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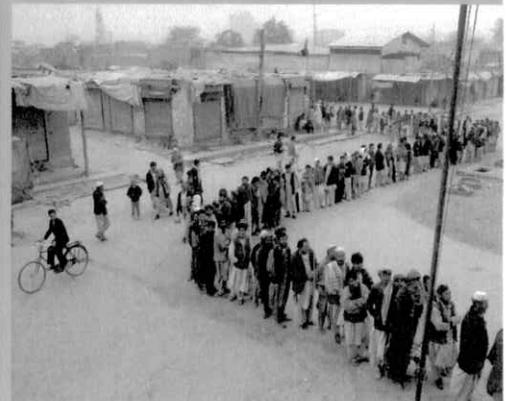
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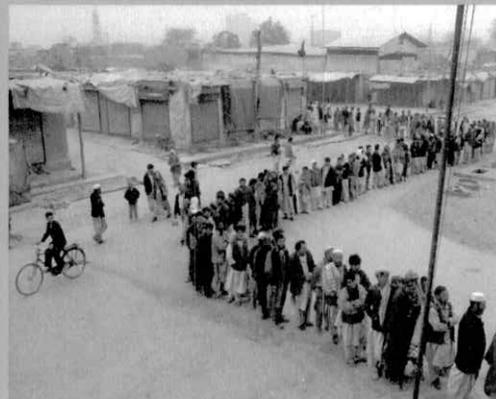
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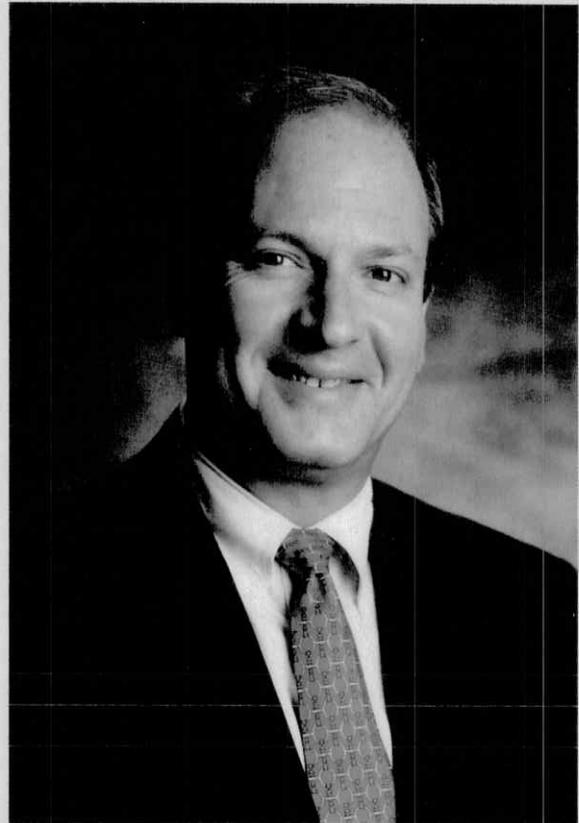
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**One indisputable fact about the recently concluded U.S. Presidential election campaign is the fact that the American people were offered a clear choice between two very different visions of how best to deal with our country's problems. It is striking, therefore, that two candidates who disagreed so strongly on virtually every issue could speak with a single voice on one of them, namely, the importance of maintaining our commitment to supporting democrats abroad. Gratifyingly, each made specific mention of the value of the work of the National Endowment for Democracy.**

For its part, Congress provided its own bipartisan endorsement of the Endowment in the form of a funding increase, acting in recognition of the cost-effective-ness of the program as well as the growing needs of democrats throughout the world. Today, many of these democrats face heightened threats, while others are looking to seize new and growing opportunities to advance the democratic cause. The congressional action followed the near unanimous vote toward the end of the first session of the 108th Congress on the occasion of the Endowment's 20th anniversary, commending NED and its core institutes for an outstanding record of accomplishment and pledging future support.

Ever since the initial debates in Congress in the early 1980s over authorizing funding for this new non-governmental institution, debates in which I was privileged to participate, the idea of providing assistance to democrats at the grassroots to help build strong political parties, free markets, trade unions,



independent media, and other institutions indispensable to a self-governing society has become widely embraced. This recognition of the value of programs that appeal to both our ideals and interests in an increasingly dangerous world has led a number of other democracies, with our encouragement, to become involved in what has become a global movement to support prodemocracy organizations.

One clear indication of the effectiveness of this assistance has been the increasing determination of certain regimes to create obstacles to its delivery. The most recent example is Zimbabwe, where the government-controlled Parliament passed a bill in December preventing local nongovernmental organizations from receiving foreign funding to help carry out human rights work. According to the director of the Africa Program for Amnesty International, this action will effectively put an end to many vital human rights programs inside the country.

Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are facing substantial roadblocks in other countries as well. In Russia, where civil society has been marginalized over the past several years, the rubber stamp Duma (parliament) is on the verge of passing a new law that will require foreign grantees to register with the government, with substantial monetary penalties for those who fail to do so.

Under Egypt's Law of Associations passed in 2002, each NGO must receive written approval from the Ministry of Social Affairs for each new project they wish to carry out with foreign funds. According to NED grantees there, all registration and project start-up applications are typically sent to the Ministry of the Interior for prior approval, resulting in significant delays as well as the requirement of having to face interviews with government officials.

And in Venezuela, where judicial and legal threats against foreign financing of NGOs accelerated last year, the leadership of one NED grantee was threatened with criminal prosecution for treason for receiving a grant to conduct seminars informing citizens of their constitutional rights.

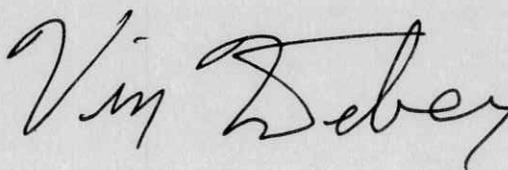
Those who are behind these restrictions routinely advance the notion that democratic movements in their respective countries owe their very existence to the assistance they receive from the outside, and that in the absence of such assistance they would wither away.

Take the recent case of Ukraine, where the uncovering of official efforts to steal the Presidential election last November helped fuel a popular uprising that resulted in a nullification of the fraudulent outcome. The outgoing President of Ukraine, the current President of Russia, and a handful of noisy commentators in the west have all charged that these efforts were manufactured by Western assistance organizations. But this could not be further from the truth.

Whether it was the monitoring organizations that unmasked the fraud, the independent media outlets that informed the public about it, or the grassroots groups that helped organize the vigils and protests that brought the situation to the attention of the world, all were homegrown operations created and led by Ukrainians fed up with official corruption and flagrant disregard for the rule of law.

What Western support has brought, in addition to some technical assistance and relatively modest resources, has been the knowledge that those who fight for freedom and self-government are not alone, that democrats in free societies are not indifferent to the plight of those who must struggle to stand up for their basic rights. As former Soviet political prisoner Natan Sharansky points out in his recently published book *The Case for Democracy*, it was his belief and that of fellow inmates of the gulag that the free world would stand by their side "that strengthened our resolve enormously."

We are proud to present in the following pages a summary of the work of the National Endowment for Democracy for the year 2004. The descriptions of programs and other activities will give you some idea of the enormous number and range of groups who have reached out to us for assistance. With the continued support of Congress and the Administration, for which we express our sincere gratitude, we will endeavor to help strengthen their resolve and that of democrats everywhere.

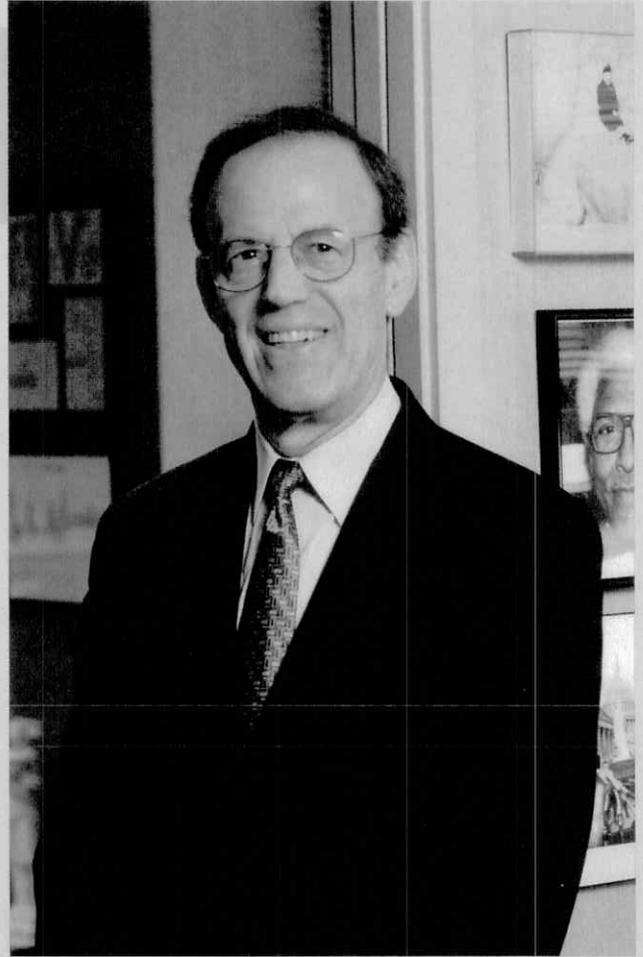


Vin Weber  
Chairman

2004

2004 was a year of unprecedented growth and development for NED. Though it was an election year in the United States, when partisan divisions were at an all-time high, NED remained an island of bipartisan agreement and cooperation. President Bush and his principal Democratic challengers all favored significantly expanding NED funding, reflecting a pro-NED consensus that ultimately led Congress to support a 50 percent budget increase for FY2005, the largest in NED's history. This agreement also extended the support of NED's work in Iraq, despite the partisan differences over the war. NED received significant special funding for Iraq during 2004, with which it supported expanded programs of both its Democratic and Republican party institutes to help Iraqis prepare for the founding January 30 elections, as well as programs of its business and labor institutes and many Iraqi and international NGOs.

The support behind NED's Iraq program, like the approved budget increase, demonstrates that there is now a broad bipartisan consensus favoring NED's mission of aiding democracy around the world. The existence of this consensus—and the resulting expectation that NED will advance the broad national purpose of strengthening democracy in many troubled regions of the world—present the Endowment with an extraordinary challenge.



This challenge has four components. The first is to strengthen grassroots organizations and political forces committed to the democratic transformation of the broader Middle East. This transformation, which is still in its very early stages, was set in motion by the 9/11 terrorist attacks that alerted the United States and other democracies to the urgent need for democratic modernization in the Middle East, and that sharpened the clash *within* the region between reformers and radical Islamists. The accelerated pace of change in the broader Middle East was highlighted within just the last few months of 2004, when more than 10 million people defied the threat of terrorist violence to vote in Afghanistan's founding presidential elections and again when Turkey won its battle to begin accession negotiations to join the European Union. At the request of the Admin-

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istration and Congress, NED will be focusing its entire budget increase for 2005 on programs that strengthen groups working to quicken and deepen the process of democratic change in the broader Middle East. It will also encourage the development of the Democracy Assistance Dialogue (DAD), a new government-NGO forum launched at the Sea Island G-8 Summit that will formulate strategies and goals for achieving comprehensive democratic change in the region.

The second challenge is to aid beleaguered democratic activists in semi-authoritarian “pseudo-democracies,” which today constitute nearly one-third of all countries. Activists in such countries face a host of critical problems, including elections manipulated by autocratic rulers, high levels of corruption and severely constricted political space. The challenge of semi-authoritarianism is magnified today by the growing assertiveness of influential backsliding regimes, particularly Russia and Venezuela, which use nationalism and populism to mobilize resistance within their respective regions to the spread of democracy. There are three fundamental ways in which NED can respond to this challenge: It can provide long-term political and material to internal democratic forces; it can mobilize international solidarity to defend these forces and resist any further constriction of political space,

including efforts by the regime to block international assistance to NGOs; and it can support the growth of regional democracy networks that leverage a breakthrough in one country to aid activists still battling for democracy in neighboring countries. The extraordinary success of the Orange Revolution in Ukraine in December, which built on earlier breakthroughs in the region, gives new hope to democrats in Russia and Belarus, and even in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The third challenge is to aid in whatever way possible the continuing struggle for human rights and democracy in the world’s remaining dictatorships. During 2005, NED will maintain and even expand the support it gives to groups working for democracy in Burma, Cuba, China, North Korea, and other dictatorial systems. Many of these groups work in exile, providing human rights information to the international community in the hope that it will continue to pressure the regime to release prisoners and open the political process, and also sending information to people inside the dictatorships who might otherwise be totally cut off from international contact. Where possible, NED also provides assistance to independent groups that are able to function within dictatorial systems. In so doing, NED continues to honor the pledge made in its founding Statement of Principles

and Objectives that “it will not neglect those who keep alive the flame of freedom in closed societies.”

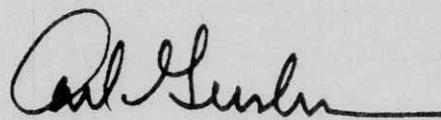
The fourth and final challenge is for NED to continue to aid democrats in failed states or war-torn countries that lack effective governing institutions and are wracked by violent civil conflict. The international community often ignores such countries until some terrible crisis makes them the focus of world attention, as happened in Afghanistan after 9/11 and in the Darfur region of Sudan during the past year. Yet in all of these countries there are internal groups trying to end violence and build a culture of tolerance, and NED is able to give them a lifeline of help. This is especially true today in Congo, where NED provides grant support to more than 40 grassroots human rights and democracy groups spread all over that vast country; and it is also true in Sudan, Liberia, Sierra Leone and other countries that are either still gripped by violence or are taking the first steps to recover from it.

While democracy is a universal idea, it is spread unevenly around the world and is now beginning to take root in cultures that have had little interaction until recently with the main centers of democratic life and thought. For this reason, NED has given special attention to supplementing its grants program with initiatives that encourage the international dissemination of democratic ideas and strengthen international networks of democracy practitioners. NED initiatives that serve the former purpose include the *Journal of Democracy* that has been publishing distinguished writing on democracy for 15 years, the Reagan–Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, and the annual Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World, which was launched in 2004 in

cooperation with the Munk Centre at the University of Toronto. The latter purpose of strengthening democracy networks is served by the World Movement for Democracy, which convened its Third World Assembly in Durban, South Africa in 2004 and is now well into the planning of the Fourth Assembly, which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2006.

In 2005 NED will devote significant effort to two additional initiatives that promote cooperation in aiding democracy. The Transatlantic Democracy Network (TDN) will strengthen communication and collaboration between Americans and Europeans on how to defend and advance shared democratic values. And at the urging of the Congress, NED will bring together practitioners in the field of aiding independent media for the purpose of forging a more coherent and inclusive long-term U.S. strategy for assisting free media around the world.

NED has come a very long way since it was founded in 1983. The challenges it now faces are immense and NED has an awesome responsibility to respond effectively to the confidence that the Administration and Congress have placed in it to spread the ideals of individual liberty and democratic self-government in a troubled and unstable world. With over 20 years of experience and unstinting devotion to the cause of democracy, this is a responsibility we are prepared to take on.



Carl Gershman  
*President*

## 2004 Democracy Award

On Wednesday, June 9, 2004 the National Endowment for Democracy honored four longtime Russian activists with the Endowment's 2004 Democracy Award. The event, which included a panel discussion featuring prominent Russia experts, highlighted both the courageous efforts of the four honorees to advance democracy and human rights in Russia, as well as grave concerns about the erosion of democratic gains in the wake of what panelist John McCain (R-AZ) described as a "creeping coup."

The four honorees, who are all NED grantees, included Ludmilla Alekseeva and Arseny Roginsky, both prominent dissidents from the Soviet era who today lead organizations that work tirelessly to investigate human rights abuses both past and present. The other honorees, Aleksei Simonov and Mara Polyakova, became prominent activists after the demise of the Soviet Union and focus the efforts of their respective organizations on protecting journalists and freedom of the press, and providing the best available legal assistance to the human rights community.

A panel discussion, entitled "Prospects for Democracy and Human Rights in Russia," preceded the award ceremony. Throughout their remarks, panelists detailed the many democratic rollbacks taking place under the Putin regime, citing threats against civil society and human rights activists, manipulated elections, attacks on independent media, and the war in Chechnya. Michael McFaul commented that "if you add up the totality of Putin's record, there



(from left to right) NED President Carl Gershman, Mara Polyakova, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Ludmilla Alekseeva, Arseny Roginsky, Aleksei Simonov, IRI President Lorne Craner, and NED Board Members Thomas R. Donahue and Robert Miller.

can be no doubt that democracy has been overturned in the last 4 years." Panelist Elena Bonner, commenting on the gap between Putin's democratic rhetoric and his undemocratic behavior said, "Illusions never help

correct reality," and cautioned that "the West must watch this process; it must not give some advances to it on the basis of words but in the absence of deeds. And there are no deeds aside from various acts of destruction."



Soviet dissident Elena Bonner with Librarian of Congress James Billington.

On a more optimistic note, Ludmilla Alekseeva said that the growth of civil society in Russia was a reason for hope. She noted that her Moscow Helsinki Group “used to be the only human rights organization in Russia — now there are hundreds.” She also commented that Putin’s thinly veiled threats against certain NGOs “proves that NGOs are a force to be reckoned with. . . . It is possible that harder times await us, and yet I am totally convinced that civil society has been born in Russia and it will continue to develop.”

As one of the founders of Russia’s first human rights organization, the Moscow Helsinki Group, and current president of the International Helsinki Foundation since 1998, **Ludmilla Alekseeva** has been working to build a democratic state in Russia for nearly five decades. During the Soviet era, her apartment served as a meet-



**Ludmilla Alekseeva**

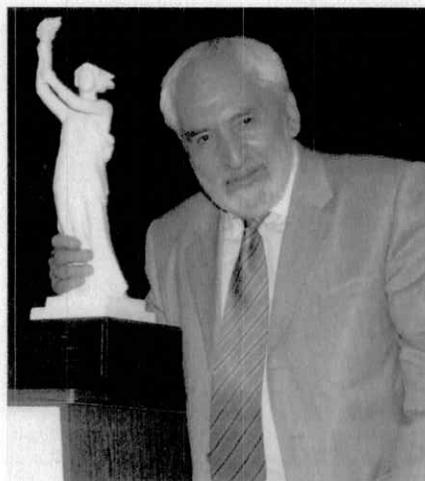
ing center for Moscow intelligentsia, a distribution center of samizdat and the office of the Moscow Helsinki Group. Following her exile to the United States, she organized Russian-language human rights programs for Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America.



**Arseny Roginsky**

**Arseny Roginsky** is the Chairman of the International Memorial Society. The organization protects refugees and victims of political persecution in Chechnya and other zones of armed conflict in Russia, and also commemorates the millions who perished under Stalinism. Roginsky has authored numerous publications on repression and the human rights situation in Russia. From 1981 to 1985 he was a political prisoner in a Soviet (labor) camp, sentenced for his publications of historical, literary and political writings.

**Aleksei Simonov** is the President of the Glasnost Defense Foundation, the principal Russian organization



**Aleksei Simonov**

that defends freedom of the press, trains journalists to work in war zones and protects their rights. In 1970, he completed a graduate degree in cinematography and began working for the Ekran film collective. Between 1970 and 1991 he directed 20 musical and documentary films. Since 1991, he has been the chairman of the board and president of the Glasnost Defense Foundation. He has authored numerous articles on issues relating to freedom of the press.



**Mara Polyakova**

**Mara Polyakova** is a leading lawyer in the field of human rights and the current director of the Independent Council of Legal Expertise. The Council mobilizes the best legal minds in the country to review and analyze legislation affecting basic rights and provides legal assistance in defense of these rights. Between 1979 and 1997, Polyakova served as dean of the Institute of Higher Qualifications of the General Prosecutor’s Office of the Russian Federation. Since 1994 she has been a professor at the Russian Legal Academy of the Ministry of Justice. During the 1990’s, she also served on the staffs of State Duma Deputies Yuri Chernichenko, Galina Starovoitova and Sergei Kovalev.

# The Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World

On Monday, December 6, 2004, the National Endowment for Democracy and the Embassy of Canada inaugurated an important new forum for discourse on democracy and its progress worldwide: *the Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World*. The lecture was delivered by former President of Brazil Fernando Henrique Cardoso.

The lecture, which was held at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC, is named for one of the great scholars of democracy and public intellectuals of the twentieth century. "Marty Lipset's scholarship on themes like the conditions for democracy, political parties, voting behavior and public opinion constitutes one of the most prolific and insightful bodies of work on democracy ever produced by a single author," said NED President Carl Gershman.

Cardoso, who was introduced by NED Board Member Lee Hamilton, is one of Latin America's most distinguished social scientists and statesmen. A prominent sociologist, Cardoso served as President of Brazil from 1994 until 2002.

Lipset has been one of the most important comparative analysts of the two great democracies of North America, and a strong advocate for US-Canadian cooperation. The joint US-Canadian sponsorship of the Lipset Lecture will provide an opportunity for influential audiences in both countries to hear and discuss a major intellectual statement on democracy each year and will serve as a catalyst for further cooperation between Canada and the United States

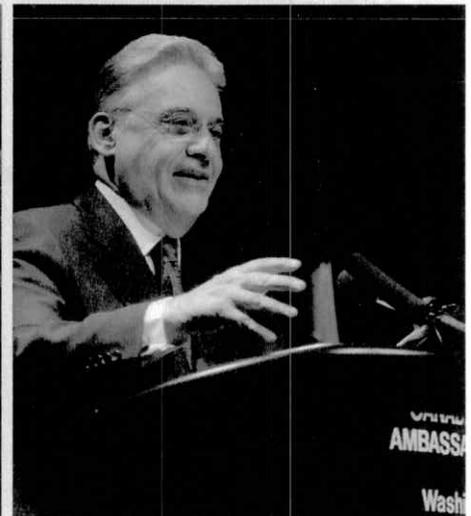


Left, Seymour Martin Lipset.

Below, The audience at the first Lipset Lecture included many distinguished guests, including (right to left) journalist Michael Barone and Ambassadors Jeane Kirkpatrick and Max Kampelman.

Bottom left, NED Board Member Lee Hamilton congratulates Lipset's wife, Sydnee Guyer Lipset.

Bottom right, former President of Brazil Fernando Henrique Cardoso.



in the promotion of democracy and democratic ideas around the world.

The lecture, which is cosponsored with the Munk Centre for International Relations of the University of Toronto, will in future years be delivered in both

the US and Canada. It will be an intellectual platform for men and women who, like Lipset, have made important contributions to our thinking about key issues of democracy through their writings and other accomplishments.

# 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 Bütora and Alexandr Vondra in 1999, John B. Hurford in 2000, John Brademas, Richard Lugar, Fred Iklé, and Stephen Solarz in 2001, Paula Dobriansky, Jan Novak, and Chen Wu, Sue-jen in 2002, and Donald Payne and Enrique Bolaños in 2003. In 2004, three individuals who have long been dedicated to the advancement of democracy received the medal: Senator Bob Graham, Matthew McHugh and Seymour Martin Lipset.

## Bob Graham

On January 26, Spanish Ambassador Javier Ruperez hosted a dinner in honor of Senator Bob Graham (D-FL) at the award-winning new Spanish residence in Washington, D.C. While serving on NED's Board of Directors, Senator Graham played a role in overseeing the Latin America program, helping to set priorities for work in the region. And as a member of the U.S. Senate, Graham played a key role in explaining the Endowment's work to his colleagues. In his tribute to Graham, NED President Carl Gershman commented that Graham "brought to the NED a passionate



Matthew and Alanna McHugh (center) are congratulated by Congressmen Martin Olav Sabo (D-MN, left) and Maurice Hinchey (D-NY, right).

and life-long commitment to democracy, for which we will be forever grateful."

In his acceptance remarks, Graham praised the Endowment's efforts and emphasized the importance of NED's long-term approach to democracy promotion: "Democracy is not just about elections," he said, "democracy requires work, effort and sacrifice to be achieved."

## Matthew McHugh

On February 24, NED hosted a Capitol Hill reception to commemorate the achievements of former Congressman Matthew McHugh. During his nine years of service on the NED Board, McHugh served as the Board's Secretary, oversaw the administrative and financial management of the NED, and worked with staff to review and report to the Board on multiregional projects.

The reception was attended by many current and former members of Congress and featured remarks by Congressmen David Obey (D-WI) and Amo Houghton (R-NY); Homer E. Moyer, Jr., a founder of the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative; and NED Board Member and former

Representative, Ambassador Howard Wolpe (D-MI).

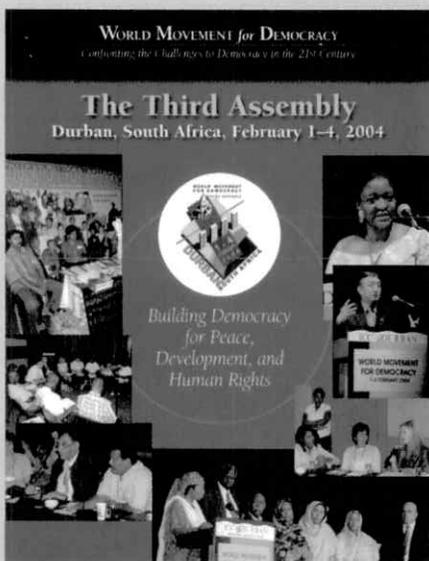
"It is not enough to say that Matt has been valued for his leadership, his wise judgment and his dedication to the NED's democratic mission," Gershman remarked while presenting McHugh with the medal. "More than this, he has been respected by his board colleagues and the NED staff for his character, an attribute so distinctive and exemplary that no one who knows Matt can fail to appreciate it."

## Seymour Martin Lipset

On December 6, just prior to the inaugural *Seymour Martin Lipset Lecture on Democracy in the World*, Lipset was awarded the Endowment's Democracy Service Medal. In 1984, Lipset received funding for NED's first research project, which resulted in a book, *Democracy in Developing Nations*. The two-year study was the first comparative effort to focus on democracy in the Third World in a comprehensive manner, and was the launching pad for all of NED's subsequent scholarly activities.

Larry Diamond, Co-Director of NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies, paid tribute to his mentor and colleague, saying "During the second half of the twentieth century, no one writing about democracy was more frequently cited by other scholars, more often translated into other languages, or more widely read and appreciated, not just by legions of professors and students, but by policy makers and civic activists who were struggling to implement democracy."

From the time of its initiation by NED at a global assembly in 1999 in New Delhi, India, the World Movement for Democracy has emerged as a thriving worldwide network of democrats cooperating to promote democracy by fostering new linkages, support networks and voluntary collaboration, while emphasizing concrete actions. It is led by an 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](http://www.wmd.org)), organizes the biennial global assemblies, and assists in the development of regional and functional networks.



### Third Assembly

On February 1–4, 2004, the World Movement held its Third Assembly, “Building Democracy for Peace, Development, and Human Rights,” in Durban, South Africa, bringing together democracy activists, practitioners and scholars from 118 countries. The proceedings of the Assembly, including full reports on the 60 topical, functional and regional workshops, transcripts of

speeches and features on the recipients of the Democracy Courage Tributes, are all included on the World Movement website. Printed copies of the Assembly’s final report are also available. Write to [world@ned.org](mailto:world@ned.org) to request a copy.

### Fourth Assembly set for Istanbul

The Steering Committee of the World Movement has announced that the Fourth Assembly will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, on April 2-5, 2006. During 2004, the World Movement’s Secretariat began working with two local partner organizations, the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) and the Helsinki Citizens Assembly, on preparations for the Assembly. Like previous assemblies, the meeting will focus on the practical ways that democrats can advance their work and support each other, and will be composed mainly of workshops that maximize opportunities for participation and exchange.

## Networks and the World Movement Website

**Networks.** During 2004, the World Movement Secretariat staff at NED worked with participants to develop both regional and functional networks.

▪ **The Africa Democracy Forum (ADF)** is the World Movement’s regional network in Africa. Since its founding in 2000, it has emerged as a continent-wide network working to consolidate democracy in the Africa region and to build a bridge between the grassroots and political leaders. The ADF provides a platform for support and the sharing of resources among its more than 200 members. The Nairobi-based Kenyan Human Rights Commission serves as the new ADF Secretariat.



[www.africademocracyforum.org](http://www.africademocracyforum.org)

▪ **The World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA)** is a collaborative initiative of the Alliance for Reform and Democracy in Asia, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, the Initiative for International Dialogue, and the Council of Asian Liberals and

Democrats. The WFDA was established to reaffirm and revalidate the core values of Asian democrats and to extend these values throughout the continent.

▪ **The Transatlantic Democracy Network** is a cooperative initiative bringing together Europeans and North Americans to help strengthen democracy in the Greater Middle East, the post-communist countries and elsewhere. The Network emerged from a workshop during the Third Assembly on how to build transatlantic cooperation in the promotion of democracy where participants agreed that democracy promotion around the globe would be better facilitated in an atmosphere of improved transatlantic relations. Thus, the Network seeks to create a space for democrats in North America and Europe to discuss and debate in an open and constructive manner ways to develop cooperation and new projects that will further democratic goals.

The Network publishes a weekly e-newsletter called *Democracy Digest*, whose subscribers include leading politicians, academics, commentators and decision makers in Europe and North America. In May 2005, the Network will hold a two-day conference in Brussels on transatlantic cooperation for democracy promotion funded by the European Commission.

▪ **The International Movement of Parliamentarians for Democracy (IMPD)** is a coalition of likeminded parliamentarians dedicated to the defense and promotion of democracy around the world. It challenges undemocratic practices and supports international human rights campaigns, especially in defense of elected members of parliament who are denied the right to take office or who are the victims of persecution. The IMPD currently



Training program of The Youth Movement for Democracy and the African Democracy Forum.

includes 233 parliamentarians from 31 countries, and circulates a monthly newsletter, *Advancing Democracy*, which includes summaries of parliamentary elections, published reports, and actions taken by parliaments and governments that are either helpful or harmful to the causes of democracy.

▪ **The Youth Movement for Democracy** has chosen the Global Youth Action Network's São Paulo, Brazil office to serve as its secretariat. From December 12 to 17, 2004, the

Youth Movement, in collaboration with the ADF, held a five-day leadership training program for young practitioners who work on democracy issues in conflict-affected societies in East Africa. The training program was designed to introduce the ways in which democratic values and principles along with conflict resolution skills reinforce each other and prepare young non-governmental practitioners for future roles in democratic governance.

▪ **The Global Network on Local**

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**Governance** is another network that emerged from the Durban Assembly. With leadership from the Institute of Social Sciences (ISS) in India and the Democracy Development Programme (DDP) Local Government Consortium in South Africa, the Network will provide a forum for effective exchange between disadvantaged groups and elected local government institutions to promote accountable, participatory, transparent, and efficient local government.

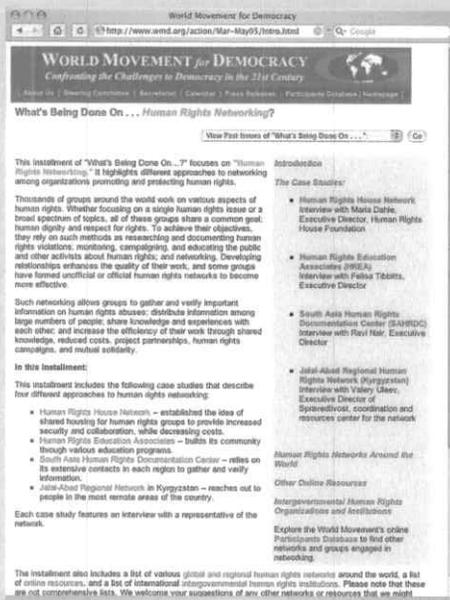
- **The International Women's Democracy Network**, with leadership from the Women's Learning Partnership, is working to create an international network of activists to support and enhance women's roles in the development of democratic practices and institutions. The Network will focus on exchanging experiences, sharing best practices and training others in democracy work; developing and supporting advocacy campaigns; building solidarity among, and support for, individuals and organizations engaged in democracy activism; and increasing interaction and communication among various transnational networks focused on women's political participation.

- **The Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI)**, administered by NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies, is a global association of research centers that study democracy, democratization, and political reform. The goal of the NDRI is to promote collaboration and the sharing of ideas among democracy scholars; to strengthen and improve the management and administration of democracy study centers; and to help disseminate research findings and policy recommendations among government officials, the media and the business and academic communities.

Other networks under development include:

- **Democracy Network in Central-Eastern Europe and New Independent States;**
- **Democracy Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Group;** and
- **Lusophone Forum for Democracy.**

Information on many of these networking initiatives can be found on the World Movement website at [www.wmd.org](http://www.wmd.org).



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## World Movement Website and Electronic Communications

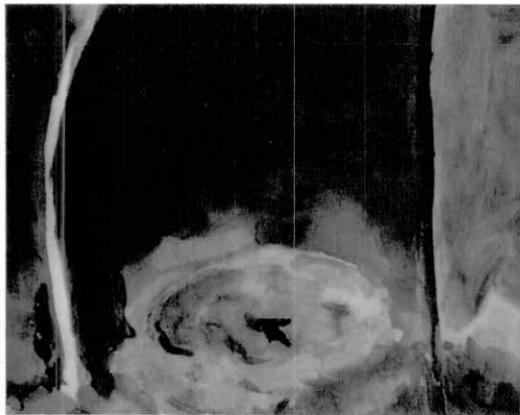
**Participants Database.** The Secretariat established the Participants Database on the World Movement website in 2002. Each entry includes, in addition to contact information and website link, information on the areas of democracy work in which the organization is engaged, types of activities it conducts, its publications and other

pertinent information. The database is essential to the networking activities of the World Movement; there are currently 320 organizations included. **"What's Being Done On . . . ?"**

For three months at a time, this section highlights activities of various organizations in different global regions and links to important resources, all focused on a particular theme or area of democracy work. Topics covered in 2004 included: Political and Civic Participation of Youth, Using Advocacy to Achieve Democratic Reform, and Promoting Labor Rights.

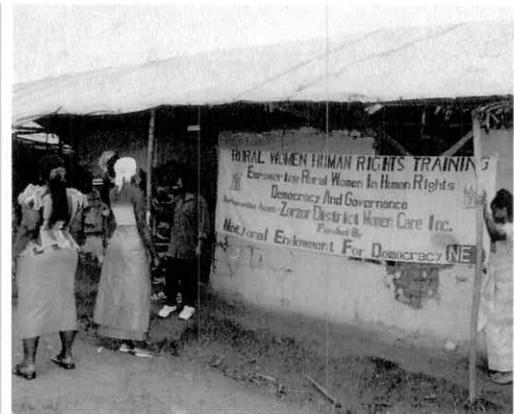
**Democracy Alerts.** The World Movement Secretariat has issued and updated alerts on World Movement participants and other democracy activists facing serious threats. In 2004, alerts were issued on behalf of Chee Soon Juan (Singapore); S.K. Pradhan (Bhutan); Yang Jainli (China); Makael Danielyan (Armenia); Nikolay Girenko (Russia); Robert Ilunga Numbi and Dieudonné Been Masudi (Democratic Republic of Congo); Thich Huyen Quang and Thich Quang Do (Vietnam); Fereshteh Ghazi and Mahboubeh Abbasgholizadeh (Iran); Aksam Nu'aysa (Syria); and Súmate (Venezuela).

**DemocracyNews.** The World Movement Secretariat issues a monthly e-newsletter, *DemocracyNews*, as one of the tools for the exchange of information among World Movement participants. *DemocracyNews* includes announcements of World Movement participants' activities and other events focusing on democracy issues around the world. Over 3,200 democracy activists, scholars and practitioners worldwide are currently subscribed. Free subscriptions are available via the World Movement website.



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## 2004 NED Africa Program Highlights



Although democracy advanced in Africa during 2004, grave setbacks once more served as a reminder that steady progress cannot be taken for granted. Progress towards a peace agreement in Sudan (finally concluded in January 2005) were overshadowed by escalating violence in Darfur; the ongoing democratic political process in the Democratic Republic of Congo was jeopardized by the onset of fighting in the eastern part of the country; and prospects for reconciliation in Cote d'Ivoire were dashed when an internationally negotiated ceasefire was broken. The year witnessed reasonably free and fair elections in Ghana, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa, but it also saw rigged and gravely flawed electoral processes in Rwanda and Cameroon.

Negotiations in Somalia produced a new parliament, which nonetheless feared returning to Mogadishu, where insecurity still prevails. Relatively democratic governments such as Kenya, Sierra Leone, Benin and Nigeria were plagued by pervasive corruption. At the same time, authoritarian governments sought to reverse democratic gains: Zimbabwe, which adopted laws aimed at suppressing freedom of the press and assembly, as well as human rights and democracy organizations; Rwanda, which chased opposition politicians and human rights groups into exile; and Uganda, which increased the use of torture and sought to extend the president's ability to run beyond the two

terms mandated by the constitution. Throughout this tumultuous year, the NED Africa program helped to buttress democracy's advances and fought to reverse the negative trends.

In 2004, the **Democratic Republic of Congo** remained NED's number one priority in Africa; the 32 grants to civil society groups throughout the country focused on strengthening the rule of law, resisting violence against women and promoting human rights, peace, and democracy. Grants emphasized assistance to beleaguered human rights groups in the East, where according to the International Rescue Committee, fighting and the resulting dislocation was kill-

ing 1,000 Congolese per day. NED grantees such as Groupe Lotus and Groupe Lufalanga in Kisangani held civic education workshops in outlying villages; Promotion et Appui aux Initiatives Feminines (PAIF) and Solidarité des Femmes de Fizi pour le Bien-Etre Familial (SOFIBEF) promoted women's rights in the countryside around Goma and Bukavu; Fondation pour le Renforcement des Capacités des Poulations (FORECAP) trained police; and Haki Za Binadamu trained members of the judiciary on human rights in Kindu.

With the prospects of a peace agreement on the horizon, NED's grants program in **Sudan** expanded dramatically, focusing on national reconciliation and the emergence of a democratic process. The Sudan Council of Churches conducted conflict resolution training for its staff and the Badya Center held community reconciliation talks between Arabs and Nuba in the Nuba Mountains. The Sudan Studies Center and the National Center for Peace and Development brought together government and opposition parties for trainings and discussions on democratic governance, human rights and eliminating corruption. The Self-Help Foundation conducted a democracy school for internally displaced persons, and the Freedom Equality Peace Society mobilized youth for democracy. Although government harassment had previously forced it to close down, the Khartoum Monitor resumed publication, and several grantees such as the Environmentalists Society and Mutawinat conducted conflict resolution and legal aid programs in Darfur. NDI completed a comprehensive focus group survey of political opinion in southern Sudan, and IRI conducted political training with women and youth groups in both the South and the North.

In addition to Sudan, the Africa program worked to strengthen its presence in other predominantly Muslim countries. In **Somalia** and **Somaliland**, new grantees in Burao, Galcayo, Kismayo and Baladweyn expanded the reach of human rights and democracy activists to new areas; these groups monitored human rights abuses, trained journalists and human rights activists and conducted a campaign to promote women's rights. In north-

ern **Nigeria**, several NED groups promoting democratic values among women and youth received NED support.

NED's **Liberia** program also grew. Grantees received help to combat the trafficking in small arms, reconcile demobilizing child soldiers with their families and communities, fight corruption, and reach rural women in displaced persons' camps with civic education. NDI also implemented a program to provide technical assistance and material resources to strengthen Liberian civil society.

NED's core grantees received support for various strategic programs. NDI and IRI continued work with **Kenya's** political parties, which remain hobbled by political infighting. ACILS provided critical support to the **Zimbabwe** Congress of Trade Unions, perhaps that country's most important force for democracy. And CIPE supported the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce radio program, which was briefly suspended by the government. CIPE also supported a range of initiatives across Africa promoting better corporate governance.

NED also supported various pan-African efforts. The Africa Democracy Forum (ADF), a continent-wide network of grassroots democrats, held a large gathering in Durban, South Africa, that coincided with the World Movement for Democracy's Third Assembly. The ADF also held an internet training meeting for its members and a conflict resolution training for youth members in Nairobi, where its secretariat was recently established. Other notable initiatives included the Africa Judicial Forum based in Kampala, Uganda, connecting judges and other legal practitioners across the continent, the Kituo Cha Katiba, promoting constitutional reform in East Africa, and the Mano River Union Civil Society and Mano River Union Human Rights networks in West Africa, promoting regional cooperation among local NGOs.

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## Description of 2004 Grants: Africa

### Angola

#### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$83,348\*

To develop the leadership and capacity of trade unions in the transportation and education sectors in Angola. ACILS will organize a series of workshops to discuss stronger labor unions, fundamentals of effective organizing, democratic models of communication, financial accountability and strategies for a privatized economy.

#### Comité Inter Eclesial para Paza em Angola (Inter-Ecclesial Committee for Peace in Angola)

\$30,045

To disseminate information on peace and democracy in Angola. The Committee will use Endowment resources to establish a mini production studio to broadcast 48 radio programs a year on topics such as national reconciliation, the peace process, and the country's democratization.

#### National Counseling Centre

\$32,700

To encourage public participation in the local government of Angola. The National Counseling Centre will open local advisory centers in four provinces; host community meetings between constituencies and their elected representatives; conduct workshops and distribute information on democracy.

#### Search for Common Ground

\$50,000

To promote political reform and reconciliation. The Center will organize a workshop for representatives from its local civic partner groups to discuss ways in which civil society can work more effectively with the media and government. The organization will also create a civil society index to measure self-sufficiency of the NGOs with which it works.

### Burundi

#### Burundi Leadership Training Program (BLTP)

\$40,000\*

To help instill a sense of common purpose among the fragmented ethnic and socioeconomic groups of Burundi. BLTP will extend a pilot program of leadership training to community leaders in Mbuye Province in Burundi. BLTP will also support implementation of practical local projects aimed at creating and sustaining links among the district's diverse populations.

#### Ligue Burundaise des Droits de l'Homme (Burundian League for Human Rights) (ITEKA)

\$55,041

To strengthen civil society participation in good governance, fiscal transparency and public integrity in Burundi. ITEKA will conduct trainings and organize public meetings on democratization in three northern provinces. ITEKA will also launch a multimedia campaign on community perceptions of corruption and democratic governance.

### Cameroon

#### Africa Governance Alert (AGA)

\$29,635

To educate the Cameroonian electorate on human rights and good governance. AGA will produce 2000 copies of the quarterly journal *Governance Alert* in hard copy as well as circulate it on the Internet. The journal will monitor such issues as human rights, governance, corruption, impunity and elections in Cameroonian society.

#### Media Network for Elections (NETWEL)

\$34,964

To bring greater independence and transparency to the Cameroonian election process. NETWEL will organize a network of 350 reporters to monitor the election process. During and after the elections, NETWEL will disseminate information all over the country by means of local and national newspapers.

**PRÉSIDENTIELLE 2004 AU CAMEROUN**

**AUJOURD'HUI, JE M'INSCRIS**

**OCTOBRE 2004, JE VOTE**

**Inscris-toi aussi aujourd'hui sur la liste  
Électorale de ton quartier et vote en 2004.**

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The African Governance Alert produced this voter mobilization poster for the 2004 Cameroonian elections.

\*INDICATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDING BEYOND NED'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

## Côte d'Ivoire

### International Republican Institute

\$100,000

To promote reconciliation and prevent further conflict in Cote d'Ivoire. IRI will work with the Colectif de la Societe Civile pour le Retour de la Paix en Cote d'Ivoire (the Civil Society Collective for the Return of Peace in Ivory Coast) to bring together communities to share concerns about conflict in their geographical region and offer suggestions for their peaceful resolution.

### Mouvement Ivoirien des Droits Humains (Ivorian Movement of Human Rights)

\$24,041

To promote national reconciliation. The Mouvement Ivoirien des Droits Humains will organize a multimedia campaign "Caravan for National Reconciliation" to promote dispute resolution and initiate a dialogue on healing communities in conflict. Activities will include public performances, films and meetings to unite communities in conflict.

### Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

\$39,877

To implement a conflict transformation program in Cote d'Ivoire. Funding will be used to cover start-up and institutional costs. Once established, the SFCG will hold conflict transformation trainings and facilitate dialogues on the peace process.

## Democratic Republic of Congo

### Action pour le Développement et la Paix Endogènes (Action for Indigenous Development and Peace) (ADEPAE)

\$30,000

To support civic education and democracy advocacy during the political transition in Congo. ADEPAE will organize a series of workshops on popular civic participation in eastern Congo to promote inter-ethnic dialogue on conflict resolution and reconciliation. ADEPAE will also hold a civil society consultation to strengthen democratic participation and produce a weekly civic education radio program.

### Association Africaine de Defense des Droits de l'Homme (African Association of Human Rights) (ASADHO)

\$70,000\*

To enhance the outreach of ASADHO through support of chapters across the DRC. ASADHO will review judicial procedures for minors and promote involvement of judges and lawyers in protecting human rights. ASADHO will also produce a radio program on justice issues, offer pro bono legal aid to victims of human rights abuse and publish a variety of human rights reports.

### Association des Jeunes Femmes du Maniema (Association of Young Women of Maniema)

\$16,280

To increase women's participation in human rights advocacy, ethnic cohabitation, nonviolence and democratization in Maniema province. The Association will host four workshops on the role of women in the peace process, a conference on peace and civic education for students and teachers, a multimedia campaign on regional human rights issues and monthly literacy trainings for women.

### Association pour le Développement des Initiatives Feminines au Maniema (ADIF) (Association for the Development of Women Initiative in Maniema)

\$20,000\*

To empower women in Maniema province. ADIF will organize a series of town hall discussions for women in the region's three largest cities to identify and analyze how to increase women's participation in the political life of the region. ADIF will supplement its advocacy efforts with a women's training workshop, a quarterly newsletter and a biweekly radio program.

### Centre des Droits de l'Homme et du Droit Humanitaire (Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Center)

\$60,000

To support a program of human rights advocacy, education and monitoring in the Katanga region of Congo. Funding will be used to conduct human rights training across the region, support activities of ten regional chapters, conduct human rights investigations, produce a

quarterly newsletter, publish education material in a local language and organize a moot court competition.

### Centre d'Etudes Juridiques Appliquées (Center for Applied Legal Studies) (CEJA)

\$60,000

To promote human rights through a program of advocacy, education and legal aid in the North Kivu province. CEJA will train 100 paralegals to offer practical recourse to victims of human rights abuse. The Center will also produce a publication on the human rights situation and a human rights education program on two local radio stations.

### Centre de Recherche sur l'Environnement, la Democratie et les Droits de l'Homme (Center of Research on Environment, Democracy and Human Rights) (CREDDHO)

\$20,000

To promote human rights through training seminars on citizen rights under the transitional constitution. CREDDHO will conduct biweekly monitoring trips to local prisons and detention centers to document the conditions of the prisons; follow-up its advocacy on behalf of victims of arbitrary arrest and continue distribution of its monthly newsletter.

### Centre Psycho-Médical Mater Misericordiae

\$40,000

To assist victims of war and human rights abuse in the DRC. The Center will conduct a program of human rights advocacy targeting victims of human rights abuse and security, military and police officials. Assistance for victims will include medical aid, psychological counseling and academic and financial support. The Center will also assist rehabilitated victims in paying for educational opportunities in order to integrate them back into society.

### Comité d'Action pour le Développement Integral (Action Committee for Integral Development) (CADI)

\$30,000

To implement a program to increase community leaders' awareness in preparation for the upcoming elections. The program will consist of workshops to

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sensitize leaders on democratic principles, meetings between local authorities and leaders of each town on the political transition and a radio program to inform the general population on elementary notions of democracy.

## **Convergences**

**\$45,000**

To support a program of human rights advocacy and education in the North Kivu region of Congo. Funding will be used for human rights training programs, local community education programs, a conference on civic education in schools, a newsletter and radio programs.

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

**\$35,000**

To reconcile parties of conflict and promote a culture of tolerance in Kasai province. FEDHO will organize a series of seminars with churches, local government leaders, university students and journalists to discuss the roots of local tensions and methods to manage latent conflicts. FEDHO will also produce radio programs on peace and conflict resolution and will continue to provide pro bono legal assistance to victims of human rights abuse.

## **Fondation pour le Renforcement des Capacités des Populations (Foundation for the Reinforcement of the Capacity of the Population) (FORECAP)**

**\$35,000**

To help enhance the human rights situation in Maniema province through an education, advocacy and documentation program. FORECAP's activities will include human rights training in the three major cities; developing 20 human rights clubs in rural areas of Maniema province; monitoring prisons and publishing a quarterly newsletter and special human rights reports for distribution.

## **Global Rights**

**\$183,580**

To strengthen the capacities of human rights groups in eastern Congo. Global Rights will provide institutional assistance, training and technical support. As a supplement to training activities, Global Rights will make ten small grants to local groups and organize consulta-



In October, NED staff conducted training for NED's DRC grantees on grants management and auditing procedures. NED made grants to 31 NGOs in the DRC in 2004.

tions with NED partner organizations throughout the Congo.

## **Groupe Jeremie**

**\$25,000**

To support a broad program of peace education, human rights training and advocacy in the South Kivu region of Congo. Funding will be used to publish a newsletter, produce a radio program, conduct a series of human rights trainings and monitor human rights abuses around the region.

## **Groupe Lotus**

**\$70,000**

To continue its program of human rights education, monitoring and advocacy in Oriental Province. Activities will include the dissemination of press releases and newsletters on the human rights situation in the region and a series of training sessions on conflict resolution and the democratic transition for ethnic associations, churches, union members, and community leaders.

## **Groupe Lufalanga pour la Justice et la Paix (Group Lufalanga for Justice and Peace)**

**\$35,000**

To conduct a civic education and human rights program aimed at youth groups in Kisangani. The program will include training sessions on the tenets of democracy and human rights, as well as local issues of concern to youths, such as advocacy strategies and how to organize and run youth human rights groups.

## **Haki Kwetu (Our Rights)**

**\$35,000**

To implement a youth program on ethnic tolerance. Haki Kwetu will create human rights clubs in schools through which students will engage in street theater, musical performances, and sports that will integrate different ethnic groups and encourage them to work together. Teachers will receive materials to train other teachers on incorporating human rights into the curriculum.

## **Haki za Binadamu (Human Rights)**

**\$45,782**

To support a broad ranging program aimed at advocating for peace, respect for human rights and an end to impunity in the Maniema region of Congo. Funding will be used to conduct training programs and human rights investigations, as well as to provide legal assistance.

## **Jeunes Paysans en Action (Rural Youth in Action)**

**\$22,000**

To encourage youth participation in the political process in the Bas Congo region of Congo. Funding will be used to conduct education programs, train a cadre of local trainers and organize a series of ongoing programs in 15 villages.

## **Justice and Peace Commission of the Diocese of Kindu (JPC)**

**\$29,832**

To implement a human rights education, advocacy and training program in the Maniema Province. The JPC will conduct workshops on women's rights and



Congo en Images, which received a NED grant in 2003, produced several comic strips, like the one above, to educate citizens about the political transition, safety and security, and local participation.

democracy for women leaders; establish two local offices to conduct human rights monitoring and advocacy projects and monitor prisons and the provision of legal, medical and material assistance to prisoners.

### **La Voix des Sans Voix (Voice of the Voiceless) (VSV)**

**\$70,000\***

To support human rights advocacy and monitoring in Congo. VSV will continue to lobby government officials and inform the media through press releases and direct contact. In addition, VSV will also publish a newsletter and collaborate with other human rights organizations on human rights issues of national importance.

### **Les Amis de Nelson Mandela (Friends of Nelson Mandela) (LANM)**

**\$60,000**

To help build support and understanding for human rights in Congo. LANM will bring together its network of activists to discuss strategies for expanding human rights throughout the Congo. LANM will conduct human rights sessions in four regions of Congo and continue its media outreach campaign, including

press releases, press conferences and a quarterly newsletter.

### **Ligue des Electeurs (League of Voters) (LE)**

**\$60,000\***

To help consolidate the electoral process by increasing access to timely information in DRC. LE will coordinate three advocacy networks to focus on identifying strategies to make elections in Congo free and fair. LE will produce and distribute six reports on the most critical electoral issues and conduct advocacy work by hosting monthly roundtable discussions.

### **Maniema-Libertés**

**\$30,000**

To conduct a peace education and advocacy program. Maniema-Libertés will facilitate seminars on peace and democracy; a conference on how to promote democracy and tolerance; a joint campaign by the religious leaders to disseminate this message; a legal guide to the political transition and radio programs and videos related to human rights and peace.

### **Promotion de la Democratie et Protection des Droits Humains (Promotion of Democracy and Protection of Human Rights) (PDH)**

**\$25,000**

To enhance the local judicial system by providing legal aid to indigent people. PDH will visit seven prisons and detention centers in North Kivu and publish its findings. PDH will also organize two workshops focusing on different aspects of the functioning of the local judicial system and provide regular information through its radio programs.

### **Promotion et Appui aux Initiatives Féminines (Promotion and Support of Women's Initiatives)**

**\$70,000**

To continue a program of human rights education, documentation and advocacy. Program activities will include capacity building workshops for women activists; a radio program on human rights issues and problems specific to women; publication of a monthly newsletter on the human rights situation and the role of women in the transition and human rights monitoring.

### **Radio Maendeleo**

**\$54,490**

To continue broadcasting unbiased news and information in the southern Kivu region. Funding will be applied towards developing and maintaining listening clubs, equipment and program development and production. A conference will also be organized to strengthen and institutionalize community radio efforts in eastern Congo.

### **Solidarité des Femmes de Fizi pour le Bien-être Familial (Solidarity of the Women of Fizi for Family Well-being) (SOFIBEF)**

**\$28,385**

To educate and empower victimized women in eastern DR Congo. SOFIBEF will organize four seminars on transitional justice and human rights. It will also implement an awareness campaign on the peace process and transitional government as well as legally assist and counsel victims of sexual violence.

### **Solidarité pour la Promotion Sociale et la Paix (Solidarity for the Promotion of Social Issues and Peace) (SOPROP)**

**\$35,220**

To develop a civic education program for high schools. The teachers in the program will use the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other human rights documents to discuss peace and democracy. SOPROP will also organize a vocational training program for victims of violence; publish a journal on political rights and monitor the situation in North Kivu.

### **Umoja wa Wanawake wa Kulima (United Women's Farmers)**

**\$25,680**

To support increased participation of women in the political process in Maniema province of Congo. Endowment funding will support a program of democracy and human rights training in seven localities; provide for monthly roundtable meetings and support discussion with teachers and students regarding institutionalized civic education.

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## Voix du Handicapé pour les Droits de l'Homme (Voice of the Handicapped for Human Rights) (VHDH)

\$42,800

To promote increased political participation of marginalized groups in Kasai province. Activities will include workshops on the barriers to political participation for women, youth and the handicapped; a series of roundtables on the promotion of constitutional protections and a continued mass media campaign to discuss issues related to dialogue and political inclusiveness.

## Ethiopia

### Center for International Private Enterprise

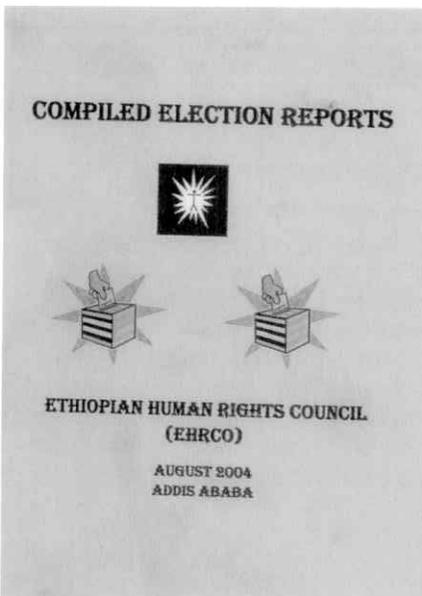
\$70,567

To assist the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce in its radio program, *Voice of the Addis Chamber*. The program provides business news and information to the business community and the public, with special emphasis on civic participation in preparation for the 2005 elections.

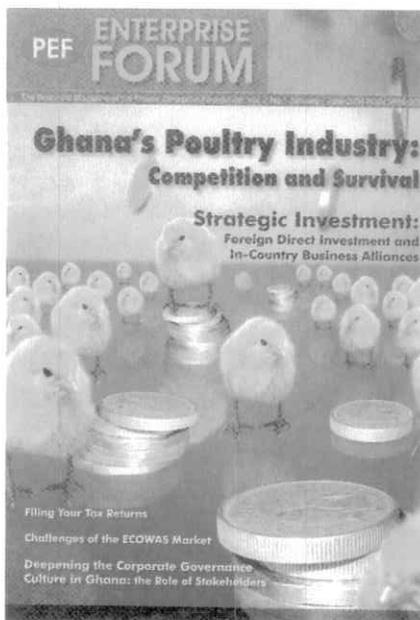
### Peace and Development Committee

\$25,000

To conduct a human rights education program in Ethiopia. The Committee will conduct human rights training sessions for citizens and government officials on civic education and capacity building.



The Ethiopian Human Rights Council, which received a NED grant in 2002, published this research report on election results.



CIPE worked with the Private Enterprise Foundation (PEF) to produce the above publications on government and private enterprise in Ghana.

## Ghana

### Center for International and Private Enterprise

\$94,276

To promote government reforms of state-owned enterprises in Ghana. CIPE will help strengthen the Parliament's sub-committee on Social Welfare, Employment, and State Enterprises, promote the drafting of a Public Directors Accountability Bill, hold seminars for journalists and lead a public information campaign.

## Kenya

### International Republican Institute

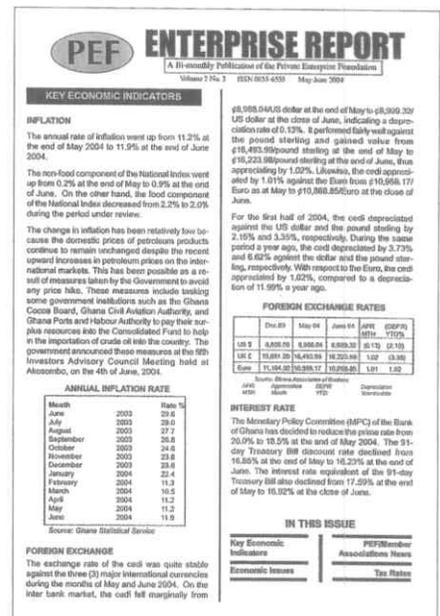
\$150,000

To assist in consolidating Kenya's democratic gains. IRI will strengthen the roles of both coalition opposition members of parliament, enhance coordination and communication among party members of parliament and promote women's participation through a series of capacity building workshops targeting less experienced members of parliament.

### International Republican Institute

\$25,000

To aid Citizens Against Violence (CAVI) in reducing widespread violence in informal settlements and universities in Nairobi that threatens Kenya's democratic development. With IRI support, CAVI will coordinate consultative meet-



ings, outreach, capacity development, and awareness creation activities for residents of informal settlements and students at Kenyan public and private universities.

### The International Center for Constitutional Research and Governance (ICCRG)

\$44,180

To provide a forum for information exchange on democracy and constitutionalism and to promote human rights and the rule of law. NED will provide funding to train government officials and law students in the rule of law and engage them in Kenya's process of redrafting the constitution. ICCRG will also organize an annual Constitutional Rights Seminar.

### Kabissa

\$36,730

To increase collaboration among African democrats. Kabissa will identify ways in which the Internet can enhance communication with and between Africa Democracy Forum members. Kabissa will provide advice and support for the installation, setup and implementation of the website comprising an online database of ADF members and democracy projects throughout the continent.

## Liberia

### Association of Liberian Professional Organizations (ALPO)

\$50,271

To strengthen the capacity of the civil society organizations in the Mano River Union. ALPO will conduct a series of leadership training workshops in each of the Mano River Union countries—Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. ALPO will broadcast short-wave radio programs and expand its research center.

### Center for Democracy and Elections (CENDE)

\$32,000

To raise public awareness about civic duties and rights, reconciliation and the rule of law for a representative and durable democracy in post-war Liberia. CENDE will conduct civic education trainings in ten counties, hold workshops to explain the Elections Law and the Constitution of Liberia, organize community democracy forums and publish a quarterly newsletter.

### Center for Law and Human Rights

\$44,000

To assist victims of human rights abuse in Liberia. CLHRE will provide pro bono legal aid, as well as organize human rights workshops for teachers, civil society members and ordinary citizens, produce human rights education radio programs and report human rights abuses.

### Center for Peace Education and Democracy (COPE)

\$28,000

To create awareness of the danger of proliferation of small arms and light weapons. COPE will organize for community leaders, civil society activists, government officials, religious leaders, youth and journalists various awareness and education workshops on the proliferation of small arms.

### Center for Sustainable Human Development, Inc.

\$20,000

To provide civic education and a forum for Liberians to express their views and concerns. The Center will establish an information research center to house the community radio station and provide access to civic and voter information. The



ALPO provided support to civil society organizations in the Mano River Union, including the Civil Society Movement of Liberia.

### Maasai Environmental Resource Coalition (MERC)

\$27,000\*

To promote greater understanding of the constitutional debate, grassroots democracy and peaceful coexistence among Kenya's multiethnic nomadic constituencies. MERC will conduct a civic education campaign on human rights, democracy, the political process and the new constitution in Narok district. The campaign will be expanded to Kenya's four other principal nomadic constituencies.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$250,000

To promote government accountability. NDI will continue to work with Kenya

political parties to increase their understanding of their constituencies' concerns, as well as their ability to respond constructively to these concerns and to establish themselves as integral participants in Kenyan politics.

### Social Needs Network

\$21,294\*

To empower people of the Gusii Highland Region to understand the new constitution, make informed decisions and embrace democratic principles. The Social Needs Network and nonparliamentary delegates to the National Constitutional Conference will assist in civic education on the draft of the constitution by producing and broadcasting call-in radio programs and a series of training seminars to discuss the constitution with the public.

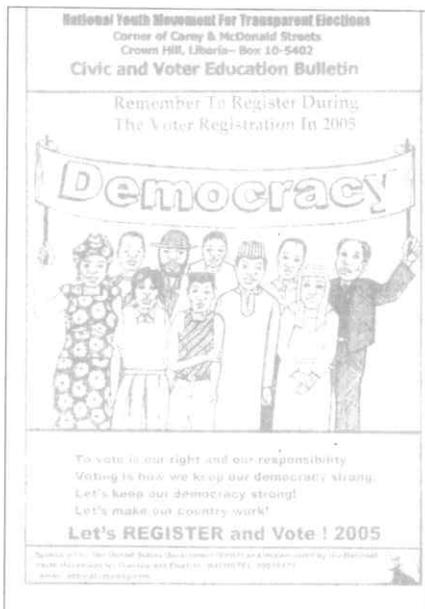


The Kenya Institute of Management's Africa Business Association Training program, which received assistance from CIPE, held a training workshop on reducing the size of Kenya's informal sector.





Zorzor District Women's Care, Inc. conducted a human rights training for rural women in Liberia, most of whom had been displaced by the civil war.



NAYMOTE produced the Civic and Voter Education Bulletin to encourage Liberian young people to register and vote in the 2005 elections.

### Press Union of Liberia (PUL)

\$40,000\*

To build the capacity of media professionals. PUL will work with journalists on skills pertaining to election monitoring and reporting to improve the professional standards of journalists and to champion the cause of press freedom, free speech and social justice. PUL will defend journalists, host a monthly lecture forum and organize workshops, meetings and a civic education program in the run up to Liberia's elections in October 2005.

### Prisoners Assistance Program

\$30,840

To empower local communities to respond peacefully to human rights violations. The Program will organize workshops for community leaders on topics such as monitoring and social mobilization skills; implement a human rights awareness campaign; create community-based action structures and monitor and document the respect for human rights by soldiers of the UN Mission in Liberia and the Interim Police Force.

### Rural Human Rights Activists Program (RHRAP)

\$32,000

To conduct a grassroots human rights education program. RHRAP will conduct several workshops and hold discussions to address various topics such as the dangers of ethnic, tribal and religious conflicts and topics related to peace building. Other activities include producing billboards targeted at the illiterate portion of the population as well as radio broadcasts.

### Zorzor District Women Care, Inc. (ZODWOCA)

\$18,655

To implement a human rights and democracy education program. ZODWOCA will host a training-of-trainers workshop on issues such as women's rights, communication in advocacy and human rights monitoring. ZODWOCA will also produce calendars and billboards highlighting women's issues.

## Mozambique

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$150,000

To enhance the capacity of two rival trade unions in Mozambique to participate effectively in tri-partite dialogue. ACILS will employ Brazilian trade unionists to organize a series of workshops enhancing labor dispute resolution skills, including worker rights violations, allegations of racism, wildcat industrial strikes and freedom of association.

### International Republican Institute

\$150,000

To encourage Mozambique's political parties to develop platforms inclusive of democratic ideals, ethics and the views of the electorate. Party trainings will focus primarily on the six month period prior to the national election and will cover the conceptual framework of a political party, organization and management of local structures, internal communications and strategy development.

## Namibia

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$140,320

To develop capacity and skills within the Namibian Food and Allied Workers Union. Activities will strive to protect worker rights and strengthen democratic institutions and processes during an economic crisis in Namibia. The Solidarity Center will organize worker education programs by developing specific skills such as leadership, organizing and negotiating.

## Niger

### Africare

\$70,220

To encourage women's participation in development and democracy. Africare will provide trainings on management, promoting women in democracy and lobbying to local NGO's. Africare will also provide assistance to NGOs implementing projects promoting women in development and democracy.

**Association Nigérienne pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (Nigerien Association for the Defense of Human Rights) (ANDDH)**

\$42,025\*

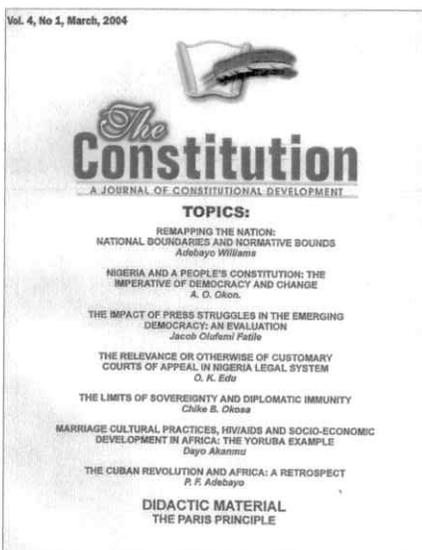
To promote democratization and human rights protection in Niger. ANDDH will investigate human rights violations and provide legal assistance. ANDDH will also conduct civic education by organizing seminars, producing debates broadcast on rural radio stations, training and deploying election observers, monitoring election related activities and producing a written evaluation of the elections.

## Nigeria

**Center for Constitutionalism and Demilitarization (CENCOD)**

\$32,000

To continue to produce the journal, *The Constitution: A Journal of Constitutional Development*. The journal provides intellectual perspectives on various issues such as democracy, demilitarization and constitutionalism. CENCOD will also launch a public lecture series on democracy to improve critical debate on the democratic transition.



NED grantee Centre for Constitutionalism and Demilitarization produced the above journal, *The Constitution*, which discusses constitutional development in Nigeria.

**Centre for Development Research and Advocacy (CDRA)**

\$26,470\*

To improve community understanding of human rights and democracy in northern Nigeria. Through training workshops and human rights clubs, CDRA will improve community based organizations' and religious groups' capacities to monitor shari'a court proceedings, report human rights violations and engage state governments on issues of democracy and human rights.

**Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG)**

\$50,344\*

To strengthen the social contract between legislators and the electorate in southwest Nigeria. Activities will include a needs assessment, a two-day workshop in each of the six selected senatorial districts, legislature consultations and a widespread community mobilization campaign.

**Center for Law and Social Action (CLASA)**

\$34,758

To advocate for political finance reform, promote political party and campaign financing transparency and discourage corruption in political culture. CLASA will organize policy dialogues for political leaders, activists and representatives from labor, media, civil society and academia. CLASA will produce advocacy briefs on financial legislation to highlight the importance of political finance reform to democratic consolidation in Nigeria.

**Centre for Research and Documentation (CRD)**

\$20,944\*

To empower civil society to demand transparency and accountability from political leaders in northern Nigeria. CRD will promote democratic governance and defend human rights under shari'a law through training seminars and advocacy activities with community leaders, activists, religious organisations, youth and women's associations, journalists and police officers.

**Civil Liberties Organization (CLO)**

\$65,000

To encourage participation in local politics. CLO will conduct training workshops for civil society activists on

human rights, advocacy and monitoring; hold follow-up meetings to address local strategies for enhancing local monitoring and continue publication of its quarterly magazine and its annual human rights report.

**Committee for the Protection of People's Dignity (COPPED)**

\$38,110\*

To promote tolerance and respect for a pluralistic society among young people from various cultures, religions and regions in Nigeria. COPPED will provide a forum for youth to exchange opinions and make recommendations by organizing four camps for young people from across Nigeria.

**Community Action for Popular Participation (CAPP)**

\$33,350\*

To advocate for increased public participation in budget expenditure planning and analysis. CAPP will promote an increased role for civil society actors in water resource management. CAPP will also build civil society's participation in public resource management in Nigeria's Middle Belt and northwest through workshops, community networking, coalition building and publications.

**Eastern Youths Democratic Forum**

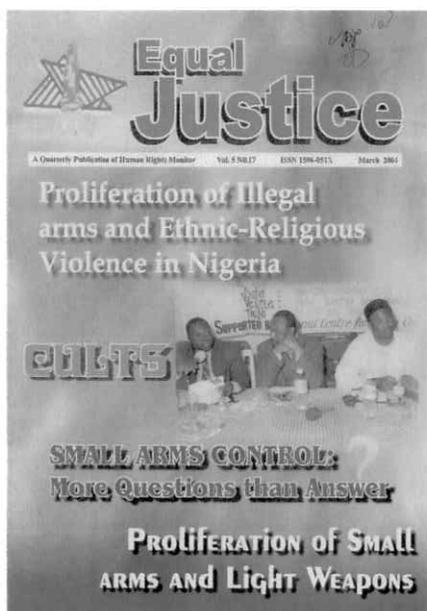
\$27,072

To encourage youth political participation in southeastern Nigeria. Eastern Youths will publish *Masthead* magazine; distribute posters on peace and democracy; train youth from Imo, Abia, Anambra, Enugu and Ebonyi States in computer skills and career development and organize roundtable discussions with youth groups on sociopolitical problems afflicting Imo and Abia States.

**Gender and Human Values Proactive**

\$23,985\*

To promote a democratic culture of good governance and women's political participation in northern Nigeria. Gender and Human Values Proactive will host roundtable meetings between local government leaders and community based organizations in Zamfara State; produce handbooks on democracy and human rights and host a biweekly radio call-in program, *Democracy in Action*.



*Equal Justice*, a quarterly publication produced by the Human Rights Monitor, reports on the human rights situation in Nigeria.

### Human Rights, Justice and Peace Foundation (HRJPF)

\$27,000\*

To conduct a democracy and conflict-mitigation program in southeastern Nigeria. The program will work to stem youth vigilante violence and politically motivated revenge killings and impart the skills needed by politicians and youth to resolve conflict through nonviolent and socially constructive means. HRJPF

will organize discussions with state parliamentarians in Nigeria; host civil society training programs; hold school essay competitions, debates and quizzes; broadcast radio programs and publish a newsletter.

### Human Rights Monitor

\$38,000\*

To encourage civil society involvement in the legislative budget process. The Monitor will conduct good governance workshops on monitoring the process, as well as the technical and strategic approaches to budget analysis. HRM will continue to monitor the human rights situation and document issues through its media campaign and quarterly magazine.

### HURILAWS

\$40,681

To continue electoral system reform. HURILAWS will work to draft an electoral reform bill to the National Assembly. HURILAWS will conduct a study on electoral reform and generate a strategy paper on recommended reforms and action plans. The paper will be presented to various sectors of society for discussion before HURILAWS drafts an Electoral Reform Bill. HURILAWS will also launch an advocacy campaign for the Electoral Act.

### Independent Advocacy Project (IAP)

\$35,230

To promote greater transparency in the Nigerian government. IAP will assess the level of corruption in Nigerian government institutions, intensify the public debate on corruption and governance and advocate for strengthening anti-corruption legal and administrative frameworks. IAP will conduct surveys on corruption in several cities and compile a national corruption index. Endowment funds will also be used to organize a conference to review survey findings.

### Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

\$38,694

To encourage political participation and governmental accountability in the Niger Delta. The Institute will organize town hall meetings in core states of the Niger Delta region, hold roundtable discussions led by Nigerian experts on good governance, lead a training seminar for local journalists and organize training sessions for local government chairpersons.

### Nigerian Automobile Technicians Association (NATA)

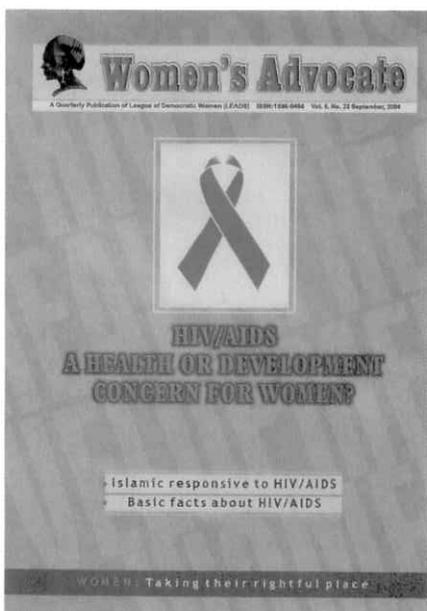
\$25,467

To encourage active participation of the informal sector in the democratization process. NATA will continue publication of its journal *Grassroots Democracy Digest* in four languages. The journal will be distributed to NATA leaders and activists, as well as government officials, community based organizations and democracy activists around the country.

### United Action for Democracy

\$25,000

To undertake a campaign to strengthen local government. United Action will host a conference to develop strategies for reforming local government councils for representatives of civil society organizations. The conference's proposals will be presented at a workshop for modifications and then used to initiate an advocacy campaign aimed at building support for specific reforms.



The League of Democratic Women in Nigeria, which received a grant in 2003, produced an English and Hausa version of *Women's Advocate*, a magazine on women's rights.



# Africa

## Women in Nigeria-Kaduna (WIN)

\$30,000\*

To improve women's representation in strategic decision-making bodies. WIN-Kaduna will promote affirmative action for women in government and push for the institutionalization of better women's representation in Kaduna State government through workshops, advocacy, lobbying and a media campaign.

## Youngstars Foundation

\$22,319\*

To encourage youth participation. The Foundation will defend freedom of expression among youth in northern Nigeria, strengthen youth communication with government officials and promote leadership development. Youngstars will host democracy town hall meetings on freedom of expression in a democratic environment. Youngstars will also organize internships for young people with government offices and publish a youth handbook on democracy and free expression.

## Youth Action Group

\$20,448

To encourage positive youth contributions to Nigerian democracy. Youth Action Group will inform policy makers about problems facing youth and seek peaceful alternatives to youth violence. Youth Action Group will host a weekly call-in television program called Youth Parliament to promote an open debate with youth moderators and members of government. Program topics will include conflict resolution, HIV/AIDS, human rights and gender equity.

## Republic of Congo

### Centre des Droits de l'Homme et du Développement (Human Rights and Development Center)

\$18,484

To improve comprehension of human rights law among local advocates and broaden the media's contribution to peace building, human rights and the rule of law. CDHD will coordinate two certificate programs, one in fundamental human rights and another in judicial journalism and political analysis, entailing three months of intensive study and two months of practical field work for professional journalists and human rights activists.



Sierra Leonean students participate in a democracy and peace club sponsored by the Forum for Democratic Initiatives. The clubs strive to increase students' knowledge of and participation in the democracy movement.

## Association pour les Droits de l'Homme et l'Univers Carcéral (Association for Human Rights and Prisoner Rights) (ADHUC)

\$33,557

To consolidate peace by strengthening the protection of human rights. ADHUC will host a series of human rights workshops and training sessions in Brazzaville and the interior of Congo. The workshops will train leaders to monitor and document human rights violations and to act as mediators for the peaceful resolution of local conflicts.

## Senegal

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$75,986

To ensure that small business has a voice and ownership in the continued democratic and economic transition in Senegal. Through CIPE support, the National Union of Commerce and Industry of Senegal (UNACOIS) will develop its formal accounting and reporting systems that safeguard the integrity of the organization. The project will strengthen UNACOIS's advocacy, furthering the economic reform effort in Senegal.

## Sierra Leone

### Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CDHR)

\$30,000\*

To enhance the promotion and protection of human rights. CDHR will work to popularize the concepts and principles of local government, decentralization and the Local Government Act and to promote the defense of basic human rights principles by district and traditional leaders. CDHR will also host conferences on principles of local governance in Sierra Leone.

## For Di People Newspaper

\$20,000

To continue support to the free press. The independent newspaper *For Di People* will use Endowment support

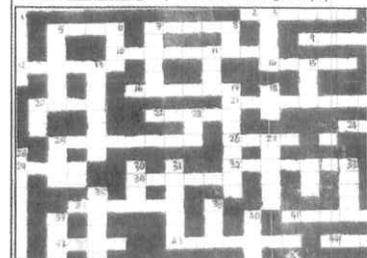
## Big Peace Crossword Puzzle!

### SCHOOLS DEMOCRACY AND PEACE CLUB

(An activity of Forum for Democratic Initiatives, FORDI)

### Play this puzzle and win Le 20,000.

Cut and send answer to *Independent Observer*, 1 Short Street, Freetown not later than **next Wednesday**. Only school children are eligible to play.



- 15. Push mobile this play to parliament (4)
- 17. First mobile clubhouse here (5)
- 18. It is as the eye (3)
- 19. It later means (20)(7)
- 20. Platy system (2)
- 21. Strip (5)
- 22. It goes with just human effort (3)
- 23. Hill Family is good (4)(6)
- 24. Small group is UN's for a specific activity (5)
- 25. Physical state is from outside (5)(4)
- 26. Tyrants do it? (3)
- 27. In our name is being built (5)
- 28. First bank in (2)(4)(6)
- 29. Bills pass it in (5)(4)
- 30. Cleaned out (3)
- 31. Staff that is sign of authority for speaker (4)
- 32. Maybe they do (4)
- 33. Group of prisoners in court to help with (4)
- 34. Regulation (5)
- 35. Organization that correct national matter (5)
- 36. Parliament class (5)
- 37. Same as national or others (5)
- 38. Sale or market (3)
- 39. Kabbalah sign and symbol that contrasts (5)
- 40. Official name or symbol that contrasts (5)
- 41. Same as UN (5)
- 42. Overseas parliamentary debate (5)
- 43. Say yes to Parliament (3)
- 44. Treaty (3)
- 45. Go against an opponent (5)
- 46. President name is to name (4)
- 47. Not legal (7)
- 48. Change for this way (5)
- 49. Prohibition of Kabbalah and Bureaux (7)
- 50. First Nigerian here (5)
- 51. 1<sup>st</sup> ceremonial president of Sierra Leone (4)
- 52. Law (7)
- 53. Franchise (5)

- 1. Member originally Hassan Amini (5)
- 2. River name in (4)(3)(4)(5)
- 3. Desired supporter (5)
- 4. Counts give it from Central Area (7)
- 5. Muslims been a (4)(5)
- 6. Among international (5)(4)(3)
- 7. Famous Koro name (5)
- 8. Home in our country's name (4)
- 9. Small behaviour that's (4)(3)

**ACROSS**

2. Money factor in Parliament (5)

**DOWN**

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5. Muslims been a (4)(5)

6. Among international (5)(4)(3)

7. Famous Koro name (5)

8. Home in our country's name (4)

9. Small behaviour that's (4)(3)

**ADVERTISE WITH US**

Forum for Democratic Initiatives, which received NED funds in 2003, submitted this crossword puzzle with democratic themes for publication in a local newspaper.

to purchase a printing press and other basic equipment and supplies that will enable it to resume regular publication to report on conditions in Sierra Leone.

**Media Foundation for Peace and Development**

**\$29,000**

To use the broadcast media to facilitate interaction and dialogue between politicians and the population. The Media Foundation will purchase portable VHF radio transceivers to expand the rural outreach of its radio stations. The equipment will allow community participation in radio programs, including live shows, as well as enable roving journalists to use the transceivers in remote areas.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$250,000**

To implement a pilot program for a constituency outreach initiative in the Kono district. NDI will provide support for Kono members of parliament (MPs) in the representation and delivery of services and would seek to resolve confusion for both MPs and citizens on the roles and responsibilities of parliament.

**Sierra Leone Youths in Crisis Centers**

**\$21,151\***

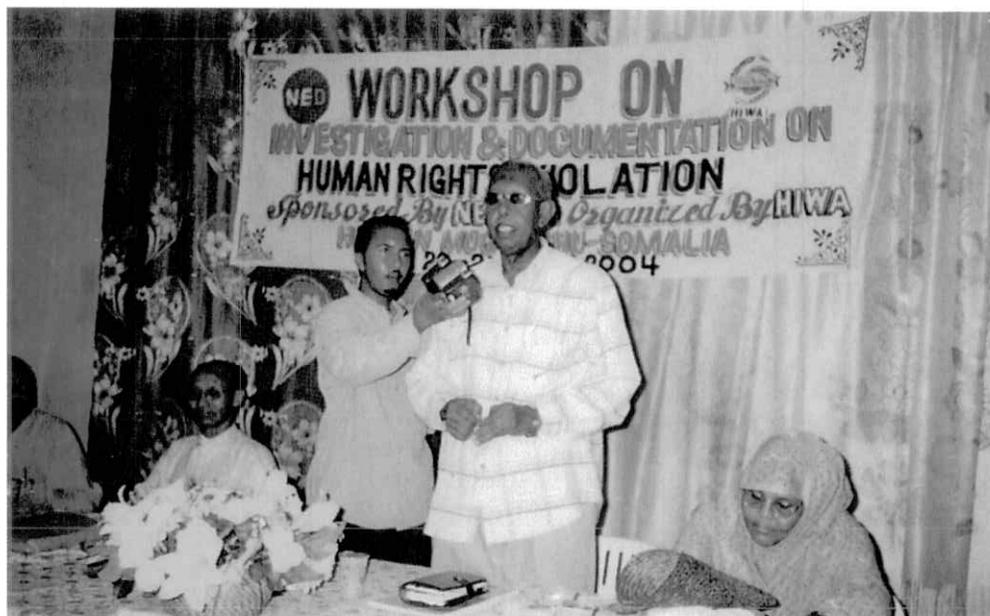
To promote civic participation and support civil society monitoring of district councils in Sierra Leone. The Center will train civil society and traditional leaders on participatory governance in Free-town and Bo. The Center will also use NED funds for voter education through local language musical and theatrical performances in the western area and southern province.

## Somalia

**Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CDHR)**

**\$24,460\***

To promote collective action among Somalia's civil society organizations. CDHR will work on strengthening the linkages between groups working on democracy, conflict management, human rights and development. The CDHR will hold a series of workshops on democratic institution building, democracy and legitimacy, human rights and conflict transformation.



In 2004, the Hiran Women's Association sponsored a series of trainings in Beledwyn, Somalia. This was a training on how to document human rights violations. The workshop pictured below focused on women's rights. Participants also discussed youth rights, female genital mutilation and good governance.



**Dr. Ismail Jumale Human Rights Organization (DIJHRO)**

**\$46,590\***

To strengthen the capacity of human rights organizations to investigate, document and advocate against human rights abuses. Activities will include human rights education seminars for women's organizations, the media and human rights organizations. DIJHRO will also continue its daily monitoring, investigation, documentation and advocacy on behalf of human rights throughout Somalia.

**Hiran Women Association**

**\$35,360\***

To increase the level of knowledge and support for human rights and democracy in the Hiran region and the capital of Somalia. The Association will conduct a series of trainings in Beledweyn, the capital of Hiran region, and Mogadishu for women, elders, intellectuals, youth, artists and religious leaders on women's rights, violence against women, girls' education, female genital mutilation, democracy and good governance.

## NED Grantee Spotlight: Yamayska Foundation

As Somalia continues to struggle to rebuild a state out of the anarchy that has persisted for the last 14 years, the need for a vibrant civil society and reconciliation among the many clans is critical. Since it was founded in 2001, the **Yamayska Foundation** has played a valuable role in resolving disputes among the people of Galkayo and the surrounding Mudug region. Using a traditional peace making process, known as the godad, and other tools of cultural significance, including poetry, Yamayska is increasing the understanding of democratic governance, human rights and conflict resolution in Somalia.



the society, since they transmit the wisdom of many generations. During the civil war, Somali women would often compose poetry to encourage their men in battle; at a recent workshop, however, one participant composed a song calling for “the people of Mudug to choose between two: peace or eternal hostility.” This was the first time such an attempt at reconciliation was made in Galkayo, and workshop participants praised Yamayska for taking the initiative.

In a recent workshop, Yamayska brought together community elders from the two opposing sides of Galkayo to discuss the need for rule of law, good governance and ways to coexist peacefully in the area. Participants analyzed conflicts that have plagued the region and different approaches to peacemaking. They also discussed the benefits of good governance and ways that Somalia’s traditional pastoral democracy could incorporate these concepts, and used case studies to understand the rule of law. Participants also looked at the role poetry had played in the civil war and reconciliation process. Somali culture is intensely oral; a written script was not introduced until 1973, and poets command enormous prestige in

Yamayska will continue to hold such workshops, cultivating a culture of negotiation and democracy that will be critical to rebuilding Somalia. In 2005, Yamayska will use Endowment funds to host a series of workshops with community elders from the Mudug region to discuss their differences and highlight the virtues of good leadership, human rights, and causes of social mistrust. Yamayska will also hold meetings for local authorities, including the mayor and chief of police, to promote the values of peace and stability.

Although efforts to mediate among Somalia’s many clans at the national level remain fragile, a peaceful solution to Somalia’s divisions could rest with an increasingly powerful and confident civil society, including groups such as the Yamayska Foundation.

### Horn of Africa Relief and Development Organization

\$31,042\*

To continue promoting democratic governance, peace and responsible community leadership, holistic natural resource management and human and animal health in the Sanaag region. Activities of the organization will include the training of 200 pastoral youth in six selected villages, a traditional camel caravan, entrepreneurial training, an intern program and small community development projects.

### HornAfrik Media Inc.

\$43,100\*

To enhance the capacity of journalists and strengthen their understanding of positive media campaigns for human rights and conflict resolution. HornAfrik will provide training for 20 journalists, who will then conduct field research in preparation for the production of radio programs. The program will include news reports, analysis and features that emphasize peaceful transformation of conflict and the opportunity for peace.



Journalists participate in a conflict reporting workshop sponsored by the Somali Journalist Network.



The Somali Journalist Network received Endowment funding in 2003 for a journalist training workshop in Mogadishu. The training focused on journalist safety and conflict reporting.



### Kisima Peace and Development Organization

\$28,720\*

To conduct a human rights program. Kisima will collect information about human rights problems and the condition of places of detention and of internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. Kisima will also conduct training workshops on various human rights topics such as monitoring and the guiding principles for IDPs.

### Somali Human Rights Action (SOHRA)

\$29,307\*

To institutionalize, promote and ensure the observation, respect and sustenance of human rights in Somalia. SOHRA will conduct a baseline survey of the human rights situation in Beledweyne and subsequently design and implement four human rights awareness seminars; a network of human rights committees and a team of Area Human Rights Monitors (AHRMs).

### Yamayska

\$20,000\*

To encourage Somalia's civil society to engage in democratic and peaceful solutions to Somalia's clan divisions and governance deficits. Yamayska will bring together elders and local authorities from Galkayo and the surrounding Mudug region in a series of workshops to discuss their differences and how they can coexist. Yamayska will also use newspaper inserts and radio programs to reinforce democratic ideals.

## Somaliland

### Agriculture Development Organization (ADO)

\$20,131\*

To empower farmer communities to advocate for their rights and promote good governance. The ADO will train village farmers on issues such as democratic rights, advocacy and how to set up farmer institutions. ADO will then assist the farmer committees in the organization of a common District Farmer Institution to advocate for their rights.

### Barwaaqo Voluntary Organization (BVO)

\$22,545\*

To encourage women's participation in the political process. BVO will conduct a program aimed at changing the negative attitude of men towards women in decision making and promote women's leadership, women's political rights and the appropriate methods to encourage women to participate fully in all aspects



Samo-Talis, which received an NED grant in 2003, produced and distributed this poster, which discourages female genital mutilation, throughout Somaliland.

of the democratic process, including the upcoming elections.

### Consortium of Somaliland NGOs (CONSONGO)

\$30,462\*

To strengthen civil society organizations' and elected officials' capacity and knowledge of democracy, free and fair elections, the rule of law and good governance. CONSONGO will conduct trainings for human rights organizations, minority groups and local leadership promoting democratic governance. NED funds will also be used to improve CONSONGO's monthly newsletter as well as broaden its media campaign.

### Gargaar Organization

\$20,628\*

To promote a greater understanding of the role of media in a new democracy in Somaliland. Gargaar will host three four

day workshops on democracy, human rights issues and journalism. In addition to the workshops, Gargaar will continue its ongoing activities of monitoring press freedom, advocating on behalf of media professionals and endorsing human rights and democracy awareness among the media.

### Institute for Practical Research and Training (IPRT)

\$37,480\*

To increase public transparency on issues in the House of Representatives. The Institute will work to further advance Somaliland's fledgling institutions through the publication of the *Xog Warran*, the official bulletin of the lower House. IPRT will also form group discussions and training workshops for the media to improve their skills.

### Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee (HAVOYOCO)

\$40,744\*

To enhance the capacity of marginalized groups to participate in the future of Somaliland. HAVOYOCO will use its circus as a community education tool, documenting performances for broadcast on the radio and television, as well as through newspaper coverage. HAVOYOCO will also organize youth capacity building workshops, as well as five youth symposiums on the political decision making process of Somaliland.

### Kulmis Umbrella Organization

\$18,180\*

To continue to promote women's rights in the society. The Kulmis Umbrella Organization will support gender equity and women's participation and access to resources through a program of training workshops for its member organizations on various topics related to women's rights, women in politics, civic education and strategic planning.

## South Africa

### International Republican Institute

\$50,000

To promote effective policy alternatives to proposed legislation that threatens to undermine freedom in South Africa by emphasizing liberty, good governance and economic freedom. IRI will support the South African Institute of Race Relations' watchdog program, monitoring the democratic process in South Africa and their progress to an un-prejudiced society.

## Sudan

### Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women Studies

\$40,000\*

To conduct a program of democracy training and the expansion of women's rights. The Babiker Badri Association will conduct workshops on democratic concepts and good governance for journalists, political parties, youth and NGO activists; continue publication of its women magazine; organize seminars on post-conflict collaboration and conduct research on violence against women.

### Centre for Documentation and Advocacy (CDA)

\$55,100\*

To create awareness among the southern Sudanese on peace, human rights and good governance. CDA will continue publishing and distributing its monthly magazine, *The South Sudan Post*. The organization will also publish various peace agreements and international conventions, conduct workshops in the Upper Nile Region and establish a community resource center in Akobo County.

### Community Development Center (CDC)

\$32,372\*

To raise human rights awareness and promote peace culture, tolerance and reconciliation in various communities in Upper Nile State. CDC activities will include investigation and documentation of human rights violations, provision of paralegal services for the disadvantaged, organization of civic education workshops on the Sudanese constitution

and the Naivasha protocols and distribution of booklets on human rights issues.

### The Environmentalists Society

\$40,000\*

To continue conflict mitigation in northern Darfur and expand its program to include the Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile State. Program activities will include regional training workshops on post-conflict society, peace and environment forums for internally displaced persons and the production and distribution of teaching manuals on conflict resolution and peace building in Sudan.



The Sudan Self-Help Foundation held a conflict resolution training in Darfur.

### Freedom Equality Peace Society (FEPS)

\$30,000\*

To build the capacity of youth for advocacy on democracy, conflict resolution and human rights. FEPS will organize a series of training-of-trainers workshops throughout Sudan targeting youth, nongovernmental and community based organizations. The workshops will address conflict resolution and peace, human rights and gender development, leadership skills and democracy, and facilitate a network of youth organizations in Sudan.

### Khartoum Monitor (Grand Service Co.)

\$20,000\*

To support an independent press. The Khartoum Monitor will continue its publication and reporting on issues of concern to southern Sudan. Monitor topics include the war, peace process, NGO activities, economic development and health for its target audience of southern Sudanese and international communities in Sudan.

### Mutawinat (Women Cooperating)

\$36,200\*

To empower Sudanese women by providing direct legal service. Mutawinat will offer legal aid to disadvantaged Sudanese women, taking on a target of 2,500 cases before the Sudanese courts in Khartoum and ten other cities. NED funds will also provide office rent, salaries and consultation enabling Mutawinat to reconstitute itself as a nongovernmental organization.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$140,634

To encourage political dialogue. NDI will conduct focus group research in southern Sudan that will gauge the southern Sudanese population's opinions and viewpoints and provide information on the southern perspective that has not been previously available on a variety of issues.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$80,514\*

To gauge citizen's views and encourage political dialogue. NDI will conduct focus group research in northern Sudan that will gauge the population's opinions and viewpoints. The program will provide information on the northern perspective that has not been previously available on a variety of issues.

### Nile Institution for Strategic Policy and Development Studies

\$28,200\*

To establish a think tank in southern Sudan. The institution will conduct research on the Machakos Protocol and how to establish a democratic government; organize brainstorming workshops; and produce a summary of issues of concern and their future implications.

### Sudan Council of Churches (SCC)

\$39,700\*

To enlist a team of American trainers from the Conflict Resolution, Research and Resource Institute and the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy to develop a training curriculum to advocate negotiation, collaborative planning and cooperative problem solving. SCC staff will be trained on the developed curriculum,



## The Sudan Monitor

A Quarterly Magazine of the Sudan Human Rights Association

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### Helpless orphans, a product of armed conflict



### LRA causes new influxes of refugees

The Sudan Monitor, published by the Sudan Human Rights Association, highlights refugee rights.

field test the curricula and implement these skills through various projects.

#### Sudan Human Rights Association (SHRA)

\$46,840

To raise awareness of the plight of refugees in Sudan, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya and to sensitize refugees of their human rights. SHRA will monitor and document refugee situations while also giving refugees tools to help them recognize and protect their rights. SHRA will create a website, produce a quarterly magazine and write an annual country report.

#### Sudan Human Rights Organization

\$100,000\*

To promote human rights, Islamic justice and education reform. The Organization will conduct research on shari'a law; produce a journal; monitor human rights

violations; provide legal aid services to internally displaced persons; organize training workshops for trade unionists, farmers, women and student leaders and produce an Islamic Justice Encyclopedia.

#### Sudan Self-Help Foundation

\$19,838\*

To raise public understanding of human rights, rule of law, peace building and socio-economic development. The Foundation will conduct extensive trainings for internally displaced persons and other disadvantaged communities on human rights and peace building, as well as numerous outreach training programs targeted at internally displaced persons.

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

#### Sudanese Studies Center

\$60,000

To undertake a democracy and peace building project targeting youth, political party leaders, women and journalists. The Center will host a conference on education and conduct a program to research and monitor the problem of corruption in government ministries and the private sector. The Center will also conduct a survey to assess public perceptions of corruption and utilize the results to launch a public campaign against corruption.

#### United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP)

\$50,000\*

To raise the awareness of citizens of Darfur on human rights, democracy and good governance. The UNCFSP will open a field office and establish a Project Advisory Group to identify and

access focus communities, and produce a comprehensive and detailed human rights report to serve as a guideline for the implementation of a series of workshops and focus group activities.

## **Voters Education Center**

**\$40,000\***

To address the great need for civic education to increase the chance for free and fair voting. The Center will establish four offices to hold public meetings and produce publications. The publications will explain the meaning of self-determination, the relationship between voting in a referendum and voting for political representatives and the responsibilities of a voter towards these democratic institutions.

## **Tanzania**

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$76,315**

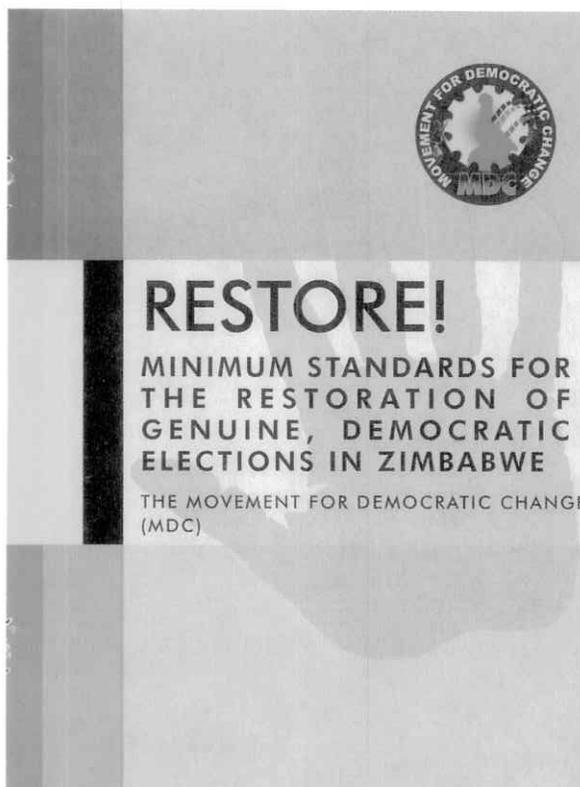
To collaborate with the Confederation of Tanzania Industries to create a broad-based awareness of business rules and regulations in Tanzania and provide a forum for public debate and reform. By educating its members, government and the general public, the project will contribute to the building of a functioning, rules-based market economy that fosters economic growth and tax revenues to further social goals.

## **Togo**

### **La Conscience (The Conscience)**

**\$19,537\***

To reinforce a democratic culture with intensive civic education in schools and professional settings. La Conscience will conduct ten human rights and democracy education workshops and four social dialogues. Participants will be exposed to institutions and characteristics of a functioning democracy, human rights education and the responsibilities of civil society. An informational manual to guide the training will be produced in French, Ewe and Kabe.



NDI, along with its Zimbabwean subgrantee Movement for Democratic Change, produced this brochure about democratic electoral standards.

## **Uganda**

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$155,949**

To continue to support the Federation of Uganda Employees (FUE)'s work organizing local employers to understand and comply with the rule of law. CIPE's "Decentralizing Advocacy" program through FUE will advocate for policies and regulations that reflect local business input and stimulate local and outside investment.

### **Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)**

**\$80,000**

To investigate abuses of media freedom, judicial independence, human rights, conditions in IDP camps, democratic reform and peacebuilding in northern and eastern Uganda. Reports on research findings will be compiled into the Annual Human Rights Report on Uganda. Activities will also include a seminar on the African Court on Human Rights and an advocacy program to expand human rights protections.

### **International Republican Institute**

**\$175,000**

To encourage women's participation in the political transition, survey public opinion and provide a forum for dialogue between civil society and political parties. IRI will ensure women are incorporated into political parties, provide technical expertise and increasing local capacity to gauge public opinion and host issue-based dialogue for stakeholders.

### **Kituo Cha Katiba (Constitutional Center) (KCK)**

**\$37,237\***

To promote discussion on critical political issues and support advocacy efforts towards a multiparty democracy. KCK will organize a two day conference for 25 judges, lawyers and parliamentarians on rule of law and strengthening the judiciary. After the conference KCK will publish 100 conference reports for other NGOs working on similar issues.

### **National Democratic Institute**

**\$70,317**

To support and encourage the political shift to multipartyism in Uganda by enhancing the role of issue caucuses. NDI will conduct a series of consultative meetings with members of parliament to ascertain the status of existing issue caucuses and to gather information on parliamentary initiatives. NDI will also hold two roundtables to assist members of parliament with issues of concern to them and their nascent parties.

### **Lwo Development Incorporated (LDI)**

**\$35,100**

To strengthen peace building and psycho-social support among Acholi communities and traditional leaders in northern Uganda. LDI will reintegrate child soldiers into their communities using culturally appropriate conflict resolution mechanisms. LDI will also produce radio programs on peace and human rights and conduct peace meetings to train traditional chiefs in peace building methodology.

## Zimbabwe

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

*\$136,839*

To work with the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions to promote democracy prior to the 2005 parliamentary elections. Activities will include the development of civic and economic education materials to ensure the voice of the workers.

### Centre for Policy Studies

*\$40,055*

To prepare civil society to take an active role in political change in Zimbabwe and facilitate negotiations between politicians and civil society leaders in Zimbabwe on political transition. The Centre will conduct research and publish policy briefs on Zimbabwe's two main political parties, MDC and ZANU-PF. The Centre will also publish monographs on transition mechanisms and civil society's role in shaping a political transition.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

*\$100,436*

To strengthen political parties' capacity to compete in the electoral process and promote the establishment of a new electoral framework in Zimbabwe. NDI will further its support for Zimbabwe's political parties by helping strengthen their organizational capacity. NDI will organize retreats for political party leaders on assessing and improving the political climate in Zimbabwe.

### ZimRights

*\$24,807\**

To promote the spirit of non-violence, tolerance and democratic principles among youth. ZimRights will conduct research on conflict and related issues; host youth workshops and conflict resolution trainings in Harare province; organize peace marches and strengthen the network of youth organizations which will campaign against youth violence and promote tolerance and respect for divergent views.



In 2004, CIPE sponsored a conference on professionalism for the Nigerian Association of Small Scale Industrialists and Kenya's Jua Kali Association in Abuja, Nigeria.

## Africa Regional

### Africa Judicial Network (AJN)

*\$39,800*

To establish a secretariat in Kampala, Uganda. The Secretariat will serve an administrative and coordinating role for the Network. Funding will be applied towards the salary of the bilingual AJN executive secretary. The Secretariat will facilitate the exchange of lessons and practical information among AJN members concerned with the enforcement and maintenance of the rule of law.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

*\$186,840*

To strengthen union technological capacity. ACILS will organize a series of workshops in Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa increasing expertise with this new technology. Twelve unionists will participate, enhancing the capacity to leverage technology and advocate for better policies.

### Center for International and Private Enterprise

*\$152,825*

To strengthen the professional expertise of Kenyan and Nigerian businesses. The project will train members of the Nigerian Association of Small Scale Industrialists and Kenya's Jua Kali Association in management techniques, public policy advocacy and promotion of democratic development. These trainings will help reinforce business networks and equip Nigerian and Kenyan professional associations to contribute to their countries' consolidation of democracy, financial management and economic growth.

### International Republican Institute

*\$225,000*

To strengthen youth activism for democratization in Kenya, Somaliland, Sudan and Uganda. IRI will conduct a series of workshops that will enable young men and women leaders to better advocate for democratic reform, manage their organizations and build partnerships with peers within East Africa.



# Asia

2004 NED Asia Program Highlights



The December 26, 2004 tsunami devastated countries across the Indian Ocean region and threw a spotlight on two of the world's longest running civil conflicts, in Indonesia's Aceh Province and in the Tamil areas in the North and East of Sri Lanka. As the billions of dollars of aid begin to flow and the immediacy of the crisis begins to ebb, the choices the governments and opposition forces make in how they respond will determine whether the disaster will serve as a catalyst for positive change or will simply exacerbate tensions.

A variety of challenges continued to confront democrats in Asia throughout the year—including severe restrictions on all forms of political activity in authoritarian states; the weakness of state institutions designed to safeguard civil and political rights and pervasive corruption in more nominal democracies; and the increasing use of measures that undermine civil liberties and human rights as governments throughout the region introduce new tactics to combat terrorist networks operating in the region. Throughout 2004, NED continued to concentrate its resources

on organizations working to open up dictatorial systems and broaden rights and political space in semi-authoritarian countries. In addition, NED's work in Asia addressed two issues that extend beyond the region's borders: aiding democracy in the Muslim world and strengthening solidarity networks among democratic activists and thinkers.

Support for democratization efforts in **China** and **Burma**, where dissidents' demands for political reform continue to be met with heavy-handed repression, remained the Endowment's highest priority in Asia. In **China**,

the Endowment continued to provide support to programs advocating human rights, labor rights, and democracy, as well as programs designed to advance partial reforms in building market institutions, create a functioning legal system, and develop mechanisms to increase responsive and accountable local governance. Projects to improve government accountability and transparency included new work by independent groups based inside China on issues such as gaining access to the legal system to enforce citizen rights and exposing government mismanage-

ment of China's looming HIV/AIDS crisis. The Endowment's support for the free flow of information in China grew to encompass for the first time a grant to the Independent Chinese PEN Center, a newly founded member of International PEN, which campaigned for the release of imprisoned writers and organized events and programs inside China honoring the writings of banned authors. In addition, CIPE and several other NED grantees continued their support for independent public policy debate, including the highly regarded biweekly seminar series on economic and institutional reform held by the Unirule Institute of Economics.

Hard-hitting reporting and human rights advocacy were carried out by a number of NED grantees outside of China. In the **Hong Kong** Special Administrative Region of China, 2004 was the Endowment's second year of expanded support for local groups working to halt the erosion of civil liberties, including first-time support for Civic Exchange, an independent public policy think tank. The NED's programming in **Tibet** focused on providing civic education for the exile community, documenting human rights abuses, and fostering the flow of information into and out of Tibet. The Voice of Tibet, for example, used NED support for its daily Tibetan- and Chinese-language shortwave radio broadcasts, bringing Tibetans independent news, views and cultural programming as an alternative to the monopoly exercised by government-controlled mass media in Tibet.

In **Burma**, conditions deteriorated. The regime continued to restrict basic political freedoms, target civilians in ethnic areas where opposition groups continued to resist government control, and detain U Tin Oo and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of the National League for Democracy. Moreover, the regime removed from power Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and dismantled the entire intelligence apparatus he ran. The two leaders most identified as hardliners, Senior General Than Shwe and Deputy Senior-General Maung Aye, consolidated control and continued to pursue policies inimical to freedom. For the 14th year, NED continued large-scale assistance to the beleaguered Burmese democracy movement. Key areas of support included support to political prisoners and their families, human rights documentation and advocacy, independent media, labor organizing, ethnic

reconciliation, women's political participation, and transition research and preparation. In an outstanding new initiative, the Karen Women's Organization used NED support to introduce a democracy and human rights civic-education curriculum in high schools in Karen State, Burma.

The failed policies of **North Korea's** Kim Jong Il continue to generate the so-called "invisible exodus" of its citizens, who risk great danger to cross the border into China in order to flee conditions of extreme privation and repression. Yet the regime continued to respond to international pressure and overtures with belligerence and denial. In 2004, NED supported several grantees based in South Korea working to document and campaign against the abuses ravaging the people of North Korea. One of them, the Democracy Network Against North Korean Gulag, is the first organization founded by survivors of the North's prison-camp system. It plays a critical role in providing first-hand personal and eyewitness testimony exposing the hidden human rights abuses that the North Korean populace continues to suffer.

As General Pervez Musharraf solidified his control in **Pakistan**, conditions remained challenging for democratic activists. In 2004, the Endowment increased its support to local groups in Pakistan and both NDI and ACILS worked with local partners on projects addressing the free flow of information, civil society development, political participation, and labor rights education.

Elsewhere in the region, NED responded to the mixed picture of democratic development by targeting support for indigenous prodemocracy efforts where modest projects can have a disproportionate impact and where resources are scarce. This was particularly important in **Malaysia** and **Vietnam** and in NED's **regional programs**, where cross-border solidarity is necessary to sustain and strengthen local efforts in areas such as maintaining the free flow of information and supporting independent, professional journalism, election monitoring, human rights reporting, transparency and anti-corruption programs. The Asian Network for Free and Fair Elections worked closely with local partners conducting a wide range of election-monitoring work, providing critical moral and technical support from prominent groups and individuals across the region.

## Description of 2004 Grants: Asia

### Bangladesh

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$90,204

To strengthen the voice of the private sector in advocating a more bipartisan approach to policymaking. The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) will build upon its Economic Reform and Advocacy and Women's Entrepreneurial Development programs and develop policy papers on economic reforms.

### Burma

#### A) Capacity and Institutional Building

\$80,000\*

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

\$10,000\*

To support a democratic state constitution drafting process. The project will publish a proposed draft of a state constitution, translate it into six dialects and encourage discussion on the document and its implications for the local people.

\$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.

#### 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.



Burmese refugees rally in New Delhi, India to draw attention to the democracy struggle in Burma.

#### 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.

\$7,000\*

To promote the rights of women and children in northern Burma and to encourage understanding and cooperation among Burmese and ethnic-minority women. Projects will include a management training program, training in women's rights, an internship program and the publication of a newsletter.

\$7,500\*

To promote human rights among youth from eastern Burma. The organization will hold a ten-week training course for 16 young women, who will return to their homes upon completion of the course to teach students there about democratic principles and human rights.

\$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.

\$15,000\*

To empower ethnic-nationality youth in eastern Burma to play an active role in the struggle for human rights and democracy. Program activities will include the publication of a journal and computer and introductory politics classes.

\$20,000\*

To run a school for youth from eastern Burma. The school will provide nine months of intensive English-language classes, social studies and computer training for 20 youth each year.

\$25,000\*

To increase women's participation in Burma's democracy movement and provide ethnic-nationality women with the skills necessary to assume decision making positions in their communities and organizations. Projects will include women's empowerment and capacity building workshops, documentation and reporting on the situation of women and basic social services for women.

\$40,000\*

To promote increased understanding among Burmese women of human rights, women's rights, democracy, peace building, community development and health issues. Projects will include women's rights and empowerment training workshops for Burmese refu-

\*INDICATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDING BEYOND NED'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.



This constitutional workshop was held by the Burmese Lawyers' Council.

gees, capacity-building workshops for Burmese women and an ongoing peace advocacy program.

### **\$10,000**

To empower Burmese women now living in India. The organization will provide training courses on politics, computers and office administration to introduce women to basic political concepts, institutions and organizational systems.

## **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.

### **\$40,000\***

To increase understanding among Burmese women of human rights, women's rights and democracy. Projects will include a drop-in help center for migrant workers, a newsletter, lending libraries in neighboring countries, as well as a monthly discussion series for displaced women in refugee camps.

### **\$95,000\***

To continue to research and document the situation of political prisoners inside Burma; to provide assistance to political prisoners, former political prisoners and their families and to raise international awareness about the human rights crisis inside Burma.

### **\$60,000\***

To provide human rights education and training. The project will work to enhance the skills and knowledge base of human rights educators and organizations through training-of-trainers courses and a refresher course for experienced trainers. The program will also produce new versions of a well received "Human Rights Manual" in several minority languages.

### **\$50,000**

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

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

### **\$100,252**

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

### **\$300,000\***

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 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.

### **\$35,000\***

To develop a strong Asian constituency for political dialogue and national reconciliation in Burma. The committee will encourage greater cooperation with nongovernmental organizations, student groups and regional bodies in Asia. The committee will conduct diplomatic activities by visiting foreign embassies and consulates and will travel throughout Asia to build support for the democracy movement in Burma.



Journalists met at the Second Burma Media Conference to discuss the ways that the media can assist the Burmese democracy movement.

## **C) Humanitarian Assistance**

### **\$17,750\***

To provide emergency relief to the victims, or their families, of the May 30, 2003 attack on the National League for Democracy (NLD) at Dipeyan.

### **\$20,000\***

To build the capacity of the committee through training courses and workshops and to publish a bimonthly newsletter that highlights the plight of internally displaced persons.

### **\$30,000\***

To conduct a community health and education project. The program will carry-out activities to determine priorities and coordinate aid from foreign donors to meet the health and education needs of refugee populations in Thailand and ethnic populations inside Burma.

## **D) Information and Media**

### **\$10,000\***

To organize and convene the second Burma Media Conference. The conference will bring together over 40 Burmese journalists, including representatives from shortwave radio stations, and ethnic, Burmese, and English-language publications.

### **\$50,000\***

To publish and distribute a quarterly literary journal that features the works of prominent Burmese writers and intellectuals, that are banned from circulation inside Burma.



A NED grantee hosts a human rights and democracy training course for young women from Karen State.

### \$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 provide an alternative source of information in Burma. The project will continue to broadcast twice-daily Burmese and ethnic-language shortwave radio programs of independent news and opinion.

### \$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 its English-language magazine; to maintain its Burmese and English-language webpage and to expand its internships 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. The Center will distribute between 1,500 and 2,000 copies per issue in Burma, Thailand and internationally.

### \$15,000\*

To convene an international conference in India to inform and engage politicians, journalists and activists and to expand the base and scope of international support for democratic reforms in Burma.

### \$15,000

To distribute news and information about Burma through a daily Burmese and English-language email service and webpage.

### \$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, that provides news and information about eastern Burma.



The Burma Lawyers' Council held several trainings on constitutional development and the role of the military in a democratic society.

### \$15,000\*

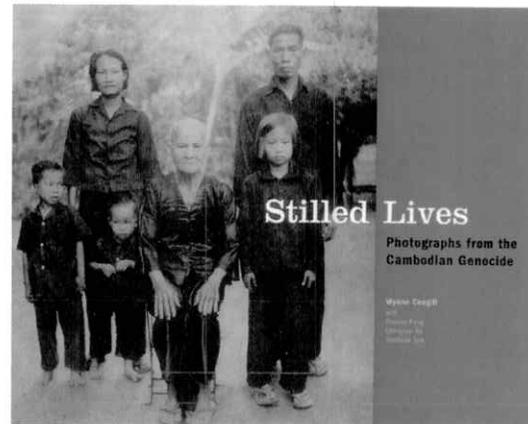
To publish a bilingual version of a monthly human rights newsletter to inform people about the basic principles of human rights and democracy, international mechanisms to protect human rights, and the human rights situation in eastern Burma.

## Cambodia

### Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee

### \$22,000

To investigate and press for action on important human rights cases. The National Action Committee will meet twice a month to review specific cases and issues referred by the organization's Investigation Sub-Committee, cover partial costs of the Investigation and Legislation sub-committees, and support travel and meeting costs for the Provincial Action Committees.



DC-Cam produced *Stilled Lives*, a photo archive of the Cambodian genocide.

### Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam)

### \$22,500

To support the initial stage of a multi-faceted education research and development project aimed at reversing the current silence in schools on the Khmer Rouge period in Cambodian history. DC-Cam will undertake two surveys to gauge the current status of genocide education in the country and develop a comprehensive annotated guide on resources that will help young people to understand their country's tragic history and its lessons for the future.

## China

### Legal Rights Education

\$115,000\*

To carry out several programs on legal education and rights awareness. Grantees will use media outreach, conduct workshops and produce publications to increase public awareness of existing international standards and Chinese laws designed to protect citizen rights. Grantees will also provide some direct legal aid and engage in advocacy promoting accountability, transparency and rule of law.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$200,705

To support the work of the China Labour Bulletin to educate workers in China about worker and trade union rights. The project will include a Chinese-language website that provides comprehensive information about the labor situation in China and support for a legal aid project that offers constructive approaches to dispute settlement in worker compensation and other labor law-related cases.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$125,000\*

To support a pilot program undertaken by China Labour Bulletin promoting labor rights information and assistance for rural Chinese workers. Activities will include two research reports analyzing Chinese labor and trade union laws.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

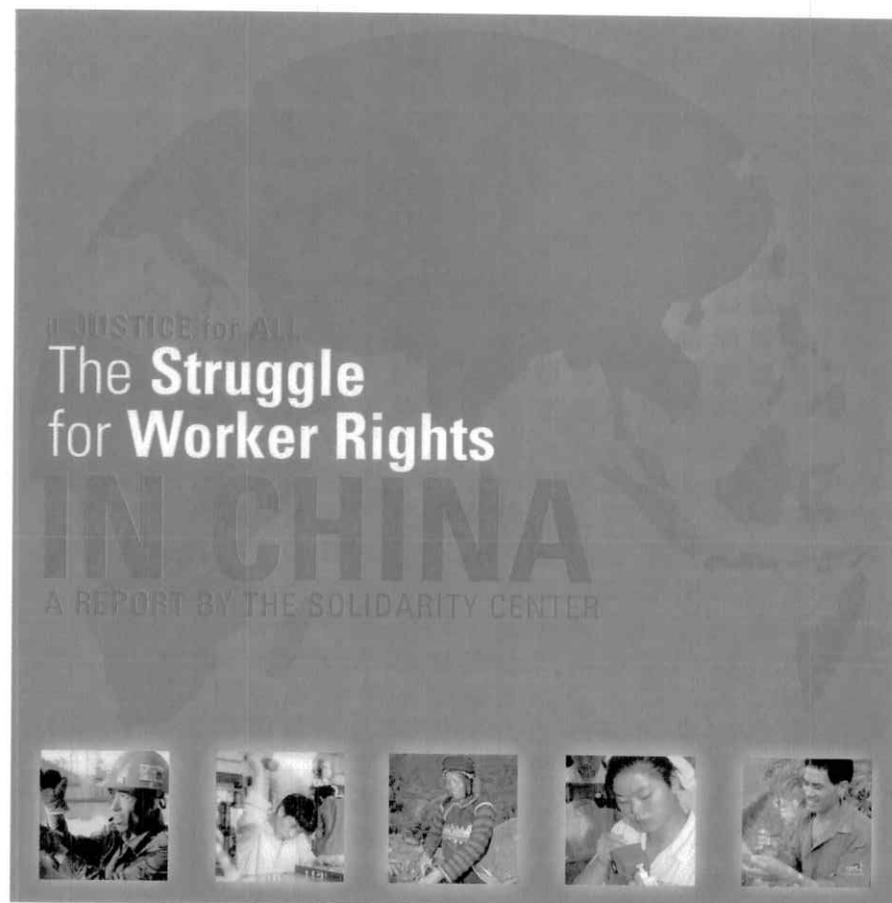
\$70,000\*

To support the work of China Labor Watch in maintaining a bilingual website that serves as an information clearinghouse on labor issues in China. China Labor Watch will collect information from its labor network and a variety of other sources inside and outside of China. Information will additionally be distributed by email in Chinese and English.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$65,160

To support an online center for the collection and dissemination of informa-



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

tion relating to workers' rights in China. The project will also distribute an email newsletter containing information about developments in China's labor community.

### Beijing Spring Magazine

\$129,000\*

To publish the monthly Chinese-language magazine *Beijing Spring*, featuring analysis and commentary by authors inside and outside China regarding political developments, social issues and the prospects for democratization in China. *Beijing Spring* will also engage in a new initiative to work together with Uyghur democracy activists to increase awareness among Chinese communities, in China and abroad, of the dire restrictions on freedoms in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$93,834

To engage private sector participation in substantive dialogue on the policy

changes necessary for the development of a transparent and law-based free-market system in China. CIPE will support a series of policy discussion forums and an online policy journal, in cooperation with the Center for Private Economic Studies.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$85,128

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

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$83,970

To support an analysis of the current status of private enterprises in China. The project will include an advocacy campaign to demonstrate the need for China to proceed with well-regulated privatization and hold a conference to

discuss China's private economy and privatization.

## Center for International Private Enterprise

\$82,032

To assist the work of the Public Participation Support Center, a Beijing-based center promoting public participation in government and public affairs, under the auspices of the Beijing University Law School. The Center will research and publish a series of in-depth studies of experiments in procedures for public participation in policy-making put in place by local government agencies, draft model rules for procedures for public participation and distribute its model rules broadly.

## Center for International Private Enterprise

\$50,252

To support the work of the Unirule Institute of Economics, an independent think-tank focused on cutting-edge policy analysis. The Institute will continue to conduct a series of biweekly symposia encouraging stimulating debate on issues of economic and system reform. The Institute's symposia target policy-makers and experts working to carry out institutional reform.

## Center for Modern China

\$204,000

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. The Center will also maintain a website to target an online youth audience in order to stimulate civic awareness while supporting China-based analysis and events for intellectuals and policy-makers.

## China Aid Association

\$60,000\*

To undertake a program monitoring, documenting and analyzing the legal aspects of religious freedom in China. The Association will craft innovative uses of current elements of the Chinese legal framework to assist lawyers, advocates and scholars to protect religious believers and build support for fundamental reform of state treatment of religion in China.



CIPE's many activities in China in 2004 included this conference in Shenyang on corporate governance.

## China Information Center (CIC)

\$480,000\*

To promote independent media. The Center will serve as a Chinese-language Internet resource providing diverse views for Chinese audiences who are otherwise limited to Chinese government-controlled media. CIC will maintain an umbrella website, which contains news and commentary on politics, economics and social topics; distribute an email digest and maintain an English-language website.

## China News Digest

\$25,000\*

To promote independent Chinese-language media. The China News Digest provides uncensored news about the prodemocracy movement in China through the production of its regular China-related news digests and by producing an online archive of information on the Cultural Revolution and the Tiananmen Square massacre.

## Chinese Citizen Forum

\$80,000\*

To provide an open forum for public policy debate. The Forum will establish interactive online and email-based public policy forums that give rise to public proposals to the government on current policy concerns. The Center will also publish policy papers on priority concerns that arise.

## Democratic China

\$135,000

To publish online the monthly Chinese-language magazine *Minzhu Zhongguo* (Democratic China), which carries analysis regarding political development and commentary on social and cultural issues from authors inside and outside of China. Through a Hong Kong-based publisher, Democratic China will also publish and distribute Chinese-language books on topics important to democratization in China.

## Foundation for China in the 21st Century

\$161,000

To support a variety of forums for liberal intellectuals and prodemocracy analysts to promote democratic values and political reform. The Foundation will sponsor a book series, an Internet-based periodical and a conference on inter-ethnic relations in the information age.



The Unirule Institute of Economics receives assistance through CIPE to host biweekly discussions on economic reform issues in China.



### Human Rights in China, Inc. (HRIC)

\$486,561\*

To monitor human rights developments in China. HRIC will develop benchmark indicators to assess China's human rights progress from 2004 through the 2008 Olympics and undertake research projects on the status of women and children's rights and the relationship between criminal elements and the Chinese government.

### Independent Chinese PEN Center

\$85,000\*

To undertake a campaign promoting freedom of expression inside China. The Center's activities will include the publication of banned works, advocacy on behalf of imprisoned writers and journalists and campaigns calling attention to authors who suffer state censorship and persecution.

### International Republican Institute

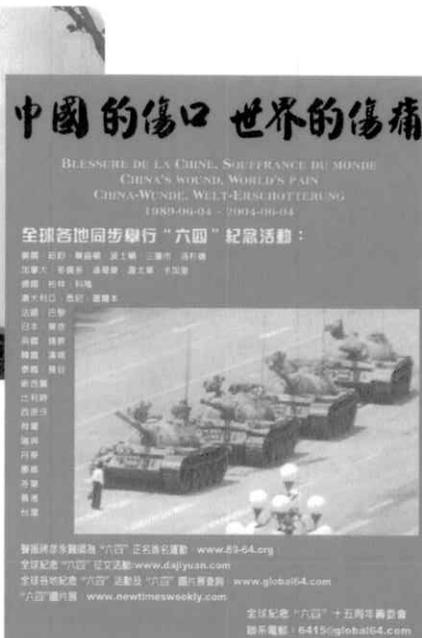
\$350,000

To conduct a program to promote electoral reform and foster a healthy civil society. IRI will sponsor China's first-ever group of independent monitors; participate in the drafting of a regulatory framework to govern campaigning in grassroots democratic elections and work to educate rural citizens about their legal rights. IRI will also assist local efforts to improve rural elections and strengthen autonomous farmers' organizations.

### Laogai Research Foundation

\$293,000\*

To continue its extensive programs of research and publication. The Laogai Research Foundation will carry out investigation and documentation of the Chinese system of labor camps, while also undertaking a program of timely



Chinese Citizen Forum sponsored a gathering commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre.

research exposing other human rights abuses committed by the Chinese government, including forced abortion.

### Press Freedom Guardian

\$88,000\*

To promote independent Chinese-language media. The Press Freedom Guardian will continue to provide objec-

tive prodemocracy news and information about China through the distribution of a newspaper via the Internet, email and paper copies.

### Uyghur American Association (UAA)

\$75,000\*

To improve the quality and availability of reporting on the human rights situation of Uyghurs. UAA will research, document and draw international attention to the underreported rights abuses that affect the residents of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China.

### China (Hong Kong)

#### Civic Exchange

\$125,000\*

To build support for a democratic constitution. Civic Exchange will engage the public in consideration of potential constitutional reforms and advocate that the government seek citizen approval of any proposed constitution. Activities will consist of reports on Hong Kong's functional constituency system and the role of public dialogue in political development, as well as the organization of public forums, town hall style gatherings and formal debates.



In September, CIPE hosted a conference in Shenyang, China. Participants discussed how to better protect shareholder rights better by strengthening Boards of Directors.

## Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor \$173,280\*

To carry out a broad ranging program of education and monitoring to draw local and international attention to human rights and constitutional developments in Hong Kong. The Monitor will produce educational materials, issue in-depth reports, conduct programs in conjunction with schools and civic groups, hold a human rights film festival and organize public seminars.

## National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$190,000

To strengthen political parties and support democratic activism. NDI will conduct political party consultations and training seminars; facilitate the development and publication of a multi-party public opinion poll; and provide assistance in the development of voter guides in advance of the Legislative Council elections in September 2004.

## National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$50,000\*

To work to improve the ability of Hong Kong civil society organizations to advocate for democratization and good governance in Hong Kong. NDI will support a Hong Kong partner to conduct a governance review and undertake a post-election assessment following the Legislative Council elections in September 2004.

## China (Tibet)

### International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) \$45,000

To promote dialogue between Tibetans and Chinese about Tibet. ICT will organize a series of meetings and distribute publications designed to improve communication between Tibetans and Chinese concerning the democratic future of China and Tibet.

### Tibet Information Network (TIN) \$80,000\*

To disseminate independent news analysis and reporting on Tibet. TIN will produce news updates and special reports

covering the most important current events in Tibet; publish the bimonthly *TIN Testimonials* and four book-length studies covering social issues; and provide briefings for human rights and media groups.

### Tibetan Literary Society \$25,000

To provide the Tibetan public in Tibet and in exile with independent and accurate information about Tibet and the Tibetan community in exile and to promote open discussion among intellectuals and the general readership on civic issues, including human rights and



**Bod-Kyi-Dus-Bab**, which is published and distributed by Tibetan Literary Society, provides news and information on developments in Tibet and in the exile community.

democracy. The Tibetan Literary Society will publish *Bod-Kyi-Dus-Bab* (Tibet Times), a Tibetan-language newspaper, three times a month.

### Tibet Museum \$15,000\*

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

### Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) \$15,000

To monitor, document and advocate for the protection of human rights in Tibet.

The TCHRD will conduct a week-long workshop for college-age youth in India and Nepal which will include seminars and discussions on the concepts of human rights and democracy, the human rights situation in Tibet, the Tibet issue in the context of the United Nations and the effort to build a democratic Tibetan government-in-exile.

### Tibetan Review \$25,000\*

To publish and distribute the *Tibetan Review*, a monthly English-language news magazine that promotes freedom of the press and understanding of democratic concepts in the Tibetan exile community. *Tibetan Review* will publish feature articles written by prominent journalists, academics, and others interested in Tibetan issues and will cover a range of subjects, including Tibetan history and current events.

### Voice of Tibet \$25,000\*

To encourage and sustain independent public opinion inside Tibet in the face of severe repression imposed by the Chinese government and to familiarize Tibetans with the ideals of democracy and human rights. The Voice of Tibet, an independent, Tibetan-language shortwave radio station, will continue to broadcast regular news about Tibet, the Tibetan exile community and the Tibetan government-in-exile to listeners in Tibet and in exile in neighboring countries.

## Indonesia

### Center for International Private Enterprise \$92,763

To foster debate on economic issues during the Indonesian presidential elections. CIPE will work with the Institute for Social and Economic, Research, Education, and Information (LP3ES) to hold an open forum during which presidential candidates will discuss their views on economic policy, answer questions from an expert panel and engage in discussion with a live audience.



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

### Center for International Private Enterprise

**\$77,745**

To support the Institute for the Study and Advancement of Business Ethics (LSPEU) to build stronger and more effective mechanisms for the Indonesian public to present its views on policy to government decision-makers, NGOs and the media. The LSPEU will publish two editions of the *Jurnal Reformasi Ekonomi* and hold two symposia discussing the relationship between market forces and democratic development.

## Malaysia

### CIJ Communications Services

**\$25,000\***

To improve the free flow of information in Malaysia. The Center for Independent Journalism's Radiq Radio project will broadcast news and analysis, as well as feature programs produced by local Malaysian nongovernmental and civil society organizations to provide a channel of independent and unbiased information in Malaysia.

### Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

**\$70,000\***

To improve the political environment for advocating the promotion of human rights in Malaysia. Forum Asia will work

with Malaysian activists in organizing human rights campaigns on the issues of the right to justice, participatory democracy and freedom of expression. Each campaign will include the publication of an in-depth report, briefings for civic leaders, and grassroots education campaigns.

### International Republican Institute

**\$150,493**

To strengthen the ability of reform-orientated civic groups to effectively communicate about their issues to the voters. IRI will work with local polling partners and political parties to conduct and analyze a national public opinion poll; to support post-electoral evaluation work by a non-partisan election observation organization; and to sponsor civic education workshops for young political and civil society activists in Malaysia.

### Southeast Asian Press Alliance (SEAPA)

**\$80,000\***

To support independent media in southeast Asia. SEAPA will work with Malaysian journalists to promote freedom of expression and a free media. The Alliance will also work to reach out to journalists and the NGO community to promote journalistic professionalism.

## Mongolia

### Democracy Education Center (DEMO)

**\$30,000**

To give political leaders basic democratic political skills. The Center, with the Romania-based Foundation for Pluralism, will organize training workshops and follow-up discussions for young political leaders representing the spectrum of political parties in Mongolia in an effort to foster discussion and enhance leaders' understanding of basic rights and responsibilities in a democracy.

### Liberal Emegteichuudiiin Oyuny San (Liberal Women's Brain Pool) (LEOS)

**\$35,000**

To conduct a program to strengthen the participation of women in public life and to strengthen the prospects for genuine democratic consolidation in Mongolia. The program will include capacity building workshops for women and host seminars focusing on the challenges to the democratic transition.



Participants at this human rights education conference, sponsored by LEOS, discussed the prospects for democratic consolidation in Mongolia.

### Liberty Center

**\$15,000**

To increase public awareness of legal rights and enhance citizens' access to rights-enforcement mechanisms. The Liberty Center will make use of a network of volunteer lawyers and law students to operate a legal aid consultation service for victims of human rights abuses. The Center will also maintain an interactive question-and-answer website on legal rights.

### Zorig Foundation

**\$10,000**

To provide information in the Mongolian language about the history and institutions of democracy. The Zorig Foundation will translate and publish Robert Dahl's *On Democracy*, a primer about democracy, to be distributed to civic education organizations, NGOs, schools and libraries across Mongolia.

## North Korea

### Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights

**\$165,000**

To continue a program of research, publications and public campaigns to bring international attention to the human rights situation in North Korea and the plight of refugees in neighboring countries.



The Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights held its 5th annual International Conference on North Korean Human Rights and Refugees in Prague.

### Database Center for North Korean Human Rights

\$50,000\*

To carry out research on human rights conditions in North Korea. The Database Center will construct a database that serves as a comprehensive repository of available testimony and documentation on North Korean human rights abuses. The Database Center will also conduct and transcribe interviews with refugees and defectors and compile this information together with data from other available sources in a systematic and integrated way.

### Democracy Network Against the North Korean Gulag (NKGulag)

\$75,000\*

To carry out human rights research and advocacy. NKGulag will publish two reports—one will document the situation of North Korean refugees in third countries and the other will cover rights abuses within the North Korean system, including the prison-camp gulag. NKGulag will also maintain a directory of victims and publish a newspaper to raise awareness about human rights abuses.

### Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights (NKnet)

\$102,390\*

To increase awareness of the situation in North Korea. NKnet will publish its bulletin *Keys* in English, Korean, and Japanese and maintain a bilingual website. NKnet will also assist North Korean gulag survivors to enable them to attend international conferences to highlight the horrific conditions within the gulag system.



NK Gulag organized a series of protests to draw attention to the human rights abuses committed in North Korea. NK Gulag co-founder Kang Cheol-hwan is carrying a banner protesting the return of refugees to North Korea, as well as the abduction of Koreans from Japan.



## Listen to the Painful Voices of North Koreans! Join Our Journey to free North Korea!

Democracy Network against North Korean Gulag

### 10 Slogans to Demo-cratize North Korea





1. Down with Kim Jong Il and democratize North Korea!  
It's our main slogan. He supported human rights extremely and he made North Korea a place human being can't live. He let millions people starve to they're human being.

2. There's not any other urgent human rights matters, but rescuing them from political gulags.

3. Withdraw 'the army first' policy and practice 'people first' policy!  
Since the latter of 1990s, Kim Jong Il designed 'the army first' policy and he's been repressing people's life.

4. world. After development of Plutonium nuclear bomb, when it was discovered to import equipments and materials for Uranium nuclear bomb, he showed his true color saying, "I will go my own way." If Kim Jong Il could have a remote control that be able to launch nuclear missiles in his hand, a terrible life of people in North Korea would go further another world.

5. To end tragic history that children are brainwashed by nonsense idolatrous education and children are willing to become guns and bombs for Kim Jong Il, we must down with Kim Jong Il government.

6. Dismantle the National Security Agency, an executive organ to maintain Kim Jong Il government!

The Democracy Network Against North Korean Gulag publishes this newspaper to raise awareness about human rights abuses in North Korea.

**NED** Grantee Spotlight: **Pakistan Press Foundation**

Although he promised to remove his uniform and return power to an elected, civilian government, General Musharraf and the army continue to rule Pakistan. And despite a degree of open space where press and civil society organizations manage to operate relatively freely, the political environment, particularly in the rural areas, is often hostile to the promotion of liberal, democratic values. One organization working to counter that resistance is the **Pakistan Press Foundation (PPF)**, which has been working for the protection and promotion of independent media in Pakistan since 1967.



ing of the media and develop their capacity to work productively with the media. In addition, the project educates rural journalists about the basic principles of democratic systems and human rights protections, and, in particular, the unique role that the media should play in democratic systems. To date, nine workshops have taught civil society activists how to write press releases, organize press conferences, give interviews, prepare letters to the editor and cultivate press contacts. Rural

journalists who write both for local papers and serve as stringers for the larger regional and national papers have also been encouraged to write more frequently and with greater intensity about human rights and democracy issues. Features produced by workshop participants are distributed through PPF's Feature Service and used regularly by newspapers in all parts of the country.

Although the local press plays an important role in raising awareness about issues in their respective communities, and civil society groups push for greater respect for human rights and democracy, there is little collaboration between journalists and activists. By their efforts to build a network connecting the two groups, PPF is working in rural areas to increase understanding and cooperation between members of the press and civil society who are committed to the promotion of human rights and democracy.

The project has been very well received in rural areas and there has been a noticeable increase in the interaction between journalists and participating civil society organizations. The Foundation is also providing further encouragement and support to workshop participants who go on to organize trainings in their local areas. PPF hopes that this type of continued exchange and collaboration between journalists and civil society activists will lead to greater mutual understanding and a productive relationship that will help to maintain and strengthen democratic institutions throughout Pakistan.

In 2004, the Foundation used Endowment funds for their Rural Media and Democratic Governance Project in the Sindh province. The project aims to increase civil society organizations' understand-

**Pakistan**

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

**\$194,884**

To promote democratic civil society in Pakistan. ACILS will work to promote understanding of worker rights and the enforcement of labor standards, including children's and women workers' rights. ACILS will also develop new means to address labor issues through information gathering, education, advocacy, capacity building and networking with local partners.

**Center for Civic Education (CCE)**

**\$35,000\***

To promote good governance in Pakistan by increasing transparency in the funding of political parties and to stimulate increased public understanding of governance and civic affairs. CCE



The Center for the Civic Education, which receives support from NDI and NED, used NDI support to publish this newsletter on political party leadership in Pakistan.

will conduct a series of seminars and publish a research paper designed to spark discussion on the issue of political finance reform.

**Democratic Commission for Human Development (DCHD)**

**\$90,000\***

To foster the principles of secular democracy, religious freedom, nonviolent political discourse and global engagement in Pakistan's rural communities. The DCHD will carry out a rural-based education program, produce and distribute a monthly democracy education newsletter, and convene a two-day national human rights conference.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$195,100**

To conduct a pilot program to enhance the capacity of political parties to undertake internal party reform. NDI will help

parties conduct political leadership-training programs on topics such as intra-party communication and participatory decision-making.

## **Pakistan Press Foundation**

*\$50,000\**

To develop a network of rural civil society organizations and journalists working to strengthen democracy and human rights. The Foundation will encourage civil society organizations to work more effectively with the media. The project will include workshops, seminars, and networking sessions for journalists and civil society leaders.

## *Philippines*

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

*\$67,315*

To support the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) in establishing a nation-wide advocacy network to improve public governance and increase community participation in development in the Philippines. The ISA will hold a series of seminars and training events to increase advocacy efforts on local and regional issues.

## *Sri Lanka*

### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

*\$196,480*

To strengthen institutions which bolster workers' rights. ACILS will work with trade unions and their civil society partners to increase their capacity to play a greater advocacy role at the community, provincial and national levels.

### **People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL)**

*\$15,000*

To facilitate a countrywide dialogue on critical constitutional and electoral law reform issues. The project aims to increase citizens' participation in the electoral law reform process. Through district and national level consultations, PAFFREL will include citizens from throughout the country in the process and produce recommendations for constitutional reform.

## *Vietnam*

### **Legal Reform Program**

*\$40,000*

To improve Vietnam's legal system, with the aim of improving access to justice for all citizens and strengthening the rule of law. The program will include production of educational materials for the general public, compilation of procedural manuals for professionals working in the judicial and legal systems, and training workshops.

### **Association for Vietnamese Overseas: Culture & Liaison**

*\$70,000*

To document and raise awareness of the human rights situation in Vietnam. The Association will publish its Vietnamese-language bimonthly magazine, *Que Me*; produce monthly mini-bulletins on pressing topical issues and conduct advocacy efforts to enlist the support of the international community.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

*\$25,203*

To support the Economics University of Ho Chi Minh City in producing business talk radio and TV programs that provide a unique forum for public discussion of policy issues. Programming will cover topics related to Vietnam's economic transition, including information on bankruptcy law, sustainable development and competition, the stock exchange, and global trade integration.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

*\$25,201*

To support the efforts of the Economics University of Ho Chi Minh City (EU) to facilitate discussion about free markets and Vietnam's transition to a more liberal and open economy. EU will produce business talk radio and TV programs that provide information and guidance to Vietnamese entrepreneurs in an effort to develop a private-sector constituency favorable to a market economy and democratic reforms.

## *Asia Regional*

### **Civic Involvement Program**

*\$30,000\**

To facilitate increased civic awareness and involvement through the operation of a library and learning center. The center will create a multilingual setting in a local community to provide access to a broad range of information and skills training for adults and youth.

### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

*\$475,000\**

To provide support from its DC office for programs of Burmese 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**

*\$368,617*

To expand workers' knowledge of their rights in Southeast Asia. ACILS will work to educate workers about the rights and responsibilities of workers in Thailand; work with the Malaysian Trade Union Congress to conduct workshops related to workers' rights and collaborate with the Federation of Trade Unions-Burma to conduct research on labor issues in Burma.

### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

*\$152,103*

To support the work of two local labor rights groups. Through these programs, ACILS will assist democratic unions and NGOs focused on labor rights to carry out education, training and advocacy programs promoting worker and union rights, as well as workers' health and safety.

### **Asian Forum for Human Rights and Democracy (Forum-Asia)**

*\$150,000*

To promote the effective implementation of international human rights standards throughout Asia. Forum-Asia will provide a platform for cooperation between local and national human rights organizations and other civil society organizations in Asia and work to raise human rights



Many NED-funded programs in Asia address women's rights. On International Women's Day, demonstrators held a candlelight vigil to draw attention to abuses against women.

concerns at the regional and international levels.

#### **Asian Network for Free and Fair Elections (ANFREL)**

*\$35,000*

To strengthen the capacity of domestic election monitoring bodies in the Asia region, and to increase cooperation and regional solidarity among domestic election monitoring groups. ANFREL will work closely with national-level election monitoring groups and will conduct conflict resolution programs in countries torn apart by violence. ANFREL will also organize workshops on election monitoring, voter education, election systems and good governance.

#### **Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions**

*\$50,000*

To strengthen the human rights investigation capacities of the Filipino and Mongolian human rights institutions. The Asia Pacific Forum will hold human rights investigations training workshops for the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia and the Philippines Commission on Human Rights and provide their respective staffs with the tools required to monitor and improve the human rights situations in their country.

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

*\$100,357*

To promote good corporate governance among development finance institutions in Asia. CIPE will help the Association of Development Finance Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP) to convene a regional workshop to teach development finance institutions to implement a corporate governance rating system useful in evaluating their own operations as well as those of clients in an effort to reduce corruption, improve corporate behavior and strengthen market competition in the region.

#### **Indochina Media Memorial Fund (IMMF)**

*\$25,000*

To provide journalists with the skills to combat censorship and harassment and to promote the development of a professional community of journalists throughout Southeast Asia. The IMMF will conduct intensive in-country workshops for Laotian and Burmese journalists, as well as workshops in Thailand for journalists from throughout the region.

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

*\$175,000*

To conduct party-on-party monitoring of 2004 Asian electoral campaigns. NDI will continue its political party reform program to support the efforts of parties to strengthen internal democracy and accountability while addressing the challenges posed by political financing. NDI will also engage parties in anti-corruption dialogue.

#### **Polish Humanitarian Organization (PHO)**

*\$9,700*

To assess and identify the humanitarian needs of Asian populations to lay the groundwork for the initiation of a long-term humanitarian aid program. The Polish Humanitarian Organization will spend ten days evaluating sectors in which the PHO may be able to provide humanitarian assistance and will produce a report on current humanitarian needs.



# Central and Eastern Europe

## 2004 NED Central and Eastern Europe Program Highlights

Four years after the dramatic fall of Slobodan Milosevic, serious challenges still face democrats in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Balkan countries remained a priority for the Endowment in 2004. Despite the presence of NATO troops and numerous international aid organizations, the region continued to be plagued by political instability, inter-ethnic tension and economic problems. In the midst of region-wide elections, efforts by the Balkan countries to reform their political and economic systems continued to be impeded by weak institutions, political extremism and corruption. The outbreak of violence in Kosovo in March brought to the surface the precarious condition of the province.

The low voter turnout and Serb boycott of the October parliamentary elections, the lack of progress in fulfilling the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) standards, and the uncertainty over the time frame and procedures of final status negotiations further strained stability in the region. In Macedonia, the tragic and unexpected death of President Trajkovski in April and the November referendum on the government's redistricting plans, part of the implementation of the Framework Agreement, tested the country's fragile stability. The election of a president in June, after three failed attempts, brought a glimmer of hope to Serbia's transition, which is still marked by continued political volatility, extreme

nationalism, and economic difficulties. Despite these problems, the Balkans showed signs of stabilizing with the entry of Bulgaria and Romania into NATO in May and their continued progress towards achieving EU membership by 2007.

NED continued to address the deep-rooted problems of the region with programs that encourage the nongovernmental sector in countries where civil society is weak, strengthen the development of independent media throughout the region, increase transparency in the political process and accountability of elected officials, and promote economic reform and the rights of workers. The Endowment gave greater emphasis during 2004 to programs that sup-

port citizen participation in local government and develop civic institutions that monitor and, where necessary, assist reformist governments. NED support also encouraged greater crossborder cooperation between civic organizations within the region and between Balkan democratic activists and their counterparts in Central Europe and Eurasia.

The republics of the former Yugoslavia continued to be the major area of focus for the Endowment. In **Macedonia**, the Association for Democratic Initiatives implemented a monitoring and advocacy project aimed at ensuring that the government properly implements the minority rights and decentralization provisions contained within the Framework Agreement. CIPE began working with the Akcioner Association, Macedonia's only shareholders' rights association, to educate members about their rights under the new Company Law. In **Serbia**, NED assisted media programs designed to increase the awareness of ordinary Serbs about key events of the last decade, in particular the role of the Milosevic regime in the wars in Croatia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. The Humanitarian Law Center used Endowment support to create the first online searchable database of the complete transcripts of the Milosevic trial in local languages.

Because of the lack of professionalism of the region's media, NED also supported programs that educate journalists in professional standards and train young journalists in investigative reporting techniques. Endowment funds maintained the operations of the Faik Konica Journalism Academy, the only independent journalism school in the volatile province of **Kosovo**. NED funded the production of TV documentaries addressing local community issues in **Bosnia** and live debates on cutting edge social, political and economic topics in the Serb Republic. Endowment programs in Bosnia also focused on promoting effective local governance and increasing civic participation, particularly prior to the October municipal elections.

Despite the entry of Romania and Bulgaria into NATO in May 2004, and the general pro-reform direction of their political leadership, their economies remained largely unreformed. Romania's parliamentary and presidential elections in November were marred by fraud and scandals. Due to rampant corruption and insider politics, citizens in both countries appeared increasingly apathetic and disillusioned with their

leaders. Endowment assistance in **Romania** focused on improving local governance and accountability. The Center for Legal Resources monitored and publicized conflict of interest violations by newly elected officials following the June 2004 municipal elections, while the journal *Sfera Politicii* worked to increase the transparency of Romania's political policy making process. In **Bulgaria**, the School of Politics and Bulgarian Institute for Legal Development prepared young activists to play a more active and informed role in promoting the country's democratic and free market reforms.

**Moldova** continued to be plagued by inadequate state institutions, widespread corruption, a weak civil society and a marginalized opposition. Moreover, Moldova is still a divided state, with one quarter of its territory controlled by the break-away "Transdnister Republic," which is dominated by Russian extreme nationalist and military forces. In 2004, the Endowment increased its funding for programs in Moldova. The Association for Participatory Democracy produced two online publications which tracked the activities of key government institutions and analyzed new parliamentary legislation.

Reforms in **Albania** continue to be thwarted by weak state institutions, an underdeveloped civil society and a deeply divided political landscape. NED-funded programs promoted greater cooperation between civic groups and municipal government institutions. The Albanian Institute for International Studies advocated for greater transparency and accountability of local government institutions and increased citizen involvement in the decision-making process. The Institute promoted greater cooperation between the governmental and nongovernmental sectors through a series of public opinion surveys, training sessions and town hall meetings organized in ten municipalities.

The Endowment continued to support regional programs which share useful experiences, skills and program models across borders. IRI's regional office, based in Bratislava, Slovakia, trained young leaders from 14 countries in Central and Southeastern Europe in practical election campaign and political party building skills. NDI initiated a regional program to train and support young Roma political party activists in Bulgaria and Slovakia and ACILS continued to strengthen independent trade unions in Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro.

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## Description of 2004 Grants: Central and Eastern Europe

### Albania

#### Albanian Institute for International Studies

\$40,000\*

To advocate for greater transparency and accountability of local government institutions in Albania and to increase citizens' involvement in the decision-making process. Through a series of public opinion surveys, training sessions and town hall meetings, the Institute will promote greater cooperation between the governmental and nongovernmental sectors and attempt to improve the work of municipal councilors.

#### Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM)

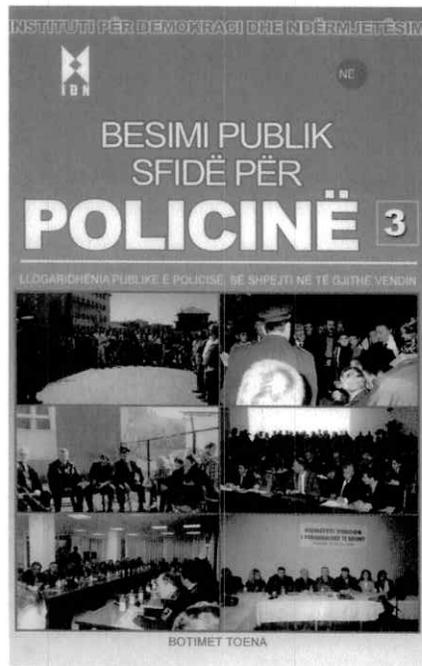
\$77,000\*

To build trust between citizens and law enforcement officials. IDM will establish independent committees in three municipalities to serve as forums between citizens and police. IDM will also advocate for the implementation of new legislation to increase cooperation between local law enforcement agencies, local government institutions and the public. In addition, IDM will organize a conference in Tirana which will bring together district police directors to exchange information and experiences.

#### Women in Development Association

\$40,000\*

To encourage the participation of women in the local political process. The Association will organize ten grassroots seminars and will publish civic education materials highlighting the role of women in Albania's political and economic transition.



The Institute for Democracy and Mediation produced this booklet on ways to improve relations between citizens and law enforcement officials.

### Bosnia- Herzegovina

#### Alternativna Televizija (ATV)

\$45,000\*

To promote greater public understanding of critical political, economic, and social issues facing citizens in the Serb Republic. ATV will produce ten investigative documentaries entitled "Dossier" which will be aired on a biweekly basis.

#### Center for Informational Decontamination (CID)

\$30,450\*

To produce 15 television debates on current social, political and economic topics affecting citizens in the Serb Republic. Titled "Buka" (Noise), the shows will be broadcast weekly by the independent television station *Alternativna Televizija*. Panelists for the debates will include academics, lawyers, prominent local or national government representatives, civic activists, students, journalists and religious leaders.



The Helsinki Citizens' Assembly organized three town hall meetings in Livno, Bosnia-Herzegovina for politicians and citizens to discuss activities of the "Be Seen Be Heard" Network.

#### Civil Society Promotion Center

\$40,000\*

To encourage greater transparency and accountability of local government by increasing citizens' involvement in the decision-making process. The Center will conduct seminars for local government representatives and community-based NGO leaders in the Bosnian Federation and Serb Republic entities on topics such as public relations skills for local government and NGO relations.

#### Cultural and Educational Center "Oniks"

\$29,195\*

To encourage communication and cooperation between local government representatives and civic activists. The Center will conduct a series of training seminars for local officials to improve their public relations skills and encourage them to involve the nongovernmental sector more directly in their work. The Center will also organize a series of town hall meetings to help municipal officials explain the local decision making process to their constituents and to discuss new ideas for integrating citizens' input.

\*INDICATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDING BEYOND NED'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

## **Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Banja Luka (HCA Banja Luka)**

**\$39,989\***

To increase the political participation of women at the local level in Bosnia. HCA will work to increase women's advocacy and political leadership by organizing regional network meetings, a training-of-trainers seminar, training sessions for women activists and town hall meetings with citizens, women candidates and newly elected women representatives.

## **Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Republika Srpska**

**\$45,000\***

To continue monitoring human rights in Republika Srpska. The Committee will continue disseminating information on human rights abuses through the print and electronic media and educate citizens on their basic human rights. In addition, the Committee will continue operating its legal aid office which provides citizens with information on international human rights standards, reports human rights abuses and offers assistance in countering these violations.

## **Independent Radio Station "N"**

**\$35,400\***

To continue broadcasting unbiased news to the western Herzegovina region of Bosnia. Radio "N" will continue to break the monopoly of government dominated media by broadcasting objective information. Endowment support will allow the station to pay its dedicated staff, and cover part of its basic operating costs.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$219,458**

To increase the participation of women in the political sphere. NDI will work with local women activists to strengthen their ability to develop, coordinate and launch advocacy initiatives at the municipal level; introduce political parties to pro-active strategies that increase women's participation in party structures and incorporate gender specific policy agendas into party platforms and raise the public profile of women as serious and successful politicians.



The Bulgarian Institute for Legal Development organized a youth roundtable discussion with former Prime Minister Philip Dimitrov (third from the right).

## **Studio 88**

**\$35,000\***

To produce objective and unbiased information for all ethnic groups in Herzegovina in the period leading up to the 2004 municipal elections. In cooperation with five other radio stations, Studio 88 will produce weekly radio programs entitled "Herzegovina on Line." The programs will contain headline news from Herzegovina; a regional report; an in-depth feature story; general news and a human interest story.

## **Tuzla Citizens' Forum**

**\$40,000\***

To continue to promote greater transparency and accountability of local governments in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Forum will conduct public opinion polls measuring the quality of local public administration; publish monthly monitoring reports on the work of municipal officials; organize a series of roundtables and town hall meetings bringing together public officials and citizens and carry out public advocacy campaigns in three key cities.

## **Tuzla Human Rights Office**

**\$34,740\***

To encourage greater respect for human rights. The Tuzla Human Rights Office will provide a forum for democratic thought and freedom of expression in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The offices will also work to influence the legislative drafting and amendment process to ensure that laws protect basic human rights.

## **Bulgaria**

### **Bulgarian Institute for Legal Development**

**\$30,000\***

To advance young Bulgarians' knowledge of the principles of political and economic reform and prepare young people to take a more active role in developing Bulgaria's nascent democracy. Activities will include seminars and youth forums, a website and a monthly bulletin for students and young professionals.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$68,644**

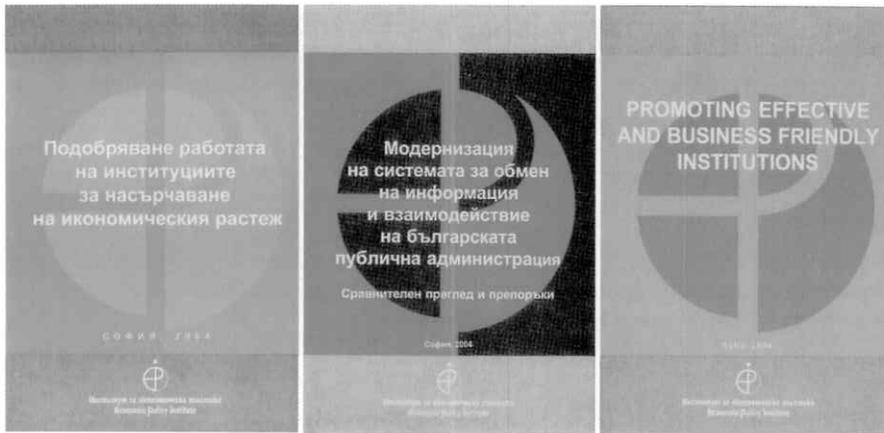
To help the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) strengthen the newly established Sofia Economic Council, a public-private partnership that works toward increasing the transparency of economic decision-making in the city. CSD will conduct a capacity-building workshop for members of the Council, produce a White Paper on Sofia's competitiveness and business environment and advocate for the implementation of recommendations outlined in the paper.

### **School of Politics**

**\$49,650\***

To develop a youth leadership school. The School of Politics will organize a series of courses to promote communication and dialogue among young politicians, journalists and lawyers from across the political spectrum. Topics of the courses will include conflict resolution, ethics and rule of law.

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The Economic Policy Institute in Bulgaria, with support from CIPE, produced these three booklets on economic and public administration reform in Bulgaria.

## **“Tolerance and Mutual Aid” Foundation**

**\$28,500\***

To encourage the involvement of young Roma in Bulgaria’s political process at the local level. The Foundation will maintain its nationwide network of young Roma leaders who will act as liaisons between local government officials and the Roma community, work with local officials and legal professionals to reduce discrimination against Roma, monitor human rights abuses at the local level and provide legal aid to victims of abuse.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$210,001**

To work with political parties and NGOs at the municipal level to strengthen their connections with each other and with citizens by fostering issue-based advocacy efforts targeted at municipal governments. NDI will provide training on planning an advocacy campaign, influencing legislators, building a membership base, working effectively with NGOs, interacting with the media and grassroots fundraising.

## **Croatia**

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$70,154**

To encourage the development of business associations in Croatia by using successful models from other East European countries. After evaluating their organizational capacity, CIPE will help business organizations improve communications, develop new membership services and raise the visibility of business associations.

### **Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (CHC)**

**\$48,781\***

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.

### **International Republican Institute**

**\$200,000**

To conduct a political party development program for all major political parties in Croatia. The program will include campaign and communication training for party leaders and young activists. IRI will also conduct a nationwide public opinion poll and provide strategic advice on message development and campaign strategy to the parties.

## **Judges’ Web**

**\$50,000\***

To continue to develop an online database of judicial rulings for use by legal professionals in Croatia. NED assistance will help the Judges’ Web become fully operational by increasing the number of court decisions in the database, extending its services to all courts in Croatia and covering technical support costs to maintain the expanding system.

## **Kosovo**

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$69,024\***

To help the Women’s Business Association (SHE-ERA) implement a training and advocacy program to improve economic access for women and minorities in the Prizren region. The project will include business development training programs focused on the development of business and marketing plans; focus groups to help assess the needs of women and minority entrepreneurs and an advocacy training component to teach entrepreneurs the most effective ways of becoming involved in the policy and legislative process.

### **Council for Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms**

**\$40,000\***

To continue the promotion of human rights in Kosovo. The Council will maintain its headquarters’ operations, monitor human rights, disseminate information on human rights abuses to the international community, strengthen its network of branch offices, publish electronic information bulletins and conduct workshops on human rights for activists.

### **Faik Konica Journalism Academy**

**\$30,000\***

To raise the professional and managerial competence of independent news organizations and promote the development of a free and democratic media sector. The Academy will conduct a series of courses on the principles of professional journalism and media management for 275 young journalists working in electronic and print media.

## NED Grantee Spotlight: Judges' Web

**A**s Croatia continues its transition to a full-fledged democracy, increasing public confidence in its democratic institutions is crucial. Currently, the judicial system is inefficient and lacks transparency, especially at the county and municipal levels, where judges cannot obtain accurate and current legal information. Also, due to the limited communication and information exchange between courts, the adjudication process lacks consistency because judges do not have easy access to their colleagues' opinions or decisions.

**Judges' Web** was established in August 1999 with the mission of developing an information system to improve the transparency and efficiency of Croatia's judicial system. Upon completion of a year-long study, an online searchable database of judicial rulings was launched in May 2001. By the end of 2004, the database had grown to include over 4,200 verdicts from courts throughout the country.

Judges are asked to submit their rulings to Judges' Web where a team of legal experts analyzes the information and categorizes the data by criminal, civil and commercial cases; they then edit the decisions, removing all names and other personal information from the files. Each ruling is then archived according to the law or ordinance under which the decision applies. If a decision changes after an



appeal, the updated information is added to the database.

In 2004, NED support helped Judges' Web increase the number of court decisions entered into its database and extend its services to 95% of all municipal and county level courts in Croatia. This comprehensive database, which is accessible through a website where any interested judge can register free-of-charge, allows judges to quickly access other rulings, thereby allowing them to take into account legal precedents when making their own decisions.

Throughout the year, the Judge's Web database has been expanding in both quantity and quality. Some of the most well-known and respected judges in Croatia have contributed their deliberations and opinions to the database system. The program continues to grow, and Judges Web has now introduced a new feature to the website where legal professionals can comment on case law.

This program has helped increase the transparency and accountability of Croatia's judicial system, as well as citizens' confidence in the country's judicial process. Judges' Web is considered one of the most effective nongovernmental implementers of judicial reform in Croatia, and its efforts have been recognized and praised by the Croatian Ministry of Justice, the World Bank, and the European Union.

### KOHA Vision

**\$75,000\***

To continue to provide unbiased information on political and economic developments. Endowment funding will be used to pay the salaries of KOHA's staff of producers and editors and cover basic operations costs including utilities, communications and supplies and equipment. Funding will ensure that the station's high quality and experienced staff does not leave the station for higher paying jobs with international organizations operating in Kosovo.

### "Kosova Live" News Agency

**\$39,366\***

To continue producing high-quality, unbiased information on important political and economic developments in Kosovo and the surrounding region. "Kosova Live" will use NED funding to cover the subscription costs of its Albanian-language daily news service for 15 local independent radio stations and to translate its news service into Serbian/Bosnian for use by ethnic minority media.

### Radio-TV 21

**\$75,000\***

To continue to provide timely and objective information on political, cultural and economic developments. NED funding will enable the station to maintain its high quality and experienced staff in Kosovo by paying the salaries of its staff of producers, journalists, presenters, technicians and stringers.

### Zeri i Dites (The Daily Voice)

**\$20,000\***

To provide newsprint to *Zeri* so that the newspaper can continue publishing on a regular basis. During the coming year, *Zeri* plans to increase its coverage of political developments, including the plight of minority groups in Kosovo, most importantly the Serbs, who are fleeing continuing violence in the province.

### Macedonia

#### Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI)

**\$44,330\***

To continue a monitoring and advocacy project aimed at ensuring that the Macedonian government properly implements the minority rights and decentralization provisions contained within the Framework Agreement. ADI will monitor local and central government institutions in four municipalities; organize five town hall meetings with citizens from Albanian and Macedonian ethnic groups and local and central government officials and publish monthly reports analyzing the progress made by the government in implementing the Agreement's provisions.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

**\$93,430**

To work with Macedonia's only shareholder rights groups, the Akcioner Shareholders' Association, to educate shareholders on their rights and improve

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## Monitoring the Implementation of the Framework Agreement



Annual report

ADI publishes reports analyzing the progress made by the government in implementing the provisions of Macedonia's Framework Agreement.

their ability to advocate for their interests. Akcioner will organize a series of seminars, workshops and will host six public discussion events for shareholders to share their experiences and lessons learned.

### **MOST Citizens' Association**

**\$40,000\***

To encourage youth voting. The Association will launch a civic education program to teach high school students about their role as citizens in a democracy and the importance of participating in elections. Topics will include an overview of Macedonia's political and electoral system; the country's electoral laws at the national and local level; efforts to amend and improve these laws; voter rights and information about how citizens can get involved in civic life and the political process.

## **Moldova**

### **Association for Participatory Democracy (ADEPT)**

**\$29,800**

To increase transparency and accountability of governmental institutions. ADEPT will produce two online publications which will track and analyze the activities of key government institutions. The publications will be available to the general public on ADEPT's website and

via email to government offices, key media, political parties and NGOs.

### **Eco-TIRAS International Association of River Keepers**

**\$30,000**

To conduct a technical assistance program to expand the civic sector in Transdnistria. The program will include training seminars on organizational and computer skills for civic leaders; a study visit to Poland for NGO leaders and an international conference for civic groups in Transdnistria and their counterparts in Central Europe.

### **Independent Society for Education and Human Rights (SIEDO)**

**\$30,000**

To conduct a civic education program in Moldova's secondary schools aimed at increasing youth participation in local affairs. SIEDO will train teachers in four high schools to encourage secondary school students to engage in civic activism in their communities and assist students in developing and implementing action plans to solve local problems.

### **Investigative Journalism Center**

**\$28,542**

To improve investigative reporting in the Moldovan media by providing training and informational resources to young journalists and students working on investigative reports. The Center will develop, research and write pieces of investigative journalism, which will be published by independent newspapers and news agencies throughout Moldova. The Center will also produce a quarterly newsletter focusing on corruption and organized crime cases and provide free assistance to investigative journalists harassed or intimidated by the government.

### **Media Agency IMPACT**

**\$40,000**

To promote greater public understanding of critical political, economic and social issues facing Moldova prior to the March 2005 parliamentary elections and to encourage greater transparency and accountability of parliamentarians who are elected to office. The Agency will produce, in cooperation with a network of local independent TV stations, 336 one-hour debate programs before and after the elections.



In July 2004, SIEDO organized this training for Moldovan students on the fundamentals of a democratic society.

### **Moldovan Helsinki Committee for Human Rights**

**\$30,000**

To monitor the human rights situation in Moldova proper and the breakaway region of Transdnistria; to disseminate information on human rights abuses and to educate citizens about their basic human rights. In addition, the Committee will continue the operations of its legal aid office, which provides citizens of Moldova and Transdnistria with information on international human rights standards, records human rights abuses and offers assistance in countering these violations.

## **Montenegro**

### **Association of Young Journalists**

**\$33,130\***

To conduct a comprehensive media monitoring project, including the publication of monthly reports containing examples of political bias in the media and to improve journalistic practices in Montenegro. The Association will also monitor the passage and implementation of reforms in media legislation, in particular the freedom of information law.

### **Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM)**

**\$40,000\***

To monitor the transition process and provide practical recommendations to policymakers regarding political and economic reforms. CEDEM will analyze the policy agenda generated by government ministries and the president and publish the results in quarterly reports to be distributed to key governmental and nongovernmental actors.

## Center for Development of Nongovernmental Organizations (CRNVO)

\$39,410\*

To help Montenegrin NGO activists develop the skills needed to organize and conduct their activities in the current difficult political and economic environment. The program will consist of legal counseling, public relations and advocacy training, maintenance of an NGO database and a series of leadership development seminars for young civic activists.

## Romania

### Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Romania-Helsinki Committee (APADOR-CH)

\$55,000\*

To continue to monitor the legislation drafting process to ensure that laws passed by the Romanian parliament adhere to international human rights standards. APADOR-CH will monitor the implementation of key legislation having a direct impact on citizens' civil liberties. The Association will also provide legal advice to victims of human rights abuses, monitor and document human rights violations and educate citizens on human rights.

### Center for Independent Journalism (CIJ)

\$34,000\*

To continue a training program for reporters, editors and managers in print and electronic media at the local level. The project will consist of a series of training seminars conducted in three regions of Romania. The seminars will be led by well-known media and legal experts, and will focus on investigative journalism techniques, reporting during the election campaign period and utilizing the new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).



CIPE worked with the Coalition of Women Business Associations in Romania to host the "Women in Business" conference. These CDs were distributed to participants and featured profiles of successful business women and conference proceedings.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$171,279

To work with the Coalition of Women Business Associations to strengthen women's participation and to help them become decision-makers through the development of grassroots advocacy campaigns, trainings, conferences and communications programs.

### Center for Legal Resources

\$42,228\*

To promote transparency and accountability in Romania's local government system. The Center will monitor the work of newly-elected government officials at the local level to ensure enforcement of anti-corruption legislation and advocate for improving anti-corruption laws by clarifying and promoting the enforce-



Romania's Coalition of Women Business Associations received support from CIPE to host a women's leadership conference.

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ment of provisions that prohibit conflict of interest.

## Civil Society Foundation

**\$32,000\***

To continue and expand the publication of Romania's only monthly public policy review journal, *Sfera Politicii* (The Political Sphere). The journal will feature articles on political, economic and social developments in Romania and the Balkan region. NED funding will upgrade the Foundation's computer equipment, maintain the Foundation's website where journal articles are published and increase the journal's circulation.

## Community Foundation Sibiu

**\$41,827\***

To increase citizens' involvement in the decision-making process on municipal budgets. Activities will include establishing and strengthening local working groups and conducting town hall meetings to engage the local citizenry.

## Foundation for Pluralism

**\$40,000\***

To promote communication and dialogue among young activists at the local level. The Foundation will organize a School for Young Political and Civic Leaders. School activities will consist of training seminars for leaders and activists in regions where democratic reform has been slow and political communication is underdeveloped.

## Media Monitoring Agency

**\$29,724\***

To conduct a media monitoring program to analyze coverage by national and local media of the November 2004 parliamentary elections. The Agency will produce monthly reports from counties where bias in media reporting and infringements against journalists' rights are most prevalent. The reports will cite specific examples of misinformation and extremism displayed in print and electronic media and report on any abuse of media freedoms which occurs during the election campaign.

## Pro Democracy Association (APD)

**\$80,000\***

To conduct a nation-wide election monitoring project for the 2004 municipal, presidential and parliamentary elections. APD will train volunteers to monitor the voting process during the two rounds

of municipal elections in June and the presidential and parliamentary elections in December.

## Pro Democracy Association, Cluj (APD-Cluj)

**\$40,000\***

To increase civic participation among Romanian youth. The Association will provide future leaders with an opportunity to gain practical experience in government affairs by continuing an internship program that trains and places university students in parliamentary committees and government ministries, as well as in municipal and county councils.

## Revista 22

**\$36,000\***

To continue to publish news, information and analysis of current Romanian political and economic developments on a regular basis. Endowment funding will enable the magazine to upgrade its computer equipment, maintain its website and purchase newsprint so that it can continue to act as a unique source of political and economic policy analysis in preparation of the upcoming election.

## Romanian Institute for Recent History (IRIR)

**\$25,670\***

To implement a pilot project for teaching recent history in Romanian high schools. IRIR will train high school teachers and graduate students of history (i.e. future teachers) in innovative debate-style teaching methods; develop a new high school history textbook and teacher guides; conduct interactive pilot classes with high school students and advocate for the incorporation of these methodologies and materials into existing curricula.

## Serbia

### BETA News Agency

**\$50,000\***

To continue to produce high-quality, unbiased information on important developments in the former Yugoslavia. BETA will cover the subscription costs of its service for six nascent independent radio stations in the Bosnian Serb Republic and the Local Press Association of Serbia to help them operate in a difficult political and economic environment.

## Center for Anti-War Action

**\$32,590\***

To encourage civic activism at the local level. The Center will facilitate cooperation and information exchange among civic groups in Serbia by fostering a network of nongovernmental organizations throughout the country. The Center will organize town meetings and educational seminars for local authorities, political party representatives, business and union leaders, journalists and civic activists to discuss issues of concern to citizens.

## Center for Inter-ethnic Reconciliation, School for Investigative Journalism

**\$65,000\***

To continue to provide young reporters, editors and media managers with journalism training. The Center will conduct a series of training seminars on the principles of professional journalism, basics of media management and media technology.

## Humanitarian Law Center (HLC)

**\$70,000\***

To create the first online searchable database of the complete transcripts of the Milosevic trial in the Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian language. HLC will compile transcripts of the trial for one year, launch a database on its website that will contain the complete transcripts of the trial and regularly update the site with new information.

## Medienhilfe

**\$174,920\***

To ensure the survival of local independent electronic media. Endowment funding will be used to cover the basic operating costs for a six month period for nine of the most important independent



Democratic party mayoral candidates are joined by Serbian President Boris Tadic (center black jacket) at a pre-election training session led by NDI's Serbia Director Mary O'Hagan (in the blue jacket next to Tadic).

electronic media in the Association of Independent Electronic Media (ANEM) network, including seven local radio stations and two local television stations.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$31,684**

To improve the ability of Serbia's democratic political parties to conduct effective voter outreach programs. NDI will conduct the first nationwide demographic analysis of voting patterns using results from elections in 2000 through 2004. NDI will develop a training manual and conduct seminars for democratic political parties to demonstrate techniques for using the data for constituency outreach and representation.

## **Student Union of Serbia (SUS)**

**\$50,000\***

To encourage greater student involvement in the country's political and economic reform. SUS will build its capacity to represent student interests in Serbia's four main universities through the formation of new SUS chapters, the organization of a campaign for university reform, the publication of informational materials and the training of student leaders in organizational and leadership skills.

## **Eastern and Central Europe Regional**

### **The American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

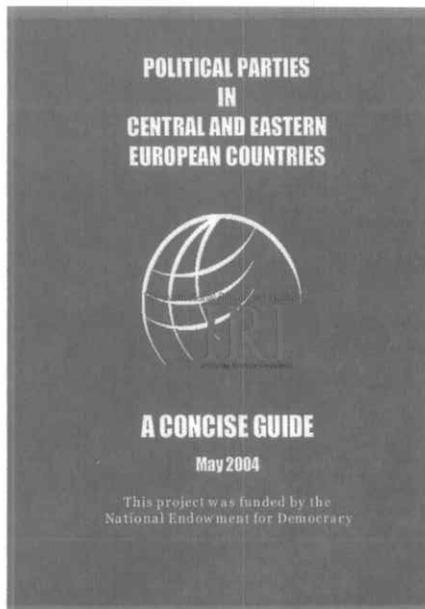
**\$111,748**

To strengthen the voice of Balkan trade unions in economic policy. ACILS will work to improve the economic literacy of trade union leaders and activists in Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia and increase their ability to involve themselves in economic policy making.

### **Center for Liberal Strategies (CLS)**

**\$51,150**

To promote cross-border cooperation. CLS will work with the Tbilisi-based Caucasian Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development to transfer lessons learned from the transition in the Balkans to Georgian decision makers, leading journalists and civic activists to help ensure the success of political and economic reforms in Georgia. The results will be published in a joint



IRI published this booklet on regional political parties.

policy paper outlining recommendations for political and economic reforms in Georgia and priorities for democracy assistance based on 15 years of Balkan experience.

### **International Republican Institute**

**\$799,994**

To continue a regional training program to improve policy coordination and networking among political leaders in Central and Eastern Europe and to develop greater accountability and grass-roots civic activism. IRI will conduct workshops throughout the region to train political and civic leaders on political communication, agenda definition, coalition building, advocacy and policy development. The program will focus on young activists and party organizations at the regional and local levels. IRI will also include activists from several Eurasian countries who can benefit from closer ties to their counterparts in CEE.

### **Malopolska Educational Society (MTO)**

**\$48,000\***

To expand its program of promoting civic education and activism at the grassroots level in the Balkans. MTO will launch a new civic education program, Public Achievement, through its network of sixty schools and parent teacher associations in the Balkans. Approximately 90 teachers will be trained and ten small grants awarded to schools to implement the civic program.



In 2003, ACILS received funding to support the Balkans Regional Women's School in Croatia. The school held workshops on gender mainstreaming and collective bargaining.

### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$199,000**

To launch a multi-year regional Roma effort that seeks to develop the political skills of Roma leaders in Slovakia and Bulgaria, improve their ability to advocate for changes in their communities and establish a network of Roma political activists in the region. This program will be one of the first efforts to promote the political empowerment of Roma political parties on a regional basis. The project will consist of public opinion research on Roma political attitudes; activist training on communications, negotiations, ethics and other key political skills; a regional advanced leadership academy for Roma to share experiences across borders; project-based technical assistance and a training-of-trainers component.

### **Partners Poland Foundation**

**\$29,945\***

To promote women's political participation in Kosovo. The Partners Poland Foundation will conduct a program to foster leadership skills among young women in rural Kosovo that will consist of training workshops, a study tour to Poland and a small grants program to support local civic activism.

### **STINA News Agency**

**\$23,000\***

To maintain the Croatia-based news agency's information gathering capacity in western Herzegovina by supporting a network of correspondents in the region and throughout Bosnia. By continuing to produce quality and in-depth reporting on this critical region, STINA seeks to break the information monopoly of the ruling nationalist party and ensure the free flow of independent news and opinion.

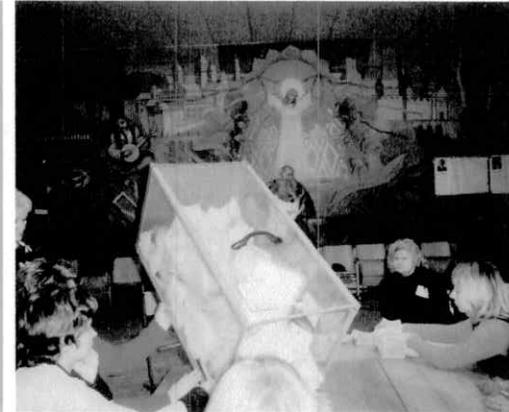


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# Eurasia

## 2004 NED Eurasia Program Highlights



Ukraine's Orange Revolution at the end of 2004 was the bright spot in Eurasia during a year that was otherwise characterized by substantial backsliding in democratic development. The region witnessed a plethora of fraudulent elections, human rights abuses, attacks on independent media, crackdowns on non-governmental organizations and violence and intimidation directed against democrats.

Defying the regional trend, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians took to the streets to protest an unfair campaign and massive vote fraud, remaining there—in spite of the bitter cold—until the Ukrainian Supreme Court ordered a new round of voting that gave opposition presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko a clear majority. Yushchenko's victory represents the most serious challenge to date of Vladimir Putin's so-called "managed democracy," and the Orange Revolution is likely to serve as an inspiration to activists throughout the region as they struggle to build genuinely democratic societies in their own countries.

Whether producing policy analysis, covering breaking news or educating and mobilizing citizens to vote, Endowment grantees were active in all aspects of preparation for **Ukraine's** election. NDI and IRI both carried out training programs for party activists and organized election monitoring for all three rounds of the election. Youth Alternative and Young Rukh ran nationwide get-out-the-vote (GOTV) cam-

paigns for Ukrainian youth, while internet newspapers *Maidan*, *Ostriv* and *Ukrainska Pravda* continued to provide objective reporting to voters to counter the overwhelmingly biased coverage by Ukraine's state-controlled television networks. Also, the Democratic Initiatives Foundation spearheaded a coalition of organizations that conducted nationwide exit polls during all three rounds of voting; these polls provided an accurate assessment of voters' intent and supported charges of election fraud.

Unlike Ukraine, **Russia's** political system continued to slide backwards towards authoritarianism after President Vladimir Putin, facing little meaningful competition, was re-elected in March with 70 percent of the vote. Endowment grantees continued to push for increased government transparency and accountability. The Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights produced analysis of developments in Russia's parliament, the State Duma, which has become increasingly closed and secretive, while the *Golos* coalition pressed for greater transparency in regional legislatures. In

Chechnya, despite constant pressure and threats of violence, the Society for Russian-Chechen Friendship continued to gather and distribute information about the ongoing conflict.

The parliamentary elections in **Belarus** were a striking contrast to the Presidential elections in Ukraine. The October election was critical because it was combined with a referendum that would lift the two-term limit on the presidency and give Alexander Lukashenka "Europe's last dictator," the opportunity to run for a third term in 2006. NED grantees were at the forefront of efforts to promote free, fair and transparent elections. In more than 40 of 110 election districts, local nonpartisan coalitions used NED support to organize GOTV campaigns. Independent national and local newspapers provided citizens with objective information on all candidates and their platforms. Other grantees trained independent observers, published nonpartisan GOTV materials and monitored the state-controlled media. NDI deployed thousands of domestic poll watchers for the parliamentary elections.

Following a campaign and election marred by intimidation and fraud, the regime declared that no opposition candidate had been elected to parliament. Furthermore, the Central Election Commission declared that over 78 percent of the electorate voted "yes" in the referendum, allowing Lukashenka possibly to become president for life. Independent exit polls, however, offered evidence that the referendum and election had been rigged. As a result, the parliamentary election was not recognized as free or fair by the U.S., EU or OSCE.

Following key elections last year, democrats in the **Caucasus** reassessed priorities and strategies to cope with new challenges in 2004. In **Armenia**, the Endowment continues to support human rights programs and initiated a new effort to develop a unified reform agenda by sponsoring a think tank launched by the Armenian Helsinki Assembly. Providing support for freedom of conscience programs has been a top priority in **Azerbaijan**. The FAR Center completed a comprehensive survey of religious diversity and freedom of worship and the *Umid* women's center continued to educate rural women about Islam and democracy. NED is also promoting the development of regional NGOs by supporting resource centers in rural Azerbaijan. One year after the "Rose Revolution," grantees continue to work to solidify the democratic gains made in **Georgia**. The Endowment sponsored a conference by the Partnership for Social Initiatives to assess the development of constitutionalism in Georgia. The Cultural-Humanitarian Fund "*Sukhumi*" is training women in political leadership skills and Georgia for NATO is crafting legislation to

ensure parliamentary oversight over the country's armed forces.

**Central Asia** is among the most authoritarian regions of the world, where presidents have routinely extended their terms in office through dubious referendums and devised strategies to ensure that members of their immediate families inherit the highest office. Starting from this low point, conditions in Central Asian states are declining as new restrictions criminalizing NGO activity are being imposed in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Against this bleak background, the Endowment's programs in Central Asia are laying the foundation for long-term development of democratic values.

The core areas of NED activity in Central Asia in 2004 have been human rights, independent media and political participation. Three projects in **Kazakhstan** monitored the activities of parliamentary deputies, reporting in the media, and voter preferences; each documented abuses of the electoral process during the 2004 parliamentary contest. A NED-supported conference focused attention on discrimination against ethnic minorities and examined the historical memory of the crimes of Stalinism. In **Kyrgyzstan**, the independent newspaper *MSN* received support for its weekend edition, helping it to compete with the government's chief newspaper. A network of human rights activists based in Jalalabad reported regularly on human rights issues and provided support for counterparts in Uzbek and Tajik portions of the Ferghana Valley. The Solidarity Center is launching a new office in Bishkek that will implement programs in support of trade unionism throughout Central Asia. Programs in **Tajikistan** assisted independent radio and television broadcasting, including support for the country's only political talk show on *SONIYON* television. Other programs are promoting human rights and the participation of women and youth in local politics. Despite greater restrictions against nongovernmental organizations in **Uzbekistan**, NED grantees continue to work to promote democracy throughout the area. With NED assistance, two independent email and Internet publications were launched. In addition, one grantee conducted public opinion polling on youth attitudes, two other grantees organized human rights monitoring, and another grantee held trainings to teach citizens about the electoral law, in particular how to nominate independent candidates for the parliamentary elections. Working with national and regional business associations, CIPE conducted programs to reduce corruption in all five of the Central Asian states, including **Turkmenistan**. The programs scrutinized legislation, surveyed business owners, and sought to advance transparency and accountability through public discussion and debate.

## Description of 2004 Grants: Eurasia

### Armenia

#### Helsinki Association

\$47,000

To provide pro bono legal services at three offices and promote human rights legislation. Helsinki Association will develop draft legislation and meet with parliamentarians to press for its adoption. The Association will also monitor trial proceedings and make appeals to the European Court of Human Rights.

#### Republican Center for Democracy

\$24,880

To provide legal aid to vulnerable segments of the Armenian population. The Center will monitor human rights, publicize its activities and advocate for relevant legislation.



Prodemocracy activists demonstrate in Yerevan, Armenia.

### Azerbaijan

#### Association of Young Leaders of Azerbaijan (AYLA)

\$22,695

To encourage youth interest and involvement in journalism, human rights and NGOs through its school for young leaders. AYLA will conduct two five-month intensive courses and produce a monthly newspaper. AYLA will also work to integrate the students into the local NGO and media community.



In 2003, the Armenian Association of Women with University Education received a grant to produce this book, *Democratization of Armenian Society*.

#### AYNA Media Group

\$28,005

To produce a television program on issues pertaining to the development of democracy in Azerbaijan. The Media Group will produce 20 segments of a bi-weekly television talk show to be broadcasted on local television stations. AYN A will also serve as a resource center for journalists and other media professionals in southern Azerbaijan.

#### Azadliq

\$24,900

To raise awareness of human rights abuses. *Azadliq*, Azerbaijan's oldest independent newspaper, will publish a regional supplement for circulation throughout the country to report on human rights violations and the abuse of power prior to the 2004 municipal elections.

#### Azerbaijan Foundation for the Development of Democracy (AFDD)

\$37,490

To promote participation in municipal elections, civic activism and equality before the law. The AFDD network will provide legal aid, inform the public about laws pertaining to municipal elections and NGO activity and publish a reference volume based on gathered data.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$77,098

To increase the participation of business associations in the democratic and economic reform process in Azerbaijan. The Coalition of Business Associations of Azerbaijan will build support for market-based democratic reforms among government officials, business associations and the public. The Coalition will organize monthly public discussions of business problems in the country, monitor the business situation and publish monthly bulletins.

#### Center "Toward Civil Society" (MCD)

\$27,901

To increase political awareness prior to the 2004 municipal elections. MCD will produce television shows, hold seminars, encourage citizens to run in the municipal elections, help candidates publicize their programs and develop recommendations for improving the laws governing municipalities.

#### FAR Center for Economic and Political Research

\$41,462

To monitor the state of religious freedom in Azerbaijan. The Center will provide a forum for dialogue on issues of religious tolerance and promote the concept of separation of the state and religion. The FAR Center will conduct sociological research, host seminars to discuss the issues that emerge from the focus groups and publicize the findings of its research.

#### Institute of Peace and Democracy (IPD)

\$18,730

To produce a book on municipalities and municipal elections in Azerbaijan and conduct a series of training seminars on the same topic. The IPD will write and publish *Municipalities: Elections, Role, and Significance*. After publication of the book, a series of seminars will be conducted in and around the Absheron Peninsula.

## Internews Azerbaijan Public Association

\$44,598

To launch an Internet-based media forum to address the problems of Azerbaijani media. The forum will defend the rights of journalists; promote professional standards; report on media issues and link journalists with international organizations. The site will be available in Azerbaijani, Russian, and English.

## Legal Education Society

\$30,555

To provide legal support to the NGO community. The Society will publish a textbook and an information bulletin and conduct training for law students and NGO staff. The program will also provide pro bono legal counsel for NGOs.

## Model Constitutional Court (MCC)

\$31,885

To promote a greater understanding of the judiciary. The MCC will hold eleven mock trials; publish articles on the trials and promote the development of similar programs. Every mock trial will be filmed to permit larger audiences to view it later, either through broadcast or by circulating videos.

## Social Union of Sumgait Youth

\$20,705

To provide resources and support for local NGOs in the Sumgait region. The organization will conduct training for NGO leaders; provide office support for NGO staff; produce a television program about local NGOs and publish materials detailing legislation on the registration and management of NGOs.

## Social Union "The World of New Youth"

\$16,860

To support the creation of an NGO resource center in Quba. The center will provide office services and training to local NGOs, produce television programming about local NGOs and publish a directory of local NGOs.



IRI sponsored a meeting for Belarusian political and NGO leaders in Washington, DC.

## Umid (Hope) Women Development Center

\$12,242

To overcome religious and regional tensions by educating the rural population in remote regions of Azerbaijan about the compatibility of democratic values with Islam. Umid will hold a series of five daylong seminars for men and women to launch a sophisticated discussion about democracy, equality of the sexes, and Islamic belief and practice.

## Belarus

### A) Election Processes

\$488,808\*

To educate citizens, turn out voters, support prodemocratic coalitions and monitor polling stations through nonpartisan programs prior to Belarus' October 2004 parliamentary elections.

### B) Independent Media

\$320,705\*

To strengthen prodemocratic sources of objective information, including independent newspapers, NGO bulletins, an Internet magazine and a media monitoring organization that are breaking an information blockade imposed by the dictatorial regime in Belarus.

### C) NGO Development

\$202,597\*

To develop and strengthen Belarus' third sector, especially regional NGOs and national umbrella organizations, through support for small grants, training, independent publications, legal aid, civic activities and daily operating expenses.

### D) Youth

\$94,484\*

To promote youth activism in Belarus by means of support for civic campaigns, student organizations, democratic education and youth publications.



The "We Remember" NGO distributed this pamphlet to raise awareness about "disappeared" opposition figures in Belarus.

\*INDICATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDING BEYOND NED'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.



This flyer and brochure was distributed by the "Five Plus" Coalition as a part of a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign in Belarus.

## E) Human Rights

**\$32,750\***

To support networks of activists who monitor and publicize human and civil rights violations, defend those who have been repressed by the regime and educate citizens about the country's human rights situation.

## Georgia

### Association Atinati

**\$17,988**

To increase the capacity of the NGO community in the Samogrelo region of western Georgia. The program will include free consultations, training and technological resources for local NGOs, publication of an NGO newsletter and a website, in addition to radio broadcasts and monthly meetings between the NGO and government sectors.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

**\$101,842**

To assist the Partnership for Social Initiatives (PSI) in conducting an institutional audit. PSI will outline the key areas of the Georgian government in which reforms are needed and what process should be followed to fulfill these reforms. PSI will then create a Steering Committee made up of government officials and stakeholders, who will advocate for the adoption of the recommendations by the new Georgian government.

### Cultural-Humanitarian Fund "Sukhumi"

**\$25,024**

To promote women's leadership in politics, with particular focus on women displaced by the war in Abkhazia. Fund Sukhumi will identify women leaders and provide intensive leadership training for twenty local women. The Fund will also produce six television and six radio shows focusing on women's leadership and the problems of internally displaced persons.

### Georgia for NATO

**\$25,000**

To support civilian control over the armed forces. Georgia for NATO will draft legislation on civilian oversight of the military, which will be promoted among the public and the political elite through discussions with military leadership, the parliament, political parties and the media.

### Human Rights Information and Documentation Center

**\$25,589**

To ensure that Georgia's democratic transition is consistent with legal and human rights norms. The Center will teach human rights as part of the curriculum of the police academy. The Center will also provide legal assistance, expand its library and resource center, produce television and radio public service announcements and publish a brochure on human rights.

### Internews Georgia

**\$25,000**

To support its weekly cross border news program, *Crossroads*, which has been broadcast in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia since 1997. The news segments and feature stories are filmed in all three countries, but the final assembly and editing takes place in Tbilisi.

### Liberty Institute

**\$42,296**

To create a national network of youth activists. The Georgian youth movement Kmara will conduct in-depth training to spread their organizational and advocacy techniques to new youth groups. Liberty Institute will also organize a summer training camp for youth leaders and will publish a manual and three brochures.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

**\$142,001**

To support free and fair elections. NDI will assist the International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy to continue monitoring elections while simultaneously adjusting its focus to encompass a broader range of activities aimed at promoting democratic processes.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

**\$58,525**

To conduct an assessment of the weaknesses in the Georgian parliament. Based on the recommendations developed through the parliamentary assessment, NDI will provide consultations to strengthen the parliament's ability to function as an independent and equal branch of government.

### Open Society – New Kutaisi

**\$20,996**

To promote public participation in the budget process in the Imerti region of Georgia. Open Society will publish information on the local budget; assist local leaders in forming public coalitions to collect comments from the public and discuss proposed amendments with local councils.

## Partnership for Social Initiatives (PSI)

\$21,370

To conduct an assessment of the effects of government policy since January 2004 on the state of democracy in Georgia. PSI will analyze the two main domestic initiatives of the new government, the constitutional amendments and the anti-corruption campaign. PSI will also organize six debates involving government, NGO and press representatives.

## United Nations Association of Georgia

\$29,893

To develop a new generation of civil society activists. The Association will form debate and discussion clubs for Georgian youth as a way of teaching them analytical and presentation skills. Each club will conduct 12 meetings and six model international negotiations and will provide access to libraries and Internet resources.

## Kazakhstan

### Association of Sociologists and Political Scientists of Kazakhstan (ASIP)

\$31,850\*

To conduct a nationwide exit poll of the parliamentary elections. ASIP will



This report, *Elections to the Mazhilis Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan*, was produced by ASIP. The report is a comparative analysis of exit poll and central commission results from the parliamentary elections.



ASIP conducted parliamentary election exit polls throughout Kazakhstan.



CIPE supported the Almaty Association of Entrepreneurs in a project to analyze and discuss the flaws of the Administrative Code, the single most important legal document regulating the relationship between government and entrepreneurs.

count and interview voters as they leave polling stations. NED will sponsor transportation costs for 425 volunteer supervisors, each responsible for two electoral districts and eight interviewers. The results of the exit poll will be entered into a database and publicized at press conferences after the elections.

### Ecological Society "Green Salvation"

\$29,307\*

To increase the Kazakhstan environmental movement's ability to defend itself. The Society will publicize accurate information about environmental hazards; promote environmental activism; provide legal counsel; help individuals take their cases to court; offer expert opinion on pending legislation; carry out monitoring and produce publications and films on the environment.

## Independent Information Agency and Discussion Club "Polyton"

\$30,162\*

To continue its weekly discussion club for activists and members of the media. The Club provides an opportunity for concerned citizens to exchange ideas and produce alternative sources of information and opinion. The Club will publish reports on the information and analyses generated from its discussions, using its website and email.

## International Foundation for Humanitarian Assistance "Nur"

\$16,109\*

To shed light on the subject of genocidal deportations during the Stalinist era. Nur will promote the full rehabilitation of the "punished peoples," collect testimonials from survivors, survey the Chechen population to assess their concerns and train other nationalities to conduct similar programs.

## Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law (KIBHR)

\$42,980

To provide free legal consultations in Almaty and Chirchikent and to train young lawyers and law students. In addition to advising and representing clients, the attorneys will observe trials, advise callers about human rights and report on these activities via the media. The Bureau will also provide free access to a database of Kazakhstan's legislation.

## Republican Network of Independent Monitors (RNIM)

\$39,246\*

To increase governmental transparency through public oversight of the parliament. RNIM will monitor the deputies of the lower house of parliament and disseminate information regarding their performance, in order to provide a public record for the 2004 elections.

## "Street Law" Kazakhstan

\$31,760\*

To support a civic education program in Kazakh-language middle schools. Street Law will train teachers and school administrators in four regions to teach civics courses using new materials and will organize an Olympiad for students.

## Kyrgyzstan

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

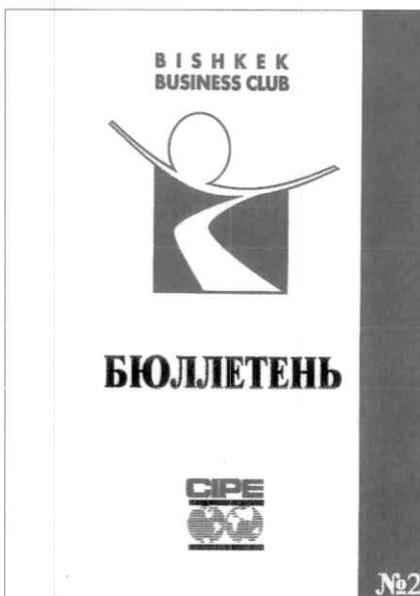
\$369,744

To support trade unions in the Kyrgyzstan. ACILS will implement a trade union education program to introduce concepts of democratic trade unionism to leaders from the Kyrgyzstan Trade Union Federation at the national, branch, regional and local levels. ACILS will also implement a legal assistance program for local unions and members.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$70,672

To strengthen the voice of the private sector in the electoral process. CIPE will work with the Turan Jyldyzy business association to create a coalition of like-minded NGOs that will develop a regional business agenda in preparation for the upcoming elections. This project will focus on the Osh region of southern Kyrgyzstan and will inform and empower the business community to play a responsible role.



In 2003, CIPE received NED funding to assist medium-sized businesses in collaboration with the Bishkek Business Club. They produced this publication, *Bulletin*, on their activities.



Youth Human Rights Group held a seminar on International treaties that protect human rights in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan. Among the participants are the organization's founder and former NED Reagan-Fascell Fellow, Maria Lisitsyna.

### Independent Human Rights Group (IHRG)

\$32,582\*

To provide quality legal representation to persons whose human rights or electoral rights have been violated. The IHRG will maintain a legal aid center in Bishkek to provide legal consultations and teach lawyers in Kyrgyzstan how to make use of international law. IHRG will also compile a comprehensive report about violations of human rights.

### Internews Kyrgyz Republic

\$19,842\*

To improve the legal environment for journalists and the media in Kyrgyzstan. Internews will provide legal advice to journalists, monitor violations of journalists' rights and produce two practical guides and a manual on media law.

### Jalal-Abad Regional Human Rights Organization Spravedlivost

\$40,600\*

To maintain a network of human rights NGOs in Jalal-Abad. Spravedlivost will serve as a resource center and coordinate the activities of groups within the region. In addition, Spravedlivost will produce a monthly television program and publish a bimonthly bulletin on human rights issues.

### Kyrgyz Committee for Human Rights (KCHR)

\$26,540

To maintain the KCHR's regional network in order to provide legal and human rights assistance. KCHR will report on human and electoral rights issues; lobby the government to comply with international human rights standards and issue daily bulletins in English containing news and analysis of the human rights situation.



The staff of Kyrgyz grantee Shoola-Kol.

### **MSN Company, Ltd.**

**\$48,000**

To cover partial costs of printing and paper in the period prior to the 2005 parliamentary elections. MSN will provide news and analysis by publishing four 16-page editions in Russian each week. MSN will also use Endowment funding to expand its circulation.

### **Public Association "Shoola-Kol"**

**\$22,653**

To support a network of grassroots human rights and political activists in the Tonsk region. Shoola-Kol will provide pro bono legal services, hold seminars for the local population, distribute literature about the election and provide voter registration materials. Shoola-Kol will also organize seminars on electoral law for members of the district electoral commission.

## **Russia**

### **Agency for Social Information (ASI)**

**\$50,000\***

To collect and distribute information on the activities of the Russian NGO sector. ASI will maintain its network of correspondents and affiliate offices in 27 regions of Russia, which will provide the Moscow office with regular reports on NGO activities in their region for distribution through ASI's newswire service.

### **Andrei Sakharov Archive and Human Rights Center of Brandeis University**

**\$23,782**

To contribute to understanding the Soviet past. The archive will make Andrei Sakharov's KGB file available via the Internet and will create a searchable database of supporting documents. The creation of the archive will accompany the publication of the book, *KGB File on Andrei Sakharov*.

### **Andrei Sakharov Museum and Public Center**

**\$20,000**

To make its facilities available to Moscow-based NGOs to hold joint meetings and other large public events. The Museum will also make its Internet salon available to the public for free on weekends.

### **Center for Civic Education and Human Rights**

**\$30,000**

To offer human rights education training to teachers in Perm oblast. The Center will conduct training courses, publish teacher training guides and textbooks and work with local educational authorities to expand the teaching of human rights.

### **Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights**

**\$42,500**

To monitor the activity of the State Duma. The Center will produce a monthly bulletin containing assessments of draft laws as they pertain to human rights and the NGO sector, recommendations for an effective civic response to draft laws and information on special topics and legislators' voting.

### **Center for Public Information**

**\$49,828**

To conduct a program to help human rights organizations work more effectively with the press. The Center will collect information from human rights organizations throughout Russia and organize press conferences and media roundtables on behalf of NGOs. The Center will also monitor the media coverage of human rights issues and publish a monthly journal on human rights.

### **Center for Russian Environmental Policy**

**\$30,000**

To conduct a program to strengthen ties between ecological, human rights and prodemocracy organizations. In addition to holding a three day conference to build ties among NGOs, the Center will open two regional centers for public environmental policy and provide data and analysis for policy makers.

### **Center for Social Projecting "Vozrozhdenie"**

**\$49,998\***

To monitor the implementation of the new law on local government. The Center will provide recommendations for making the political system democratic and effective and disseminate information on the changes taking place through roundtables and seminars.

### **Center for the Support of Land Reform in Vladimir Oblast**

**\$23,472\***

To distribute information on land reform and to offer legal assistance to rural residents of Vladimir oblast and four neighboring oblasts. Center staff will carry out at least 36 public meetings for rural residents of these oblasts and continue to offer free legal aid from its office.

### **Center for Trade Union Education**

**\$40,000**

To support a program of legal aid, training and publication. The Center will support legal consultation offices through partner organizations in five cities and conduct training programs for trade union activists in each city.

### **Chelyabinsk Oblast Public Fund "Helping Hand"**

**\$40,645\***

To increase respect for human rights in the Russian prison system. Helping Hand will organize seminars on human rights for prison officials and teachers and will support the development of nongovernmental organizations in Chelyabinsk and Sverdlovsk oblasts.

### **Environmental and Human Rights Center "Bellona"**

**\$40,000**

To publish the bimonthly journal, *Ecology and Human Rights*. The journal provides in-depth analysis of environmental issues with a focus on their impact on the local population and government policy.

### **Glasnost Defense Foundation (GDF)**

**\$44,313**

To publish seven books on the freedom of the press. These publications will be used in training seminars provided by GDF and other organizations and will be distributed for free to libraries,

university journalism departments, legal professionals, government agencies and human rights organizations.

### **Globus Media News Agency**

**\$29,870\***

To provide impartial news coverage during the presidential election. The news agency will distribute syndicated articles to eighty regional newspapers; monitor media coverage of the campaign and organize a seminar for newspaper editors.

### **Golos NGO Coalition**

**\$50,000\***

To monitor and record the activities of deputies in four regions of Russia. Golos staff will record voting, attendance and sponsorship of legislation and will distribute the information to local media. Golos will also organize public events to push for the introduction of nominal voting.

### **Human Rights Publishers**

**\$36,000\***

To publish and distribute the journal, *Human Rights Defender*. The journal publishes articles on the human rights situation in Russia, along with news and important human rights documents from abroad.

### **Humanist Center**

**\$40,000\***

To support teachers' initiatives to keep Russian schools secular and independent. The Center will conduct monitor-

ing of nationalist and religious themes in school curricula, carry out a training program for teachers and conduct roundtables to bring together legislators, teachers and representatives of the Ministry of Education.

### **Independent Council of Legal Expertise**

**\$50,000**

To improve the conformity of Russian legislation with constitutional and international norms. The Council will monitor national and regional legislative developments and will provide commentary on pending legislation at the request of human rights organizations. In addition, the Council will provide free legal advice to human rights organizations with particularly difficult problems.

### **Independent Press Center Foundation**

**\$50,000**

To assist the NGO community with public relations. The Foundation will organize an estimated seven or eight press conferences a week for Russian NGOs and will assist in publicizing other events for the NGO community.

### **Information Agency "Memo.ru"**

**\$45,000**

To train human rights activists how to use public opinion polling data effectively. Using survey data supplied by the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC, Memo.ru

will train twenty young NGO leaders in using data to shape messages for public information campaigns. These young leaders will then carry out informational campaigns in their regions.

### **Information and Analytical Center "Sova"**

**\$48,447\***

To monitor political discourse in Russia for the influence of radical nationalism. Sova will organize a series of roundtables and seminars to develop concrete strategies for opposing radical nationalism and draft laws to oppose nationalist excesses. Sova will produce daily, monthly and quarterly electronic reports on its monitoring and will produce a final report on the project.

### **Information Research Center "Panorama"**

**\$45,000**

To conduct a program in support of newly emerging democratic groups, movements, and initiatives. Panorama will conduct extensive research into these new initiatives and will organize a series of roundtables for democracy activists. At the end of the program, Panorama will publish a concluding report in an edition of 2000 copies.

### **Institute for Humanities and Political Studies**

**\$49,990**

To familiarize young people with the legacy of Soviet authoritarianism and with the literature that was circulated as *samizdat*. The Institute will publish a four-volume anthology of *samizdat* literature that includes literature, poetry, scientific articles and memoirs, which will be available in hard copy and via the Internet.

### **International Protection Center**

**\$45,000\***

To offer free legal representation to individuals taking human rights cases before international bodies. When all possibilities in the Russian legal system have been exhausted, the Center will assist individuals in pursuing their cases in the European Court of Human Rights or with the United Nations' Committee on Human Rights.



The Independent Press Center Foundation and the Agency for Social Information held a roundtable discussion and press conference to discuss the political outlook of Russian youth in 2004.

**International Republican Institute****\$170,000**

To assist in the integration of the League of Women Voters and the Women's Leadership and Partnership Network in the political democratization process. IRI will identify newly-elected women deputies who are interested in addressing gender issues and hold a series of roundtable discussions and a conference. In addition, IRI will establish a Center for Political Debates to increase youth participation in politics.

**International Republican Institute****\$160,000**

To identify promising young leaders and encourage them to run for public office at the local level. IRI will work with 20-30 activists who will undergo training in campaign techniques, constituent relations and the legal and organizational basics of local self-government in Russia. Following the election, IRI will continue to work with successful candidates on constituent outreach, access to information and other day-to-day issues in the work of a deputy.

**Interregional Foundation for Civil Society****\$60,016\***

To support a small grants program for regional human rights organizations. The Foundation will make approximately 25 grants of between \$1,000 and \$3,000. These grants will offer grantees the opportunity to improve professionalism, gain project-development and management skills and learn how to apply for and manage external funds.

**League of Women Voters of St. Petersburg****\$45,000**

To support its St. Petersburg headquarters and six of its regional affiliates in northwest Russia. Endowment funding will be used to support public reception offices in seven cities in northwest Russia. The public reception offices offer legal aid, serve as resource centers for regional NGOs and provide a forum for political discussions.

**Moscow Helsinki Group****\$35,000**

To conduct a program of research and information exchange on the problem of police misconduct. MHG will examine misconduct in five regions and use the information as the basis for an analytical report that will make recommendations on ways to counter police misconduct.

**Moscow Regional Fund "Social Partnership"****\$35,000\***

To promote the passage of the draft law on the public monitoring of prison conditions and to train NGO leaders and prison officials to facilitate public monitoring of prisons. The Fund will organize a series of training seminars and will work with deputies in the State Duma and prison officials to develop recommendations for the law and to secure its passage.

**Murmansk Association of Women Journalists****\$30,000**

To undertake a program of public service journalism in three regions of northwest Russia. Journalists from eight newspapers will receive training on covering local and regional government. Each newspaper will then conduct a public information campaign on local government in its region.

**Ozersk City Social and Ecological Public Organization "Planeta Nadezhd" (Planet of Hopes)****\$30,000\***

To conduct a program of research, training and publication on human rights in closed cities. Planeta Nadezhd will conduct training on human rights for NGO leaders and officials from closed cities throughout the Urals; monitor rights violations and provide legal aid in the city of Ozersk and continue to publish its newspaper to inform inhabitants of Ozersk about their rights.

**Perm-36 Memorial Museum of the History of Political Repression and Totalitarianism****\$50,000**

To develop an elective high school course on Stalinist political repression for civic education and history teachers. The Museum will use its own collections and regional archives to create a set of

teaching materials about Stalinism and the history of the gulag that will build on last year's work developing a course on "Resistance to Repression in Soviet Society, 1945-1991."

**Russian Association for Civic Education****\$36,000\***

To hold the Russian Civic Education Olympiad for the 2004 school year. Students will test their knowledge and understanding of democracy through a series of written essays. Organizers will also analyze the state of civic education through the evaluation of different textbooks and teaching methods used in the classroom.

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

To combat authoritarian trends with the publication of the journal, *Karta*. The publication offers a unique combination of articles on recent Russian history, comparative politics and human rights issues.

**Saratov Legal Reform Project****\$25,000**

To operate a free legal clinic staffed by professional lawyers and student interns from Saratov-region law schools. Student interns will participate in legal work relating to human rights violations and will undergo training in the practical aspects of legal work. In addition, SLRP will continue to promote clinical legal education throughout Russia.

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

To conduct a program to examine and combat corruption in four regions of Russia. The Center will conduct research on corruption; organize training seminars on combating corruption and coordinate a network of NGOs working against corruption.

**St. Petersburg Institute of Law****\$40,000\***

To promote respect for the law and human rights among Russian youth. The Institute will publish the third volume of its *Living Law* series of text books and will continue to promote the use of the curriculum in primary and secondary schools throughout Russia.

## **Tochka Opory (Fulcrum Foundation)**

**\$51,000\***

To conduct a small-grants program for regional Russian youth NGOs. Tochka Opory will give between 10 and 15 small grants to regional organizations for projects that build tolerance and pluralism, personal involvement in public affairs, reflection on current events and trends and awareness of society.

## **Union of Committees of Soldiers' Mothers**

**\$35,000\***

To provide legal assistance to soldiers who have been forced to work in the private sector without compensation. Soldiers' Mothers will maintain ten regional reception offices for servicemen and their relatives. The committee will also develop concrete recommendations on dealing with forced labor, while bringing charges in particularly egregious cases.

## **Union of Journalists of Russia – Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations**

**\$55,632**

To maintain its network of correspondents throughout Russia. The Center will report on attempts to pressure or intimidate journalists and will conduct investigations into murders, kidnappings, and other extreme forms of violence against journalists. The Center will continue to distribute its two weekly electronic bulletins, *Dangerous Profession and The Authorities vs. The Press*.

## **Voronezh United Democratic Center (VUDC)**

**\$39,993\***

To publish twelve issues of the newspaper, *We Are Citizens. We Are Citizens* publishes information about the activities of local and regional government in Voronezh oblast, and will be used to distribute information about VUDC's other activities. VUDC will also conduct four roundtables on budgetary transparency and implementation of housing and utilities reform.

## **Yaroslavl Center for Social Partnership**

**\$50,000**

To conduct a program to improve communication between legislators and the public in Yaroslavl oblast. The Center will

inform residents of ways to contact their representative or find out about their activities and voting record. The Center will also encourage and assist legislators in opening public reception offices.

## **Youth Human Rights Movement**

**\$40,000**

To strengthen existing networks of youth human rights organizations and promote the development of a core group of young human rights activists. The organization will conduct public campaigns on human rights issues relating to youth, produce email newsletters and printed publications and conduct training programs.

## **Za Prava Cheloveka (ZPC)**

**\$50,000\***

To provide support for its regional human rights network. ZPC's network will continue to operate legal clinics where citizens can come for free legal advice and, occasionally, more extensive assistance with their cases. ZPC's national staff will assist the organizations in its network and will handle particularly difficult or high profile cases directly.

## **Russia (Chechnya)**

### **Chechen Committee for National Salvation**

**\$40,000**

To conduct a program of legal aid and direct action to protect refugees remaining in Ingushetia as well as those who return to Chechnya. The Committee's reception offices will help refugees with housing and registration and will attempt to offer assistance in instances of arrests and forced disappearances.

### **Fund for Rehabilitation and Development**

**\$23,591**

To promote traditional Chechen forms of conflict resolution and respect for the law as an alternative to violence in the Chechen society. The Fund will conduct a series of seminars and discussion groups at Chechnya's leading universities, produce a television program on peacemaking and Chechen society and publish a bulletin.

## **LAM Center for Complex Research and Popularization of Chechen Culture**

**\$35,000\***

To promote democratic ideals and practices throughout the Chechen Republic and Chechen diaspora. LAM will conduct a series of roundtables for Chechen NGOs and political figures, publish its bulletin, provide support for Chechen NGOs, conduct research on public opinion in Chechnya and produce a television series on Chechen ethics, culture and political philosophy.

## **LATTA Center**

**\$25,000**

To promote a dialog among Chechens about how best to build a democratic future for the region. LATTA will organize a conference and a series of roundtables on conflict resolution and a series of seminars for students in universities in Grozny. LATTA will also continue its research activities and will publish its quarterly bulletin.

## **Nizhny Novgorod Committee Against Torture**

**\$25,000\***

To draw attention to the problem of torture and to protect individual victims of torture in Chechnya. The Committee will maintain two public reception offices that will offer legal aid to torture victims and pursue cases through international legal mechanisms like the United Nations Committee Against Torture and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

## **Society for Russian-Chechen Friendship**

**\$70,000\***

To provide an independent source of information about events in Chechnya. The Society will support a network of correspondents throughout the Chechen Republic. Information from these correspondents will be used to produce reports which will be widely distributed to the Russian and Western media.

## Tajikistan

### Independent School of Journalists "Tajikistan – XXI Century"

\$41,965\*

To expand educational programs for radio professionals. The School will continue to train staff members from the four independent radio stations recently granted operating licenses by the government. In addition, the School will conduct on-site needs assessments for three independent radio stations outside Dushanbe and will serve as a resource center for journalists.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$200,027

To improve the preparations of political parties for the February 2005 parliamentary elections and to strengthen the capacity of NGOs. NDI will provide advice and training to strengthen individual parties and encourage cooperation, offer guidance to civic groups on organizational development and support political discussion programs on independent television and radio stations.

### NGO Modar

\$28,791\*

To stimulate the involvement of women in politics. NGO Modar will conduct seminars for women in isolated areas, which will include visits by parliamentary deputies and party activists. A final roundtable will bring together women leaders to identify and promote women candidates for the parliamentary elections.

### Republican Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law

\$29,653\*

To monitor human rights and provide legal aid in Tajikistan. The Bureau will provide pro bono legal aid to the most vulnerable segments of society in Khujand and Dushanbe, and will collect detailed data on human rights abuses and problems with the work of the justice system.

### "SONIYON"

\$26,950\*

To inform the public about the political process. The television station will broadcast a live call-in talk show featuring panel discussions with government, opposition, and civil society leaders. The show will reach an audience of up to a

million viewers and provide an alternative to government-controlled television.

### Sughd Independent Newspaper

\$17,120\*

To publish a weekly newspaper in the Tajik language with a print run of 5,000 copies. *Sughdiy* will provide information about NGOs and political parties; the process of registering to vote and the need for free and fair elections.

### TV Regar

\$18,916\*

To provide support to independent media outlets. TV Regar will train local journalists, provide professional programming to Tajik and Uzbek viewers and attempt to overcome national and ethnic animosities by promoting the values of accountable governance and democratic participation.

### Youth Ecological Center

\$15,195\*

To encourage the formation of youth discussion clubs in five of the poorest and most isolated regions of Tajikistan. The Center will train regional youth leaders to manage and lead their groups effectively and to approach authorities in a skillful manner. This network of discussion clubs will form the foundation for Tajikistan's first independent political youth group.

## Turkmenistan

### A) Rule of Law

\$55,514

To promote the concept of the rule of law and respect for human rights by analyzing legislation, providing pro bono legal assistance to particularly vulnerable persons and creating a comprehensive legislative database. The programs assist clients by drafting complaints, filing applications or claims with government agencies and representing clients in court or before administrative bodies. The programs also bring the inadequacies in Turkmenistan's legislation to the attention of government officials and international organizations.

### B) Center for International Private Enterprise

\$64,140

To create legislative incentives for entrepreneurs to enter the formal economy and to improve legislation governing taxation. CIPE works with a local partner to survey the effect of the black market on small- and medium-sized businesses and present its findings to the parliament.

### C) NGO Development

\$65,310

To provide training, information and office support for NGOs throughout Turkmenistan. Local NGO resource centers will bolster activists, disseminate information and provide various trainings. Each center will be open daily for use by the local NGO community and host a monthly meeting for regular visitors. NED funded programs will provide office skills training and use of computers and internet for NGO members.

### D) Civic Education

\$24,508

To undertake a civic education program geared at training secondary school educators in interactive teaching methods to encourage critical thinking. The program conducts training sessions, publishes teaching guides and a monthly bulletin for participants, and maintains a database of instructions and sample materials for teachers' use.

## Ukraine

### Agency for Legislative Initiatives

\$24,613\*

To monitor the work of the Ukrainian parliament and to publicize this information through a monthly journal and website. The Agency will publish eight issues of *The Parliament Journal*, which features both general articles on parliamentary activity and analysis of and recommendations on specific legislation.



In July, Viktor Yushchenko held a rally in Kyiv to formally announce his candidacy for president of Ukraine.



After the initial fraudulent results of the Ukrainian presidential election were announced, demonstrators convened at the Federation of Trade Unions in Kyiv. (Photo provided by ACILS)

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

**\$367,057**

To strengthen the organizational capacity, collective bargaining skills and leadership abilities of unions. The Solidarity Center will conduct a series of education programs, seminars and workshops for unions of teachers, railroad workers, journalists, oil and gas workers, municipal workers and employees of the Academy of Sciences. In addition, the Solidarity Center will organize five seminars on the restructuring of the coal industry and four education programs for women trade union leaders.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

**\$44,466\***

To ensure the Confederation of Free Trade Unions' ability to function in the face of heightened pressure during the period of the presidential elections. The Solidarity Center will provide funds to the Confederation to cover the costs of a small office and staff salaries, enabling the Confederation to continue working to increase awareness of core labor standards and to expose the flaws of Ukrainian labor legislation.

### Association Spilnyi Prostrir (SP)

**\$50,000**

To support a program of information distribution and media monitoring during the fall 2004 presidential campaign. SP will also prepare daily news items on Ukrainian politics, economics and society for use in the regional media and will carry out a series of roundtables for journalists on the role of the press and press monitoring in elections.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

**\$134,156**

To facilitate the implementation of the law "On the Principles of State Regulatory Policy in the Sphere of Business Activities." CIPE will conduct an assessment of the capabilities of regional business associations and will provide training and assistance in making use of the new law, which requires the executive and legislative branches of the government, regulatory agencies and local administrations and governments to publish draft bills within one month before their passage.

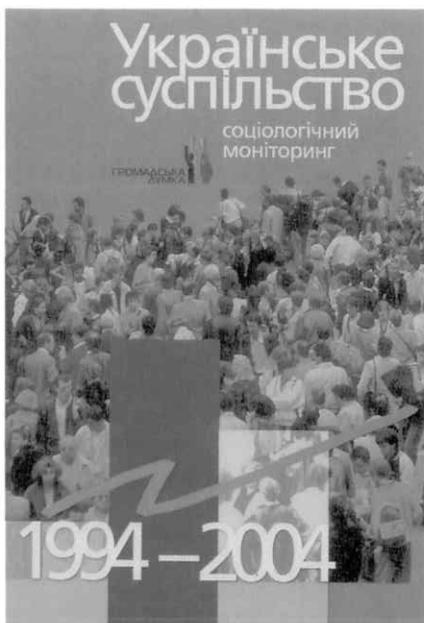


With assistance from CIPE, the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research published *Priorities: The Journal of Private Enterprise Concepts*.

### Center for Research on Social Perspectives in the Donbass

**\$29,291**

To monitor and analyze the election in the Donbass. The Center will publish its Internet newspaper, *Ostriv*, to provide ongoing coverage of events in Donetsk oblast leading up to the 2004 presidential election campaign. The Center will also conduct preliminary surveys of voters and exit polls.



The Democratic Initiatives Foundation published a series of bulletins entitled, *Public Opinion*, in preparation for the Ukrainian presidential election. The first discusses Ukraine sociological data; the second is a compilation of exit poll results.

### Center of Information and Documentation of Crimean Tatars

**\$35,000\***

To provide accurate information and analysis of important events to Ukraine's Tatar minority. The Center will publish an analytical journal; monitor the Ukrainian press' coverage of Crimean Tatar issues and the coordinate an analytical group that will help develop policy recommendations for official and non-official institutions.

### Cherkassy Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CCVU)

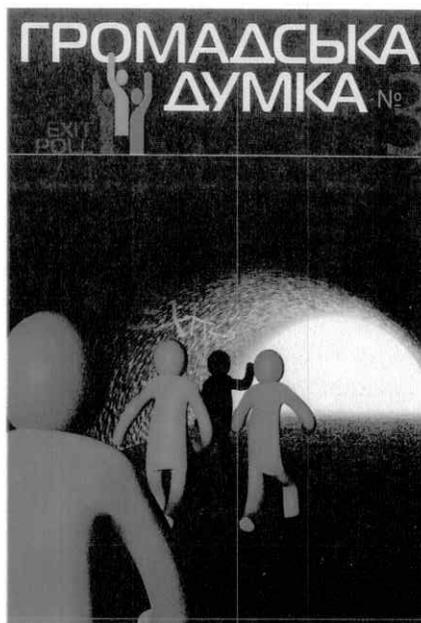
**\$20,000**

To conduct a get-out-the-vote campaign directed at students in Cherkassy oblast in central Ukraine. CCVU will organize a series of seminars and training sessions for students on the importance of voting. CCVU will also organize "rehearsal" elections for students to raise awareness and will distribute a leaflet explaining voting procedures and how students can defend their rights.

### Committee of Voters of Ukraine

**\$50,000**

To monitor conditions in Ukraine's polling places. The CVU will train 1,000 observers to monitor the activities of election commissions prior the presidential election. Observers will monitor the setup of the polling places and the composition of voter lists and will distribute literature on voters' rights. On election day, observ-



ers will monitor half of Ukraine's 32,000 polling places.

### Democratic Initiatives Foundation

**\$50,000\***

To increase public debate about important issues during the October 2004 Ukrainian presidential elections. The Foundation will conduct a "rolling poll" that will work against vote fraud. The Foundation will survey a total of 8,000 voters during the 60 days prior to the elections in order to establish a clear record of the public's intent. Ongoing results of these polls will be publicized

through frequent press conferences and press releases, discussed at roundtables and public meetings, and distributed by email and the Internet.

### Democratic Initiatives Foundation

**\$49,760\***

To bring public opinion to the attention of Ukraine's leaders. The Foundation will carry out twelve polls of approximately 100 to 120 experts on issues such as Euro-Atlantic integration, development of a functioning market economy, and media freedom. These polls will be followed by roundtables of experts whose recommendations will be widely disseminated through the Foundation's bulletin and media contacts.

### Dniprovsky Center for Social Research

**\$25,000\***

To conduct a series of activities designed to identify important issues for voters during the 2004 presidential election campaign. The Center will carry out research on mass and elite opinion in Dnipropetrovsk, which will be published and distributed to the media and used for coordinating the activity of NGOs during the election campaign.

### Donetsk Human Rights School

**\$25,000\***

To conduct conferences, teacher training and curriculum development for secondary school teachers. The Donetsk Human Rights School will



The Committee of Voters of Ukraine held a press conference to discuss the electoral monitoring results.

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carry out a three-day training program for civic education teachers; a six-day summer school on civic education methods and postgraduate teacher training institutes and publish two books: *Democracy and the Constitution* and *Alphabet of Human Rights*.

## Europe XXI Foundation

**\$50,000**

To conduct a program of monitoring and support for NGOs, as well as to publish a newspaper. Europe XXI will carry out monitoring of NGOs' participation in policy making and in the electoral process in six regions of Ukraine, the results of which will provide material for a monthly newspaper. In addition, Europe XXI will hold conferences at the beginning and end of the year.

## Europe XXI Foundation

**\$49,820\***

To increase the transparency of the Ukrainian election process. Europe XXI will monitor campaign activities, political advertising and party financing. The results of the monitoring program will be distributed to the media and discussed at a final roundtable.

## Foundation for Regional Initiatives

**\$35,000\***

To organize a program of legal aid for voters. FRI will establish a toll-free hotline for voters to report campaign violations and instances of pressure on vot-



Activists attend a rally on Kyiv's Europe Square near the Central Election Commission prior to the election.

ers. In addition, FRI will prepare a total of 24 special inserts for its weekly newspaper, *Public Advocate*, with information on candidates' electoral programs and answers to typical questions posed by callers to the legal aid hotline.

## Freedom House Ukraine

**\$49,970\***

To advocate for human rights in Ukraine and strengthen the NGO sector. Freedom House Ukraine will organize a series of roundtables to draw attention to human rights issues and conduct a

series of training sessions for Ukrainian human rights organizations.

## Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation

**\$50,000**

To build support for greater integration of Ukraine into Western political and economic structures. The Institute will organize four roundtable meetings on "Ukraine in the Euro-Atlantic Space: Experience and Perspectives" and two training sessions for NGO leaders on management and public relations techniques and the workings of Western institutions such as NATO and the EU.

## Institute for Mass Information

**\$24,000**

To investigate cases in which journalists have been subjected to pressure because of their professional activities. Emergency groups will travel to regions and gather information about the cases in which journalists have been harassed, make recommendations and offer help and advice to the journalists. At the end of the project, IMI will publish a report, *Freedom of Speech in the Year of Elections*.

## International Republican Institute

**\$220,000**

To conduct a short-term observation mission of the Ukrainian elections. IRI will deploy a team of 22 delegates and staff members to Kyiv and eight different regions of Ukraine. On election day,

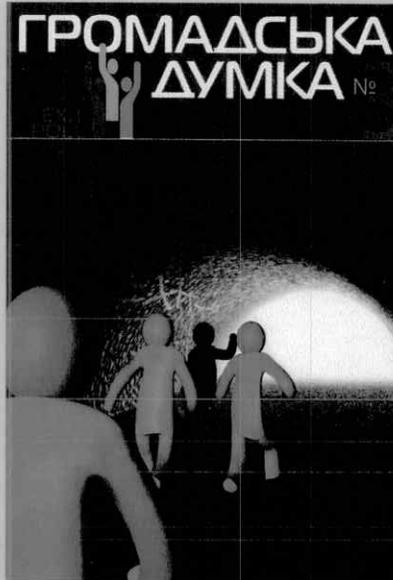


Election monitors in Lviv, Ukraine examine ballots after the second round of voting.

During the bitterly contested presidential election that took place in the autumn of 2004, Ukrainian popular vocabulary gained a new phrase courtesy of the efforts of the **Democratic Initiatives Foundation**: “exit poll.” An Endowment grantee since 1999, the Foundation assesses developments related to key political, social and economic issues, and collects, analyzes and disseminates public opinion data. Democratic Initiatives conducted a rolling tracking poll prior to the election and an exit poll of voters on the day of each round of the election. Although exit polls have been carried out during other elections in the states of the former Soviet Union, never have they played so significant a role, nor been as widely publicized, as in Ukraine last year.

In Ukraine’s election, it was the ready availability of independent exit polling data that provided incontrovertible evidence of fraud and brought hundreds of thousands of people into the streets of Kyiv to demand a fair vote in what has been called Ukraine’s “Orange Revolution.” Democratic Initiatives’ poll, which was carried out in cooperation with Kyiv International Institute of Sociology and the Razumkov Center (also an Endowment grantee), sampled 50,000 voters during the first round of the election and 28,000

during the second round. Experts from independent polling organizations in Russia and Poland provided assistance. The poll was carried out anonymously in 460 electoral districts throughout Ukraine and had a statistical margin of error of approximately two percent. During the second round, when the most electoral violations were observed, the deviation between the official results and the results of the exit poll was a full 11.9 percent for the country as a whole, and as much as 16 percent in certain regions.



Building on experience gained by conducting exit polls in parliamentary and presidential elections since 1998, Democratic Initiatives worked to make its findings widely and rapidly available. The results of the exit poll were available even before the official results from the Central Election Commission were announced, and were widely reported on by independent media outlets and on the internet. The poll results were also extensively covered by Channel 5, the sole national television channel to provide relatively unbiased coverage during

the elections. By demonstrating that the official results were clearly not credible, the Democratic Initiatives Foundation gave Ukrainian citizens the opportunity to demand a full accounting of the fraud that had taken place.

each team of two will visit between 15 and 20 polling stations and will prepare a written report as part of the post-election statement, to be presented in Kyiv.

#### **Kharkiv Center for Women’s Studies (KCWS)**

**\$50,000**

To continue its leadership training programs for young women from Ukraine. KCWS will train two groups of active young women in leadership, human rights, gender issues and policy development. KCWS will also organize its Girls’ World essay contest and build contacts among alumna of both programs.

#### **Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group**

**\$42,575**

To improve the human rights climate in Ukraine by drawing attention to human rights violations. KHPG will monitor violations and pending legislation and will train other NGOs to recognize and address violations. KHPG will also con-

tinue to publish several periodicals and a series of books on human rights issues.

#### **Lion Society**

**\$25,000\***

To strengthen civil society in the eastern and southern regions of Ukraine. The Lion Society will conduct a series of seminars for NGO leaders and civic activists that will focus on the idea of civil society, NGO management and teamwork and forming partnerships with local government.

#### **Luhansk Regional Organization “Public Education and Legal Assistance”**

**\$31,046\***

To conduct a program of legal aid and civic education in the region of Luhansk. PELA will offer legal assistance through eight public reception offices; publish a series of leaflets and brochures on the legal defense of one’s rights and produce 23 of its Legal Aid broadcasts for local radio. In particular the program will

focus on voting rights.

#### **Maidan Grassroots Information Resource Center**

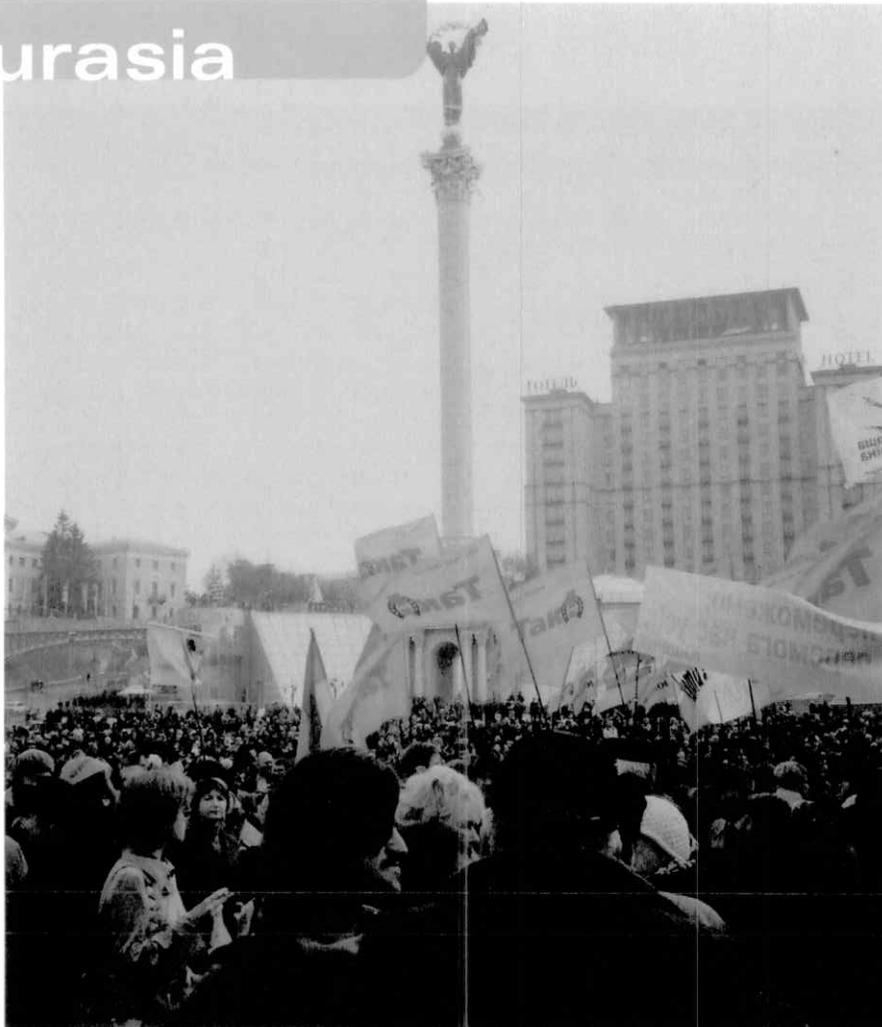
**\$17,991\***

To recruit and train volunteer reporters to carry out grassroots journalism. The reporters, who will come from throughout Ukraine, will then return to their regions, where they will report on civil society events and on opportunities for ordinary citizens to participate in their regions’ civic life, particularly in connection with the 2004 presidential and 2006 parliamentary elections.

#### **Open Society Foundation**

**\$50,000\***

To provide Ukrainian voters with information about the activities of their elected representatives in the Verkhovna Rada. The Foundation will produce a quarterly report on the activities of deputies, political parties and factions which will detail voting records, attendance and legislative activity.



Despite the bitter cold, demonstrators stayed in Kyiv's Independence Square for several days to protest the initial presidential election results.

## Regional Information Center for Women (RICW)

**\$25,000**

To expand its network of resource centers. RICW will add three new centers in Kirovohrad oblast and continue its program of training and publication to support local NGO networks. RICW will also organize a total of 25 training events and will publish a series of brochures on democracy, human rights and accountable government.

## School for Policy Analysis of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (SPA)

**\$25,000**

To help Ukrainian voters make informed choices by analyzing and distributing information about candidates' programs and campaign strategies. SPA will convene an analytical group that will produce reports and articles on candidates' platforms and strategies that will be distributed to other organizations and will serve as the basis for a national radio program.

## Smoloskyp, Inc.

**\$61,766\***

To develop the leadership skills of Ukraine's next generation. Smoloskyp will organize a series of democracy workshops and seminars for young leaders focusing on globalization, democratization and national identity. Smoloskyp will also continue a series of publications on democracy and Ukrainian politics.

## Telekritika

**\$50,000\***

To analyze the Ukrainian media and to provide a forum for widespread public discussion of media issues. Telekritika will maintain its website and will monitor the main television networks' coverage of the 2004 presidential election. Telekritika will also produce a weekly radio program; provide content to Ukrainian and foreign newspapers and publish its own journal.

## Ukrainian-American Bureau for the Protection of Human Rights

**\$40,000\***

To analyze the interaction of civil society and government. The Bureau will interview high-level officials in-depth and carry out a survey of lower-level officials in order to publish concrete recommendations for future action. The Bureau will also translate American legal textbooks into Ukrainian for distribution to law schools and libraries.

## Ukrainian Center for Economic and Political Studies (Razumkov Center)

**\$50,000\***

To publish its analytical journal, *National Security and Defense*. The Center's journal provides in-depth analysis of major political and policy issues and will focus on importance to the presidential elections. The Center will also organize a series of roundtables on the issues covered by the journal.

## Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research

**\$49,980\***

To promote civil society and fair elections. The Center will investigate government responsiveness to requests for information, organize a national conference on NGOs' role in the elections process, analyze and make recommendations regarding pending legislation and assist other NGOs and the media on issues of public policy.

## Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

**\$45,000\***

To encourage dialogue between presidential candidates and the electorate. The Committee will hold 12 town hall meetings to bring the major presidential candidates to cities in central and eastern Ukraine. Voters will be able to submit written questions to the candidates who will have a chance to present their positions, to pose questions to others and to ask questions of the audience.

## Ukrainska Pravda (UP)

**\$43,485\***

To provide independent unbiased coverage of Ukrainian politics. Ukraine's most prominent Internet newspaper will provide extensive coverage of the presidential election and other political issues in Kyiv and the region.



In September, the Tashkent coordinators of the Darva Kengashi coalition held a press conference to comment on the electoral law that precluded the participation of independent political parties in Uzbekistan's parliamentary elections.



In Kokand, a NED grantee held an informal training on Uzbekistan's electoral laws.

### Ukrainian Youth Association of Ukraine

**\$25,000\***

To help young Ukrainians play a more active role in their country's politics. The Association will conduct two series of seminars that will teach the basic principles of election law and techniques for monitoring elections. After the elections, the same participants will undergo training in NGO management, in order to promote ongoing participation in Ukraine's political process.

### Young Rukh

**\$49,370**

To conduct a nationwide campaign to mobilize and educate young voters during the 2004 presidential election

campaign. Young Rukh will train teams of observers from universities throughout Ukraine and encourage university rectors to pledge not to interfere with students' voting.

### Youth Alternative

**\$80,520\***

To continue its internship program, "Students for Parliament." Youth Alternative will arrange for 55 students to intern in the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament. A further 35 students will intern with local legislatures in seven cities. During their internships, Youth Alternative will organize training sessions and seminars to develop the leadership skills of its interns.

### Youth Alternative

**\$20,000**

To conduct an extensive get-out-the-vote campaign targeting Ukrainian youth in 15 cities. Youth Alternative will prepare brochures on youth participation, preventing electoral fraud and the platforms of major candidates. A network of volunteers will distribute these brochures outside the entrances to universities while speaking with students about the importance of participating in the election.

## Uzbekistan

### A) Political Process

**\$60,000\***

To assist citizens in ten regions in forming voters' initiative groups and following the complicated procedures required to nominate candidates. The program will teach citizens about the provisions of the electoral law and encourage them to become politically active in their districts.

### B) Freedom of Information

**\$80,930**

To provide independent sources of news and information. NED funded programs will publish an independent journal and three electronic newsletters. These publications publicize instances of human rights abuses and censorship. The programs support a network of regional correspondents who provide regular reporting from all parts of the country with a particular focus on NGO activity, civil society and human rights.

### C) Human Rights

**\$107,149**

To bolster the organizational capacity of Uzbekistan's human rights defenders. A small grants program will bolster the organizational capacity of new indigenous NGOs and enable them to conduct a wide range of human rights documentation and advocacy programs. NED sponsored programs will monitor trials, transcribe court proceedings, provide legal advice to victims of human rights violations, and represent victims before various courts, tribunals and other institutions. NED grantees support advocate measures for penal and judicial reform in Uzbekistan. They assist death row inmates in obtaining due process, provide legal assistance to the families of death row inmates so that they may undertake proper procedures to stay the execution and distribute information regarding capital cases among NGOs and international institutions.

### D) Public Opinion Polling

**\$9,794\***

To conduct its second annual study of the attitudes prevailing among the youth. The program works with universities to conduct polling among the youth on issues including the parliamentary elections, social problems such as corruption and youth perceptions of their role in society. The results are published as a booklet and on the Internet.

## Central Asia / Caucasus Regional

### Fund for Legal and Economic Reform in Kyrgyzstan

\$37,604\*

To maintain a human rights network and train human rights activists in the Fergana Valley region of Central Asia. The project will include a series of training seminars for human rights activists, a regional monthly news publication, consultation and technical assistance to human rights NGOs and a website and database of human rights information and organizations.

### Tsentral'naia Aziya i Kavkaz (Central Asia and the Caucasus Journal)

\$49,980\*

To publish a journal of analysis and commentary on Central Asia and the Caucasus on a bimonthly basis. Funding will be used to print 1,700 Russian-language copies of each edition, maintain the journal's website and gather research materials on the area.

## East Central Europe/ Eurasia Regional

### Association of Educators

\$31,203

To reform 52 schools in Crimea, Ukraine. The Association will train 112 teachers, school inspectors and student activists in order to improve the quality of Russian, Ukrainian and Tatar schools, promote self-government and democracy within the schools, foster civic education and address local problems by designing and implementing projects to involve local communities.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$214,110

To bring business advocacy experience to Central Europe and Ukraine through a comparative analysis of the two countries' governance systems and the level to which the business communities have influenced those systems. CIPE will host a regional conference bringing together practitioners from Europe and Eurasia to exchange advocacy experiences and discuss effective advocacy



To encourage regional cooperation and crossborder collaboration, CIPE held a regional partners meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine to discuss business leadership and democratic development for Eastern European and Eurasian participants.

models and develop a collection of advocacy case studies based on conference presentations.

### East European Democratic Center (EEDC)

\$60,000\*

To conduct a three-part program to assist fifteen local and regional non-state newspapers in Ukraine. The EEDC will conduct six training workshops in Ukraine, organize eight internships at similar newspapers in Poland, and provide small grants to ten to fifteen papers in Ukraine's southern and eastern regions.

### East European Democratic Center (EEDC)

\$55,000\*

To provide support to regional youth organizations. The EEDC will foster the development of independent youth organizations in ten regions of western and central Ukraine with training seminars, small grants competitions, study visits to Poland and Belarus and a brochure on how to establish youth organizations.

### East European Democratic Center (EEDC)

\$50,000

To support the first phase of a multi-year program to foster the development of local independent newspapers in Central Asia. In partnership with the Moscow-based Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations, the EEDC will conduct twelve workshops to train 180 Central Asians in

journalism, newspaper management and samizdat publishing skills.

### Elbag Association to Promote NGO Initiatives

\$30,000\*

To continue a crossborder program that promotes networking, building coalitions and carrying out joint programs between NGOs in Kaliningrad and northern Poland. The Association will organize seven study visits, five seminars and fifteen internships in Poland for 250 Russian activists working with youth. It will also produce a special newsletter issue, a calendar of events and a website devoted to crossborder work with Kaliningrad.

### Foundation for Education for Democracy

\$65,000\*

To continue and expand its crossborder program at the grassroots level in Russia. The Foundation will oversee a program of 32 workshops and 35 exchanges and internships to teach civic education, leadership education and train-the-trainer skills to approximately 735 activists from Rostov-on-Don, Kaliningrad and Samara.

### Foundation for Education for Democracy (FED)

\$140,000

To expand its program of civic education and NGO training workshops in Eurasia. The Foundation will conduct a minimum of 32 workshops in Ukraine, Central Asia, the Caucasus and Mongolia and

will also expand its program by developing training teams in Tajikistan and Moldova. The FED will also produce four "how to" training brochures to reinforce the workshops.

### **International League for Human Rights**

*\$31,500*

To promote democracy and human rights in Eurasia through a crossborder advocacy program. The League will use NED funding to organize a series of five visits to Russia by Eurasian human rights activists. The activists will meet with key Russian decision and opinion makers to share information about human rights violations in Eurasia and advocate for greater coordination.

### **Kaunas NGO Support Center**

*\$26,356\**

To support collaboration between Lithuanian and Russian NGOs. The Kaunas NGO Support Center will work with the Baltic International Development Agency to support the development of the third sector in Russia's enclave of Kaliningrad. The two organizations will conduct training workshops, expert consultations and a final conference.

### **Lithuanian and US Initiatives**

*\$20,633*

To train democratic activists from Eurasia in public outreach and constituent service skills. Three workshops will be held in Lithuania; participants will also observe public and constituent meetings organized by Lithuanian parliamentarians.

### **MEMO 98**

*\$61,314*

To strengthen indigenous media monitoring and reform programs in Eurasia and the Balkans. MEMO will undertake three fact finding missions, conduct a media monitoring training workshop, assist in designing media monitoring programs for key elections, monitor the media prior to elections, organize two study tours and develop media reform strategies.

### **MEMO 98**

*\$65,879\**

To develop an indigenous media monitoring capacity in Kazakhstan. MEMO will conduct a needs assessment in Kazakhstan, organize a weeklong training program for Kazakh monitors in Slova-

kia and carry out a media monitoring program with its Kazakh partners prior to the fall 2004 parliamentary elections.

### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

*\$208,368*

To help the European Institute for Democracy conduct joint training programs for political activists throughout Eurasia on topics such as party building between and before elections, training of trainers and coalition building.

### **Municipal Training Center of Kaunas Technical University (MTC)**

*\$45,000\**

To strengthen nongovernmental organizations in Kaliningrad region. The Center will continue providing technical assistance through a NGO Information and Consulting Center, organize three training workshops and a study visit to Lithuania for a total of 70 NGO activists and local government officials and conduct a small grants competition to establish two community development centers in partnership with NGOs and local governments in Kaliningrad.

### **Obcianske Oko (Civic Eye)**

*\$20,500*

To strengthen networking among Eastern European groups in the fields of election monitoring and civic education. Civic Eye will hold an annual conference of the Central and East European EN-EMO network of eleven election-monitoring NGOs from ten countries, produce a series of case studies on successful citizen education, voter mobilization and election observation programs and publish a leaflet to promote the work and capabilities of the network.

### **People in Need Foundation (PINF)**

*\$65,000*

To foster crossborder cooperation among democratic politicians and activists in Eurasia. PINF will organize crossborder visits, some of which will bring politicians and NGO leaders from three Eurasian countries to Prague for training and study, while others will bring Czech politicians, NGO activists and journalists to three Eurasian countries to build networks.



Many of NED's grantees in the Fergana Valley work on human rights labor issues, including child labor.

### **Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation**

*\$63,340*

To continue its desktop publishing training and equipment support program for prodemocracy NGOs and independent newspapers in Eurasia. The Foundation will train at least 40 activists and equip at least 20 organizations in Russia, Ukraine and Moldova.

### **Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation**

*\$40,170*

To conduct a series of study visits of Russian third sector activists to Poland. Thirty Russians will spend two weeks meeting with their NGO counterparts in Poland, developing crossborder networks, learning about the Polish third sector, and meeting with leaders of Poland's democratic transformation.

### **The Pontis Foundation**

*\$45,000*

To conduct a four-part program to continue to improve the civil society work of think tanks in Eurasia. Pontis will help think tanks to develop and expand their analytical and strategic planning by convening a series of expert meetings, policy roundtables, consultations, focus groups and study visits in Bratislava.

### **Transitions Online (TOL)**

*\$38,410*

To support a training program to expand and improve Internet reporting in Central Asia. TOL will bring nine Central Asian media activists who are working at Internet information sources to the Czech Republic for month-long training programs in operating independent online media services.

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# Latin America and the Caribbean

## 2004 NED Latin America and the Caribbean Program Highlights

Over the course of 2004, democratic instability continued to be one of the primary challenges confronting Latin America. Political marginalization continues to disenfranchise vast segments of the population, including indigenous communities, women, Afro-Latinos and youth. Throughout the region, democratic institutions such as the justice system, legislatures, political parties and unions lack credibility, with many citizens perceiving these institutions as part of the problem rather than the solution.

The legacy of past and ongoing conflict in countries throughout the region includes weak respect for human and political rights, and citizen security is consistently ranked as one of the top concerns of citizens throughout the region. In 2004, the Endowment helped to address these concerns by supporting groups working to increase citizen participation so that legitimate complaints can be channeled into democratic alternatives. In 2004, NED focused on supporting efforts to improve and increase citizen participation in politics, promote more effective and transparent government, and protect and promote human and political rights.

Once considered one of the strongest democracies in the hemisphere, **Venezuela** is now facing a period of intense political and social change. The consolidation of power in the executive branch has severely limited the ability of state institutions to operate independently and legal reforms threaten

to restrict political space and liberties. In Venezuela, Endowment funding supported civic education campaigns, conflict mediation activities and human and political rights. CIPE worked with its Venezuela grantee *Centro de Divulgación del Conocimiento Económico* (Center for the Dissemination of Economic Information) to understand better the needs of workers in the informal sector and bring their concerns to the attention of economic policymakers. In a year when the independence of the Supreme Court came under threat, grantee *Consortio Justicia* (Justice Consortium) worked with regional partners in Peru and Ecuador to monitor the effectiveness and independence of the judicial systems in all three countries as a means to develop specific recommendations for their improvement. To address human rights abuses against members of the press, the *Instituto Prensa y Sociedad — Venezuela* (Press and Society Institute — Venezuela) provided protection for journalists

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by establishing a network to monitor acts of aggression and intimidation against journalists, and the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) trained Venezuelan journalists and NGOs in international human rights norms and the role of the Inter-American System in the litigation of human rights abuses.

**Cuba** continues to present the greatest challenge to the promotion of democracy in the region. Despite government efforts to control economic and political reform, some opening and change have occurred. Human rights groups have been joined by independent associations of journalists, farmers, doctors and economists in their efforts to provide links between the outside world and the Cuban people. These independent activists continued to recover from the March 2003 crackdown, which resulted in prison sentences for 75 activists. The Endowment supported the efforts of independent journalists to provide a source of objective news on the island, and groups such as CubaNet collected and disseminated this information both inside Cuba and abroad. The *Federación de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua* (Federation of Electric, Gas and Water Plants) worked with independent labor activists inside the island to increase awareness of international labor law and document violations of international labor standards. The Federation distributed these reports, as well as information about the seven independent labor leaders jailed in the March 2002 crackdown, internationally. NDI and IRI supported independent activists on the island and disseminated information about their activities to an international audience. Last year witnessed increased assistance by Eastern European groups to Cuban dissidents. The People in Need Foundation, a Czech-based group, used NED support to train Cuban journalists in the preparation of samizdat literature and shared their experiences of democratic transition.

**Ecuador's** government and institutions continue to be wracked by corruption and instability. The country is riven by geographic, political and ethnic divisions that have severely undermined the country's governability and economic and political performance. Large numbers of indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian citizens are often overlooked by their elected officials. To increase the democratic participation of indigenous citizens, *Fundación Q'ellkaj* (Q'ellkaj Foundation) conducted a successful election education campaign

for the 2004 local elections, distributing information on candidate platforms and organizing candidate debates specifically for indigenous communities. The Foundation is now working with local government to improve communication between these communities and their elected officials.

Nearly four years after his election as President of **Mexico**, Vicente Fox is still grappling with the legacy of more than 70 years of one-party rule, and a government that is crippled by corruption and patronage. While the administration of President Fox has created new opportunities for the consolidation of a more open political system, there are still significant challenges in Mexico for the government and democratic reformers. In Mexico, the Endowment continued to support training on freedom of information, women's participation in government and human rights. *Centro de Dialogos y Encuentros* (Center for Dialogue and Encounters) educated citizens in the state of Morelos on municipal management and budgeting and brought together civic leaders and municipal authorities to develop a common public agenda. To promote more responsive political parties, NDI collaborated with Mexican parties to strengthen political party training institutes. Grantees *Democracia, Derechos Humanos y Seguridad* (Democracy, Human Rights and Security) and *Instituto para la Seguridad y Democracia* (Institute for Security and Democracy) addressed the need for police reform by conducting studies on police-community relations and police corruption and abuse.

The Endowment actively supported a number of activities at the regional level that sought to bring representatives from different countries together to share experiences and expertise. Regional programs strengthened political parties, trained unions and promoted press freedom. In April, NDI brought together young political party leaders from seven countries for a training in leadership skills and practical strategies for party reform and modernization. Argentina-based grantee *SER en el 2000* educated civilian legislators about defense budgeting and developed an index to measure defense budget transparency. ACILS worked with unions throughout the Andean region to provide training and technical assistance on negotiation techniques to improve the capacity of democratic unions to represent workers' needs.

## Description of 2004 Grants: Latin America and the Caribbean

### Andean Region

#### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

\$736,800

To promote the development and capacity of democratic unions. Economic and technical support will be provided for strategic development of contract proposals, negotiations and support actions for unions in at least two important sectors per country. ACILS will hold workshops for negotiators and union leadership to develop specific plans for advancing and negotiating the proposals. The workshops will be held in each country and local consultants will assist in the production of training and promotional materials.

### Argentina

#### Asociación por los Derechos Civiles (Association for Civil Rights)

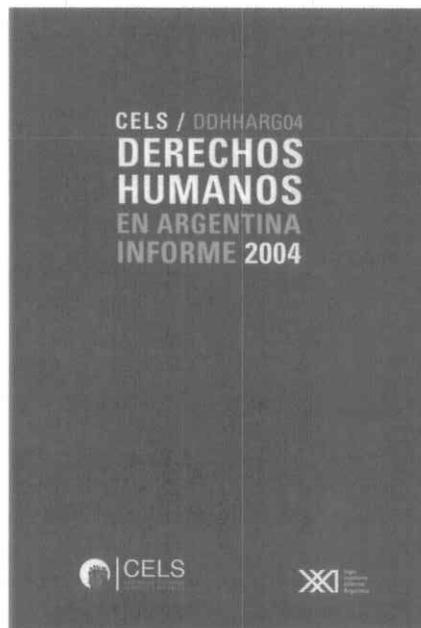
\$64,872

To increase the transparency of congress and accountability of legislators. The Association will prepare educational materials on congress for journalists and secondary school students; monitor and publish the votes of individual congressmen and senators and prepare reports on the recent votes of incumbent congressional candidates in anticipation of congressional elections in November. The Association will extend its program from the national level to the provincial level in three provinces during this second year of NED funding.

#### Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (Center for Legal and Social Studies) (CELS)

\$60,000

To strengthen the capacity of organizations that promote and protect human rights in the interior of Argentina. CELS will continue its exchange program in which representatives from organizations in the interior come to Buenos Aires to receive intensive training on human rights and design their own programs based on the human rights situation in their respective provinces.



CELS produced this book, *Human Rights in Argentina, 2004*, as a documented annual report on the human rights situation in Argentina.

CELS trainers will then travel to the home provinces of participating organizations to conduct workshops on human rights and support the implementation of local projects.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$100,912

To improve public and congressional debate on fiscal policies. CIPE will work with the Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth to bring together a team of economists to prepare monthly briefings on fiscal and budget policies for members of congress, academic experts and the Ministry of Economy.

#### Fundación Nueva Generación Argentina (New Argentine Generation Foundation) (FNGA)

\$46,804

To promote democratic decision making within neighborhood associations in the province of Santa Fe. FNGA will conduct training for association leaders on democratic leadership, local government and mediation. Participants will discuss matters of common interest and coordinate activities. FNGA will also use these workshops to compile the experiences of the neighborhood associations into a training manual on promoting citizen participation.



These dust jackets were produced by one of the organizations that *Poder Ciudadano* is working with, *Movimiento de Trabajadores Desocupados de La Matanza* (the Movement of Unemployed Workers of La Matanza), as part of its capacity building and institutional strengthening exercises in Argentina. The quote on the back says "Let's Make Work Fashionable Forever!"

#### International Republican Institute

\$225,000

To promote political reforms in the key provinces of Buenos Aires and Santa Fe. Working with the Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth, IRI will help develop new political leaders by providing training seminars to promising young professionals interested in politics and public affairs.

## **Poder Ciudadano (Citizen Power)**

**\$85,000**

To strengthen local community organizations in citizen participation, civic education and advocacy in six provinces of Argentina. *Poder Ciudadano* will conduct a training-of-trainer workshop for representatives of local community organizations; assist representatives in designing projects to encourage citizen participation in government and provide follow-up assistance as the projects are carried out.

## **Bolivia**

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$128,825**

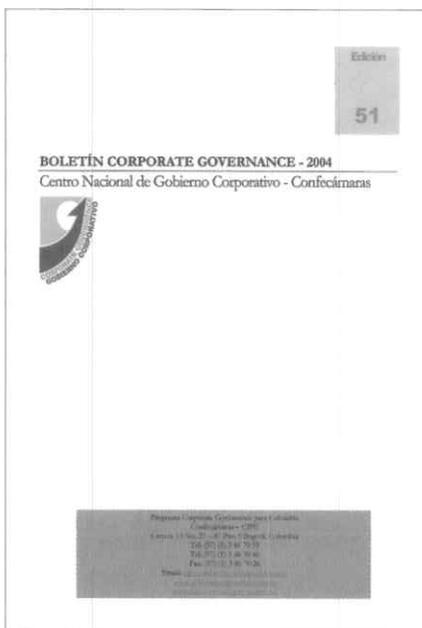
To assist the Santa Cruz Chamber of Industry, Commerce, Services and Tourism reduce corruption in public procurement processes. The two organizations will seek a consensus among national and regional business organizations on a revision of Law 27040 which will establish equal rights for all participants in public bids and provide the necessary controls to guarantee that all types of companies have the same opportunity to obtain government contracts.

## **Colombia**

### **Asociación de Grupos Juveniles LIBERTAD – AfroAmérica XXI (Association of Youth Groups “FREEDOM”)**

**\$56,030**

To promote Afro-Colombian citizen participation in the local governments of Valle del Cauca and Cauca states. The Association will work with Afro-Colombian leaders to create municipal and state agendas in Cauca and track the implementation of municipal and state agendas in Valle del Cauca. The Association will also continue political leadership training at two local universities and develop a weekly television program focused on Afro-Colombian issues of public interest and publish a monthly newspaper.



The Center for International Private Enterprise published this bulletin to discuss corporate governance in Colombia.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$100,676**

To raise awareness of the needs, benefits and costs of upcoming economic reform legislation. CIPE and the Foundation for Higher Education and Development will produce ten monthly policy briefs to be distributed among legislators, their advisors and the media; produce at least three position papers on specific concepts that are being reviewed for constitutionality for the Constitutional Court; and promote debate on legislative reform projects among legislators and their advisors, magistrates and their staff, the media and civil society organizations.

### **Federación Nacional de Concejales (National Federation of Council Members) (FENACON)**

**\$90,000**

To continue to improve the capacity of FENACON and to serve and represent the needs of its members throughout the country. FENACON will train regional human rights coordinators to form an early alert network that will provide timely alerts on the whereabouts of guerrilla and paramilitary fighters, train members in municipal management and provide legal advice and human rights assistance to members.



To increase journalist safety, *Fundación para un Nuevo Periodismo Iberoamericano* provided journalists in Colombia with the vest pictured above. The vest reads, “I am a journalist. I am not part of the conflict.”

### **Fundación para un Nuevo Periodismo Iberoamericano (Foundation for a New Iberoamerican Journalism)**

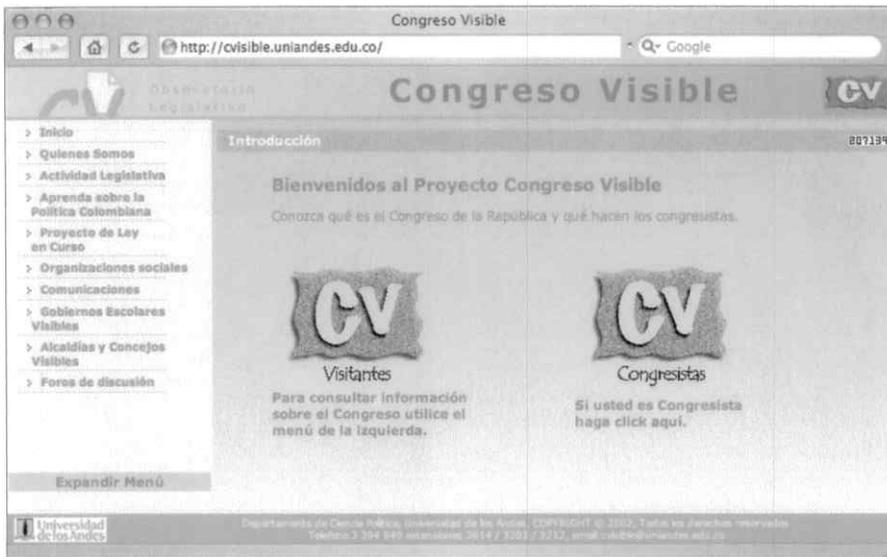
**\$69,327**

To promote respect for freedom of expression and preserve the integrity of journalism in Colombia. A series of training workshops will be held for reporters, editors, press agencies and news directors to discuss the results of a media monitoring project. Endowment support will also fund an alert network for the protection of journalists; the network will inform of attacks against journalists and prepare monthly and annual reports on the state of freedom of expression in Colombia.

### **Fundación Seguridad y Democracia (Security and Democracy Foundation)**

**\$44,800**

To promote an informed debate on the armed conflict and crime in Colombia. *Fundación* will research and compile information on various aspects of the internal armed conflict and the crime rate to promote an informed public debate among decision makers and the public at-large. *Fundación* will then produce newsletters and various articles



This website is a part of Universidad de los Andes' Congreso Visible (Visible Congress) project. Citizens can use this website to assess the voting records of congressional members and other important information.

for mainstream media that promote transparency and accountability in the management of the country's security and defense.

### Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas (League of Displaced Women) \$51,919

To provide human rights and leadership education and social and legal services to displaced women in the department of Bolívar. The League will provide monthly training in human rights and leadership skills as well as services for trauma relief and legal support. League staff will also help maintain the five existing centers and create three new ones to reach and serve more displaced women and children.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \$72,215

To promote reform and new leadership in Colombian political parties. Training and technical assistance will be provided to improve the performance of parties in legislatures, reform party statutes and internal democracy structures and build communication and outreach capacity of local branches of political parties.

### PLURAL – Corporación Centro de Estudios Constitucionales (PLURAL –Corporation Center for Constitutional Studies) \$70,000

To promote local access to justice and support for the justices of the peace tribunal system in 14 municipalities in the department of Valle del Cauca. PLURAL will work to consolidate support for the justice of the peace tribunal system at the policy and budgetary levels among newly elected local authorities. PLURAL will also strengthen its support network, provide training to justices and continue to evaluate the work of the justices.

### Universidad de Los Andes (University of the Andes) \$75,112

To promote a transparent and accountable congress. The University's Political Science Department, which hosts the *Congreso Visible* (Visible Congress) project, will promote marginalized citizens' access to elected local and national government officials through training workshops and meetings with representatives. In addition, the University will monitor the work of the Colombian congress and train its staff on the use of the congressional database. The project will also continue to provide information on its activities to the public via its website, mainstream media and regional forums 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 the prisoners detained in the March 2003 crackdown as well as the more than 280 prior political prisoners.

### Cuban Committee for Human Rights \$65,000

To support human rights in Cuba. The Cuban Committee for Human Rights will work with the U.N. Human Rights Commission in monitoring and investigating the human rights conditions in Cuba. The Committee will publish and disseminate both in Cuba and internationally, news and information about the human rights situation in Cuba and provide humanitarian assistance to political dissidents and prisoners of conscience in Cuba.

### CubaNet

#### \$41,000

To promote independent journalism and freedom of expression in Cuba. Endowment funds will allow CubaNet to continue supporting the professional development and compensation of the independent journalists who provide news and analysis of the situation in Cuba to the CubaNet website and to international news agencies.



The website CubaNet provides news and analysis of the situation in Cuba from independent Cuban journalists both outside and on the island.

**Disidente Universal de Puerto Rico (Universal Dissident of Puerto Rico)**

\$57,000

To increase the flow of independent information to Cuba through publications of the monthly journal, *El Disidente*, containing 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 (Federation of Electric, Gas and Water Plants in Exile)**

\$78,000

To document labor rights violations inside of Cuba. The *Federación Sindical de Plantas, Eléctricas, Gas y Agua* will work with the *Confederación Obrera Nacional Independiente de Cuba* to establish a training center dedicated to labor rights inside Cuba; conduct research and write reports on labor conditions in Cuba; and disseminate information both inside Cuba and internationally on labor rights violations committed by the Cuban government.

**Fundación Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana (Encounter Magazine)**

\$85,000

To provide support for 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.

**Fundación Hispano Cubana (Hispano-Cuban Foundation)**

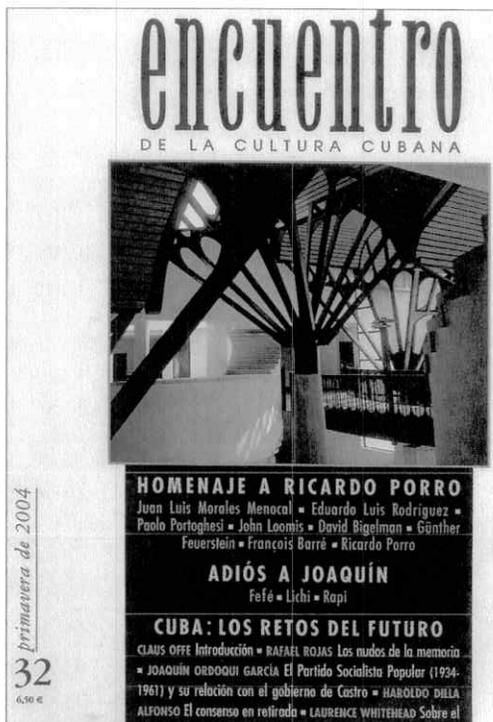
\$75,700

To increase the flow of independent information to Cuba. The Foundation will publish three editions of its journal *Revista Hispano Cubana*, which will be distributed within Cuba and internationally. The Foundation will post each edition on the journal's website, as well as prepare 16 previous editions of the journal in CD ROM format.

**International Republican Institute**

\$412,678

To help the Cuban Democratic Directorate (*Directorio*) continue its development of prodemocracy materials for internal distribution in Cuba. *Directorio* will also



*Encuentro*, a quarterly journal produced by *Fundación Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana*, is dedicated to political change and Cuba's future through discussion of Cuban culture, philosophy, humanities and art.

disseminate information about Cuba's democracy movement to the international community; maintain its contacts with pro-freedom activists and citizens in Cuba and produce radio broadcasts about the activities of the pro-freedom movement in Cuba.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

\$140,000

To strengthen the ability of advocates to increase international awareness of and support for the Varela Project. NDI will expand the International Committee to Support the Varela Project with activities that will include disseminating information about Varela Project activities, organizing conferences and meetings and providing technical assistance to democratic activists in Cuba.

**Pan American Development Foundation**

\$45,000

To work with and promote independent libraries inside Cuba. PADF will provide direct assistance to independent libraries in Cuba and promote international awareness of the library movement.

**REVISTA HISPANO CUBANA IC**

Solidaridad con Cuba: la disidencia y la ayuda exterior  
V. Roca, O. Paya, M.B. Roque, J.C. Delgado R. Hernandez, R. Gomez, C. Gonzalez, A. Gamza, O. Gutierrez-Boronat, L. Carro

César Leante, escritor  
Felipe Lazaro y Antonio Benitez Rojo

Dos tiscas fotogenicas:  
Maria Viván y la economía cubana  
Felix Bonne

El referente chino en la estrategia antiembargo  
Armando Anel

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The journal *Revista Hispano Cubano*, produced by *Fundación Hispano Cubano*, discusses Cuban society and the country's political future.

Independent library representatives will travel to Latin America and Spain to meet with librarians, universities, think tanks and other organizations to enlist their support for individual libraries and the libraries movement.

**People in Need Foundation**

\$65,000

To work with various independent groups in Cuba to develop their capacity to produce and distribute *samizdat*. PINF will also help organize the first meeting of the International Committee for Democracy in Cuba to be held in Prague.

**Red Feminista Cubana, Inc. (Cuban Feminist Network)**

\$30,000

To promote women's rights in Cuba. *Red Feminista* will establish contacts with women's movements throughout the world, collect materials and initiate a series of training programs inside Cuba for independent women activists. *Red Feminista* will work with women's groups inside Cuba to disseminate information on the strategies and activities of women's movements in other countries.

NED

## Grantee Spotlight: *Democracia, Derechos Humanos y Seguridad* and *Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia*

In a functioning democracy, the police are expected to operate within the limits of their legally defined power, rely on public goodwill and cooperation to carry out their duties, and serve as government agents of justice. In Mexico, however, high levels of corruption and abuse within the police forces have precipitated a lack of confidence in their ability to carry out their work legally and effectively. Founded one year ago, NED grantees the ***Democracia, Derechos Humanos y Seguridad*** (DDHS) and ***Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia*** (INSyDE) are both working to increase transparency and accountability in Mexico's police forces. DDHS is working to encourage citizen participation in the police reform process, while INSyDE is working to create an instrument to measure police accountability and foster the rule of law.

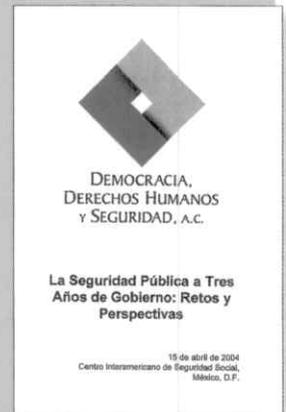
In 2004, DDHS carried out nine research studies on the origins of corruption in the federal and Mexico City police forces. After reviewing over two decades' worth of data and interviewing various

officials related to police issues, DDHS presented the results of its research to the Mexican media, academics, human rights NGOs, and political parties and held a series of seminars on police reform. Their research exposed an absence of both external and internal oversight of police subordinates and a need to encourage the public

to take a prominent role in the police reform process. In response to their findings, in the coming year DDHS will engage citizens through public forums, print and audio media, and pilot workshops between neighborhood associations and the local police in Mexico City.

INSyDE conducted extensive research on the levels of corruption and types of abuse within the police forces, and also examined what, if any, measures existed to deter misconduct. After completing their initial research, INSyDE concluded that there were no accountability mechanisms within the police forces. Therefore, in 2005 INSyDE will use Endowment funding to create a police accountability manual. The manual will suggest structural changes for institutional oversight and various mechanisms for enforcement to curb corruption and abuse in Mexico's police forces.

The involvement of civil society in police reform is a new endeavor and further independent, comprehensive research is essential. Because of their in depth research and innovative projects, *Democracia, Derechos Humanos y Seguridad* and *Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia* have developed a reputation as serious, independent actors in the police reform process and are poised to play key roles in Mexico's police reform.



## Ecuador

### Fundación Q'ellkaj (Q'ellkaj Foundation)

\$51,179

To increase participation and inclusion of indigenous communities in local government. *Q'ellkaj* will collect municipal candidates' platforms and distribute the information to the community-at-large; hold citizen forums to facilitate candidate and citizen interaction and monitor the implementation of the campaign promises of newly elected officials once they take office.

## Guatemala

### Asociación de Investigación y Estudios Sociales (Association for Research and Social Studies)

\$35,000

To conduct a pilot project to promote

effective civil society participation in the local government of Sololá state. The *Asociación* will conduct workshops to increase the awareness of civil society representatives in the state development council of local interests and demands, and to help the representatives effectively participate in council meetings.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$185,941

To increase the democratic participation of informal sector entrepreneurs and promote policies to remove barriers to their formal participation in the economy. CIPE and the National Economic Research Center will conduct a study to measure the size of the informal economy in indigenous communities and the cost of formally opening and operating a business. The study will also look at indigenous business practices and the links between informality, poverty and

ethnic tensions. Findings on informality will be presented through a series of conferences and lectures, as well as newspaper articles and interviews.

### Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Training Institute for Sustainable Development) (IEPADES)

\$57,560

To promote an effective and democratic police force. IEPADES will produce a manual on police procedures in the treatment of crime victims for use in training workshops for police officers and authorities throughout Guatemala. IEPADES will also create a train-the-trainers guide to multiply the impact of the police training workshops. A second training program will be created to conduct another set of workshops in the department of Guatemala with the manuals on crime prevention created last year.

## **International Republican Institute**

**\$245,000**

To promote responsive and ethical political parties. IRI will conduct youth leadership training initiatives in all 22 departments in Guatemala. A new component of this year's project will be a six month postgraduate degree for young political leaders in transparency and governance in conjunction with the Rafael Landívar University.

## **Centro Mesoamericano para Acción Sostenible en Derechos Humanos (MesoAmerican Centre for Sustainable Human Rights)**

**\$42,000**

To enhance the capacity of Guatemalan grassroots human rights organizations to promote and protect human rights. Working with ten organizations, the Centre will provide technical assistance in organizational development, monitoring and self-evaluation techniques; conduct training on project planning, design and management and hold a regional training workshop to allow the groups to share experiences with human rights groups from Honduras and Mexico.

## **Haiti**

### **Centre de Formation Citoyenne et d'Appui au Développement (Center for Citizen Education and Development Support) (CEFCAD)**

**\$68,800**

To help community leadership groups address local demands. CEFCAD will identify approximately 15 community leadership groups throughout Haiti to participate in a program of training and financial support. CEFCAD will train these groups in community organization and outreach, problem identification, proposal writing, project management, budgeting and mobilization of resources. Once the training is completed, CEFCAD will provide small sub-grants to the groups to help them carry out community development projects.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$30,500**

To create representation of the informal sector in business association initiatives in Haiti. The formal Haitian business community will reach out to the informal

sector to learn about its challenges and invite informal sector representative institutions to join the business consortium to participate in the new public-private partnership to craft a National Business Agenda. CIPE and the Center for Free Enterprise and Democracy will modify the existing National Business Agenda to better reflect the demands and needs of both formal and informal entrepreneurs.

### **Fondation Espoir (Hope Foundation)**

**\$50,000**

To increase the political awareness and participation of Haitian youth. The program will bring together 120 community youth leaders from across Haiti for regional and national conferences. Participants will develop local and national agendas for Haitian youth. Once the agendas have been developed, *Fondation Espoir* will work with community groups to implement local projects in collaboration with local citizens and governments to improve opportunities and activities for youth.

## **Mexico**

### **Acción Popular de Integración Social (Popular Action for Social Intergration)**

**\$45,000**

To empower indigenous and semi-rural women. Women's groups in three key states will serve as nonpartisan and independent advocates of gender and equity issues. *Acción* will also monitor the level of transparency and accountability of the federal congress and 20 state legislatures in their allocation of resources for issues that affect women's lives. *Acción* will engage in dialogue with the newly-elected legislators that will serve in the federal congress' gender and equity committee.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

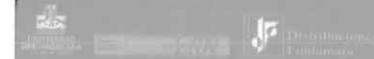
**\$49,683**

To build consensus within a coalition of representative labor unions and business organizations to advocate for labor reform. CIPE and its partner Confederation of Employers of the Republic of Mexico (COPARMEX) will meet with federation and union leadership to strengthen the alliance between business and labor groups and will also meet with members of congress and congress-

## **Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos**

Claudia Martín  
Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón  
José A. Guevara B.

Compiladores



The American University used 2003 funds to produce this international human rights textbook. The book discusses and analyzes international human rights law for Mexican law students.

sional committees to assess attitudes in congress about labor reform. Finally, COPARMEX will organize an international labor forum in which employers, workers, public officials and civil society organizations can discuss the benefits of reforming the labor law.

### **Centro de Encuentros y Diálogos, A.C. (Center for Encounters and Dialogue)**

**\$36,724**

To build collaboration between local government and citizens. The Center will educate citizens on municipal management and budgeting procedures; work with newly elected local governments and citizen leaders to develop a public agenda and establish mechanisms for transparency and accountability.

### **Democracia, Derechos Humanos y Seguridad, A.C. (Democracy, Human Rights and Security)**

**\$68,900**

To improve the relations between police and community and promote citizen participation in the police reform process. DDHS will conduct research studies on police-community relations to further understand the origins of police corruption and abuse and the extent of citizen oversight in police institutions. DDHS will

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hold two forums and two training workshops focused on informing and engaging citizens to promote an understanding of what is required to reform the police. Finally, DDHS will undertake an extensive police reform public information campaign in print and broadcast media.

## Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia, A.C. (*Institute for Security and Democracy*)

**\$65,380**

To promote an accountable police force in Mexico. The Institute will conduct research on the state of corruption and abuse in the police and the existence of measures to deter such conduct. The Institute will also develop a manual containing guidelines that define acceptable police conduct and mechanisms to enforce accountability.

## Libertad de Información México (*Freedom of Information Mexico*)

**\$50,000**

To promote legislation that supports transparency in government and protects personal information. *Libertad de Información México* will conduct training seminars for legislators, academics, public officials and the media and will design a publicity campaign and implement pilot projects in three states.

## National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

**\$114,000**

To generate further discussion within Mexican political parties regarding reforming party structures. NDI will strengthen party training institutes in Mexico through a program that will include a national workshop, follow-up technical assistance and materials distribution.

## Nicaragua

### Instituto Nicaragüense de Estudios Humanísticos (*Nicaraguan Institute for Humanistic Studies*) (INEH)

**\$45,000**

To promote informed citizen participation and accountable local governments. INEH will conduct five training workshops



This website, maintained by *Instituto de Estudios Estratégicos y Políticas Públicas*, publishes research and provides information on civilian and military relations not only in Nicaragua but also throughout the region.

on the role of local and central governments and citizen oversight with citizens and elected local government officials in five municipalities in Nicaragua. INEH will establish a citizen participation commission comprised of governmental and nongovernmental actors in each municipality that will be responsible for providing recommendations to the municipal governments based on citizen concerns.

### International Republican Institute

**\$200,000**

To promote reform and new leadership in Nicaraguan political parties. IRI will conduct a series of youth leadership training seminars; work with political parties to promote two-way communication between parties and their constituents and democratize internal party structures and organize a series of consultations and public fora to discuss electoral law reforms with civil society leaders, party members, academics, local organizations and policymakers.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

**\$38,700**

To bolster transparency in and promote awareness of political party campaign financing. NDI will work with *Ética y Transparencia* (Ethics and Transpar-

ency, or ET) to monitor political party and campaign finances prior to municipal elections in November by tracking political advertising in print and electronic media and accessing information directly from political parties. Following the elections, ET will collaborate with other civic groups to track promises made in popular campaign ads and hold elected municipal officials accountable to their constituencies.

### Instituto de Estudios Estratégicos y Políticas Públicas (*Strategic Studies and Public Policy Institute*)

**\$42,000**

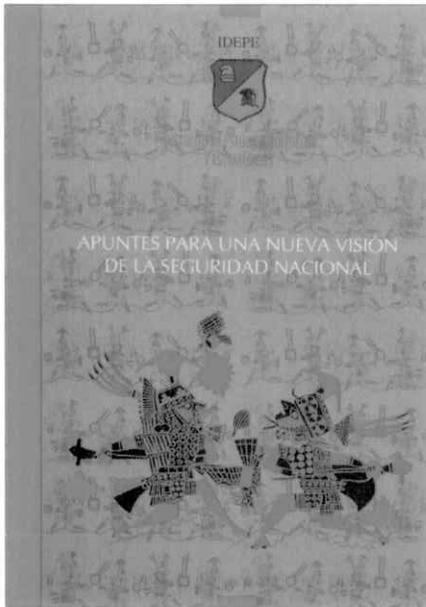
To increase knowledge and participation of civilians in the discussion and formulation of public policies in defense and security. The Institute will conduct research on policy related themes; provide technical assistance to the legislature and the Defense Ministry; and provide advice and training to public officials on matters of defense and security. The Institute will also work with regional counterparts in Central America with the goal of creating a Central American network of NGOs and think tanks working on security and defense.

## Peru

### Comisión Andina de Juristas (*Andean Commission of Jurists*) (CAJ)

**\$60,660**

To improve transparency in the judicial branch by promoting citizen monitoring of the judiciary. CAJ will bring citizens together in five regions to form citizen monitoring committees, provide training in information gathering and monitoring techniques and aid the committees in disseminating the results of their monitoring activities. The findings of the committees will be published monthly on the CAJ website and will be compiled into a series of reports on judicial transparency at the conclusion of the project.

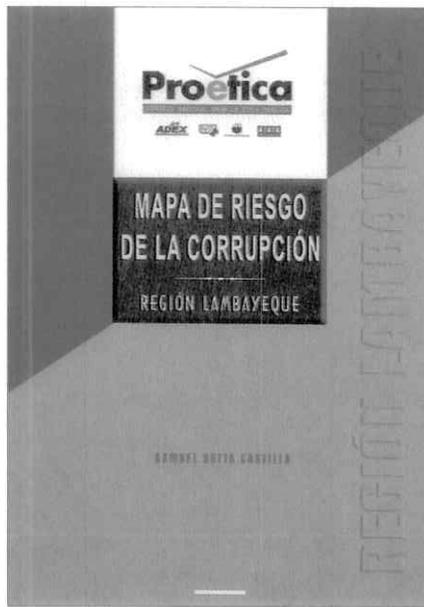


*Notes for a New Vision of National Security*, published by IDEPE, features articles by civilian and military experts on security sector reform.

### Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Estratégicos (*Political and Strategic Studies Institute*) (IDEPE)

\$75,017

To increase the capacity of civilians to oversee and manage defense and security policy. IDEPE will train civilian leaders in military and strategic is-



Proética produced this study on corruption in the Lambayeque region of Peru. The study shows areas and institutions most susceptible to corruption in the region and details ways that citizens can monitor government.

sues, continuing its work with congress and the civilian defense ministry in the reorganization and redefinition of civilian defense and security institutions and policy. IDEPE will conduct a course for civilian leaders from the executive and legislative branches of government; continue to inform the public about defense and security issues and conduct an international seminar on intelligence sector reform.

### International Republican Institute

\$300,000

To promote greater understanding of the role of political parties in a democracy and of the basic practices of a successful political party. IRI will conduct a program to train party leaders and members in capacity building, effective ethical financial management and promote dialogue facilitation and consensus building between new regional authorities and the central government.

### J.M. Arguedianos Training Center

\$25,000

To strengthen civic leadership and participation of youth. The Center will train 60 young leaders from the department of Junín in the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, democratic values, human rights and leadership. Following the training sessions, the young leaders will work

together, accompanied by the Center, to develop and execute projects to promote citizen participation at the regional and local levels.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$72,863

To promote reform and new leadership in Peruvian political parties. Training and technical assistance will be provided to improve performance of party parliamentary groups in legislatures; reform party statutes and internal democracy structures and build communication and outreach capacity of local branches of political parties.

### Peruvian Press Council

\$61,850

To improve the transparency of local government. The Council will conduct a training session for representatives of regional and local governments who have been designated to respond to the public's requests for information. The Council will also host workshops for local government officials on implementing the law at the local level.

### Proética – Consejo Nacional para la Ética Pública (*Proética – National Council for Public Ethics*)

\$40,000

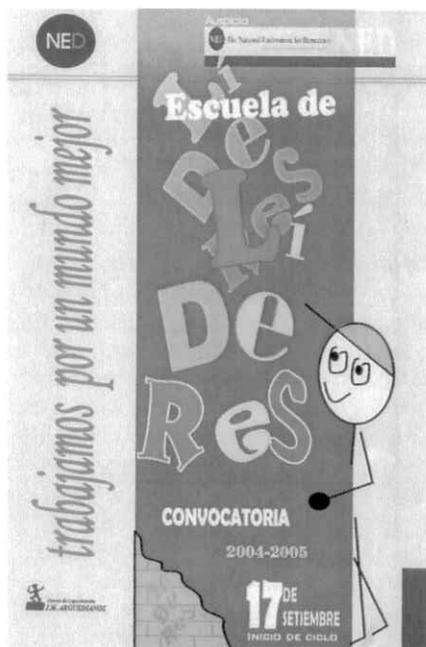
To promote anti-corruption in the region of Lambayeque. Proética will conduct workshops for government officials and civil society representatives on transparency in public procurement, access to information and citizen monitoring. Proética will also design a public education plan to inform citizens about the anti-corruption plan for Lambayeque.

## Venezuela

### Acción Campesina (*Farmers in Action*)

\$65,000

To promote the rights of small farmers at the national and local levels. *Acción Campesina* will advocate for policy reform on agriculture and land redistribution. *Acción Campesina* will also serve as a source of information to policy makers, political parties and civil society on the implementation of national laws and effects on the rural sector and on small farmers.



These pamphlets invited young Peruvians to participate in J.M. Arguedianos' youth training center.

## **Acción para el Desarrollo (Action for Development)**

\$12,420

To conduct civic education in conflict resolution and community leadership. *Acción para el Desarrollo* will conduct workshops for leaders of local "neighborhood associations" in poor neighborhoods in and around Caracas. The workshops will focus on the themes of democratic values; the role of civil society and community organizations in democracy; how to negotiate and mediate local conflicts; the Bolivarian constitution and the rights of Venezuelans and how to address the violation of political and human rights.

## **Asociación Civil Consorcio Justicia (Justice Consortium)**

\$67,000

To monitor the judicial system and its operation and work with the congress to improve legislation and laws. *Consortio Justicia* will work with local organizations outside Caracas and with Ecuadorian and Peruvian NGOs to share information and programs and establish a regional judicial observatory. In addition, *Consortio Justicia* will work with the Peruvian NGO Institute for Legal Defense to establish a democratic leadership training program that will train local and community leaders in the interior of Venezuela.

## **Asociación Civil Consorcio Justicia – Occidente (Justice Consortium – West)**

\$16,000

To strengthen community leadership and peaceful resolution of conflict. *Consortio Justicia-Occidente* will work with local community organizations in four municipalities in the state of Táchira to train over 100 community leaders in democratic rights, community organization and techniques of conciliation and negotiation. *Consortio Justicia-Occidente* will then work with these leaders in their communities to help them carry out projects to develop strategies for addressing local problems.

## **Asociación Civil Justicia Alternativa (Alternative Justice)**

\$13,980

To promote conflict resolution and participation at the local level. *Justicia Alternativa* will train community leaders and elected officials in the city of Girardot in



To promote conflict resolution and citizen participation at the local level, *Alternative Justice* produced this guide on public planning councils.

Aragua state. Through the training and follow-up, *Justicia Alternativa* will bring together community representatives and locally elected officials to initiate a dialogue for the development of communities and neighborhoods.

## **Asociación Civil Liderazgo y Visión (Leadership and Vision)**

\$56,000

To conduct a human rights and democracy training program for officers of the Caracas metropolitan police force. *Liderazgo y Visión* will conduct 60 training courses in the Caracas police academy. In addition, *Liderazgo y Visión* will train a total of twelve representatives in each branch of the metropolitan police to serve as coordinators for follow-up and to help organize and conduct courses and informal workshops in the future.

## **Center for International Private Enterprise**

\$92,488

To increase the political participation and representation of informal sector entrepreneurs. CIPE and its Venezuelan partner Center for the Dissemination of Economic Knowledge will conduct a survey of the informal sector in Sucre and Baruta; conduct outreach initiatives including workshops, fora, and publication of an informational brochure and promote debate and discussion on the

informal sector among government leaders at the local and national levels.

## **Center for International Private Enterprise**

\$33,006

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To promote a debate on the relationship between institutions and economic growth. CIPE and its local partner, Center for the Dissemination of Economic Knowledge, will conduct a two-day international conference to bring together in Caracas leading scholars, businessmen and women, political leaders, university student leaders and representatives of think tanks throughout the Americas to discuss how to promote institutional reform, economic growth and the role of a liberal society in that process.

## **Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)**

\$90,000

To promote and defend human rights in Venezuela. CEJIL will continue to present and litigate cases before the Inter-American System (IAS); train human rights activists, journalists, and young leaders in international human rights standards and the use of the IAS; and support and encourage Venezuelan NGOs and civil society organizations in their efforts to defend human rights and promote reasoned discourse and dialogue over the future of human rights and democracy in their country.

## **Centro al Servicio de la Acción Popular (Center for Service to Popular Action) (CESAP)**

\$60,000

To monitor the impact of poverty alleviation programs and social development and change in Venezuela. CESAP will develop a network of local community groups to monitor local social programs and their implementation and will publish a report based on its findings which will be distributed nationally and internationally. The report will serve as the basis for a public education campaign on social development in Venezuela and how to improve social programs to better address poverty in Venezuela.





# Middle East and North Africa

## 2004 NED Middle East and North Africa Program Highlights

Calls for democratic reforms reached new levels in 2004, as the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region witnessed local and national elections from Morocco to Afghanistan. Following years of struggle, civic and political groups with ambitious reform agendas dominated many regional and international conferences, forcing regional government officials to respond. The voices of writers, journalists and women's and human rights activists across the region echoed the calls of citizens for wider participation and government accountability. Free local and regional press as well as satellite television gave democrats and reformers uncensored platforms for public debates demanding democracy and challenging the status quo.

Moreover, highly publicized US initiatives in support of democracy in the MENA region have heightened expectations for change and put NED and its grantees at the forefront of the democracy struggle. The response of governments was mixed. On one hand, some governments yielded to increasing internal and external pressures and made commitments for better public administration but without genuine political reforms. On the other hand, other governments took advantage of concerns over terrorism and post-war difficulties in Iraq to restrain freedom, restrict NGOs, intimidate journalists and silence democracy advocates.

Through support to its core institutes and dozens of grassroots organizations throughout the region, NED strived to

make the most of every opportunity presented by elections and other democratic openings. NED supported a broad range of activities to increase the capacity of civil society groups, build democratic political parties and ensure free and fair elections. Particular emphasis was given to programs seeking to advance the rights of women and minorities and to encourage debate about the compatibility of Islam and democracy.

Beyond all expectations, **Afghanistan** made tangible progress towards real democracy, ratified a draft constitution and held free presidential elections. From supporting women's groups and advocating for women's rights in the Afghan constitution, to organizing, democratizing, and empowering local, indigenous structures, the NED program

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helped local groups ensure the participation of the Afghan people in the unfolding political process and their historic march towards democracy. NDI worked with newly formed political parties to help them navigate the political landscape and build coalitions that allowed them to participate in the drafting of the constitution, and to organize Afghans effectively to participate in the presidential elections. IRI promoted citizen participation, helped coordinate the activities of hundreds of emerging civil society organizations and supported an independent daily newspaper, *Erada*, which has been influential in advocating democracy and civic values.

In a unique program under most challenging circumstances, NED maintained a significant presence in **Iraq**, reaching out to a wide range of groups in most provinces and providing technical and material assistance to the rapidly growing civic sector. With NED support, NDI and IRI continued to strengthen newly emerging civil society organizations, allowing them to play a significant role in building a new Iraq. Utilizing resource centers, media centers, political party trainings and consultations, public opinion polling, and visits to other countries holding elections, NDI and IRI assisted in strengthening political movements and parties representing a potential democratic middle, and helping to build a broad coalition of parties supportive of a stable, democratic Iraq. CIPE introduced market economic concepts to the business community and expanded its program, reaching out to think tanks, economic journalists, chambers of commerce, business associations and universities.

In the **West Bank** and **Gaza**, the death of Yasser Arafat at the end of 2004 necessitated an unexpected transition within the Palestinian Authority. In electing Mahmoud Abbas as the president of the Palestinian Authority, the Palestinian electorate ensured a nonviolent transfer of power at the highest executive level. Civil society groups supported by NED in 2004 and throughout the previous decade helped insure the success of the Palestinian election and prepare the way for a democratic transition. In preparation for the elections, NED grantees worked to educate voters on their rights and responsibilities, built the capacity of nongovernmental organizations, supported women's rights, promoted conflict resolution and advocated for reform. Of the 14 NED grantees in the West Bank and Gaza, 13 provided technical support for the elections and/or the electoral process. Some served as poll workers and election monitors, while others held town hall-style meetings and conducted television and radio campaigns to promote voter education. The Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research provided some of the most accurate public opinion polls conducted before and after the elections,

while the Society Voice Association promoted women's political participation through town hall meetings and on radio programs.

**Turkey's** commitment to fulfill requirements for EU accession brought far-reaching administrative and political reforms. In this context, NED continued to support civic groups, such as the Foundation for Anatolian Folklore and Culture and its project to expose legal barriers to freedom of expression, and the Helsinki Citizens Assembly and its project advocating constitutional and legal reforms.

Throughout the region, NED expanded its support to the burgeoning civil society sector. In countries where with political opening and opportunity for citizen participation, such as Morocco, Lebanon and Yemen, NED continued its support for projects on women's participation, independent media organization, civic education and local governance. In countries where there was little margin of freedom, such as Iran and Libya, NED increased its support to exiled groups and engaged human rights activists and democrats in regional programs. NED also expanded its program in the **Gulf states**, which includes the most conservative and isolated countries in the region.

Women's participation remains critical to democracy building in the MENA region. As such, NED continued its support for the rights of women and their role in public life in conservative countries such as **Yemen** and **Bahrain** as well as in more open countries such as **Lebanon**, **Turkey** and **Jordan**. NED supported legal literacy, human rights and political awareness projects led by three Jordanian women groups: Sisterhood is Global International, Women's Organization to Combat Illiteracy and Jordan Women's Union, as well as a project by a regional women's group based in Jordan, Arab Women Media Center, which focused on training women and youth to utilize the media in advocating for their rights.

Throughout the region, religion is often manipulated—socially, by restricting women from participation in public life, and politically, by defending authoritarian regimes. In this regard, NED supported the Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights, an American-based Muslim women's organization, to conduct a far reaching regional program to involve Muslim women directly in the debate over the interpretation of religious texts. NED also supported the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, an American-based Muslim organization, to highlight the compatibility of Islam and democracy and encourage Muslim writers and thinkers in the region to demonstrate public support for democratization.

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## Description of 2004 Grants: Middle East and North Africa

### Afghanistan

#### Afghans for Civil Society (ACS)

\$36,000\*

To promote women's participation in public life and Afghanistan's democratic transition. ACS will work with the Afghan Women's Law Group to analyze provisions of the Civil Code and suggest modifications; organize a workshop to help the women understand the legal reform process; educate young women at high schools on their rights and help women attend Provincial Shura meetings to advocate for their rights.

#### Afghanistan National Participation Association (ANPA)

\$24,000

To encourage Afghan citizens to participate in the social and political affairs of their country. ANPA will produce and broadcast a series of radio programs on democracy education and political awareness to encourage citizens to vote in the presidential and parliamentary elections. The programs will be recorded in Dari and Pashto and broadcast to most of the 28 Afghan provinces.

#### Afghanistan Study Center

\$77,000\*

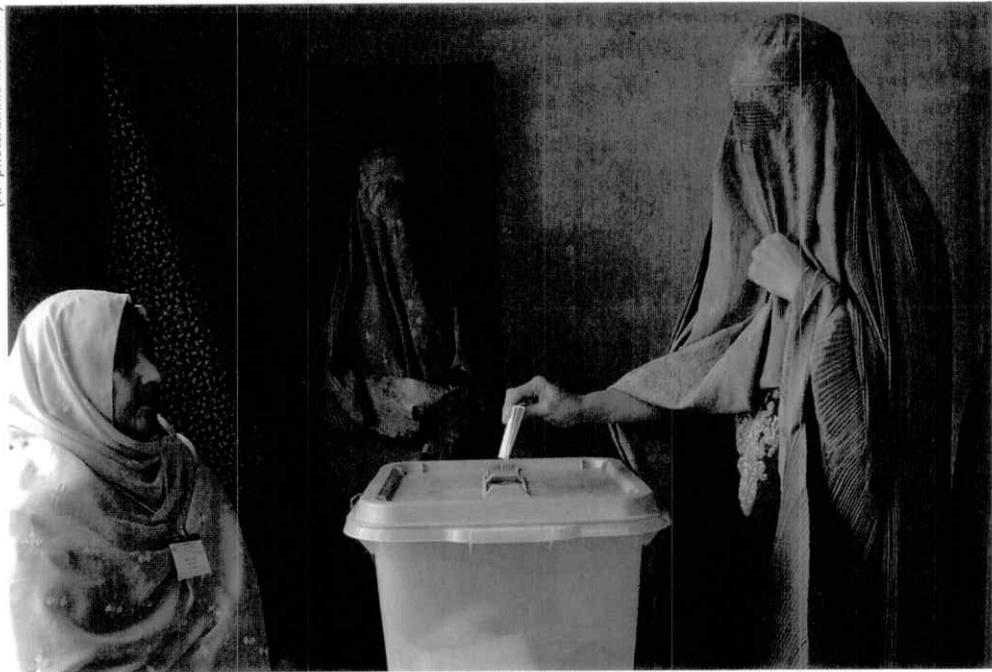
To continue its civic education program focused on human rights, democracy and women's rights in central and southern provinces of Afghanistan. The Center will expand its public awareness campaign with the production and distribution of literature and brochures.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$336,243

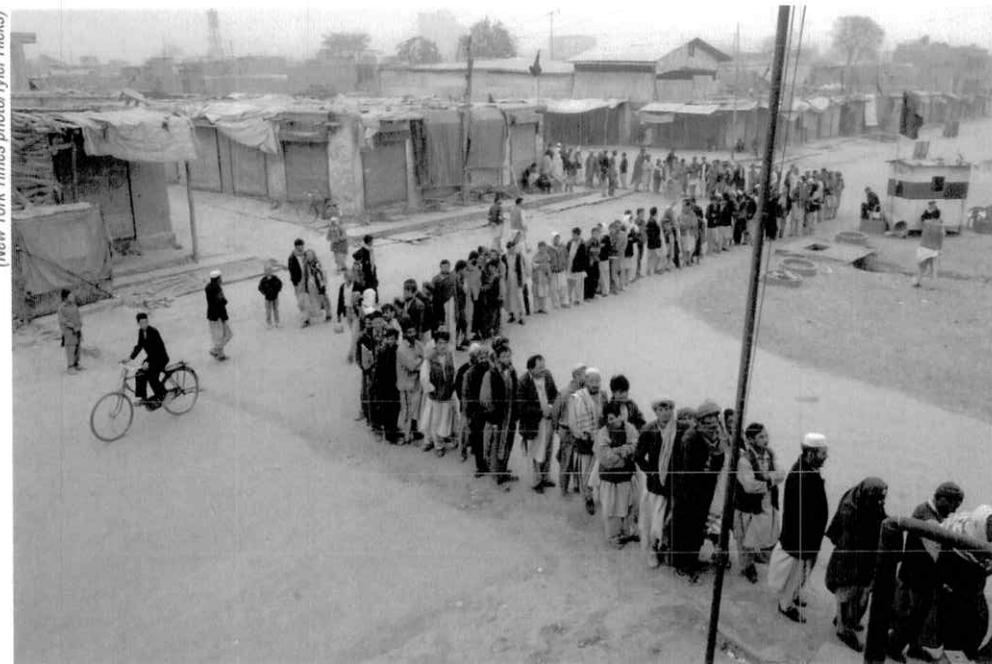
To promote democratic values through entrepreneurship and leadership. CIPE will continue to work with various business associations in an effort to promote democratic values, transparency and initiative in order to strengthen the business community's ability to participate more actively in a democratic society.

(AP photo/Emilio Morenatti)



An Afghan woman casts her ballot at a polling station in Kabul.

(New York Times photo/Tyler Hicks)



Afghan citizens waited in line for hours to cast ballots in the country's presidential election on October 9, 2004.

#### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$139,120\*

To build broader public understanding and support for market-oriented reforms and their link to democratic society. CIPE will continue to work with various business associations in an effort to promote democratic values, transparency, and initiative in order to strengthen the busi-

ness community's ability to participate more actively in a democratic society.

#### Cooperation Center for Afghanistan (CCA)

\$75,000\*

To promote citizen participation and democratic institutions in Afghanistan by empowering women and strengthening democratic practices in traditional

\*INDICATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDING BEYOND NED'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

institutions. CCA will establish a training center to instruct rural women in office skills, civics, and computer literacy; train women in central provinces on political and social participation; publish a magazine on women's empowerment and advise women candidates in preparation of the 2004 elections. CCA will also organize a good governance workshop in Bamiyan province for shura council members, administrative personnel and community leaders.

## International Republican Institute \$155,000

To continue its citizen participation program to prepare Afghans for the reconstruction initiatives being undertaken in the country. Through support to the Afghan Media Research Center and the newspaper, *Erada*, IRI will provide objective information and insight on current developments in Afghanistan.

## International Republican Institute \$275,000\*

To promote community participation and government accountability. IRI will initiate a program to bridge the communications deficit that currently exists between grassroots opinion makers in Afghanistan and those forces in the Transitional Authority spearheading the democratization process and to create additional stakeholders in the national reconstruction project.

## National Commission of Human Rights of Afghanistan (NCHRA) \$59,000\*

To raise awareness of human rights standards and monitor the performance of public institutions on protecting human rights and civil liberties. NCHRA will conduct human rights seminars, workshops and short-term educational courses for lawyers, teachers, law enforcement personnel and judges. NCHRA will also contract an international expert to offer advanced training for its members on human rights advocacy and documenting conditions in prisons and detention centers.

## Welfare Association for Development of Afghanistan (WADAN) \$217,000\*

To support and encourage democratic practices among *maliks* by expanding its project to twenty additional districts.

Endowment support will enable WADAN to establish regional offices in Kandahar and Kunduz and train 1,500 *maliks* in peace building, conflict resolution, democracy, and women's rights in ten districts each in the southern and northern provinces.

## Algeria

### Algerian League for the Defense of Human Rights (LADDH) \$20,000\*

To raise awareness of the need for the rule of law and respect for human rights in Algeria. LADDH will conduct four year-long campaigns centered on the necessity of lifting the state of the emergency; abrogating laws that impede democracy and free expression; advocacy on the rights of the disappeared; and advocacy for children's rights.

### Association Algerienne pour le Developpement de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales (Algerian Association for the Development of Social Science Research) (ADDRESS) \$25,100\*

To undertake a program to encourage informed voter participation. ADDRESS will conduct advocacy projects and hold a conference to generate concrete recommendations as to how to democratize the electoral process. The recommendations will then be disseminated through the local media.

## Bahrain

### Bahrain Women Society (BWS) \$30,000\*

To continue promoting women's legal and political rights by advancing awareness of gender-based discrimination and democratic behavioral norms within public and private institutions. BWS will train women and men leaders of Bahraini civil society to become master trainers on the rights of women and their role in a democratic society. These master trainers will in turn instruct journalists, community leaders, civil servants and NGOs in the women's rights curriculum.

## Egypt

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity \$199,933 REPROGRAMMED 2003 FUNDS

To establish an Egyptian Trade Union Technical Organization (ETUTO). ACILS will work with the Egyptian Trade Union Federation in creating the ETUTO and educating staff so that they will achieve a satisfactory level of understanding of key issues in such areas as economic literacy, core labor standards and the new labor law.

### Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) \$32,000

To develop a roadmap for judicial reform in Egypt in accordance with international standards. ACIJLP will hold a series of workshops for reform minded judges, lawyers, legislators and human rights activists to identify the key challenges to judicial reform in Egypt; formulate strategies to address the most pressing obstacles and form a network of professionals and decision makers to advocate for reform.

### Center for International Private Enterprise \$295,049

To promote awareness of democratic and economic reform principles in Egypt. CIPE will educate decision-makers, youth, journalists and entrepreneurs on civic principles and business ethics, in order to strengthen the constituency for political and economic reform. CIPE will host roundtable discussions for govern-



The Bahrain Women's Society produced and distributed these brochures on child abuse.



In October, CIPE held a conference on Egypt's family-owned private sector firms.

ment representatives and business leaders and train journalists on civic and economic concepts. CIPE will produce booklets on basic business concepts; develop a virtual democracy game for its website; and train young people in five governorates on entrepreneurship and business ethics.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

**\$154,831**

To increase the institutional and networking capacity of the Federation of Economic Development and Income Generation (FEDA) to play a more active role in national public policy debates on democratic and economic reform in Egypt. CIPE will work with FEDA to establish an electronic network for its nationwide membership of business associations, which will aid FEDA members in developing policy recommendations in favor of small and medium-sized enterprises. CIPE will also train 15 FEDA board members and five non-FEDA members from business associations on democratic business association management.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

**\$81,807**

To advocate democratic procedures and transparency within Egypt's family-owned private sector firms. CIPE will work with the Alexandria Business

Association (ABA) to educate business owners and company managers on financing, organizational development, merit-based promotion, succession, conflict management and corporate governance. CIPE will also hold a series of seminars for business owners on globalization and challenges to traditional family business.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

**\$59,432**

To promote professional standards of institutional development within Egypt's associations. CIPE will develop training modules and a certification program specifically geared toward membership development and fundraising. CIPE will partner with the Egyptian Society for Association Executives to develop and test the two Arabic-language training modules for business executives.

### Egyptian Association for Supporting Democratic Development (EASDD)

**\$29,000**

To foster a democratic culture on university campuses in Egypt. EASDD will hold a series of debates to instruct university students on citizenship and participation in public life; partner with the students to produce a student affairs newsletter and facilitate a dialogue between students, university professors, decision makers and public figures on ways to enable democratic participation on university campuses.

### Human Rights Association for the Assistance of Prisoners (HRAAP)

**\$30,000**

To strengthen the ability of Egyptian lawyers to protect and defend the rights of prisoners and detainees. HRAAP will conduct twelve workshops for young lawyers on investigative techniques, communication skills and legal standards governing citizens' rights to corporal safety in prisons and detention centers. HRAAP will also host two advanced workshops to instruct lawyers on using international human rights instruments to investigate and defend torture victims.

### Legal Aid Association for Constitutional Rights (LAACR)

**\$20,000**

To enable young journalists, human rights and civic activists to participate in



LAACR held human rights trainings for religious scholars in rural Egypt.

the reform debate and spread the culture of civic participation and human rights in rural communities. LAACR will train its staff and trainers in leadership and advocacy skills and democratic development; instruct journalists and lawyers in human rights, election monitoring and democratic development and facilitate a dialogue on good governance between youth and government representatives.

## Iran

### Abdollah Boroumand Foundation (ABF)

**\$50,000\***

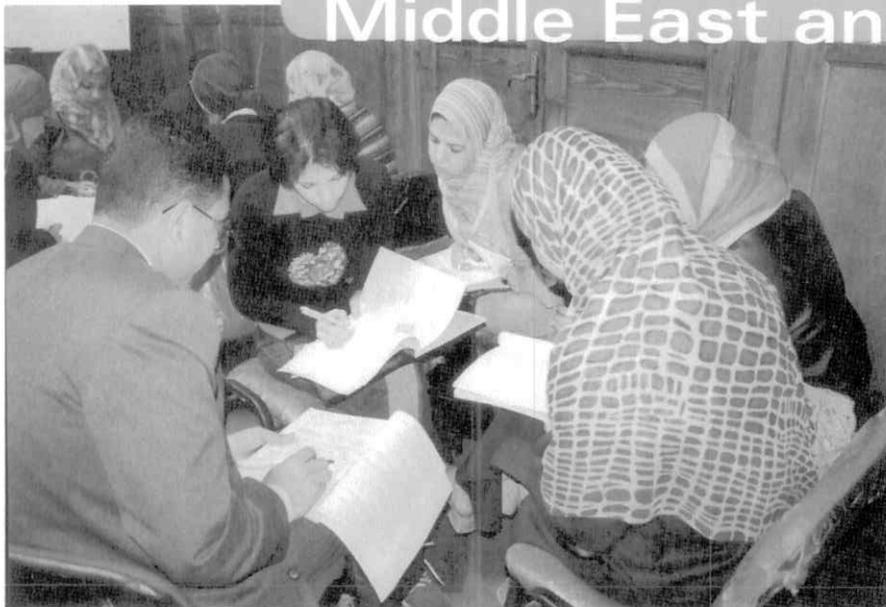
To promote human rights by launching the Iran Human Rights Memorial. The website will include a database memorial dedicated to the victims of the Iranian regime and an electronic library in Farsi on human rights law. ABF will customize the electronic memorial, translate additional material into Farsi and collect information from several sources on executions.

### Center for the International Private Enterprise

**\$55,949**

To inject the voice of business into the reform debate in Iran. CIPE will translate four publications on private sector development, corporate governance and the linkages between democratic and private sector development into Farsi. The publications will be distributed through various networks of academics, business people and the media in Iran and will be posted in electronic format on Iranian websites.

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HRAAP holds an advanced workshop for Egyptian lawyers on human rights and different methods of defending victims of torture.

## Vital Voices Global Partnership

**\$40,500\***

To improve the political, economic and social status of Iranian women. Vital Voices will conduct a leadership training-of-trainers seminar in Washington, DC for five emerging women leaders. These women will form a core group of trainers who in turn will train and support other Iranian women.

## Iraq

### Al Marefa Institute

**\$31,000\***

To raise awareness of civic and human rights among the Iraqi people. Al Marefa will conduct six civic education workshops in Karbala for university and school teachers, leaders of women's organizations, school teachers and administrators, university students and community and religious leaders. Al Marefa will distribute a free monthly newsletter and facilitate the formation of a network of mentors to reshape political, social and intellectual culture on a democratic basis.

### Ambassadors of Democracy (AOD)

**\$30,000\***

To disseminate and advocate civic and democratic values to youth. AOD will train student leaders at Baghdad and Al-Mustanseriya Universities to be "democracy ambassadors." These ambassadors will hold monthly roundtable sessions for students at university campuses

and other youth centers; produce and air weekly radio programs; publish a monthly newsletter and distribute copies of democracy posters to youth throughout Baghdad.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

**\$1,498,014\***

To support Iraqi workers in their effort to build membership-based representative trade unions capable of joining with other civil society organizations. ACILS will bring together segments of the international labor movement to conduct outreach visits; identify partners and provide an accompanying program of support for Iraqi trade unions; assist global union federations in their sectoral approaches to reach Iraqi workers; support an International Federation of

Journalists program to promote unified national journalists' unions and professionalism and promote the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions' work to guarantee observance of core labor standards in Iraq.

### American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation (AFTEF)

**\$200,000\***

To promote democratic trade union principles in Iraq through a two year democratic education project for national, regional and local leaders of the Iraqi Teachers Union (ITU). AFTEF will organize seminars for ITU leaders on the principles of democratic organizations, develop a curriculum and lesson plans for teaching democratic principles and the role of a democratic teachers' organization, and train a corps of ITU trainers to teach this curriculum to local teacher leaders.

### American Society for Kurds (ASK)

**\$50,000\***

To engage youth in public life through training and providing forums for the exchange of ideas. ASK will organize twelve workshops and a conference on human rights for youth participants from northern Iraq. ASK will develop a network of youth leaders and their organizations to cultivate joint projects, coordinate activities and bring together their collective efforts of democratic activism.

### American Society for Kurds (ASK)

**\$31,000\***

To support democracy by strengthening the institutional capacity of Iraqi NGOs. ASK will facilitate the sharing of



Executive Director of the Solidarity Center Harry Kamberis (right, facing) meets with Hadi Salih in front of the Labor Committee headquarters in Baghdad. Hadi Salih served as the international officer for the Iraqi Federation of Trade Unions; he was assassinated in January 2005.

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experiences and skills between NED-supported and other NGOs in the north and newly formed groups in central and south-central Iraq. The program will conclude with a retreat for all the organizations, where they will develop joint programs to promote democracy and foster cross-ethnic cooperation among Iraqis.

## **AmmanNet**

*\$45,000\**

To support the development of innovative and independent media in Iraq. AmmanNet will strengthen the skills of print and broadcast journalists through an intensive on the job training course in Amman, Jordan. Upon their return, AmmanNet will monitor their progress and provide a refresher training and advice via the Internet. AmmanNet will integrate the Iraqi journalists into its regional network of journalists to enhance their professional development.

## **Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR)**

*\$97,000\**

To support the capacity of nascent human rights and grassroots political NGOs in Iraq. AIHR will conduct two courses for Iraqi human rights activists. One course will be held in Jordan and will consist of a general orientation in the field of human rights for activists in Iraqi human rights NGOs. The second course, held in Tunisia, will be an advanced training course in human rights and democratic development.

## **Asuda Organization for Combating Violence against Women (ASUDA)**

*\$33,000\**

To continue its women's rights monitoring project. ASUDA will begin carrying out a second monitoring survey of discrimination and abuse of women in the three Kurdish provinces of Erbil, Dohuk and Sulaymania. ASUDA will publish the results in an annual report and distribute it to the local media and government officials.

## **Badlisiy Cultural Center (BCC)**

*\$49,000\**

To continue a human rights awareness campaign for women and the youth in northern Iraq. BCC will hold a training course on human rights and empowerment for women in Sulaymania province; develop human rights bulletins in forty lo-

cal high schools; publish six issues of its newsletter on human rights and produce and perform two short plays on human rights, tolerance and gender equality.

## **Center for International Private Enterprise**

*\$3,051,658\**

To work to build the information infrastructure to provide a platform for market democratic views in the process of Iraq's re-building. CIPE will foster new business associations and business support organizations in Iraq and introduce them to international best practices, as well as engage other Arab business organizations in working with their Iraqi counterparts to share best practices.

## **Center for International Private Enterprise**

*\$73,183\**

To assist the Baghdad Economic Research Center (BERC) in facilitating a democratic environment in which macro-economic policy issues of relevance to the organized private small and medium sector can be debated freely and openly. Activities include economic debates on urgent economic reform issues and a website in English and Arabic to monitor business activities.

## **Citizens Rights and Interests Protection Organization (CRIPO)**

*\$22,000\**

To educate Iraqi youth on their rights and responsibilities and to monitor and defend the rights of the Iraqi people. CRIPO will develop and implement a four month pilot civic education program promoting freedom, democracy and tolerance among students at Baghdad University and recruit volunteers for civic and democracy monitoring activities.

## **Free Spirit Society (FSS)**

*\$30,000\**

To promote the role of youth as catalysts for promoting a democratic society in Iraq. The Free Spirit Society will conduct an extracurricular pilot civic education program for Iraqi high school students in Baghdad aimed at nurturing a democratic culture and promotion of citizen participation in Iraq's political transition process. FSS will encourage course graduates to form a civic club and organize their own activities to educate peers and community members on democracy.

## **Freedom House**

*\$150,000\**

To support Iraq's emerging democratic leaders and help them to gain leadership skills and technical capacity. Freedom House will launch the "Exchanges to Support Iraqi Professionals" project which will provide emerging Iraqi leaders from various sectors with individual internships with U.S. counterpart organizations.

## **Independent Film and Television College (IFTC)**

*\$50,000\**

To support the development of an independent network of Iraqi film producers and TV journalists. IFTC will conduct a six-month pilot project to instruct young Iraqi filmmakers on techniques of documentary film making; assist them as they produce their own documentaries in the run-up to the national assembly elections and show the films on Iraqi national media.

## **Institute of War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)**

*\$109,000\**

To equip local Iraqi journalists with the requisite professional training and skills to produce high quality news to Iraqi citizens and strengthen the independent media sector. IWPR will train a diverse group of local Iraqis in professional techniques of broadcast media reporting as part of a larger project of establishing an Iraqi Media Institute.

## **International Republican Institute**

*\$5,433,660\**

To implement a program of party development and organizational skills training targeted at party leaders and leading activists. IRI will set up party resource centers to provide access to computers and other basic material support; offer campaign training and poll watcher training for parties and conduct polls and focus groups to provide parties with a reflection of public concerns.

## **International Republican Institute**

*\$996,945\**

To assist with Iraq's transition to multi-party democracy. IRI will partner with the Pontis Foundation, Centre for Democracy and Culture Studies (CDK) and the Institute for Public Affairs (IVO). Benefiting from Czech and Slovak experiences

in transition from communist dictatorship to democracy, Pontis will establish an internship program for Iraqis in Slovakia; CDK will organize a series of trainings inside Iraq and an observation mission for Iraqi participants to witness the Czech Senate elections and IVO will implement a pair of training workshops for Iraqis in Slovakia on public opinion research and a conference in Iraq focusing on major transition issues.

### **International Republican Institute**

*\$80,000\**

To strengthen prospects for democracy and to encourage the active participation of Iraqi citizens in the democratic national reconstruction. IRI will continue its support for the Iraq Foundation for Development and Democracy (IFDD) as a forum for constructive dialogue. IFDD will commission a series of studies based on program events, conferences and ongoing events in Iraq for use by academic researchers and policy makers and will conduct its own series of conferences to present the findings of its commissioned studies and provide a forum for the discussion of major issues affecting Iraq's transition to democracy.

### **Iraq Memory Foundation (IMF)**

*\$45,000\**

To promote dialogue about understanding of Iraq's past among Iraqi students, educators and decision makers. The IMF will redesign and expand its web based human rights memorial to the victims of the Baath regime and electronic library in Arabic. The website will serve as an educational tool to stimulate discussion and serious reconsideration among Iraqis of their nation's past, by offering electronic access to the Foundation's archive collection and eyewitness testimony.

### **Iraqi National Association for Human Rights in Babylon**

*\$28,000\**

To conduct a human rights program for Iraqi youth. The program will educate youth about human rights issues with activities such as human rights awareness workshops targeted at youth leaders of the Babel province, educational youth tours of government offices and the dissemination of educational materials on human rights.

### **Iraqi Organization for Human Rights Coordination (IOHCR)**

*\$45,000\**

To inform Iraqis about the constitutional process. IOHCR will conduct workshops to train local community leaders from Baghdad, Basra and Babel provinces on both theory and practical application of democratic principles. Participants will then act as citizen trainers in their respective communities.

### **Kurdish Institute for Elections (KIE)**

*\$60,000\**

To deepen civic and electoral awareness within Iraqi society. KIE will work with the Iraqi Organization for Human Rights Coordination to develop and conduct a democracy education and election awareness program for voters throughout Iraq. The five-month program preceding January elections will comprise workshops, production and distribution of election related posters and booklets and television public service announcements on the election process.

### **Kurdish Institute for Elections (KIE)**

*\$39,000\**

To advance a democratic culture, political participation and accountable institutions in the PUK-administered province of Sulaymania. KIE will produce radio programs, a civic education training program for public sector employees and a political literacy program for women students.

### **Nahrain Electronic Encyclopedia**

*\$31,000\**

To build its institutional capacity in Iraq in order to become a main source of credible, unbiased news, and a forum for Iraqi youth to participate in civic debate. Nahrain will continue to maintain its website, create chat rooms for civic debate and form a network of young Iraqi writers, reporters and civic activists in Baghdad.

### **The Nakhla Peace Organization (NPO)**

*\$30,000\**

To encourage youth participation in the civic life in Iraq. NPO will establish a democracy center for the youth of this underdeveloped region of the capital. NPO center will offer Internet access, run computer courses, disseminate civic literature and hold a series of lectures on democratic values.

### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

*\$1,350,000\**

To conduct a program to strengthen civil society by helping groups develop basic organizational structures and strategic plans for becoming involved in the political process. NDI will host weekly meetings with nascent NGOs to discuss organizational development and political organizing techniques; hold seminars on civil society and democracy; conduct skills-building workshops and distribute a micro grants program.

### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

*\$5,435,009\**

To strengthen political parties and build a broad coalition of parties. NDI will establish offices in both the northern and southern regions, as well as political party resource centers. NDI will host trainings and seminars on issues such as focus group research, organizational development and public outreach. NDI will also organize study missions for Iraqi political leaders to countries such as Canada, Ireland and Morocco.

### **Organization for a Model Iraqi Society (OMIS)**

*\$36,000\**

To cultivate a cadre of democratic role models in Iraq. OMIS will conduct a series of seven democratic leadership courses for 40 emerging Iraqi leaders in Baghdad, including teachers, NGO managers, university students and members of political parties, who will form a network of role models to promote democratic behavioral and institutional norms.

### **Partners for Democratic Change (PDC)**

*\$75,000\**

To strengthen civil society by developing concrete skills that are required to run and manage a modern democracy. PDC will carry out a one year program to train 45-50 civil society leaders throughout Iraq in conflict and change management. Once trained, the group will form the basis of a cadre of mediators, negotiators, communication specialists, public participation experts and organizational development specialists able to work in their respective communities.

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## People in Need Foundation (PINF)

\$75,000\*

To increase cross border cooperation with a pilot mentoring program. PINF will assist nascent Iraqi NGOs to build their technical and managerial capacity. NGO experts from Central Eastern European countries with technical skills matching the needs of the Iraqi groups will be identified and placed as mentors with appropriate Iraqi NGOs.

## Women for Women International (WWI)

\$97,000\*

To assist capacity-building of local NGO's. Women for Women International will support the capacity building of five fledgling women's groups in central and south-central Iraq by facilitating the sharing of experiences between NGOs in the north and women's groups in this area of Iraq. WWI will act as mentor, provide technical assistance and facilitate small grant awards.

## Jordan

### AmmanNet

\$48,000

To continue the development of its web-site that includes Internet radio, to enable Jordanians to monitor their elected parliamentarians and municipal leaders and to encourage greater citizen involvement in the governance process. The website will feature information about each MP, including voting records and committee membership, and will include a questionnaire designed to encourage citizen inquiry and interaction with their representative.

### Arab Media Institute

\$30,000

To strengthen independent, free journalism in Jordan and throughout the Arab world by continuing the development of its web-based forum for independent journalism. The site will include daily articles, web links, and archived material on press freedom issues in the Middle East.

### Arab Women Media Center (AWMC)

\$35,000

To strengthen the independence, transparency and quality of the Jordanian press and citizen involvement in the media. AWMC will extend the influence

of its "Media for Non-media Professionals" program through four interactive training workshops and a National Assembly on national media, human rights and the role of women, targeting Jordanian youth.

### Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists (CDFJ)

\$30,000

To build on its training program for youth on press freedom and democratic awareness through cultivating and strengthening at least six advocacy groups of youth who organize roundtable discussions and each produce a newsletter on the topic of media freedom and the public's right to know, as it relates to Jordan's overall democratization process.

### Jordanian Center for Civic Education Studies (JCCES)

\$26,700

To develop the ability of Jordanian youth's to engage civically. JCCES will customize its civic education training module to target university students, train five trainers on the use of the module and, in cooperation with the University of Jordan, run civic education classes for 500 students at the university.

### Jordanian Women's Union (JWU)

\$45,000

To promote women's empowerment and human rights. JWU will develop the capacity of its staff to implement legal



The Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center produces this newsletter, *Civil Society Issues*. The newsletter discusses the state of civil society development and reports NGO's recent activities.

literacy and human rights courses for Jordanian women, organize training courses for its members and affiliates, and convene domestic violence awareness workshops for a mixed gender audience.

### Sisterhood Is Global International/Jordan (SIGI/J)

\$50,000

To build on its women's rights and



Participants in the 5th workshop for women journalists, hosted by the Arab Women Media Center.



Generation for Integrity produced this sticker as a part of their freedom of information outreach campaign. The sticker reads, "Do you know you have a right to know?"

empowerment training program. SIGI/J will implement 10 workshops using their "Claiming our Rights" and "Safe and Secure" manuals for new trainers. SIGI/J will also provide two training workshops on women's rights awareness sessions for members of parliament and civil society organizations; strengthen its website on Arab women and political participation; monitor parliamentary sessions and public hearings and design follow up activities accordingly.

### Women's Organization to Combat Illiteracy (WOCI)

\$32,000

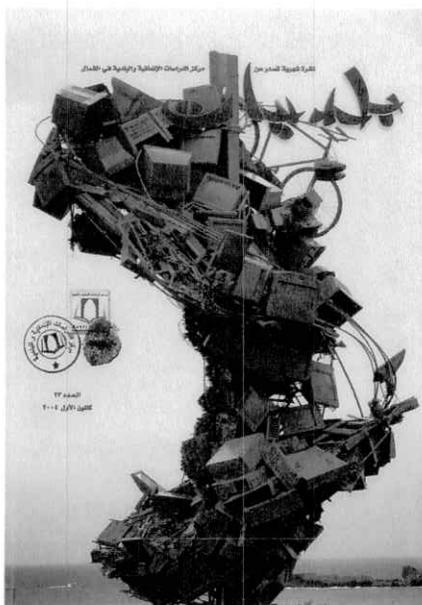
To engage Jordan's youth in political and economic reform. WOCI will design and organize a training program for a minimum of 100 youth leaders throughout Jordan on human rights, civic education, and leadership and capacity building, which will lead to the creation of a youth activist network.

## Lebanon

### Generation for the Integrity of Lebanon (GIL)

\$35,000\*

To promote human rights, democracy and youth participation in civic activities. In southern Lebanon, GIL will lead four workshops and 20 outreach sessions on freedom of information for Lebanese youth. GIL will also publish and distribute a book on civic participation in Lebanon.



The monthly periodical *al-Baladiyat* provides information on local municipalities and development in Lebanon.

### Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace (LFPCP)

\$42,000

To increase transparency in the Lebanese legislative process. LFPCP will create a monitor group representing parliament and civil society, which will assess draft bills and decrees for democratic content; issue quarterly reports and organize meetings to engage a broader audience equipped with the information needed to advocate for legislative reform. The findings of the project will be synthesized into a book.

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

\$169,999

To develop NDI's Lebanon field office into a regional resource center. NDI will use the resource center to organize training sessions and exchanges throughout the MENA region. NDI will look for opportunities to bring people for training in Lebanon while also seeking to replicate successful Lebanese programs in other areas of the MENA region. NDI will also continue to provide technical support to strengthen the advocacy capacity of a cross-section of NGOs in Lebanon, including in the areas of women and the environment.

### Philanthropic Amlieh Association (PAA)

\$135,000\*

To assist the needy Shi'a community in Lebanon through human rights and empowerment training. PAA will expand its women's rights education program into schools and civic organizations across Lebanon as well as strengthen its institutional capacity, including staff development and design of additional training materials.

## Libya

### Libya Human and Political Development Forum (LHUPDF)

\$40,000

To create a public forum to foster constructive dialogue and cooperation among Libyan democrats and civic



MENA Program Officer Karen Farrell (fifth from the left) meets with participants of the Philanthropic Amlieh Association's human rights training targeting young women in Lebanon.

## NED Grantee Spotlight: Citizenship Forum

Since its founding in 1999 **Citizenship Forum (CF)** has emerged as one of Morocco's most effective NGOs. Established to create a much needed forum for civic engagement in Morocco's democratic transition, CF has developed a range of programs that raise public awareness of the democratic process, develop relationships between citizens and officials at the municipal level and encourage youth participation in the development of democracy in Morocco.



CF is also working to encourage citizen cooperation in planning social and economic development projects and promote collaboration with Rabat municipality officials. Under CF's guidance, over 40 civil society activists and local businessmen formed a network of local civic associations to monitor and follow-up on municipal plans and projects. The civic associations serve as a bridge linking the interests and needs of

citizens with the programs and projects of the local government. One of CF's most recognized projects is its Monitors for Democratic Transition program. As the first independent democracy watchdog institution in the country, the program monitors and evaluates Morocco's political transition through four working groups that track political, economic and socio-cultural trends. Using a comprehensive framework of indicators, including relations between government branches, political adherence to the 1996 constitution, transparency in government institutions and the private sector, the provision of social services, and pluralism in culture and religion, a team of researchers collects data, conducts field research and compiles an annual report that is distributed to political and civic organizations and academic and media centers. This systematic approach to documenting and researching Morocco's democratic transition from December 1996 and closely monitoring current developments has helped establish clear benchmarks to measure future progress or backsliding.

Also in 2004, CF embarked on a collaborative relationship with the Ministry of Education. CF created 30 high school civic clubs to increase youth awareness of, and participation in, civic advocacy activities. In addition to weekly roundtable discussions on topics pertaining to democracy, pluralism and participation, students are also involved in public awareness and advocacy campaigns on poverty elimination and tolerance.

Through its multifaceted approach, Citizenship Forum remains one of the most effective NGOs in Morocco and continues to be held in high regard by other Moroccan and international NGOs. Because of the positive impact of many of its programs, CF has become a leading voice in regional and international NGO forums on reform and democratization in the Middle East.

groups inside and outside the country. LHUDEF will establish an office in London, develop and utilize its Arabic website and produce and distribute 1,000 copies of an annual report on democratic developments in Libya and four assessments on avenues for change in Libya.

### Morocco

#### Citizenship Forum (CF)

\$64,000

To expedite the transition to democracy and strengthen civil society, CF will monitor and assess Morocco's democratic transition and publish an annual report on the transition; train civic groups in public advocacy and form a collective network to monitor municipal administration; and engage local government officials in determining community priorities on development projects and publish two newsletters to publicize them.

#### Citizenship Forum (CF)

\$35,000

To promote and institutionalize civic concepts in Morocco, particularly among youth, and with a focus on Morocco's rural areas, CF will strengthen and expand its network of civic clubs and civic educators to conduct weekly roundtables at schools. CF will also develop an Arabic



Laith Kubba, MENA Senior Program Officer (first to left), sits in on a training workshop sponsored by Citizenship Forum in Morocco.

newsletter and regular outreach activities for the broader Moroccan community.

#### Democratic Association of Moroccan Women (DAMW)

\$45,000

To strengthen the leadership skills of women, DAMW will conduct a two-day advanced training for a core group of 10 trainers from leading women's rights and civic groups. Participants will then develop and moderate workshops targeting 160 NGO leaders and activists and develop plans to tackle the lack of women's participation in leadership and decision-making within the civic sector.

#### Espace Associatif

\$25,000\*

To provide a medium for communication among NGOs and a platform for exchange of information and experiences through the publication of an Arabic and French newsletter. The

newsletters will subsequently be compiled into a quarterly resource publication and posted on Espace Associatif's website.

## **Moroccan Women's Alliance for Development and Training (MWADT)**

**\$27,238**

To promote women's rights in conservative, rural communities and expand their participation in the social, political and economic spheres. MWADT will maintain a women's center in Tetouan in northern Morocco for rural women; conduct legal literacy classes for 260 women and build the professional capacity of the center's staff in financial administration, accounting, and project management.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$104,710**

To conduct a program to link public perceptions and policy making. NDI will work with civil society, government ministries and parliament, academic institutions and the media in a program to conduct focus groups on various topics as a way to increase their exposure to focus group research and methodology.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$50,427**

To assist The People's Mirror in reaching its long-term goal of self-sustainability in conducting focus groups and helping a broad range of Moroccan political activists hear the perceptions of the country's citizens first hand and to devise ways of making citizens more central to the decision-making process.

## **Saudi Arabia**

### **Saudi Institute (SI)**

**\$42,000**

To promote independent media and facilitate the free flow of information to Saudi citizens. SI will maintain and develop its Arabic news website and email newsletter to report on human rights abuses and debates on political, economic and social reform and expand its network of free-lance reporters in Saudi Arabia. SI will utilize the website and newsletter to stimulate discussion.

## **Tunisia**

### **Al Jahedh Forum for Free Thought (JFFT)**

**\$35,000**

To create a forum for genuine debate on topics of Islam, modernity and culture and to contribute to a safe environment for democratic expression in Tunisia. The JFFT will organize eight civic education workshops, publish six issues of an educational newsletter and launch a website focusing on Islam and democracy, the phenomenon of religious violence, education reform in the Islamic world, and secularism, the Islamic state and the path to democracy.

## **Turkey**

### **Association for Support and Training of Women Candidates (KADER)**

**\$30,000\***

To strengthen and revitalize the internal organizational capacity of KADER. KADER will revamp its advocacy strategies and build upon its four-year national advocacy strategy developed last year. KADER will host a training-of-trainers program in Istanbul and fifteen second round local trainings at branch offices across Turkey on organizational capacity and advocacy.

### **Anadolu Halk Kulture Vakfi (Foundation for Anatolian Folklore and Culture) (FAFC)**

**\$56,000\***

To promote constitutional and legal reforms and increase public awareness of the legal barriers to fundamental rights and freedoms. FAFC will conduct a series of regional workshops on legal reform and publish two books; one on a strategy for advocating and monitoring legal reform and another on the legal barriers to freedom of expression.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$100,485**

To help the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) promote corporate governance and regulatory reform in the newly privatized electricity sector. TESEV will research the risks associated with deregulation and produce a draft report on its findings. TESEV

will also organize a series of meetings for government officials and newspaper columnists on electricity reform.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$90,129**

To support the Economist Platform in building local capacity in democratic governance. The Economist Platform will engage local private sector groups and young leaders at the Summit on Local Government and Competitive Advantages of Anatolia. This project will also create an Istanbul-based news agency to provide unbiased news on the economy, politics and society.

### **Center for the Research of Societal Problems (TOSAM)**

**\$30,000\***

To train a core of youth leaders as advocates of democratic values, religious and ethnic tolerance and the rule of law. TOSAM will raise awareness among youth of the southeast on democratic values and the need for nation-building based on multiculturalism and equal treatment of ethnic minorities. Activities will include youth leadership trainings and a training-of-trainers workshop in Ankara.

### **Community Volunteers Foundation (CVF)**

**\$23,000**

To raise awareness among Turkish youth of civic and democratic values, cultural rights and tolerance. CVF will develop and produce 100 copies of a board game on democracy, human rights and conflict resolution and utilize it as a civic education tool, targeting 360 youth volunteers. CVF will also host a public meeting in Istanbul to launch the democracy board game.

### **Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (HCA)**

**\$35,000**

To promote democratic values and active participation. HCA will organize a regional training workshop in central Anatolia to train twenty NGO representatives on advocacy, lobbying and institutional capacity building. HCA will also upgrade its bilingual website and print and distribute one-thousand copies of each issue of its quarterly newsletter and post it on the group's website.

## **International Republican Institute**

*\$330,000*

To educate Turkish youth on Turkey's national political system and promote youth development and access to youth-targeted information. IRI will host an internship and model parliament program in Ankara; manage the GencNet website and host one multi-city workshop. It will also host a youth campaign school and assist local partners to identify lecturers and design the curricula of a 16-week education series on participatory politics.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

*\$40,000\**

To build the democratic leadership skills of local administrators; to encourage citizens and civil leaders to participate in politics at the local level and advocate greater government accountability. NDI will coordinate with Anakultur, an Istanbul-based civic group to conduct two training programs—one that targets local officials and another that focuses on different groups within society.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

*\$300,000*

To improve internal reform and ethical standards in the Turkish parliament. NDI will help to organize an all deputy committee on the operations of parliament. NDI will also provide training and on-site consultations with Tumikom's national leadership and regional branches to strengthen its organizational capacity and co-host a two-day seminar on civic advocacy successes.

## **Turkey Parliamentary Monitoring Committee (TUMIKOM)**

*\$30,000\**

To promote ethical and legal conduct among elected officials and members of parliament by producing a national annual report on parliamentary conduct. TUMIKOM will also create a website to encourage greater citizen participation and exchange with members of parliament and establish five branch offices to build organizational capacity.

## **Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV)**

*\$40,000\**

To promote transparency in government and other public institutions by raising public awareness and ensuring proper implementation of the Right to Information law. TESEV will convene working groups and policy seminars on the new law, organize a training program for NGOs and journalists on the new law and evaluate the implementation of the new law by conducting field tests and publishing the results.

## **West Bank & Gaza**

### **Center for Dissemination of Alternative Information (Panorama)**

*\$46,000*

To continue a campaign for good governance as a means to institutionalize democracy in Palestinian society. Panorama will conduct public opinion polls; conduct roundtable discussions; develop a framework for good governance; publish research on the current state of Palestinian governance and reach out to a broader section of Palestinian society through newspaper advertisements and articles.

### **Civic Forum Institute (CFI)**

*\$45,000*

To foster linkages and dialogue between citizens and leadership. With a network of 370 local organizations and staff who live and work throughout the West Bank, CFI will expand its membership of this network and provide a 20-day capacity building training for 14 women and youth organizations in the West Bank.

### **General Union of Cultural Centers (GUCC)**

*\$30,000*

To strengthen the network between the GUCC and its member organizations. The GUCC staff and local experts will conduct a training program for a cross-section of its 34 member organizations on organizational development and on specific functional areas such as how to work with women, children and youth. The GUCC member organizations represent small, grassroots cultural organizations throughout the Gaza Strip that implement small programs in the areas of the arts.

## **Jerusalem Center for Women (JCW)**

*\$35,000*

To promote democracy, women's rights and women's participation with a focus on the Jerusalem population. JCW will conduct a training program for young Palestinian women leaders on communication, gender, rights and citizenship. The program will culminate in the design and implementation of an advocacy campaign on women's rights.

## **Ma'an Network**

*\$65,000*

To promote democracy and freedom of thought through television programs on media, nonviolence and conflict resolution. Ma'an will train staff from five other Palestinian independent television stations on investigative journalism, applying these skills in the production of a nine episode series and produce and broadcast a series of 12 programs on elections and good governance.

## **Middle East Center for Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND)**

*\$40,000*

To build conditions for peace in the Middle East by promoting nonviolence and democracy through working with youth. MEND will conduct advanced training, strengthening the skills of its youth group members. These youth will employ the skills to engage a broad cross-section of the Palestinian community, through workshops, newsletters, plays, radio programs, and volunteer work.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

*\$235,214*

To conduct political party development training. NDI will work with Palestinian political parties and independent political activists to strengthen the political center and to support the transformation of parties and factions to more representative democratic institutions.

## **Palestinian Center for Democracy & Conflict Resolution (PCDCR)**

*\$45,000*

To develop activities focused on the principles and practice of conflict resolution and democratic development for a wide cross-section of the Palestinian population. PCDCR will provide capacity-building training for 12 Gazan NGOs and conflict resolution training to Pal-



The Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy observed the presidential elections in the West Bank.

estonian police officers and psychology students. It will also conduct two press investigations on media freedom and performance monitoring, and two public opinion polls on political parties and women's participation in elections.

### **Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy (PCPD)**

*\$35,000*

To expand the role of youth in civic education and democracy. PCPD will conduct advocacy training workshops and youth encounter sessions with local officials in the northern, central and southern areas of the West Bank to increase youth involvement in the political process.

### **Palestinian Center for Policy & Survey Research (PSR)**

*\$32,000*

To advance scholarship and knowledge on domestic politics and government, strategic analysis and foreign policy. PSR will collect and analyze data on 50 democracy indicators, sustaining a second year of public opinion poll de-

velopment and analysis in support of its annual Democracy Index.

### **Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH)**

*\$30,000*

To foster the principles of democracy through work with young democrats and reformers. Miftah will engage young leaders in public debates on Palestinians reforms through the production and broadcast of a series of television and radio programs.

### **Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies (RCHRS)**

*\$25,000*

To spread the culture of human rights, democracy, equity and tolerance through active research and legal and social studies related to human rights issues. RCHRS will lead debates on tolerance in a number of refugee camps and villages in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. RCHRS will ensure the additional reach of these discussions through

the publication of its quarterly journal, *Tasamuh* (Tolerance).

### **Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC)**

*\$38,000*

To promote the empowerment of rural women. WATC will continue its Jenin-based program on women's empowerment, with a new focus on building the skills of rural women to participate in formal political life and the broader Palestinian reform and democratization process. WATC will conduct training workshops on the political reform process and women's legal rights as candidates and voters.

### **Yemen**

#### **Civic Democratic Initiatives Support Foundation (CDF)**

*\$45,000\**

To strengthen democracy at the local level and increase citizen participation in developing and implementing public agendas. CDF will conduct a series

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CDF produced this audio cassette, "It's time to vote," to educate and mobilize Yemeni voters.



CDF held workshops throughout Yemen on civil life and local democracy enhancement.

of exchange visits among 90 districts to transfer the experience of successful councils to underdeveloped ones; coordinate a 16-day public awareness campaign on good governance and continue publishing its newsletter and supplement.

## Girls World Communication Center (GWCC)

**\$35,606\***

To continue empowering women by defending their rights and providing them with communication and networking skills. GWCC will train 40 women activists working in the promotion of human rights in Yemen with an extended educational program that will provide them with skills in computers, Internet, human rights training and networking.

## Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC)

**\$47,500\***

To increase youth awareness of human rights and encourage civic participation by establishing a human rights education program in Yemeni high schools. HRITC will hold a training-of-trainers workshop to enhance the skills and expand the

number of teacher trainers who will transfer their knowledge to educators in various cities. Teachers will also establish human rights clubs and libraries at their local schools.

## Sisters Arab Forum for Human Rights

**\$38,500\***

To encourage women's participation in the political process. The Forum will conduct a program aimed at political empowerment for women in preparation for the parliamentary elections in 2009 and the local council elections in 2005. Activities will include the organization of a forum for women leaders from the Gulf region and a field study to ascertain women's roles in political parties.

## Women's Forum for Research and Training (WFRT)

**\$22,000\***

To disseminate and popularize the concept and values of civic education in Yemen. WFRT will commission an assessment study on the current state of civic education in Yemen and organize a three day conference in the three main cities of Yemen for teachers and civil society leaders on civic education reform.

## Yemeni Female Media Forum (YFMF)

**\$30,000**

To build the professional skills of women journalists and raise awareness among Yemeni government officials and media professionals. YFMF will develop a website for Yemeni women journalists to facilitate access to training opportunities, resources and networking. YFMF will also organize a conference on women and the media.

## Middle East Regional

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

**\$597,045**

To strengthen democratic trade union institutions in the Middle East. ACILS will reach out and engage a broad range of unions and federations in Jordan, Egypt, Yemen, West Bank/Gaza and Lebanon in national, regional and sectoral workshops on capacity building, women participation and support for core labor standards and democratic trade union principles.



ACILS received funding in 2003 for their "Building Democratic Unions in the Middle East" program. In 2004, they used funding to work with the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions' women's committee, which opened its own office at the GFJTU building.

### American Center for International Labor Solidarity

**\$364,755**

To build the capacity of trade union leaders to advocate for their members' rights and adhere to international labor standards. ACILS will work with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) Amman officer and labor education consultants to build a corps of trained trainers in Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon and Yemen. The two organizations will also conduct a series of workshops to increase awareness of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.

## PROLOGUES

revue maghrébine du livre

L'esprit de la modernité



Des intellectuels maghrébins interrogent les sources philosophiques de la modernité de Spinoza à Habermas en passant par Kant et la pensée des Lumières

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This publication, *Prologues*, provides academic articles and book reviews on topical issues related to Islam and democracy in North African countries.

### Arab Penal Reform Organization (APRO)

\$35,000

To monitor, document, and report publicly on violations of prisoners' rights in the Arab world. APRO will produce a comparative legal study on the legal, administrative and regulatory environment governing penal systems in the region; hold a regional strategy session for leading Arab organizations working on penal reform and produce its first annual report on prison conditions and the status of penal reform in the Arab world.

### Association PROLOGUES Revue Maghrébine du Livre (Prologues)

\$50,000

To publish and distribute four thousand copies of *Prologues*, a quarterly bilingual cultural magazine on the main themes of Islam, democracy and modernization.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$342,658

To encourage informed public policy and improved access to information. CIPE will continue its communications program by building on its current Arabic publications and developing training materials for economic journalists on how to report and analyze economic issues in terms that people can relate to and understand.

### Center for International Private Enterprise

\$148,556

To advance the debate in the Arab world on best practices for democratic, market-based reform by strengthening CIPE's regional network of business associations, think tanks, and economic journalists. CIPE will hold a regional conference in Jordan for participants in the Durban Assembly workshop on institutional reform. At the conference, CIPE and its international institution partners will aid participants in developing cross-sectoral projects and a common, regional strategy on the promotion of democratic and economic reform.

### Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID)

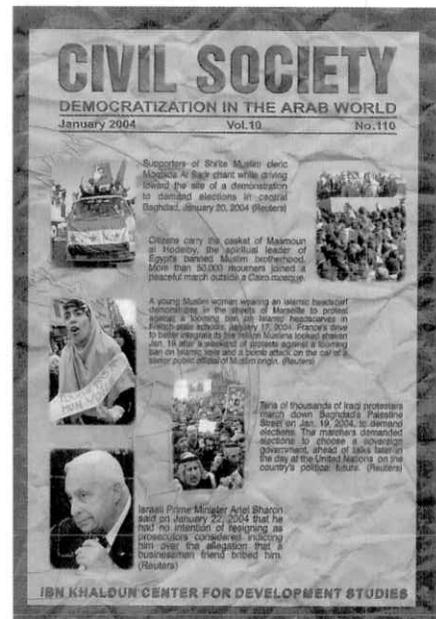
\$140,000\*

To create a Muslim democrats network. CSID will convene workshops for a cross section of moderate Islamists and secularists in Tunisia, Bahrain and Iraq on "Islam and Democracy" in an effort to promote discussion on an interpretation of Islam which is compatible with democracy and universal human rights.

### KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights

\$55,000\*

To support the emergence of a culture of awareness and institutionalization of women's rights in the Muslim world. KARAMAH will help progressive Muslim women jurists reexamine and evaluate existing family codes and other related laws from a gender-equitable perspective. KARAMAH will build a web-based network of active women jurists to help them exchange and develop ideas.



*Civil Society*, which is produced and distributed by the Ibn Khaldun Center in Egypt, discusses democratization in the Middle East region.

### Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies (ICDS)

\$45,000

To enhance the role of civic associations in the promotion of democratic reform in the region. ICDS will produce and distribute 12 issues in Arabic of its newsletter *Civil Society* on democratization issues to partner institutions, influential Arab personalities, universities and civic groups throughout the region. ICDS will also compile, publish and distribute in English five hundred copies of its annual report on the state of democratization in the region.

### International Center for Journalists, Inc. (ICFJ)

\$50,000\*

To develop a more independent media sector in the region and provide journalists with the resources necessary for professional development. ICFJ will provide information and resources in Arabic through its IJNet website. The website will include Arabic-language translations of existing portions of the IJNet website, news stories about media training opportunities, and a weekly bulletin.

# Multiregional and Miscellaneous

## Description of 2004 Grants: Multiregional and Miscellaneous

### Multiregional

#### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

**\$342,670**

To increase the awareness of unions and informal workers about the situation of workers in the informal economy and their need for representation. ACILS will develop educational tools to assist unions in outreach to informal workers; build the capacity of unions and activists to advocate for informal workers' rights and generate a template curriculum for training activists that identifies best practices and lessons from failed attempts.

#### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

**\$245,600**

To prepare civil society organizations, principally trade unions, to deal with the social and political impact of the elimination of the quota system under the phase-out of the Multi-Fiber Agreement. ACILS will conduct regional seminars in Africa, the Americas and Asia that will focus on building the capacity of trade union leaders to engage employers, brands and governments around this issue. Other activities will include follow-up workshops and meetings.

#### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

**\$244,762**

To strengthen international support for the International Labor Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. ACILS will continue to maintain a full-time coordinator at the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions' offices in Brussels to design awareness campaigns regarding the ILO Declaration and its follow-up program.

#### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

**\$101,820**

To increase awareness of workers' rights abuses in China, Colombia, Jordan and Namibia among trade unionists, NGOs and human rights organizations. ACILS will promote cooperative advocacy for reform of labor issues. Activities will include the translation and printing of country reports on worker rights in China, Colombia and Jordan and the training of activists in Jordan and Namibia to monitor worker rights conditions.

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$175,741**

To continue to maintain CIPE's Forum on Economic Freedom. The Forum links free-market democracy activists from around the globe and provides business and association leaders, policymakers and journalists access to information critical to their reform efforts.

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$136,090**

To consolidate various CIPE association materials into a practical guide useful for current and potential grantees. CIPE will update resources for business associations; initiate a major communications campaign on associations' values and highlight winning strategies from around the globe to encourage associations and chambers to take a role in building democratic market-based economies. The project will produce updated publications, an interactive section within the Virtual Business Association and translation of materials into Arabic, Russian and other key languages to support CIPE programs.

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$60,641**

To develop a practical guide to help support market oriented and democratic reforms in post-conflict environments. The project will analyze CIPE's recent post-conflict experiences, indicate priority reforms and recommend practical methodologies for undertaking them when establishing crucial groundwork in emerging democracies and reconstructing economies.

#### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$35,694**

To join with Transparency International to market the Business Principles for Countering Bribery to address corruption. Activities will include workshops and follow-up meetings in developing

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# Multiregional and Miscellaneous

countries in which the Center for International Private Enterprise has partner organizations and that hold the potential for sustained engagement with the business community, such as Kenya, Indonesia, Russia, Lebanon, Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia.

## **International Republican Institute**

**\$90,000**

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To support staff and board members' participation in the Third Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Durban, South Africa, in February 2004.

## **International Republican Institute**

**\$24,101**

To provide training to current IRI subgrantees on documentation and reporting of their work. IRI will develop and test the effectiveness of two new training sessions on program evaluation and documentation for subgrantee staff and for IRI staff responsible for managing subgrant relationships.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$74,422**

To encourage women's political participation. NDI will address the issue of the global discrepancy in the political participation of women by using technology to bridge women's experiences and information through a Win with Women Initiative. NDI will establish an interactive listserv focusing on women and politics to serve as a medium through which activists can provide mutual support, exchange information and lessons learned, and build a repository of information and contacts.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$59,741**

To survey lessons learned regarding the programmatic and operational aspects of the initial stage of NDI programming in a range of post-conflict countries. NDI will use a two-track approach that will include an initial review by functional team



The above videos and booklets are a part of a training program sponsored by the Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace. The leadership program is geared towards women and young girls in majority Muslim countries.

staff, followed by the selection of a group of five core countries for a more robust review, with additional field research.

## **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$38,027**

To assess the feasibility of establishing minimum standards for democratic legislatures. NDI will facilitate the establishment of a coalition and course of action for developing international minimum standards for democratic legislatures in order to mandate legislatures as independent, representative institutions that serve as a check on the executive.

## **Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace**

**\$596,578\***

To continue to strengthen women's leadership capacity in selected countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The leadership training program for women and girls in twelve Muslim majority countries will include the development of culture specific leadership learning materials, creation of a new prototype NGO capacity-building curriculum to enhance partner organizations' institutional capacity and the development of multimedia resources and communication tools.

## *Miscellaneous*

### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

**\$122,800**

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### **American Center for International Labor Solidarity**

**\$110,520**

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$244,000**

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**\$109,800**

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### **International Republican Institute**

**\$200,000**

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**\$85,000**

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### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

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### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**\$76,840**

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

# The International Forum for Democratic Studies

**The International Forum for Democratic Studies was established as a division within the Endowment in April 1994. Since then, the Forum has emerged as a leading center for analyzing and discussing the theory and practice of democratic development and a clearinghouse for information on groups and institutions working to achieve and maintain democracy around the world. Through its publications, conferences and academic networking, the Forum also supports and enhances the Endowment's grants program and the World Movement for Democracy.**

The Forum's activities, many of which are funded by private contributions, involve and benefit scholars, policy makers and activists representing diverse experiences and views. The Forum 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 website and several online databases;
- **The 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**, which includes the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program and a small Visiting Fellows Program that enables democracy activ-

ists, 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 several meetings ranging from international conferences to smaller seminars, lectures, and colloquia in Washington, D.C.

## Network of Democracy Research Institutes

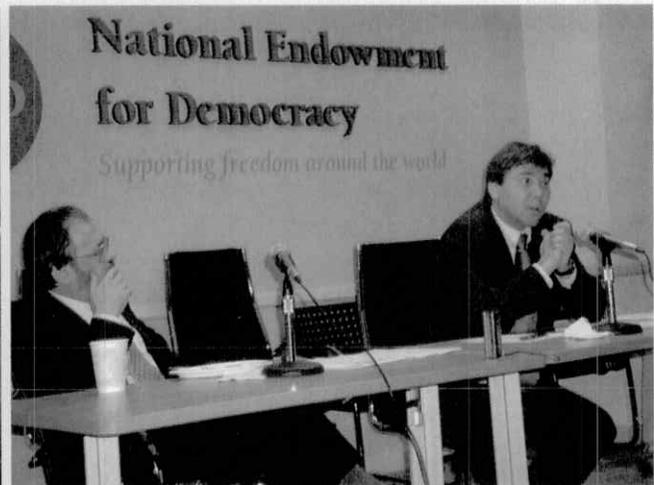
As a function of the Research and Conferences Program, the Forum administers a Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI), an international association of research centers that study democracy, democratization and related topics in comparative politics and international affairs. The

NDRI quickly emerged as one of the first functional networks of World Movement for Democracy in 1999; at the close of 2004 the NDRI consisted of 53 members, including independent institutions, university-based study centers and research programs affiliated with other organizations. The Forum publishes *Democracy Research News*, an electronic newsletter that highlights new

The International Forum for Democratic Studies colloquium series included the following speakers and topics in the past year:



Robin Shepherd, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, discusses **"Getting Democracy Right: Postcommunist Accession to the European Union"** at a Forum seminar. Also pictured are Marc F. Plattner (center), who moderated, and Rastislav Kačer, ambassador of the Slovak Republic, who spoke on Slovakia's path to the EU.



Ivan Krastev, Centre for Liberal Strategies, asks **"Is Anti-Americanism a Threat to Democracy?"** at a Forum colloquium. At left is Marc F. Plattner.

**"The State of Democracy in Turkey"** Can Paker, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation

**"The Imperative of State Building"** Francis Fukuyama, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

**"Understanding Corruption in Postcommunist Countries: Who Can Fight It and How?"** Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, Romanian Academic Society



Featured speakers at the Forum's colloquium on **"The State of Arab Liberalism: Implications for Democracy Promotion in the Middle East"** included Tamara Cofman Wittes, Brookings Institution; Barry Rubin, Global Research in International Affairs Center; and Laith Kubba, National Endowment for Democracy.

publications and conferences sponsored by network members, and regularly distributes articles and reports on democracy to members through its *Worth Reading* program.

At the 2004 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, the Forum organized a roundtable on democracy research featuring four NDRI members. In September, the Forum convened its first Workshop for Think-Tank Managers. During the week, nine senior representatives from network affiliates visited leading policy research centers in Washington for discussions on fundraising, outreach, publishing, communications, advocacy, government and media relations, and website design. 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](http://www.wmd.org/ndri/ndri.html).

The Forum also serves as the secretariat for the Comparative Democratization section of the American Political Science Association, for which it publishes an electronic newsletter, maintains a website, and helps to promote collaboration among U.S.-based and foreign democracy scholars.

### **Workshops: Civil Society and Public Opinion; Research to Strengthen and Improve Democracy**

In February, the Forum organized two workshops at the Third Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Durban, South Africa. The first session, "How Civil-Society Groups Can Use Public-Opinion Research to Strengthen and Improve Democracy," was cosponsored with the Institute for Democracy in South Africa. The workshop brought together public opinion researchers and civil society activists to discuss how both groups can use

opinion research to improve democracy. The second workshop featured presentations on the activities of the Network of Democracy Research Institutes (NDRI) and a roundtable discussion on "The Quality of Democracy."

### **Conference: Democratization by Elections**

In April, the Forum and the Center for Research and Economic Education (CIDE) cosponsored an international conference in Mexico City entitled "Democratization by Elections? The Dynamics of Electoral Authoritarianism." Participants from Australia, Mexico, Sweden and the United States discussed such themes as the ways in which rules shape elections, the dynamics of electoral authoritarianism, the classification of political regimes, and various means of electoral manipulation.

### **Workshop: Designing and Conducting Democratic Audits**

In June, the Forum and the Israel Democracy Institute (IDI) cosponsored a workshop in Jerusalem on designing and conducting democratic audits. The meeting, which coincided with the release of IDI's *2004 Israeli Democracy Index*, included NDRI scholars from Bulgaria, Ghana, Romania,



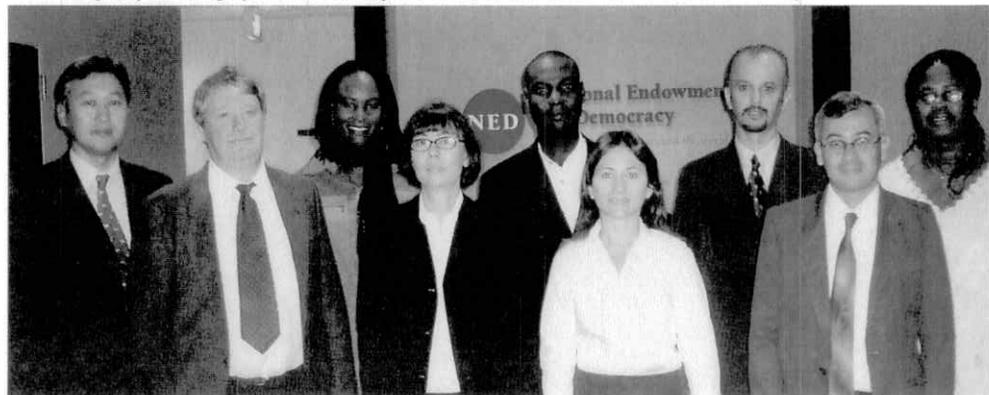
Roundtable discussion from the Forum's workshop on democratic audits.

Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Thailand and Ukraine, and other international participants. Participants discussed how democracy activists can use the findings of such audits to strengthen and improve democracy.

### **Discussion: Christianity and Democracy**

Also in June, the Forum and the Ethics and Public Policy Center cosponsored a panel discussion entitled "Christianity and Democracy: Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Contributions," featuring presentations by contributors to the April 2004 *Journal of Democracy* symposium on that topic. Daniel Philpott discussed the role of the Catholic Church in strengthening democracy throughout the world; Robert D. Woodberry and Timothy S. Shah discussed Protestantism and democracy; Elizabeth Prodromou discussed Orthodoxy's ambivalence toward democracy and Peter L. Berger discussed the global picture.

Participants in the Forum's first Workshop for Think-Tank Managers included (from left to right) Damba Ganbat, Academy of Political Education (Mongolia); Michael Gorny, St. Petersburg Humanity and Political Studies Center (Russia); Annie Chikwanha, IDASA (South Africa); Gordana Matkovic, Center for Liberal-Democratic Studies (Serbia and Montenegro); Ololade Bamidele, Centre for Democracy and Development (Nigeria); Ayse Yircali, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation; Joseph Ezzat, Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies (Egypt); Vladan Simonovic, Center for Democracy and Human Rights (Montenegro); and Olivia Takyi De-Graft, Ghana Center for Democratic Development.



# 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 a library and an archive that hold approximately 15,000 works collected over the past fifteen years from NED grantees and other sources, which can be searched via an online catalog. The second is the websites for the NED and the World Movement for Democracy, and the Internet resources available on each site.

**Library and Archives.** The library and archives house a collection of more than 12,000 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.



**The NED Website.** The second component is the websites for the NED ([www.ned.org](http://www.ned.org)) and the World Movement for Democracy ([www.wmd.org](http://www.wmd.org)). The Endowment's newly redesigned website, provides access to a wealth of resources, such as detailed information on the Endowment's programs 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 since 1990

by the National Endowment for Democracy, 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).

- **Sources of Funding in International Democratic Development Database.** This database contains information on more than 100 philanthropic organizations that provide funding for groups working in the area of international democratic development. In addition, the database has been expanded to include awards and fellowship opportunities.

- **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 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 establishment, 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, and news about the activities of prodemocracy groups worldwide. The *Journal's* authors include eminent social scientists and historians, statesmen and leaders of democratic movements and renowned intellectuals. While maintaining the

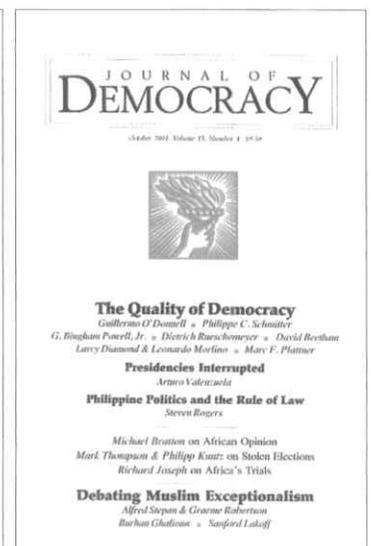
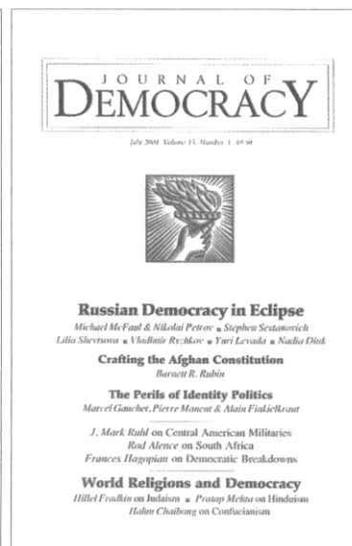
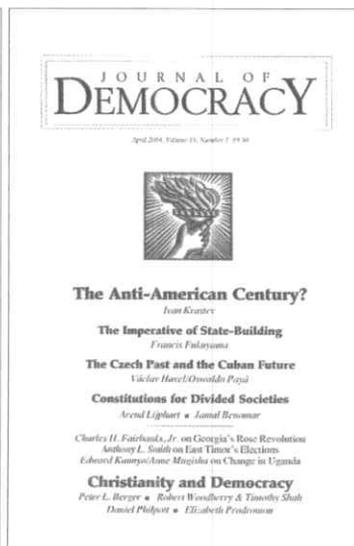
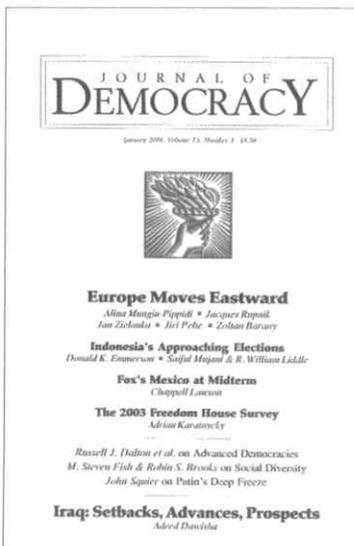


highest scholarly standards, it is written and edited for the general reader as well. A truly global publication, the *Journal* attracts both authors and readers from all over the world.

In 2004, the *Journal* addressed the impact of the expansion of the European Union and NATO into Eastern Europe (with Zoltan Barany, Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, Jiri Pehe, Jacques Rupnik and Jan Zielonka, in the January issue); explored the relationship

between democracy and the various branches of Christianity (with Peter L. Berger, Robert D. Woodberry and Timothy S. Shah, Daniel Philpott and Elizabeth Prodromou in the April issue); examined the ostensible eclipse of democracy in Russia (with Nadia Diuk, Yuri A. Levada, Michael McFaul and Nikolai Petrov, Vladimir Ryzhkov, Stephen Sestanovich and Lilia Shevtsova, in the July issue); and discussed the study of the quality of democracy (with David Beetham, Larry Diamond and Leonardo Morlino, Guillermo O'Donnell, Marc F. Plattner, G. Bingham Powell, Jr., Dietrich Rueschemeyer and Philippe C. Schmitter, in the October issue).

The issues of 2004 also included a cautiously optimistic view of the prospects for democracy and the rule of law in Iraq by Adeed Dawisha (January); a set of articles on Indonesia's approaching elections by Donald K. Emerson and by Saiful Mujani and R. William Liddle (January); an influential essay by Ivan Krastev on the rising tide of anti-Americanism (April); a look at Georgia's "Rose Revolution"



by Charles H. Fairbanks, Jr. (April); essays on world religions and democracy by Hahm Chaibong, Hillel Fradkin and Pratap Mehta (July); a critique of presidentialism's manifestations in Latin America by Arturo Valenzuela (October); and a debate on the nature of the democratic deficit in the Middle East by Burhan Ghaloum, Sanford Lakoff and Alfred Stepan and Graeme B. Robertson (October).

Selected essays originally published in the *Journal of Democracy* have been collected into a series of books edited by Marc F. Plattner and Larry Diamond, and published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. *Journal of Democracy* books and articles have been used widely in university courses on political science, international affairs and

sociology. The newest volume in the series, *World Religions and Democracy* (edited by Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Philip J. Costopoulos), will appear in early 2005.

Other *Journal of Democracy* books include:

- **Islam and Democracy in the Middle East** (2003)  
(with Daniel Brumberg)
- **Emerging Market Democracies: East Asia and Latin America** (2002)  
(Edited by Laurence Whitehead)
- **Democracy after Communism** (2002)
- **Political Parties and Democracy** (2001)  
(Edited by Larry Diamond and Richard Gunther)
- **The Global Divergence of Democracies** (2001)
- **Globalization, Power, and Democracy** (2000)  
(Edited by Marc F. Plattner and Aleksander Smolar)
- **The Democratic Invention** (2000)  
(Edited by Marc F. Plattner and João Carlos Espada)
- **Democracy in Africa** (1999)
- **Democracy in East Asia** (1998)
- **Consolidating the Third Wave Democracies** (1997)  
(with Yun-han Chu and Hung-mao Tien)

- **Civil-Military Relations and Democracy** (1996)
- **The Global Resurgence of Democracy, 2nd ed.** (1996)
- **Economic Reform and Democracy** (1995)
- **Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Democracy** (1994)
- **Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy Revisited** (1994)

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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 democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. The program 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 a fellows' seminar series, presentations, workshops, and other activities relating to the work of the Endowment. Authorized and appropriated by the U.S. Congress, the program is funded through the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

In 2003–2004, the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program hosted seventeen courageous and committed men and women from every region of the globe.

## Reagan-Fascell Fellows in 2003–2004

### Shahin Abbasov (Azerbaijan)

#### The Role of the Media in Election Campaigns November 2003–March 2004

Mr. Shahin Abbasov is deputy chief of party in the Baku office of the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), an international nonprofit organization specializing in education, independent media, Internet development, and civil society programs. Prior to joining IREX in September 2004, he served as deputy editor-in-chief of the daily *Echo*, an independent newspaper based in Baku. During his fellowship, Mr. Abbasov examined the U.S. media's coverage of election campaigns. On March 25, 2004, he gave a public presentation entitled "The New Face of Power in Azerbaijan: Assessing Ilham Aliyev's First Hundred Days in Office." His article "Failure by Design" appeared in the spring 2004 issue of *Elections Today*.

### Mohamed Al-Yahyai (Oman)

#### Using the Internet to Promote Democracy in the Gulf April–August 2004

Mr. Mohamed Al-Yahyai is an Omani journalist who has worked to promote press freedom in the Arab Gulf states. He has served as an editor, correspondent and columnist at a wide range of Arabic-language newspapers and magazines, including *Al-Bayan* (Dubai), *Al-Hayat* (London), *Al-Etihad* (Abu Dhabi), and *Akhbar al-Adab* (Cairo). During his fellowship, he studied the role of the Internet in accelerating political reform and informing public attitudes toward democracy; he also laid the groundwork for an international center devoted to the protection of journalists. On August 5, 2004, he gave a public presentation entitled "The Internet as a Tool for Democratization in the Arab Gulf Region."



Anne Mugisha speaks at a February 2004 symposium on "Challenges to Democracy in Africa." Also pictured are Marc F. Plattner (far left), Albino Okeny (center right), and Zainab Bangura (far right).

### Zainab Bangura (Sierra Leone)

#### Building Democracy After State Collapse October 2003–February 2004

Ms. Zainab Bangura is the executive director of the National Accountability Group, a Sierra Leonean NGO dedicated to achieving greater accountability, transparency and integrity in public and private affairs. She is co-founder of Movement for Progress, a political party that seeks to promote good governance, integrity and the empowerment of women, youth and the disabled in Sierra Leone. Ms. Bangura is also the co-founder of Campaign for Good Governance, Sierra Leone's largest indigenous NGO, which promotes democratic participation, human rights, the rule of law, and the economic and political emancipation of women. While at NED, Ms. Bangura explored the ways in which democratic institutions may be rebuilt in a state weakened by civil war, using Sierra Leone as a case study. On February 1, 2004, she gave a keynote address at the opening session of the World Movement for Democracy's Third Assembly in Durban, South Africa. On February 12, she gave a joint presentation at NED (along with Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Albino Okeny and Anne Mugisha) on the "Challenges to Democracy in Africa: Perspectives from Sierra Leone, Sudan and Uganda."



Shahin Abbasov (center) discusses elections in the Caucasus at a December 2003 NED event. Charles Fairbanks (left) and Anahit Bayandur (right) also spoke at the session.

**Anahit Bayandur  
(Armenia)  
Obstacles to Democracy  
in Post-Soviet States  
December 2003–April 2004**

Ms. Anahit Bayandur is a leading activist for peace and human rights in Armenia. A former member of the Armenian parliament, she continues to serve as co-chair of the Armenian Committee of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, an international network of civic organizations working to deepen Europe's commitment to democracy and human rights. Her fellowship project examined the transitions to democracy in the former Soviet states and the role of democracy assistance organizations, such as NED, in facilitating democratic change. On April 8, 2004, she gave a public presentation at NED entitled, "Armenia in Regional Context: Prospects for Democracy and Integration." Ms. Bayandur was interviewed in the summer 2004 issue of *Elections Today*.

**Chee Soon Juan  
(Singapore)  
Promoting Democracy  
in Singapore  
March–July 2004**

Dr. Chee Soon Juan is secretary general of the Singapore Democratic Party and director of the Open Singapore Centre, an NGO that promotes accountability in all sectors of Singaporean society. He is also chairman of the Alliance for Reform and Democracy in Asia, an organization dedicated to promoting



Chee Soon Juan at his April 2004 presentation at NED, entitled "Singapore: Model or Myth?"

democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Asia and beyond. During his fellowship, he gave a number of public presentations, including an April 14, 2004 talk entitled "Singapore: Model or Myth?" His article, "Unsuited to Asians? Democracy in Singapore," appeared in the summer 2004 issue of *Elections Today*. While in Washington, D.C., Dr. Chee received widespread coverage in the press, including profiles and interviews in the *New York Sun*, *Washington Times*, Agence France-Presse, United Press International, and the BBC.

**Oleksandr Fisun  
(Ukraine)  
New Democracies  
or Neopatrimonial  
Systems? Post-Soviet  
Political Transformations  
Revisited  
April–August 2004**

Dr. Oleksandr Fisun is associate professor of political science at Kharkiv National University in Ukraine, where he received his Ph.D. in 1990. During his fellowship, he pursued a comparative study of postcommunist political regimes. On June 21, 2004, he gave a public presentation entitled "Understanding Post-Soviet Politics: New Democracies or Neopatrimonial Systems?" On May 27, he spoke at the second meeting of the Consortium on the Caucasus, Turkey and Central Asia at Northwestern University's Center for International and Comparative Studies.



Lyudmila Georgieva reports on political advocacy in Bulgaria (May 2004). At right is Sally Blair, manager of the NED's fellowship programs.

**Lyudmila Georgieva  
(Bulgaria)  
Approaches to  
Political Advocacy  
March–July 2004**

Ms. Lyudmila Georgieva is founding chair of Foundation Common Cause, a Sofia-based NGO that seeks to educate citizens in the art of political advocacy. She has also been a member of the public council to the parliamentary committee on civil society affairs, the first committee in Bulgarian parliamentary history established to advance legislation strengthening civil society. While in residence at NED, Ms. Georgieva researched the principles and methods of political lobbying in the United States and assessed their applicability to Bulgaria. On May 26, 2004, she gave a public presentation entitled "Political Advocacy in Bulgaria: Practices and Prospects." Ms. Georgieva was interviewed in the summer 2004 issue of *Elections Today*.

**Maria Lisitsyna  
(Kyrgyzstan)  
Involving Youth in  
Human Rights Work  
in Central Asia  
April–August 2004**

Ms. Maria Lisitsyna is director of the Youth Human Rights Group, a Bishkek-based NGO that monitors human rights abuses and conducts human rights education in Kyrgyzstan. A graduate of the faculty of law at the Kyrgyz-Russian Academy of Education, she has served as a



**Maria Lisitsyna speaks at her July 2004 presentation on youth participation in human rights work.**

trainer and facilitator of numerous workshops on human rights education. During her fellowship, she studied the American experience of youth involvement in human rights activities and gave a number of public presentations, including testimony before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva, Switzerland (June 8, 2004); a speech on "Involving Youth in Kyrgyzstan's Civil Society" at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Washington, D.C. (July 14); and a seminar at NED entitled "Encouraging Youth Participation in Human-Rights Work: Perspectives from Central Asia" (July 22).

**Anne Mugisha  
(Uganda)  
The Role of the United States in Strengthening Democracy in Africa: The Case of Uganda  
October 2003–March 2004**

Ms. Anne Mugisha is a founding member of the Reform Agenda, a political organization that recently merged with other groups to form Uganda's leading opposition party, the Forum for Democratic Change. She is a former executive director of RESPOND Uganda, a transnational, prodemocracy NGO based in Washington, D.C. During her fellowship, Ms. Mugisha examined the linkages between U.S. foreign policy and the strengthening of emerging democracies in Africa. On February 12, 2004, she spoke at a NED symposium on the "Challenges to Democracy in Africa: Perspectives from Sierra Leone, Sudan and Uganda." In March, she attended the fifth International Workshop on Resource Mobilization in South Africa.

**Enkhtuya Oidov  
(Mongolia)  
Strengthening Human Rights in Mongolia  
February–June 2004**

Ms. Enkhtuya Oidov is a founding member of the Mongolian Party for National Progress, one of Mongolia's first political parties to advocate free market reform. She was a member of Mongolia's parliament from 1996 to 2000, serving as head of the women's caucus. In 1992, she founded LEOS, Mongolia's first civil-society organization, which has since emerged as the country's preeminent democracy and civil rights advocacy group and largest women's nongovernmental organization. During her fellowship, in which Ms. Oidov studied the rise of human rights abuses in Mongolia, she wrote an article on U.S. foreign assistance to her country in the context of the Millennium Challenge Account and prepared a briefing on Mongolia's 2004 parliamentary elections. On May 18, 2004, she gave a presentation at NED entitled "Is Mongolian Democracy in Danger of Backsliding?"

**Albino Okeny (Sudan)  
A Media Strategy to Make Dictatorship Unsustainable  
October 2003–February 2004**

Mr. Albino Okeny is cofounder and former editor-in-chief of the *Khartoum Monitor*, a leading Sudanese independent daily that publishes articles concerning southern Sudan, the civil war and peace initiatives. Until recently, he worked in Uganda as a program officer at the Panos Institute, which promotes press freedom and information exchange on issues of global concern. During his fellowship, Mr. Okeny prepared a journalist's guide on how to educate ordinary citizens about their rights and how to provide an outlet for voices against autocracy. On February 12, 2004, he made a joint presentation (along

with Zainab Bangura and Anne Mugisha) on "Challenges to Democracy in Africa: Perspectives from Sierra Leone, Sudan and Uganda."



**Tomáš Pojar discusses support for political dissidents at a February 2004 symposium. NED Senior Program Officers Brian Joseph (left) and Chris Sabatini (right) also participated in the discussion.**

**Tomáš Pojar  
(Czech Republic)  
Dissident Aid: Humanitarian and Human-Rights Advocacy Networks  
October 2003–February 2004**

Mr. Tomáš Pojar is director of People in Need, a leading Prague-based organization devoted to humanitarian assistance and democracy promotion in repressed societies, crisis areas and war-torn countries. During his fellowship, he conducted a comparative study of the various Western democracy assistance programs that support dissidents in dictatorships such as Belarus, Burma, China, Cuba and North Korea. On February 18, 2004, he gave a public presentation at NED, entitled "Aiding Dissidents in Closed Societies." Now back in Prague, Mr. Pojar and his staff are using the results of his fellowship research to identify and implement the most feasible and effective strategies for strengthening the work of human rights activists in closed societies.

**Aqil Shah (Pakistan)**  
**Why Democracy Fails in a National Security State: The Case of Pakistan**  
October 2003–July 2004

Mr. Aqil Shah is a political analyst who covers national security issues, politics and civil-military relations in Pakistan. Mr. Shah is the author of several articles and book chapters, including "Pakistan's 'Armored' Democracy" (*Journal of Democracy*, October 2003) and an article written with Alfred Stepan, "Pakistan's Real Bulwark" (*Washington Post*, May 5, 2004). During his fellowship, he gave several public presentations at Johns Hopkins–SAIS, George Washington University, Swarthmore College, and Columbia University, as well as on Capitol Hill. On June 1, 2004, he gave a NED presentation entitled "Pakistan: Democracy, Authoritarianism and the Consolidation of Military Rule."

**Fidaa Shehada (Palestinian Territories)**  
**The Transition to Democracy in Palestine**  
May–September 2004

Ms. Fidaa Shehada is a trainer and former capacity building officer in crisis management at the Palestinian Institution for the Dissemination of Democracy and Community Development (Panorama), a Ramallah-based NGO that seeks to strengthen Palestinian civil society through community development. She also works with SANABEL, an Arab microfinance network, based in Egypt. During her fellowship, Ms. Shehada explored the trends that facilitate and impede the democratization process in Palestine and gave a public presentation at NED on July 28, 2004, entitled "Is Democracy Possible in Palestine?" An interview with Ms. Shehada, "Groundwork for Hope," appeared in the inaugural issue of *Democracy at Large* (2004).

**Muborak Tashpulatova (Uzbekistan)**  
**Strategies for Strengthening Democracy in Uzbekistan**  
March–July 2004

Ms. Muborak Tashpulatova is executive director of the Tashkent Public Education Center, a leading civic education organization in Uzbekistan; she is also one of the 2002 recipients of NED's Democracy Award. During her fellowship, Ms. Tashpulatova evaluated strategies for promoting democracy in closed societies and gave a number of public presentations, including at Johns Hopkins–SAIS and at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. On June 16, 2004, she gave a presentation at NED entitled "Uzbekistan: The Road to Nowhere?" An interview with Ms. Tashpulatova appeared in the summer 2004 issue of *Elections Today*.



Vladimir Tismaneanu evaluates the state of democracy in Romania, while Marc Plattner looks on (April 2004).

**Vladimir Tismaneanu (United States)**  
**Democracy Romanian-Style: Personalities, Parties, Ideologies (1990–2004)**  
October 2003–July 2004

Dr. Vladimir Tismaneanu is professor of government and director of the Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies at the University of Maryland–College Park. He is the author of numerous books on East

European history and politics, including, most recently, *Stalinism for All Seasons: A Political History of Romanian Communism*, which received the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies' 2004 Barbara Jelavich Book Award. During his fellowship, Dr. Tismaneanu worked on a book examining the impact of political personalities and their ideological preferences on party formation and development in Romania. On April 21, 2004, he gave a presentation on "Democracy Romanian-Style: Assessing Fifteen Years of Postcommunist Transition." His article "Romania's Democratic Transition: From Iliescu to Iliescu and After" appeared in the October 2004 issue of *Politique Internationale*.

**Francisco Villagrán de León (Guatemala)**  
**Trade Agreements and Democracy: The U.S.-Central America Negotiations**  
October 2003–March 2004

Mr. Francisco Villagrán de León is a career diplomat with eighteen years of experience in the Guatemalan foreign service. Currently Guatemala's ambassador to the Organization of American States, he has also served as his country's ambassador to the United Nations, Canada, Norway, and Germany. Mr. Villagrán's fellowship project explored the linkages between trade agreements and institutional development, with particular emphasis on the opportunities that the current CAFTA negotiations between the U.S. and Central America may present for democratization in that region. On March 23, 2004, he led a roundtable discussion at NED, with State Department representatives and other policy analysts, entitled "From NAFTA to CAFTA: Prospects for Strengthening Free Trade and Democracy in Central America."

## Visiting Fellows Program

In addition to the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, the International Forum for Democratic Studies hosts a small Visiting Fellows Program for scholars and practitioners with outside funding who wish to be affiliated with the Forum.

During the 2003–2004 fellowship year, the Forum hosted Visiting Fellows Adotei Akwei (Ghana/United States) and Michael Allen (Great Britain), as well as nonresidential visiting fellow Ladan Boroumand (Iran).

### **Adotei Akwei (Ghana/United States) Governance, Repression, and Human Rights in Africa July–December 2003**

Mr. Adotei Akwei is Senior Advocacy Director for Africa at Amnesty International USA. During his fellowship, Mr. Akwei wrote a book on governance, repression and human rights in Africa.

### **Michael Allen (Great Britain) Corporate Social Responsibility, Civil Society, & Democracy in Developing Economies May 2003–September 2004**

Mr. Michael 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. 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.

### **Ladan Boroumand (Iran) Promoting Democracy and Human Rights in Iran October 2003–September 2004**

Dr. Ladan Boroumand is director of the Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy in Iran. Her fellowship project examined the prospects for democracy in Iran from an historical perspective.

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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, 2004 and 2003, 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, 2004 and 2003, 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 to cumulative furniture and equipment acquisitions of prior years.

*Deloitte & Touche LLP*

December 17, 2004  
McLean, VA

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,337,909	\$ 2,906,605
Grants receivable—federal appropriation and special funding	77,525,464	44,133,514
Accounts receivable	6,871	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	16,446	363,657
	<u>79,886,690</u>	<u>47,403,776</u>
Total current assets		
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	<u>207,432</u>	<u>260,547</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 80,094,122</u>	<u>\$47,664,323</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 608,256	\$ 887,222
Grants payable	47,249,536	33,073,232
Deferred grant revenue—federal appropriation and special funding	30,800,108	11,857,848
Current obligations under capital leases	35,675	14,323
	<u>78,693,575</u>	<u>45,832,625</u>
Total current liabilities		
CAPITAL LEASES OBLIGATIONS:		
Long-term portion	<u>121,706</u>	<u>181,473</u>
Total liabilities	<u>78,815,281</u>	<u>46,014,098</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	9,262	232,299
Temporarily restricted	1,269,579	1,417,926
	<u>1,278,841</u>	<u>1,650,225</u>
Total net assets		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 80,094,122</u>	<u>\$47,664,323</u>

See notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

	2004			2003		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE (Note 5):</b>						
Grant revenue—government agencies	\$79,253,788	\$ —	\$79,253,788	\$54,336,315	\$ —	\$54,336,315
Other grants and contributions		610,748	610,748		654,767	654,767
Other revenue, interest, and miscellaneous income	158,733	79,839	238,572	131,488	179,896	311,384
Total support and revenue	79,412,521	690,587	80,103,108	54,467,803	834,663	55,302,466
<b>NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS:</b>						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	838,934	(838,934)		604,211	(604,211)	
Total revenues	80,251,455	(148,347)	80,103,108	55,072,014	230,452	55,302,466
<b>EXPENSES:</b>						
Program services:						
Grants programs:						
Federal—USDOS	68,769,453		68,769,453	45,953,461		45,953,461
Total grant programs	68,769,453	—	68,769,453	45,953,461	—	45,953,461
Other activities—Non-Federal:						
International Forum:						
Management and support	1,567		1,567	944		944
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	85,618		85,618	112,347		112,347
Research and conferences				76,800		76,800
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program				100,000		100,000
World Movement for Democracy	1,027,314		1,027,314	321,163		321,163
NED Events and Development	91,504		91,504	155,660		155,660
Total other activities—Non-Federal	1,206,003	—	1,206,003	766,914	—	766,914
Other activities—Federal-USDOS:						
Federal—USDOS						
International Forum:						
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	272,428		272,428	84,378		84,378
Democracy Resource Center	244,699		244,699	240,008		240,008
Research and conferences	98,782		98,782	47,476		47,476
Management and support	337,241		337,241	263,790		263,790
Democracy Forum in East Asia (Korea)				161,778		161,778
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program	1,172,585		1,172,585	862,748		862,748
World Movement for Democracy	799,030		799,030	348,790		348,790
Total other activities—Federal-USDOS	2,924,765	—	2,924,765	2,008,968	—	2,008,968
Supporting services:						
Federal—USDOS						
Other	7,574,271		7,574,271	6,345,456		6,345,456
				2,077		2,077
Total support services	7,574,271	—	7,574,271	6,347,533	—	6,347,533
Total other activities and support services	11,705,039	—	11,705,039	9,123,415	—	9,123,415
Total expenses	80,474,492	—	80,474,492	55,076,876	—	55,076,876
Change in net assets before cumulative effect of change in accounting policy	(223,037)	(148,347)	(371,384)	(4,862)	230,452	225,590
Cumulative effect on prior years of changing capitalization policy (Note 1)				598,049		598,049
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(223,037)	(148,347)	(371,384)	(602,911)	230,452	(372,459)
NET ASSETS, Beginning of year	232,299	1,417,926	1,650,225	835,210	1,187,474	2,022,684
NET ASSETS, End of year	\$ 9,262	\$1,269,579	\$ 1,278,841	\$ 232,299	\$1,417,926	\$ 1,650,225

See notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

	2004	2003
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Changes in net assets	\$ (371,384)	\$ (372,459)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	96,304	32,066
Change in capitalization policy		598,049
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable—federal appropriation and special funding	(33,391,950)	(8,871,559)
Accounts receivable	(6,871)	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	347,211	(345,589)
Pledges receivable		45,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(278,966)	86,498
Grants payable	14,176,304	5,877,877
Deferred grant revenue—		
federal appropriation and special funding	<u>18,942,260</u>	<u>2,937,120</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(487,092)</u>	<u>(12,997)</u>
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>(43,189)</u>	<u>(8,549)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(43,189)</u>	<u>(8,549)</u>
CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	<u>(38,415)</u>	<u>(51,946)</u>
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(568,696)	(73,492)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS—Beginning of year	<u>2,906,605</u>	<u>2,980,097</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS—End of year	<u>\$2,337,909</u>	<u>\$2,906,605</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition of equipment under capital lease	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 167,564</u>
Disposal of equipment under capital lease	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 280,800</u>

See notes to financial statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

### 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 – Federal Appropriation and Special Funding**—At the time a grant agreement is signed and awarded to the Endowment, a receivable and deferred revenue are recorded. When payments are received from the awarding agency, 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 Endowment obligates the funds for the intended purpose which is 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—Federal Appropriation and Special Funding**—Resources awarded in the form of federal grant agreements made to the Endowment in excess of obligations incurred are recorded as deferred grant revenue — federal appropriation and special funding.

**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, 2004 and 2003, the Endowment recorded an unrealized gain of \$79,839 and \$179,896 on mutual funds, respectively.

## 2. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture and equipment less accumulated depreciation and amortization as of September 30 is as follows:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Furniture and equipment	\$186,581	\$ 173,714
Equipment under capital lease	<u>213,963</u>	<u>213,963</u>
Total	400,544	387,677
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(193,112)</u>	<u>(127,130)</u>
Furniture and equipment—net	<u>\$207,432</u>	<u>\$ 260,547</u>

## 3. GRANTS RECEIVABLE – FEDERAL APPROPRIATION AND SPECIAL FUNDING

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 were expensed during fiscal 2004.

## 5. 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.

## 6. DEFERRED REVENUE— FEDERAL APPROPRIATION AND SPECIAL FUNDING

The following schedule summarizes the changes in deferred grant revenue from agencies of the U.S. Government for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003:

	Deferred Grant Revenue, Beginning of Year	Add: Grants Awarded/ Amended	Less: Grants Obligated	Deferred Grant Revenue, End of Year
USDOS Grants:				
Grants Program:				
Primary Funding	\$ 1,005,711	\$ 39,579,097	\$ 38,956,058	\$ 1,628,750
Special Funding—Africa 2004		2,982,300	577,910	2,404,390
Special Funding—Balkans	63,967			63,967
Special Funding—Balkans (2001)	520,038		65,534	454,504
Special Funding—Balkans (2003)	2,625,000		2,374,641	250,359
Special Funding—Balkans (2004)		2,625,000		2,625,000
Special Funding—Burma	5,726		138	5,588
Special Funding—Burma (2001)	327,375			327,375
Special Funding—Burma (2003)	288,630	2,500,000	2,354,242	434,388
Special Funding—China/Tibet	32,315			32,315
Special Funding—China/IRI	2,567			2,567
Special Funding—China 2003	266,470		176,720	89,750
Special Funding—China 2004		2,980,500	2,714,685	265,815
Special Funding—Greater China		2,982,300		2,982,300
Special Funding—Iraq (2002)	29,950			29,950
Special Funding—Iraq (2004)		30,000,000	20,913,985	9,086,015
Special Funding—M.E. Southeast Asia		3,479,350		3,479,350
Special Funding—Muslim (2002)	820,737		587,946	232,791
Special Funding—Muslim (2004)		4,967,500	3,928,445	1,039,055
Special Funding—NIS (2002)	140,452		98,650	41,802
Special Funding—NIS (2003)	3,677,578		3,317,233	360,345
Special Funding—NIS (2004)		4,100,000	970,357	3,129,643
Special Funding—North Korea (2003)		600,000	378,170	221,830
Special Funding—Tibet (2002)	2,624			2,624
Special Funding—Tibet (2003)	314,208		193,288	120,920
Special Funding—Venezuela	33,316			33,316
International Forum and World Movement for Democracy:				
World Movement for Democracy - NDRI	250,000		69,086	180,914
World Movement for Democracy - Durban Conference	250,000		249,895	105
World Movement for Democracy - Networks/SC		250,000	4,220	245,780
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program Year 1				
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program Year 2	201,185		201,185	
Reagan/Fascell Fellowship Program Year 3	1,000,000	1,000,000	971,400	1,028,600
USAID Grant:				
Special Funding - World Movement for Democracy		150,000	150,000	
<b>Total 2004</b>	<b>\$11,857,849</b>	<b>\$98,196,047</b>	<b>\$79,253,788</b>	<b>\$30,800,108</b>
<b>Total 2003</b>	<b>\$ 8,920,728</b>	<b>\$57,273,435</b>	<b>\$54,336,315</b>	<b>\$11,857,848</b>

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.

## 7. 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, 2004 and 2003, as follows:

	2004	2003
International Forum:		
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	\$ 85,618	\$ 48,751
Research and Conference		76,560
World Movement for Democracy	661,812	321,163
NED Events and Development	91,504	157,737
Total net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$838,934</u>	<u>\$604,211</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at September 30:

	2004	2003
International Forum:		
<i>Journal of Democracy</i>	\$ 46,882	\$ —
Visiting Fellows Program	551	551
World Movement for Democracy		264,975
NED Events and Development	1,222,146	1,152,400
Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$1,269,579</u>	<u>\$1,417,926</u>

## 8. 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. There were no awards to related parties during the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003.

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.

## 9. COMMITMENTS

The Endowment has noncancelable operating leases for office space that expire in August 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 2008.

Accumulated amortization for property under capital leases was \$90,486 and \$24,090 as of September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Future minimum lease payments expire as follows for the years ending September 30:

	<b>Capital Leases</b>	<b>Operating Leases</b>
2005	\$ 50,736	\$ 955,193
2006	50,736	892,012
2007	40,968	
2008	36,250	
Total minimum payments	<u>178,690</u>	<u>1,847,205</u>
Less: Interest	21,309	
Present value of minimum payments	<u>\$157,381</u>	<u>\$1,847,205</u>

Rent expense was \$871,133 and \$794,051 for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

## 10. 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).

## 11. 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 taxdeferred 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, 2004 and 2003, were \$419,039 and \$385,690, respectively.

## 12. 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 2004 and 2003 was approximately \$1,733 and \$1,876, respectively.

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