in 10 Lebanese schools, which will hold twice-monthly activities, trainings, and discussions under the guidance of a network of university-student facilitators and school educators. The Foundation will also develop a manual on children's rights and deliver a series of capacity-building trainings for Lebanese civic organizations.

Sho'oun Janoubiyeh

\$35,000

To produce and disseminate issues of a monthly publication which will feature articles and commentaries written by a network of journalists, with contributions from youth, civic leaders and NGO representatives, about political and social developments in southern Lebanon. Sho'oun Janoubiyeh will also convene a series of meetings throughout the south to foster dialogue between citizens and leaders.

Sustainable Democracy Center

\$25,000

To implement twenty training and outreach sessions on democracy and rule of law for Lebanese university-age students. The sessions will be supplemented with a bimonthly newsletter and interactive website designed to foster a network of young democratic activists.

Morocco

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$64,693

To support the Confederation Generale des Entreprises du Maroc (CGEM) in working with the private sector in Morocco on advancing market-economic reforms through corporate governance. CGEM will conduct a survey in order to understand the extent of corporate-governance practices, hold a series of town hall meetings to acquire feedback from various stakeholders, and develop a corporate-governance action plan.

Citizenship Forum

\$35,000*

To continue its citizenship-education program, in twenty-five school civic clubs throughout Morocco, including building the capacity of the teachers who serve as project coordinators; to create three new civic clubs at the university level; and to publish two editions of its Arabic newsletter, *Citizenship*.

Citizenship Forum

\$45,000

To support the democracy watchdog institution, Monitors for Democratic Transition, which monitors and assesses the democratic transition via working groups covering political, economic, social and cultural spheres, and publishes a report on the findings. The Citizenship Forum will also launch a pilot initiative in Casablanca to train civic groups in public advocacy; form a collective network to monitor municipal administration; and engage local government officials in determining community priorities on development projects.

Democratic Association of Moroccan Women

\$45,000

To train trainers and sensitize NGO leaders in methods for promoting women's leadership and supporting their involvement in politics and public affairs. The Association will provide advanced training in advocacy skills, strategic planning, institutional change, and women's empowerment to its core group of trainers from leading women's rights and civic groups, who will then develop and moderate workshops for new civic groups.

Espace Associatif

\$25,000

To publish and distribute 10 issues of its bilingual (Arabic-French) newsletter, *Al-Fada Al-Jimouye*. The newsletter is designed to be an effective medium of communication among NGOs and a platform for exchange of their information and experiences. Two thousand copies of each of the 10 issues will be printed and distributed to reach NGOs throughout Morocco.

Moroccan Women's Alliance for Development and Training

\$24,000

To establish a women's center in the northern town of Tetouan for rural women; to recruit trainers to conduct a series of workshops focused on educating women about their legal rights; and to strengthen organizational capacity.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

To establish a focus-group center specializing in issues related to democracy. NDI will work with local civic and political partners to facilitate focus groups on a wide variety of topics. The information gathered from the focus groups will be used to help the local partners better serve the needs of their constituencies.

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Institute

\$42,000

To develop a website and produce an electronic newsletter while building its institutional capacity. The Institute will work to form a network of young Saudi writers, reporters, and civic activists to expand the flow of information among Saudi citizens and the international community, serve as a catalyst for civic participation among youth, increase human rights awareness, and eventually advocate for legislative reforms on press freedom.

Turkey

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$64,004

To assist Turkish trade unions to better defend workers' rights and promote economic fairness by encouraging increased cooperation among trade unions. ACILS will conduct seminars to focus on methods to build democratic trade unions at the workplace and bring attention to and improve the conditions of formal and informal workers in the garment and textile industries.

Association for Support and Training of Women Candidates (KADER)

\$25,000

To organize a two-day conference to develop a strategy that will empower women and increase their participation in Turkey's next national elections. The conference will bring together 100 leaders from a wide range of sectors and professions to help develop a strategy to mobilize public opinion, the media, parliamentarians, and decision-makers

in favor of broader women's political participation.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$82,233

To support the Corporate Governance Forum of Turkey in advocating good corporate governance and raising the Turkish public's awareness of corporate-governance issues. The Forum will establish a platform to reach out to private-sector decision-makers in an open learning environment and will generate press releases and case studies to be used at universities.

Foundation for the Center of Societal Problems

\$30,000

To conduct capacity-building and leadership-training workshops targeting Ankara-based NGO leaders and city council members from five districts. The Foundation will train 600 NGO leaders, local community leaders, and elected representatives on leadership skills and proactive citizenry.

Foundation for Anatolian Folklore and Culture

\$33,000

To print and distribute 1,000 copies of a book outlining legal barriers to freedom of expression in Turkey, and conduct twelve public meetings to discuss the legal barriers to freedom of expression. The Foundation will also produce and distribute 500 copies of CD-videos summarizing freedom of expression issues.



This CD, produced by the Foundation for Anatolian Folklore and Culture, shows violations of freedom of expression in Turkish legislation.

Helsinki Citizens Assembly

\$35,000

To mobilize the NGO community and to lobby politicians and members of parliament to vote for constitutional reform. The Assembly will continue a regional training-of-trainers workshop on advocacy and institutional capacity building; publish its quarterly newsletter; and upgrade and maintain its website that offers various NGO training materials and advocacy tools.

International Republican Institute

\$100,000

To continue its work in youth outreach through its participation in *GencNet*, the umbrella name for all of IRI's youth-participation activities in Turkey. IRI will co-host the fourth annual *GencNet* conference.

International Republican Institute

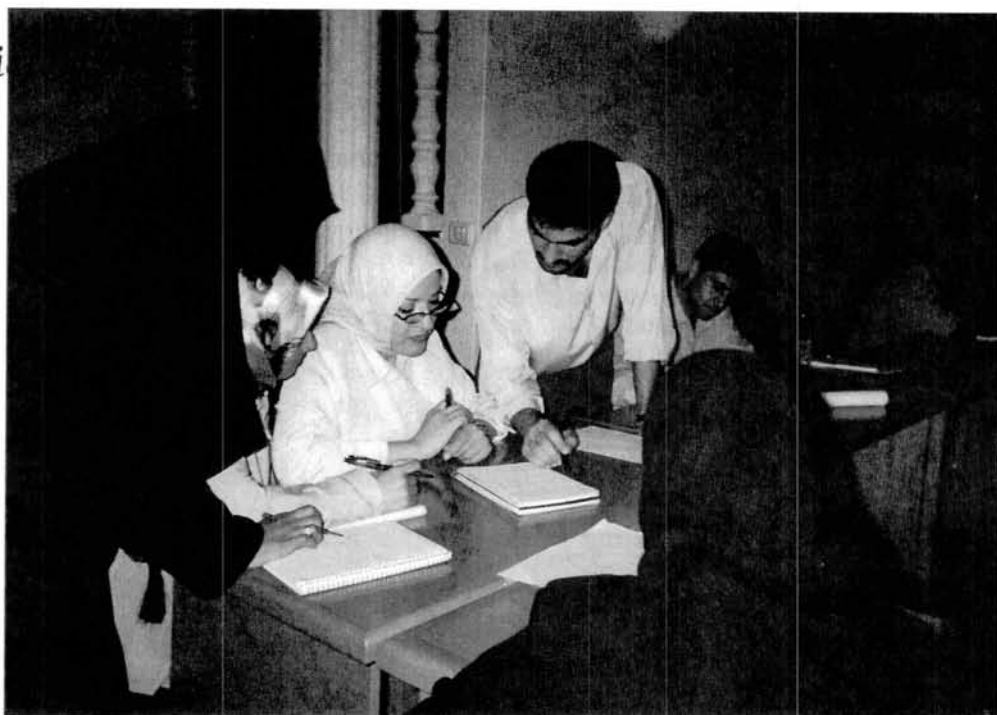
\$230,000

To continue its work with Turkish youth movements through its support for core *GencNet* (YouthNet) activities and to help the *GencNet* network organize a series of youth-oriented election debates for the next cycle of local elections. IRI will also continue to assist partner organization Kader with Internet communications and Kader's planned women's school of politics. Finally, IRI will begin work on a parliamentary internship and model parliament program.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$300,000

To continue to promote the enactment of meaningful ethics and anticorruption laws in the Turkish parliament. NDI will provide technical assistance directly through parliamentary committees or indirectly through working groups on transparency, political party reform, and electoral legislation. In the civic arena, NDI will continue its assistance to three civic advocacy groups that target parliamentary monitoring, political reform, and women's political participation.



The General Union of Cultural Centers conducts institutional development training for grassroots civic organizations in Gaza.

West Bank/ Gaza Strip

Civic Forum Institute

\$45,000

To conduct twenty institutional-development sessions for fifty local Palestinian civic organizations in the towns of Jerusalem, Ramallah, Qalqilyah, Jenin, and Nablus. The sessions will be followed by ten town hall meetings between Palestinian leaders and decision-makers on topics related to internal reform and democratic governance.

Gaza Center for Rights and Law

\$30,000

To implement five 35-hour training courses on international and local applications of human rights, rule of law, and freedom of the press for a total of 75 Palestinian journalists in Gaza and to create an Arabic legal-reference manual for journalists.

General Union of Cultural Centers

\$30,000

To design and implement a broad management and administration program for twelve of its member organizations, as a means to strengthen their internal capacity to deliver cultural activities for their constituents in the Gaza Strip and continue to develop as sustainable, credible grassroots civic organizations.

Ma'an Network

\$40,000

To produce a series of television programs to address the issue of incitement through roundtable discussions with Palestinian and Israeli journalists, civic leaders, academics and others to provide an opportunity for dialogue and problem-solving. Ma'an will also conduct a training program for Palestinian journalists and program moderators, as well as foster ongoing communication and coordination among the participants.

Middle East Center for Nonviolence and Democracy

\$40,000

To continue working with Palestinian youth-program alumni on a series of activities, including advanced training in conflict-resolution, production of a quarterly newsletter, and training in street theater, radio interviews, and outreach to the broader Palestinian community.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$185,110

To work with Palestinian political parties and independent political activists to conduct survey research on key domestic issues in order to focus the parties' attention on domestic issues and provide party leaders with a greater understanding of the views of Palestinian

2003 marked NED's 20th anniversary. In its first two decades, the Endowment and its four core institutes assisted literally thousands of grassroots organizations in more than ninety countries. The examples of present and past programs featured below give only a glimpse of NED's continuing commitment to support all those aspiring to the universal values of freedom and democracy worldwide.

Present Past

The **Welfare Association for Development of Afghanistan** (WADAN) is a newly formed nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting durable peace, democracy, and human rights in Afghanistan. Founded in July 2003, the organization operates in some of the most dangerous areas still under influence of the Taliban and regional warlords using a sustainable development approach to identify and support community needs and strengthen indigenous models of democratic governance.



misconceptions about the idea of democracy and ensure security, law & order, the effective demobilization of militias and the protection of citizens' rights in the transition process.

WADAN is currently conducting a project to train 450 *Maliks* from nine districts in eastern Afghanistan, in peace-building, conflict resolution, democracy, accountability, women's rights, national unity, community empowerment, and voter mobilization. WADAN will use NED funds to expand the

To advance the spread of democratic principles and strengthen local governance, WADAN is building a network of *Maliks* who are trained in the concepts and practices of democracy and human rights. *Maliks* are key local power brokers throughout Afghanistan who serve as defacto arbiters in local conflicts, interlocutors in state policy-making, tax-collectors, heads of village and town councils and delegates to provincial and national *jirgas*. They can serve as a driving force for institutionalizing democracy and advancing security at the local level and are uniquely positioned to advance collaboration among all segments of Afghan society and state irrespective of ethnic or class groups. By acknowledging the indigenous power structures, the use of *Maliks* helps to dispel

training for 1000 additional *Maliks* in 20 districts of northern and southern Afghanistan. WADAN hopes that the extensive network of *Maliks* will play a key role in encouraging community awareness of and participation in the September 2004 elections and promote transparency in the election process.

Through these effective educational, advocacy and awareness programs at the grassroots level, the Welfare Association for Development of Afghanistan is helping fellow Afghans to participate and contribute positively to their country's evolving process of political revival, national unity and reconstruction.



Saad Eddin Ibrahim

1993 – The **Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies**, headed by Egyptian intellectual **Saad Eddin Ibrahim**, publishes its newsletter *Civil Society*, addressing democratic development in the Arab world.

1994 – The **Women's Union in Jordan** provides legal education for Jordanian women, educating them about their rights under existing laws and how to protect them.

1996 – **Sisterhood is Global Institute** completes the first phase of a project to produce a manual for use in women's human rights education in the **Muslim** world.

1998 – **Rally for Youth Action** involves young **Algerians** in activities focused on democracy and human rights

1999 – In the **West Bank**, **Panorama** provides civic education and democracy training for Palestinian youth.

2001 – The **Badliyy Cultural Center** trains teachers in 96 primary schools and 200 Imams in local mosques on human rights in **Iraq**.

2003 – **CIPE** helps to establish and strengthen business associations inside **Afghanistan** to ensure a more sustained and diversified effort to build democracy and market economy.

2003 – **NED** along with **NDI**, **IRI**, and **CIPE** begins to give assistance to a wide range of emerging NGOs in **Iraq**. Longtime NED grantees in **northern Iraq** expand their activities to the south.



Staff members from NED and NDI survey a mass grave in Iraq.

Middle East and North Africa

citizens. NDI also will initiate a training program designed to assist parties in developing substantive party platforms, adopting internal democratic practices, and enhancing their political and communication skills. Finally, NDI will consult with the parties about the current level of women's political participation at both the local and national levels.

Palestinian Center for Helping Resolve Community Disputes \$55,000

To organize trainings for university students in conflict resolution, for NGOs in Southern Gaza on capacity building, and for journalism students in investigative reporting and public opinion polling. The Center will also undertake a series of activities on the theme of conflict resolution and democracy, including youth training, public meetings, television programs, plays, and the publication of a magazine on human rights and democracy.

Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy \$38,000

To hold a series of civic education workshops for youth throughout the West Bank on topics specific to electoral and constitutional reform, separation of authorities, and transparency, which will be broadcast on independent Palestinian television stations throughout the West Bank.

Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research \$32,000

To develop an empirical democracy index that will include data collection on 45 democracy indicators related to freedoms, separation of powers, accountability, and political participation. The research will be compiled into a report to be disseminated throughout governmental and nongovernmental sectors as a tool for policy analysis and civil society activity.



The Civic Democratic Initiatives Support Foundation produced and distributed an audio tape *Popular Call to Elections* (cover above) to educate and mobilize voters in Yemen.

Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy \$30,000

To increase youth participation in Palestinian democratic parties and factions through a series of interviews and the organization of focus groups with middle-level political leaders on the status of youth participation. Results will be synthesized into a needs document for wide distribution. Dialogue and strategy sessions for political and civic leaders to discuss the needs assessment will complement the project.

Panorama \$46,000

To build momentum and a public campaign for democratic reform and change, raise awareness and generate open debate on the basic principles of good governance, and develop recommendations for its implementation throughout Palestinian society. The program will include training modules for civic activists between 20-30 years old, public opinion polls, a newsletter, articles in the local press on governance, and the development of a policy paper on decentralization and good governance.

Society Voice Association for Community and Civil Work \$27,000

To conduct a series of activities to strengthen the leadership skills of young Gazan women and to encourage their participation in the legislative process. The program includes training sessions, roundtable discussions, public meetings, and publication of a resource bulletin.

Women's Affairs Technical Committee \$38,000

To implement a civic education and political-participation training program for women residents of the Jenin refugee camp and surrounding villages as they prepare for Palestinian legislative elections.

Yemen

Girls World Communication Center \$34,000

To provide training for female activists working in the promotion of human rights. The training will also include an extended educational program that will provide skills in computers, internet, human rights training, and networking abilities.

Human Rights Information and Training Center

\$64,658*

To conduct training workshops for police, journalists, and teachers. The Center will also work with the participants to build networks of law enforcement personnel, teachers, and journalists who are aware and appreciative of human rights and who will help educate others.

Civic Democratic Initiatives Support Foundation

\$35,000*

To conduct a series of workshops on good-governance and citizen-participation campaigns in Sana'a, Sada'ah, and A'mran governorates. The Foundation will also continue to publish its monthly newsletter that focuses on democracy issues, with a supplement on local development as a follow-up mechanism for monitoring the advancement of local development cooperation.

Middle East Regional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$560,000

To establish a regional presence in Amman, Jordan. The institute will work bilaterally and multilaterally with labor organizations and likely allies in Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen, Bahrain, Kuwait, and potentially Iraq to address democracy building, transparent unions, and building advocacy skills among workers to represent their interests.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$300,000

To work with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) to build trade-union capacity and to support ICFTU's office in Amman, Jordan.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$124,352

To organize a regional training program in Amman, Jordan for business association executives to introduce modern management skills to business associations; to address advocacy techniques; and to provide a forum for discussion on the role of business associations and entrepreneurs in a democratic society.

Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID)

\$155,000

To strengthen the institutional capacity of CSID and enable the organization to expand its activities and initiatives. To hold three two-day workshops in Algeria, Jordan, and Turkey on the theme of "Who Speaks for Islam and Democracy?" CSID will publish summaries of these workshops in its newsletter and on the Internet, and CSID's local affiliates will produce and distribute 500 copies of an Arabic report on each workshop. CSID will design and develop a website in Arabic, targeting Muslim youth and engaging intellectuals in the region.

International Forum for Islamic Dialogue

\$95,000

To continue publication of its quarterly newsletter, *Islam21*; to maintain and develop its website; and to conduct three training-of-trainers workshops for civic awareness courses in Morocco, Egypt and Iraq.

Regional Program for Human Rights Activists

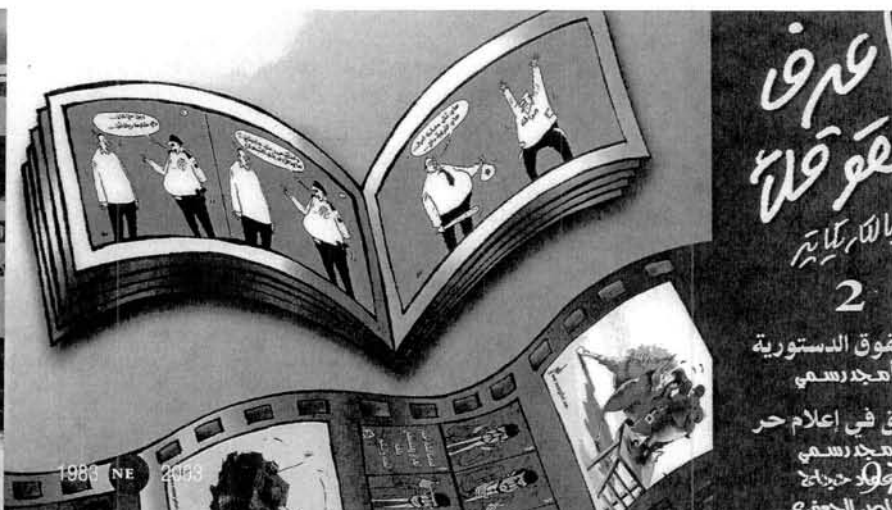
\$40,000

To train sixty lawyers and human rights activists to monitor violations of due process and to advocate for judicial independence and separation of powers in the Arab world; to develop an active network of lawyers to monitor, document and follow-up unjust trials in the Arab world; to provide legal assistance for the defense of political and civic activists arraigned on politically motivated charges; to promote judicial independence.

Revue Maghrebine du Livre (Prologues)

\$40,000

To produce four issues of *Prologues*, a 250-page quarterly publication in Arabic and French, that will include academic articles and book reviews on topical issues relating to Islam, democracy, and public life, with a particular focus on North African countries.



Multiregional and Miscellaneous

Description of 2003 Grants: Multiregional and Miscellaneous

Multiregional

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$177,763

To review and revise its economic literacy program in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Pakistan. ACILS will help educators better train workers to engage in economic policy issues through workshops and the development of economic policy advocacy training modules.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$151,999

To organize an international seminar that develops the technical capacity of union leaders and staff to investigate and analyze the role of private corporations in the economic development of their countries, and to develop realistic policies and action plans. The participants will conduct in-country training of local union activists to support the national leaders with investigations and analysis.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$199,999

To implement Phase III of its Worker and Human Rights Partnership program to continue to produce thorough country reports on worker rights. ACILS plans to work in Jordan, Namibia and Pakistan, building capacity, creating new networks, producing new reports, and developing new country assessment criteria.

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$173,946

To work with Labor Rights Now (LRN) to build relationships to increase the program's capacity to monitor and research violations of internationally-recognized labor rights in China, Burma, and Colombia. LRN will also work to raise awareness of, and spur opposition to, labor rights violations in those countries.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$64,368

To co-sponsor with Transparent Agents and Contracting Entities (TRACE) five anticorruption workshops lasting from one to five days each. These seminars will be hosted with local business asso-

ciations committed to increasing transparency in their communities.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$219,235

To improve its Forum on Economic Freedom with a new electronic-announcement service to upgrade e-mail list management and a simplified conference-management system. Webpages in Chinese and Spanish will be created or enhanced, and increased technical support will be provided for the Virtual Business Association and CIPE's Russian, Arabic, and Romanian-language websites.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$107,947

To create a policy guidebook that breaks down democratic governance into a set of key institutions and essential policy practices and publish excerpts through CIPE's Economic Reform Feature Service. This project will also include training on democratic governance for think tanks and a workshop on "Democracy, Governance, and the Market" at the World Movement for Democracy's Third Global Assembly.

Center for International Private Enterprise

\$63,965

To hold a workshop and host a booth at the International Chamber of Commerce's World Chambers Congress in Quebec in September 2003. Through its participation, CIPE will work to raise awareness about and bolster the role that the private sector and chambers of commerce can play in combating corruption and promoting corporate governance.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$83,625

To present two panels at the World Movement for Democracy's Third Assembly to address the role political parties can play in combating corruption in politics and encouraging women's participation in the political process. NDI will also present a panel entitled "Supporting Political Parties in Closed Societies" at the Fifth International Conference of New and Restored Democracies in Ulaanbaatar.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$62,010

To implement a program to enhance the communication, electoral, and organizing capabilities of political parties in Northern Ireland in anticipation of Assembly elections in 2003. NDI's program will focus on individual political party research and strategy; party growth and development; and campaign, electoral, and communication skills.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

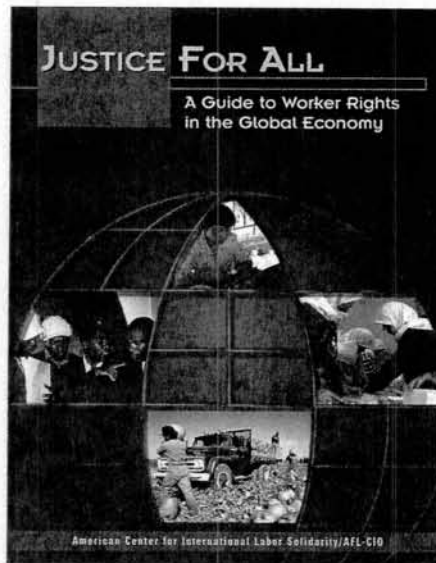
\$31,213

To establish a global working group on women's political participation consisting of approximately ten high-level political officials from throughout the world, and convene by late fall 2003 to share lessons learned and develop an action agenda for party reform. NDI will assist the working group in disseminating an action agenda.

Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace

*\$395,255**

To continue the final phase of a three-phase project to strengthen women's leadership capacity by creating multimedia, culture-specific educational tools for individuals and organizations that will cultivate and strengthen women's participation and leadership in building civil society.



NED grantee ACILS produced this publication, *Justice for All*, to discuss workers' rights in the global market.

Miscellaneous

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$100,000

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$109,999

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Center for International Private Enterprise

\$244,000

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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\$109,800

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International Republican Institute

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National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$200,001

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$70,618

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The International Forum for Democratic Studies

The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a division of the Endowment in April 1994. Since then, the Forum has become a leading center for analyzing and discussing the theory and practice of democratic development as well as 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 has initiated four interrelated programs:

- **A Research and Conferences Program** that, through a combination of international conferences, smaller meetings, and occasional publications, analyzes the practical and theoretical aspects of democracy and democratization;

- **A Democracy Resource Center**, consisting of a library and archives on democracy, a Web site, and several online databases;
- **Publication of the *Journal of Democracy***, a quarterly journal published for the Endowment by the Johns Hopkins University Press, along with a series of *Journal of Democracy* books; and
- **A Fellowships Program**, including the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program and the original Visiting Fellows Program, that enables democracy

activists, scholars, and journalists from around the world to spend time in residence at the Forum.

The International Forum for Democratic Studies is directed by Marc F. Plattner and Larry Diamond, who also coedit the *Journal of Democracy*. The Forum's programs benefit from the advice and involvement of a Research Council consisting of scholars and other specialists on democracy from around the world.

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.

Conference: China's Political Future

With the Sigur Center for Asian Studies of George Washington University, the Forum cosponsored a conference entitled "China's Political Future," on January 17, 2003 in Washington, D.C. The event featured presentations from democracy scholars who had contributed essays to the January 2003 *Journal of Democracy* symposium on "China's Changing of the Guard."

Conference: Democracy in the Middle East

On September 12, 2003 the Forum and the

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace cosponsored a conference entitled "Democracy in the Middle East: Between Hope and Fear." The event featured presentations by Adel Abdellatif (United Nations Development Programme), Thomas L. Friedman (*New York Times*), and Gilles Kepel (Institute for Political Studies, Paris). It also marked the publication of *Islam and Democracy in*

the Middle East, edited by Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Daniel Brumberg, the latest in the Johns Hopkins University Press *Journal of Democracy* book series.

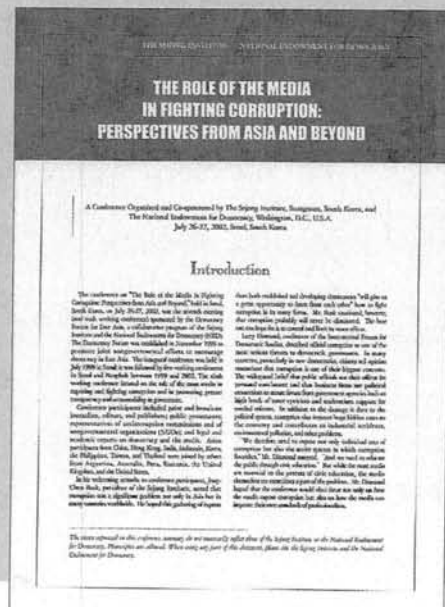
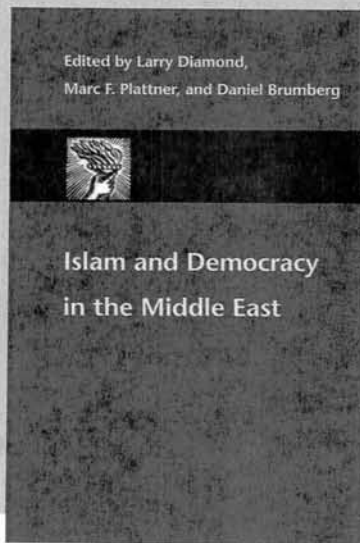
Conference: Democracy Forum for East Asia

The Democracy Forum for East Asia, a partnership project of the International Forum



Codirector of the Forum Larry Diamond (center) and a panel of China experts analyze China's recent leadership transition and discuss its political and economic reform implications.

Forum publications in the past year included one new book from the *Journal of Democracy* series, *Islam and Democracy in the Middle East* plus two reports from the Democracy Forum for East Asia's conference series—"The Role of the Media in Fighting Corruption: Perspectives from Asia and Beyond" and "Improving Governance Through Research: The Role of East Asian Think Tanks in the Policy Process," both of which are also available at www.ned.org/forum/asia/index.html.



and the Sejong Institute of Korea, organized the final meeting of its conference series on practical ways to improve democracy in the region. From 1998 to 2002 the Democracy Forum convened meetings of government officials, leaders of political parties and nongovernmental organizations, democracy scholars and activists, and journalists from such countries as Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand. They met with a smaller number of their non-Asian counterparts to discuss the contributions of civil society to good governance, political party reform, campaign finance regulation, the role of the media in fighting corruption, and other issues affecting democratic development.

Conference: Improving Governance Through Research

The final Democracy Forum conference, entitled "Improving Governance Through Research: The Role of East Asian Think Tanks in the Policy Process," was held November 12–13, 2002 in Seoul, Korea. Participants discussed the current status and future prospects of policy research institutes in new democracies; how re-

The International Forum for Democratic Studies colloquium series included the following speakers and topics in the past year:

- "The Debate on Islam and Democracy: Lessons from the Turkish Election," Andrew Finkel, University of Michigan
- "A New Vision for Democracy in China," Cao Siyuan, constitutional scholar, Beijing
- "From Kabul to Baghdad: Peacekeeping and Democracy Building in Afghanistan and Beyond," Larry Goodson, U.S. Army War College
- "Democratization Efforts in the Gulf Region and the War in Iraq," Jean-François Seznec, Columbia and Georgetown Universities
- "Crises and Breakthroughs: Wither Turkish Democracy?" Soli Özel, Bilgi University



Chinese constitutional scholar Cao Siyuan speaks before an audience on "A New vision for Democracy in China".

search institutes interact with lawmakers, government officials, and the media; and what think tanks are doing to promote and strengthen democracy in East Asia today.

Network of Democracy Research Institutes

The Forum also coordinates a Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI), an international association of research centers that study democracy, democratization, and related topics in comparative government and international affairs. By the end of 2003 the NDRI consisted of 47 members, including

independent institutions, university-based study centers, and research programs affiliated with other organizations. The Forum also publishes *Democracy Research News*, an electronic newsletter that highlights new publications and conferences sponsored by Network members and regularly distributes articles and reports on democracy to members through its Worth Reading program. Forum staff visited a number of member institutes abroad and also arranged meetings in its offices for Network members visiting Washington. And as part of the American Political Science Association's 2003 annual meeting, the Forum organized a workshop for NDRI members and other democracy scholars. Profiles of member institutions, links to their Websites, issues of *Democracy Research News*, and other information on the Network of Democracy Research Institutes are available at www.wmd.org/ndri/ndri.html.

The Forum also serves as 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 U.S.-based and foreign democracy scholars.

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 seeks to facilitate a genuinely multidirectional flow of information and ideas among developed and developing democracies, grant providers and recipients, and scholars and practitioners. The DRC has two main components. The first is an extensive library and an archive; the second consists of the websites for the NED and the World Movement for Democracy.

Library and Archives. The library and archives house a collection of more than 15,000 books, plus numerous journals, grantee reports, audio and video cassettes, and other publications on democracy; 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. These resources have been entered into an online catalog that is accessible through the Internet.

Websites. The second Democracy Resource Center is also the home of websites for both NED (www.ned.org) and the World Movement for Democracy (www.wmd.org). The Endowment's website provides access to a wealth of resources, such as detailed information on the Endowment's

grants and activities; full-text access to newsletters, speeches, and conference reports; research guides and links to other resources on democracy; guides to funding and fellowship programs that focus on democratic development; and information on the Forum's Fellowship Programs.

Internet resources created and maintained by the DRC include:

- **Democracy Projects Database.** This online database contains information on some 6,000 projects supported by the National Endowment for Democracy since 1990, the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (Great Britain), Rights & Democracy (Canada), the Fondation Jean Jaurès (France), the International Liberal Centre (Sweden), and the Alfred Mozer Foundation (the Netherlands).



- **Guide to Sources of Funding for International Democratic Development.** This document contains information on over 100 philanthropic organizations that provide funding for groups working in the area of international democratic development.

- **Guide to Democracy and Human Rights Awards.** This guide identifies a number of organizations that provide awards for those working in the field of democracy and human rights.

- **Democracy Research Guide.** This guide is broken down into three important research components: Textual Resources; Organizations, Institutions, and Networks that create these resources; and a Research Tutorial for developing a strong research methodology.
- **World Movement for Democracy Participants Database.** This searchable database enables World Movement participants to contact each other for purposes of collaboration, to exchange information, and to provide mutual support between World Movement assemblies.

Journal of Democracy

Since its first appearance in 1990, the *Journal of Democracy* has established itself as a leading voice in discussions of the problems and prospects of democracy around the world. The *Journal* explores in depth every aspect of the establish-

ment, consolidation, and maintenance of democracy, including political institutions, parties and elections, civil society, ethnic conflict, economic reform, public opinion, the role of the media, federalism, and constitutionalism. It covers not only

practical political matters but also questions of democratic theory and culture.


In addition to publishing articles on every inhabited region of the world, the *Journal* features reviews of important books on democracy; reports on recent elections; excerpts from speeches by leading democrats and democratic dissidents; news about the activities of prodemocracy groups in the United States and abroad; and "field reports" from democratic activists. The *Journal's* authors include eminent social scientists and historians, statesmen and leaders of democratic movements, and renowned intellectuals. While maintaining the highest scholarly standards, it is written and edited for the general reader as well. A truly global publication, the *Journal* attracts both authors and readers from all over the world.

In 2003, the *Journal* assessed China's uncertain political future (with articles by Andrew Nathan, Minxin Pei, Bruce Gilley, An Chen, Gongqin Xiao, Bruce Dickson, Qinglian He, Shaoguang Wang, and Dali Yang, in the January issue); examined the situation of liberal Islam (with Abdelwahab El-Affendi, Abdou Filali-Ansary, Laith Kubba, and Radwan Masmoudi, April); delved into the possibilities for democracy in Iraq (with Kanan Makiya and the Conference of the Iraqi Opposition, July); and addressed the issues raised by the formation of the European Union (with Ralf Dahrendorf, Jürgen Habermas, Marc F. Plattner, Yves Mény, and Philippe C. Schmitter, October).

The issues of 2003 also included an influential essay by Larry Goodson on "Afghanistan's Road to Reconstruction" (January); reflections on the hopes for and hindrances to Iranian democracy by Ramin Jahanbegloo and Mehrangiz Kar (January); a critique of

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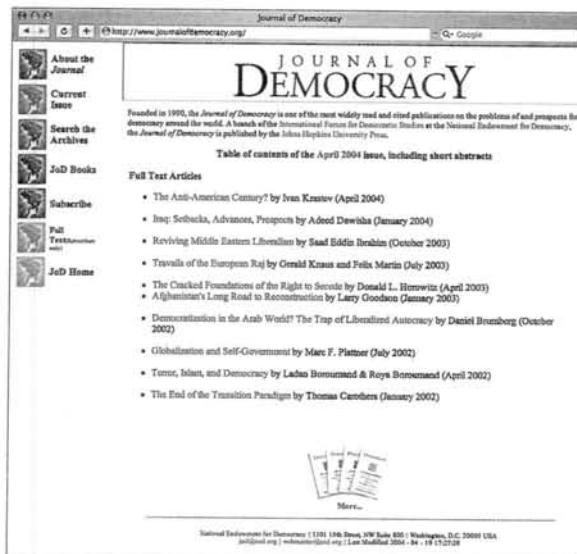
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the "right to secede" by Donald L. Horowitz (April); a set of articles on the shifting tides of Latin American governments by Peter Hakim, Eduardo Lora and Ugo Panizza, Christopher Sabatini, Wendy Hunter, and Marta Lagos (April); a look at the status of governance in Bosnia by Carrie Manning and Miljenko Antić and by Gerald Knaus and Felix Martin (July); articles on Nigeria, Kenya, and the African state by Peter M. Lewis, Stephen Ndegwa, and Richard Joseph (July); and a soberly optimistic view of the struggle for freedom and democracy in the Middle East by Saad Eddin Ibrahim (October).

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Fellowship Programs

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program

Established in 2001 in honor of the two principal founders of the National Endowment for Democracy, former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the late congressman Dante Fascell, the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program provides support for approximately 15 democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and to enhance their ability to promote democratic change. While the program is intended primarily to support practitioners and scholars from new and aspiring democracies, distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are also eligible to apply. Authorized and appropriated by the U.S. Congress, the program is funded through the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

The program offers two tracks: a *practitioner* track (typically 3–5 months) to improve strategies and techniques for building democracy; and a *scholarly* track (typically 5–10 months) to conduct original research for publication. While in residence, fellows have an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with counterparts in Washington, D.C., and to participate in the collegial life of the Forum, including the fellows' seminar series, presentations, workshops, and other activities relating to the work of the Endowment.

Reagan-Fascell Fellows in 2002–2003

Herbert Boh
Cameroon
Promoting Media Reform to Advance Democracy in Africa

March–July 2003

Mr. Herbert Boh is a leading Cameroonian journalist with more than 18 years of experience in print and broadcast media. Prior to his fellowship, he worked for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (in Lomé, Togo), where he helped media practitioners sustain freedom of the press in situations of armed conflict. While at the Forum, he explored strategies for improving access to information on human rights and democracy in Africa, notably through the establishment of an online newswire service. On July 8, 2003, he gave a presentation entitled "Strengthening Democracy in Africa: The Role of the Media," in which he discussed practical ways in which Africans can reform the media sector to deliver reliable information on human rights, accountability, and good governance in Africa.

Arkady Cherepansky
Belarus
Strategies for the Promotion of Democracy in Belarus

October 2002–February 2003

Mr. Arkady Cherepansky is a former diplomat from Belarus who has served as chargé d'affaires at the Embassy of Belarus in Washington, D.C. He has worked as a research associate at the Jamestown Foundation and as a consultant to the International League for Human Rights. While at the Forum, Arkady wrote on Belarus-Russian relations, including articles for RFE/RL, Voice of America, and the Jamestown Foundation. On January 30, 2003, he gave a presentation entitled "The Return to a Democratic Path in Belarus: How the United States Can Help," in which he analyzed the factors that have contributed to Belarus's international isolation and assessed U.S. democracy assistance to Belarus and its importance in maintaining democratic peace in the region.

Ceslav Ciobanu
Moldova
The Thorny Path of Moldova's Emerging Democracy
March–July 2003

Mr. Ceslav Ciobanu is a former ambassador of Moldova to the United States, Canada, and Mexico. An economist by training, he has actively participated in the formulation and promotion of economic and political reform in Moldova, especially through the privatization of state property, agricultural reform, and the restructuring of collective farms and the energy sector. During his fellowship, he prepared a number of articles for publication, including "Mikhail Gorbachev: The Decay of Socialism and the Renaissance of Eastern Europe from the Perspective of an Insider," which appeared in the Winter 2004 issue of *East European Politics and Societies*.

Mustafa Erdoğan
Turkey
Transitions to Democracy: The Role of Constitutional Courts
March–July 2003

Dr. Mustafa Erdoğan is professor of political theory at Hacettepe University in Ankara and cofounder of the Association for Liberal Thinking, a Turkish NGO that seeks to promote understanding and acceptance of the values of liberty, human rights, and the rule of



In his presentation, "The Return to a Democratic Path in Belarus," Reagan-Fascell Fellow Arkady Cherepansky discusses the obstacles to democracy in his native Belarus.

law. One of Turkey's foremost liberal-minded scholars, Mr. Erdoğan devoted his fellowship to a study of judicial review and democratic consolidation in Central Europe. On June 25, 2003, he gave a presentation entitled "Do Constitutional Courts Matter? Judicial Review and Democratic Consolidation in Central and Eastern Europe," in which he examined the unique role that constitutional courts play in facilitating democratic consolidation.

Steven Finkel
United States
Teaching Democracy:
Adult Civic Education
and the Development
of Political Culture

October 2002–March 2003
(Visiting Fellow, April–July 2003)

Dr. Steven Finkel is professor of politics at the University of Virginia, where he teaches courses on public opinion, political behavior, and research methods. During his fellowship, he assessed the efficacy of civic education initiatives in Poland, the Dominican Republic, and South Africa, and worked on a book manuscript summarizing the results of his research. On May 7, 2003, he gave a presentation on the impact of civic education programs in developing democracies, drawing on case studies from the three countries in his study. His article, "Can Democracy Be Taught?" appeared in the October 2003 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*.

Olga Gyárfášová
Slovakia
Political Polling in
Transitional Democracies
March–July 2003

Ms. Olga Gyárfášová is program director at the Institute for Public Affairs (IVO), an independent public-policy think tank in Bratislava. She has written extensively on value orientations and patterns of voting behavior in Slovakia and is interested in issues of public-opinion surveys, electoral studies, and political development. During her fellowship, she examined how political polls in the United States shape public policy, with a particular focus on how think tanks and political polling may be used to strengthen democracy in

Slovakia. On June 18, 2003, she gave a presentation on "Slovakia's Road to Democratic Consolidation: A Pollster's Perspective," in which she discussed Slovakia's first decade as an independent state, following its "velvet divorce" from the Czech Republic in 1993.

Baogang He
China/Australia
Village Democracy in China
May–August 2003

Dr. Baogang He, an associate professor of government at the University of Tasmania, recently held a senior research fellowship at the National University of Singapore's East Asian Institute. During his fellowship at the Forum, Baogang wrote several chapters toward his forthcoming book, *Village Democracy in China*, which studies the rise of representative assemblies and committees in rural China and their impact on democratization in the country as a whole. On June 10, 2003, Dr. He gave a presentation entitled "How Democratic Are Chinese Village Elections?" in which he discussed the development and functioning of democratic procedures and institutions in rural China, including village committees and village representative assemblies.

Luz María Helguero
Peru
Developing Democracy
through Regional Newspapers
March–July 2003

Ms. Luz María Helguero is the publisher and former editor-in-chief of the Peruvian newspaper *El Tiempo*, based in Piura. An activist with long experience working to promote transparency, citizenship, and freedom of information, Luz María was a Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford University in 2001–02. During her Forum fellowship, she developed a blueprint for establishing a media research and training center in Peru to enable newspaper reporters, editors, and publishers to strengthen the accuracy, integrity, and professionalism of the regional press. On July 17, 2003, she gave a presentation entitled "Promoting Democracy Through the Media in Peru," in which she surveyed the media landscape and discussed



Reagan-Fascell Fellow Tolekan Ismailova assesses the impact of 9/11 on the prospects for democracy in the Kyrgyz Republic.

the important role the media can play in furthering democratic development in Peru.

Tolekan Ismailova
Kyrgyzstan
Promoting Democracy in the
Kyrgyz Republic
October 2002–February 2003

Ms. Tolekan Ismailova is the founder of the Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society, an NGO based in Bishkek that works to strengthen democracy and build civil society in the Kyrgyz Republic. Her fellowship project focused on Kyrgyzstan's prospects for democracy ten years after its independence and one year after it joined the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism. On November 21, 2002, she gave a talk entitled "The Prospects for Democracy in the Kyrgyz Republic: Assessing the Impact of 9/11," in which she discussed how her country might realize its democratic potential with the aid of the international community.

Richard Joseph
United States
State Crisis and Democratic
Development in Africa
October 2002–April 2003

Dr. Richard Joseph is director of the Program of African Studies and John Evans Professor of Political Science at Northwestern

University. The author and editor of numerous books, including *State, Conflict, and Democracy in Africa* (1999), Dr. Joseph has devoted his career to understanding democracy, development, and conflict resolution in Africa. During his fellowship, he conducted numerous workshops with scholars, civil society members, and government representatives in planning a new African Studies program at Northwestern. He also wrote several articles on African governance and development, including "Facing Africa's Predicament: Academe Needs to Play a Stronger Role," published in the March 7, 2003 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and "Africa: States in Crisis," published in the July 2003 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*.

Marek Kwiek
Poland

The Reinvention of the University and Democratic Values in Central Europe

November 2002–March 2003

Dr. Marek Kwiek is a professor of philosophy and director of the Center for Public Policy at Poznan University in Poland. During his fellowship, he worked on a book on the reinvention of the university and the promotion of democratic values in Central Europe. His edited volume *The University, Globalization, and Central Europe* was published by Peter Lang in 2002. In addition, he has contributed chapters to two books, *The State, the Market, and Higher Education: Challenges for the New Century* and *The Nation-State, Globalization, and the Modern Institution of the University*.

Clayton Lillienfeldt
South Africa

Integrating Conflict Resolution and Democracy: A Training Manual

October 2002–February 2003
(Visiting Fellow, March–September 2003)

Mr. Clayton Lillienfeldt is a program manager with UNICEF-Bangladesh, where his work involves educating children about exploitative labor and HIV/AIDS. He has previously served as senior trainer and mediator at Mediation

Transformation Practice, a Cape Town-based NGO focusing on post-conflict reconstruction, HIV/AIDS, and nation building. During his fellowship, he designed a training manual on conflict resolution and democracy to integrate and strengthen the efforts of those working toward peace and democratization. As a Visiting Fellow in the spring and summer of 2003, he played a key role in facilitating an exchange program for students of human rights and democracy at Morehouse College in Atlanta and the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Ahmed Subhy Mansour
Egypt

The Roots of Democracy in Islam

October–December 2002
(Visiting Fellow, January 2003)

Dr. Ahmed Subhy Mansour is an independent scholar in Islamic studies who spent 15 years teaching Islamic history at Al Azhar University in Cairo. The author of numerous books on Islam and Muslims, one of which landed him in prison, Ahmed obtained political asylum in the United States in 2001. During his fellowship, Dr. Mansour wrote a book tracing the roots of democracy in Islam. In a presentation held on December 16, 2002, he traced the sources of democratic thought in Islamic theology and discussed the ways in which this democratic potential can be realized in the modern Muslim world.

Benedict Sannoh
Liberia

The Process of Democratization in Liberia: Lessons for the Future

October 2002–February 2003

Counselor Benedict Sannoh is a leading human rights lawyer currently in practice at Liberia Law Services in Washington, D.C. During his fellowship, he prepared a policy memorandum on the political situation in Liberia, with recommendations to the U.S. government and policy community on how democratic forces in Liberia may be strengthened. In March 2002, he participated in a roundtable discussion on "Africa's Democracy Agenda" on Capitol Hill. He has appeared

twice on the television program *Superpower*, commenting on international law in the wake of the war with Iraq (April 9, 2003) and on President Bush's trip to Africa (July 9, 2003).

Schu Sugawara
Japan

The Importance of Democracy Assistance Programs

June–August 2003

Mr. Schu Sugawara is general secretary of the Committee to Aid Democracy for Peace-Building, a Japanese nongovernmental organization that seeks to build parliamentary and public support for democracy promotion around the world. A noted journalist who has previously served as president of the Tokyo-based Asia Press Club, he is also a representative to Worldview Rights, an Oslo-based NGO that promotes democratization and human rights through the media. During his fellowship at the Forum, Mr. Sugawara researched U.S., European, and Asian democracy-assistance programs and wrote a book, published in Japan, advocating greater Japanese involvement in the global promotion of democracy.

Nyamosor Tuya
Mongolia

Promoting Democracy in Mongolia

October 2002–February 2003

Ms. Nyamosor Tuya is a prominent practitioner in the prodemocracy movement in Mongolia. She has been involved in promoting political party development and democracy education, and is a member of the National Consultative Council of the Democratic Party. From 1998 to 2000, she served as her country's first female foreign minister. During her fellowship at the Forum, Ms. Tuya compiled a reader of key writings on the theory and practice of democracy for publication and dissemination in her country. On February 26, 2003, she gave a presentation on "Democracy in Mongolia: Accomplishments and Challenges," in which she assessed her country's ongoing process of democratic consolidation.

Visiting Fellows Program

In addition to the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, the International Forum for Democratic Studies also hosts a small Visiting Fellows Program for scholars and practitioners with outside funding who wish to carry out research and other projects in Washington, D.C.

Visiting Fellows in 2002–2003

Adotei Akwei
Ghana

**Governance, Repression,
and Human Rights in Africa**

July–December 2003

Mr. Akwei is Senior Advocacy Director for Africa at Amnesty International USA, serving as his organization's chief spokesperson, strategist, and liaison with the U.S. government, media, and the general public on African human rights issues and U.S. foreign policy toward Africa. A native of Ghana, he has previously worked for the Lawyer's Committee on Human Rights, as well as for the American Committee on Africa and the Africa Fund. During his fellowship, Mr. Akwei worked on a book on governance, repression, and human rights in Africa. On October 30, 2003, he gave a presentation entitled "How To Be A Good Dictator: A Human Rights Activist Reflects on Authoritarian Rule in Africa," in which he took a provocative look at how African dictators gain and maintain their grip on power.

Michael Allen
United Kingdom
**Corporate Social Responsibility,
Civil Society, and
Democracy in Developing
Economies**

May 2003–July 2004

Mr. Allen has worked as director of external affairs for the Global Alliance for Workers and Communities, a partnership comprising the World Bank, corporations, and the International Youth Foundation. Prior to that, he taught employment law, human-resource management, and labor relations for five years at the Cranfield School of Management in Britain. His fellowship project explores the complex set of relationships among corporations, NGOs, and labor unions in improving working conditions and strengthening civil society in developing economies. On November 12, 2003, Mr. Allen gave a presentation entitled "Can Nike Be Nice? The Anti-Sweat-

shop Movement and the Politics of Corporate Social Responsibility."

Ladan Boroumand
Iran

**Promoting Democracy and
Human Rights in Iran**

October 2002–September 2003

Dr. Ladan Boroumand is director of the Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy in Iran. She earned her doctorate in history from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, where she published *La guerre des principes* (1999), a book exploring the tensions during the French Revolution between the rights of man and the sovereignty of the nation. Her project examines the prospects for democracy in Iran from a historical perspective. On March 13, 2003, she gave a presentation on "Terror, Islam, and Democracy," based on her article by the same title, published in the April 2002 issue of the *Journal of Democracy*.



Visiting Fellow Adotei Akwei presents the results of his research on authoritarian rule in Sub-Saharan Africa in a presentation entitled "How To Be A Good Dictator: A Human Rights Activist Reflects on Authoritarian Rule in Africa."

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**Board of Directors
National Endowment for Democracy
Washington, D.C.**

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of National Endowment for Democracy (the "Endowment") as of September 30, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Endowment as of September 30, 2003 and 2002, and the changes in its net assets and the cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2003 the Endowment changed its capitalization policy. The change has been applied retroactively to furniture and equipment acquisitions of prior years.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of natural expenses for the year ended September 30, 2003, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This additional information is the responsibility of the Endowment's management. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2003 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic 2003 financial statements taken as a whole.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

December 9, 2003

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 AND 2002**

ASSETS	2003	2002
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,906,605	\$ 2,980,097
Grants receivable	44,133,514	35,261,955
Prepaid expenses and other assets	363,657	18,068
Pledges receivable		45,000
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Total current assets	47,403,776	38,305,120
 FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	 260,547	 822,280
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 47,664,323	\$39,127,400
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 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 887,222	\$ 800,724
Grants payable	33,073,232	27,195,355
Deferred grant revenue	11,857,848	8,920,728
Current obligations under capital leases	14,323	61,044
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Total current liabilities	45,832,625	36,977,851
 CAPITAL LEASES OBLIGATIONS:		
Long-term portion	181,473	126,865
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Total liabilities	46,014,098	37,104,716
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 NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	232,299	835,210
Temporarily restricted	1,417,926	1,187,474
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Total net assets	1,650,225	2,022,684
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 47,664,323	\$39,127,400
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See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 AND 2002

	2003			2002		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE (Note 6):						
Grant revenue—government agencies	\$54,336,315	\$ —	\$54,336,315	\$44,290,664	\$ —	\$44,290,664
Other grants and contributions		654,767	654,767		617,022	617,022
Other revenue, interest, and miscellaneous income	131,488	179,896	311,384	107,332	(162,248)	(54,916)
Total support and revenue	54,467,803	834,663	55,302,466	44,397,996	454,774	44,852,770
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS:						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	604,211	(604,211)		309,188	(309,188)	
Total revenues	55,072,014	230,452	55,302,466	44,707,184	145,586	44,852,770
EXPENSES:						
Program services:						
Grants programs:						
Federal—USDOS	45,953,461		45,953,461	36,612,367		36,612,367
Other				45,000		45,000
Total grant programs	45,953,461	—	45,953,461	36,657,367	—	36,657,367
Other activities—Non-Federal:						
International Forum:						
Management and support	944		944	9,547		9,547
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	112,347		112,347	94,403		94,403
Research and conferences	76,800		76,800	240		240
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program	100,000		100,000			
World Movement for Democracy	321,163		321,163	172,744		172,744
NED Events and Development	155,660		155,660	57,953		57,953
Total other activities—Non-Federal	766,914	—	766,914	334,887	—	334,887
Other activities—Federal-USDOS:						
Federal—USDOS						
International Forum:						
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	84,378		84,378	71,780		71,780
Democracy Resource Center	240,008		240,008	212,506		212,506
Research and conferences	47,476		47,476	44,741		44,741
Management and support	263,790		263,790	243,928		243,928
Visiting Fellows Program				35,004		35,004
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea)	161,778		161,778	163,900		163,900
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program	862,748		862,748	844,092		844,092
World Movement for Democracy	348,790		348,790	115,127		115,127
Asian Center for Democratic Governance (India)				112,935		112,935
Total other activities—Federal-USDOS	2,008,968	—	2,008,968	1,844,013	—	1,844,013
Supporting services:						
Federal—USDOS	6,345,456		6,345,456	5,735,275		5,735,275
Other	2,077		2,077	8,841		8,841
Total support services	6,347,533	—	6,347,533	5,744,116	—	5,744,116
Total other activities and support services	9,123,415	—	9,123,415	7,923,016	—	7,923,016
Total expenses	55,076,876	—	55,076,876	44,580,383	—	44,580,383
Change in net assets before cumulative effect of change in accounting policy	(4,862)	230,452	225,590	126,801	145,586	272,387
Cumulative effect on prior years of changing capitalization policy (Note 1)	598,049		598,049			
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(602,911)	230,452	(372,459)	126,801	145,586	272,387
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	835,210	1,187,474	2,022,684	708,409	1,041,888	1,750,297
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 232,299	\$ 1,417,926	\$ 1,650,225	\$ 835,210	\$ 1,187,474	\$ 2,022,684

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 AND 2002

	2003	2002
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Changes in net assets	\$(372,459)	\$ 272,387
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	32,066	294,867
Change in capitalization policy	598,049	
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	(8,871,559)	(2,544,386)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(345,589)	(909)
Pledges receivable	45,000	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	86,498	19,960
Grants payable	5,877,877	451,842
Deferred grant revenue	2,937,120	1,677,244
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	<u>(12,997)</u>	<u>171,005</u>
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>(8,549)</u>	<u>(341,154)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(8,549)</u>	<u>(341,154)</u>
CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	<u>(51,946)</u>	<u>(53,333)</u>
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(73,492)	(223,482)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,980,097</u>	<u>3,203,579</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$2,906,605</u>	<u>\$2,980,097</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition of equipment under capital lease	<u>\$167,564</u>	<u>\$ 28,427</u>
Disposal of equipment under capital lease	<u>\$ 280,800</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 AND 2002

1. ORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization—The National Endowment for Democracy (the “Endowment”) is a private, not-for-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. The Endowment was established coincident to a grant awarded by the United States Information Agency (“USIA”) as mandated by the National Endowment for Democracy Act (the “Act”) of the United States Congress. 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 U.S. Department of State (“USDOS”) consolidated. Accordingly, the Endowment receives funding for its annual Congressional Appropriation and other special federal funding from the USDOS.

Basis of Presentation—The accounts of the Endowment are maintained and the financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Endowment reports to the U.S. Government on the basis of obligations incurred and cash expenditures made.

Use of Estimates—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Furniture and Equipment—Furniture and equipment which are not part of direct program costs are recorded at cost and are depreciated or amortized on the straight-line method over their estimated service lives or the terms of the lease, as applicable, ranging from three to ten years.

Change in Capitalization Policy—During 2003, the Endowment increased the threshold for capitalization of furniture and equipment from \$500 to \$5,000. The new capitalization policy was adopted to record only material furniture and equipment and has been applied retroactively to furniture and equipment acquisitions of prior years. The cumulative effect of the change in 2003 was to reduce the net book value of furniture and equipment by \$598,049.

Grants Receivable—At the time a grant agreement is awarded/signed, a receivable and deferred revenue are recorded. When payments are received, the receivable is reduced. The deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in accordance with the Endowment’s revenue recognition policy.

Revenue Recognition—Grants received from government agencies specify the periods in which monies are to be expended. Additionally, certain government grants restrict the use of funds for programs in specific countries. Revenues from government grants are recognized as earned in the year in which the granting organization indicates the funds are used for the intended purpose provided the Endowment incurs valid obligations which are in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreement.

Agreements with the former USIA and USDOS 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 contract audits.

Deferred Grant Revenue—Awards made to the Endowment in excess of obligations incurred are recorded as deferred grant revenue.

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 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents—Cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit, overnight repurchase agreements, and investments in money market accounts and mutual funds. For the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, the Endowment recorded an unrealized gain and (loss) of \$179,896 and (\$162,248) on mutual funds, respectively.

2. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture and equipment less accumulated depreciation and amortization as of September 30 is as follows:

	2003	2002
Furniture and equipment	\$173,714	\$1,161,638
Equipment under capital lease	<u>213,963</u>	<u>327,199</u>
Total	387,677	1,488,837
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(127,130)</u>	<u>(666,557)</u>
Furniture and equipment—net	<u>\$260,547</u>	<u>\$ 822,280</u>

3. GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable are from the U.S. Government and represent balances of Federal Reserve Letters of Credit and direct funding established by the former USIA and USDOS grant agreements.

The Endowment collects U.S. 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.

4. PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER ASSETS

During fiscal year 2003, the Endowment incurred travel and per diem cost for its world democracy conference which was scheduled to be held in April 2003 in Durban, South Africa. Due to the war in Iraq, the conference was subsequently postponed until February 2004. Accordingly, these costs totaling \$350,293 will be expensed during fiscal 2004.

5. PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

At September 30, 2002, a contributor to the Endowment had made a written unconditional promise to give totaling \$45,000, which is due in less than one year. This unconditional promise to give is temporarily restricted. At September 30, 2003 there were no outstanding pledges due from contributors.

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

Grants payable represent the undisbursed balances of funds obligated to the Endowment's grantees. Grantee organizations are entitled to collect grant funds as needed by presenting requests for funds to the Endowment. Such grants payable are generally disbursed within a 12-month period after the funds have been obligated to the Endowment's grantees.

7. DEFERRED REVENUE

The following schedule summarizes the changes in deferred grant revenue from agencies of the U.S. Government for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002:

	Deferred Grant Revenue, Beginning of Year	Add: Grants Awarded/ Amended	Less: Grants Obligated	Less: Grants Adjustment	Deferred Grant Revenue, End of Year
USDOS Grants:					
Grants Program:					
Primary Funding	\$ 956,887	\$41,847,330	\$41,798,506	\$ -	\$ 1,005,711
Special Funding—Balkans	212,890	21,105	170,028		63,967
Special Funding—Balkans (2001)	2,996,131		2,476,093		520,038
Special Funding—Balkans (2004)		2,625,000			2,625,000
Special Funding—Belarus (2001)	208,058		208,058		
Special Funding—Burma	26,281		20,555		5,726
Special Funding—Burma (2001)	541,461		214,086		327,375
Special Funding—Burma (2003)		2,300,000	2,011,370		288,630
Special Funding—China/Tibet	598,319		566,004		32,315
Special Funding—China/IRI	18,229		15,662		2,567
Special Funding—China 2003		1,000,000	733,530		266,470
Special Funding—Iraq (2002)	171,000		141,050		29,950
Special Funding—Muslim (2002)		2,500,000	1,679,263		820,737
Special Funding—NIS (2002)	2,226,695		2,086,243		140,452
Special Funding—NIS (2003)		3,980,000	302,422		3,677,578
Special Funding—North Korea (2002)	23,347		23,347		
Special Funding—Russia/CA	2,968		2,968		
Special Funding—Tibet (2002)	121,033		118,409		2,624
Special Funding—Tibet (2003)		500,000	185,792		314,208
Special Funding—Ukraine (2001)	1,358		1,358		
Special Funding—Venezuela	638,764		605,448		33,316
International Forum and World Movement for Democracy:					
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea II)	28,675		28,675		
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea III)	133,104		133,104		
World Movement for Democracy - NDRI		250,000			250,000
World Movement for Democracy - Durban Conference		250,000			250,000
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program Year 1	15,528		15,528		
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program Year 2		1,000,000	798,816		201,184
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program Year 3		1,000,000			1,000,000
Total 2003	<u>\$8,920,728</u>	<u>\$57,273,435</u>	<u>\$54,336,315</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$11,857,848</u>
Total 2002	<u>\$7,243,484</u>	<u>\$46,003,292</u>	<u>\$44,290,664</u>	<u>\$35,384</u>	<u>\$ 8,920,728</u>

The deferred grant revenue will be recognized as revenue when the Endowment incurs valid obligations in accordance with the purposes set forth in the grant agreements.

8. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors during the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, as follows:

2003	2002		
International Forum:			
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>		\$ 48,751	\$ 94,403
Research and Conference		76,560	240
World Movement for Democracy		321,163	102,752
NED Events and Development		157,737	111,793
	Total net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$604,211</u>	<u>\$309,188</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at September 30:

2003	2002		
International Forum:			
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>		\$ —	\$ 48,751
Research and Conference			76,560
Visiting Fellows Program		551	551
World Movement for Democracy		264,975	
NED Events and Development		1,152,400	1,061,612
	Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$1,417,926</u>	<u>\$1,187,474</u>

9. RELATED PARTIES

The Endowment awards grants to various organizations to be used for programs which the Board of Directors determines are consistent with the purposes of the Act. Some of the organizations which submit proposals and are awarded funds have members of their Board 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 and voting on such grant. The provision does not prevent any director from supplying factual information that the Board requests.

10. COMMITMENTS

The Endowment has noncancelable operating leases for office space that expire at various dates through 2006. The lease for office space includes a provision for rent escalations to compensate for increases in operating costs. In addition, the Endowment leases equipment under capital leases that expire on various dates through 2006.

Accumulated amortization for property under capital leases was \$24,090 and \$192,084 as of September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Future minimum lease payments expire as follows for the years ending September 30:

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
2004	\$ 50,736	\$ 570,471
2005	50,736	533,883
2006	50,736	489,393
2007	40,968	
2008	36,250	
Total minimum payments	229,426	1,593,747
Less: Interest	33,630	
Present value of minimum payments	<u>\$195,796</u>	<u>\$1,593,747</u>

Rent expense was \$794,051 and \$759,242 for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

11. INCOME TAXES

The Endowment is exempt from income taxes, except for unrelated business income activities, under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a).

12. 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. The employer contributions to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, were \$385,690 and \$333,077, respectively.

13. TRANSFERS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Commencing in fiscal year 1987, the U.S. Government established a policy whereby recipients of federal funds are required to deposit grant funds in interest-bearing accounts. Interest earned in excess of \$250 per fiscal year must be remitted back to the U.S. Government. Total interest earned on federal funds in fiscal year 2003 and 2002 was approximately \$1,876 and \$3,608, respectively.

14. LETTER OF CREDIT

During fiscal year 1996, the Endowment obtained an unsecured letter of credit in the amount of \$500,000 from Riggs Bank. There were no amounts outstanding under the letter of credit at September 30, 2002. The letter of credit expired during fiscal year 2003 and was not renewed.

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SCHEDULE OF NATURAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002)

	USDOS Supporting Services & Other Activities	Other Supporting Services	Other Programs	2003 Total	2002 Total
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$5,319,083	\$ —	\$303,893	\$5,622,976	\$4,759,942
Professional fees	637,885		88,989	726,874	634,382
Occupancy	733,962	510	48,779	783,251	759,242
Communications	249,225	167	51,825	301,217	279,900
Travel and transportation	418,669	1,200	79,074	498,943	364,761
Supplies and equipment	440,804		1,507	442,311	412,930
Insurance	35,703			35,703	31,530
Depreciation and amortization	630,116			630,116	294,867
Conferences and meetings	333,580	200	91,470	425,250	184,258
Other	54,351		102,071	156,422	91,962
Periodicals	99,095		(694)	98,401	109,242
TOTAL	<u>\$8,952,473</u>	<u>\$2,077</u>	<u>\$766,914</u>	<u>\$9,721,464</u>	<u>\$7,923,016</u>

Natural expenses as presented above exclude program grants from the U.S. Department of State (USDOS) in the amount of \$45,953,461 and \$36,612,367 for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

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