

AFRICA

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ANGOLA

Protecting Freedom of Association ⑫

\$ 50,000

To defend civic space and advocate for an enabling legal environment for non-governmental organizations, the organization will support a consortium of civil society groups to review the proposed law on non-governmental organizations, host regional roundtables and a national conference on rights and governance, and provide legal assistance to human rights defenders.

Expanding Civic Education and Participation of Women in Politics ⑫

\$ 45,000

To increase civic participation of women in local governance, the organization will hold dialogues and training sessions to raise awareness, organize meetings with local government leaders to include women's voices in decision-making, and produce a magazine and documentary to expand its reach.

Promoting Youth Civic Engagement ⑨

\$ 45,000

To promote youth civic participation and engagement, the organization will conduct training sessions in three municipalities on civic participation and leadership, using theater, film, documentaries, discussions, and radio programs to encourage youth involvement in democracy and governance.

Developing Leadership Skills and Democratic Values for Youth ⑪

\$ 120,000

To empower youth with leadership capacity and democratic values, the organization will provide training, hold workshops with various stakeholders, and facilitate an exchange program for selected youth activists to learn from civic and political leaders in other countries about best practices in participatory governance.

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Increasing Citizen Participation in Promoting Transparency ⑪**\$ 50,000**

To empower citizens and promote transparency in the management of public funds, the organization will conduct training on monitoring the national budget and municipal investment programs, advocate for stronger civil society collaboration with municipal administrators, and hold community forums with municipal leaders to discuss progress and address governance challenges.

Promoting Participatory and Transparent Governance ⑫**\$ 45,000**

To increase citizen participation in local public policy and promote transparent governance, the organization will hold training sessions and community discussions, while supporting citizen platforms to monitor local government activities and ensure accountability.

Strengthening Civic Networks ⑫**\$ 80,000**

To increase citizen awareness and participation in decision-making processes and defend the rule of law, the organization will train its members, support local-level initiatives, document human rights violations against activists, and assist with the legal costs for human rights defenders.

Promoting Freedom of Expression and of the Press ⑫**\$ 48,000**

To promote freedom of expression, the organization will train individuals in citizen journalism, developing their interviewing and research skills on transparency, corruption, and human rights, and raise public awareness by sharing updates on local civil society activities through social media and online platforms.

Protecting Human Rights Defenders ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To create an enabling environment for human rights defenders and activists and increase their capacity to counter closing civic space, the organization will strengthen its protection and defense of at-risk human rights defenders and create a solidarity network to provide rapid response support.

Increasing Youth Civic Participation ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To build the capacity of youth to advocate for fundamental rights in their communities, the organization will hold workshops to help youth identify key issues, support them in developing advocacy campaigns, provide mentorship, and amplify their voices through digital platforms.

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BURKINA FASO

Advancing Human Rights Protections ⑫

\$ 55,000

To promote respect for and the protection of human rights in a conflict setting, the organization will document and report security incidents and violations, reinforce the capacity of lawyers to assist victims, develop policy briefs, advocate for human rights-protecting policies, and identify and litigate cases before regional and international mechanisms.

Promoting Respect for Human Rights and Strengthening Access to Justice ⑫

\$ 53,250

To strengthen the protection of human rights and access to justice for victims of abuses, the organization will enhance civil society's capacity to monitor and document security force abuses, equip human rights defenders to assist victims, and support community engagement efforts to encourage reporting of violations and advocate for security policies rooted in human rights.

Advancing Democratic Values and Principles ⑫

\$ 47,500

To empower youth to advocate for a return to democracy, the organization will equip young people with knowledge of democratic values, skills to monitor constitutional reform, conduct awareness-raising activities, and host debates on democracy and the draft constitution.

Strengthen Youth Capacity to Defend Human Rights and the Civic Space ⑨

\$ 60,000

To defend human rights and civic space, the organization will strengthen youth capacity to advocate for their rights, mobilize their community around democratic values, host regional convenings and awareness-raising activities, and facilitate the creation of youth networks to reclaim civic space.

BURUNDI

Documenting Human Rights Abuses and Advocating for Justice ⑦

\$ 39,500

To raise awareness of human rights, the organization will maintain its network of monitors to document violations, publish reports, advocate for accountability for serious abuses, and submit cases to the UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances.

Preventing Violence and Supporting Youth During the Electoral Cycle ⑪

\$ 60,000

To strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders to promote nonviolence and constructive dialogue throughout the electoral cycle, the organization will conduct dialogues with community leaders and youth affiliated with political parties to discuss tolerance and peace, foster linkages between youth and conflict resolution mechanisms, and provide legal support to at-risk groups.

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Strengthening Good Governance ⑫**\$ 40,000**

To improve governance and encourage greater accountability by women parliamentarians and elected officials, and to strengthen civic participation in elections, the organization will conduct trainings to help women officials respond to citizen demands, analyze, draft, and defend government budget provisions, and work with grassroots groups to implement civic education campaigns.

Bolstering Independent Civil Society and Human Rights ⑫**\$ 55,000**

To equip civil society to advocate for human rights, the organization will monitor violations, support victims, provide legal assistance for cases referred to international mechanisms, and collaborate with civic actors and international stakeholders to develop common advocacy strategies for greater accountability.

Fostering Youth Digital Engagement ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To strengthen the capacity of young journalists to contribute to freedom of expression and promote accountability, the organization will train a cohort of young journalists and produce blogs and video content on good governance, elections, and civic participation.

Promoting Democratic Values ⑫**\$ 46,092**

To promote democratic values and community cohesion in areas with a history of political conflict, the organization will hold community dialogues with local leaders and youth to discuss inter-communal tensions, establish local committees to address conflict, conduct awareness-raising activities, and support formerly displaced young people to encourage their political participation.

Strengthening Independent Media ⑫**\$ 58,800**

To strengthen freedom of expression by increasing access to information and independent reporting, the organization will maintain correspondents in refugee-hosting countries, support additional correspondents in border countries, expand coverage of women's political issues, and strengthen its security protocols.

Envisioning a Model for Good Governance ⑫**\$ 55,000**

To counter corruption and economic mismanagement and expand civic and political space, the organization will monitor government spending and produce publicly available content to bring more transparency to public budgeting.

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CAMEROON

Enhancing Women's Participation in Conflict Resolution ⑫

\$ 77,500

To build the capacity of women to engage in conflict resolution and promote citizen engagement in community decision-making, the organization will launch a training program for women leaders on political participation, conflict resolution, and advocacy, and support their involvement in advocacy campaigns and roundtables to improve decision-making processes.

Advancing Youth Participation in Promoting Peace ⑫

\$ 48,000

To enhance youth capacity to build peace, the organization will host training workshops for youth leaders on conflict resolution, collaborate with them to produce short videos and written statements highlighting the conflict's impact on youth, and conduct advocacy with local leaders for a resolution to the conflict.

Promoting Political Participation ⑫

\$ 35,000

To enhance civic education and effective political participation, the organization will conduct a baseline survey to assess civic education gaps, use community radio to air programs on civic responsibility, and engage traditional authorities to advance the political participation of women and youth in the country's democratic processes.

Promoting Youth Civic and Electoral Participation ⑫

\$ 65,000

To educate and mobilize youth to participate in the 2025 elections and reduce electoral violence, the organization will launch a nonpartisan "Not Too Young to Vote" campaign to educate youth on their civic rights and responsibilities, hold public engagements to encourage election participation, and develop an interactive web page, toolkit, and newsletter on the electoral process.

Advancing Youth Participation ⑫

\$ 100,000

To promote youth inclusion in public affairs and freedom of expression, assembly, and association, the organization will host workshops to engage youth leaders and promote community peace, hold dialogues with elected officials, launch a nonpartisan voter registration and mobilization campaign to encourage youth voting and political engagement, and host a mentorship program for youth interested in running for office.

Mobilizing and Empowering Citizens to Uphold Election Integrity ⑫

\$ 75,000

To mobilize and empower young people to increase voter participation and safeguard the integrity of the upcoming elections, the organization will train a nonpartisan cohort of young democracy advocates on increasing voter turnout and ensuring fair elections, provide tools for citizens to observe and report on the electoral process, hold forums to promote civic participation, and engage lawyers to document civil and political rights violations.

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Enhancing Access to Information and Ensuring Accountability During Elections ⑫

\$ 80,000

To strengthen the capacity of media and community leaders to ensure electoral integrity, the organization will collaborate with media professionals to inform citizens about the electoral process and support journalists, bloggers, and civil society leaders in researching and reporting on election-related issues.

Increasing Citizen Participation in Elections ⑫

\$ 50,000

To educate and mobilize women, youth, and people with disabilities for the 2025 election, the organization will host capacity-building trainings to enhance understanding of the electoral process, produce radio programs to promote voter registration, and encourage voter participation in the election.

Promoting Youth Engagement and Leadership in Advancing Democratic Principles ⑫

\$ 70,000

To promote youth and civil society participation in local governance and peace-building, the organization will host workshops to build the capacity of youth council members to participate in the local budgeting process, promote peace, and contribute to post-conflict reconstruction discussions.

Supporting Peaceful Electoral Processes ⑫

\$ 50,000

To foster citizen capacity for peaceful electoral processes, the organization will develop nonpartisan educational materials on the electoral process, train young election mediation champions, and deploy them to engage citizens in community dialogues advocating for peace before, during, and after the elections.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Empowering Citizens to Responsibly Engage Online ⑫

\$ 50,000

To build the capacity of community and civil society leaders to engage online communities, the organization will establish a network of focal points in four cities, promote digital literacy, and strengthen the capacity of community radio stations and journalists to publish engaging content.

Promoting Peace and Community Cohesion ⑫

\$ 64,900

To promote citizen participation in electoral and democratic processes to foster peace and community cohesion, the organization will conduct workshops for community leaders, engage religious and political leaders on political participation and how to promote religious and ethnic cohesion, establish a nonpartisan school of democracy for citizens, and coordinate a high-level peace forum.

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Promoting Youth Political Leadership ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To strengthen the political leadership capacity of young people and promote the political empowerment of young women, the organization will organize nonpartisan workshops and seminars for young political party leaders on youth political participation, political leadership, conflict resolution mechanisms, and tolerance.

Supporting Public Debate and Local Civil Society ⑫**\$ 55,000**

To support public debate and local civil society, the organization will strengthen its platform for generating analyses and recommendations informed by citizens' perspectives, organize forums for civil society organizations to exchange ideas, and map civil society work in three cities to provide national and international actors with a nuanced understanding of local dynamics.

CHAD

Supporting Citizen Election Monitoring ⑩**\$ 223,000**

To establish an independent, nonpartisan election monitoring coalition for the 2024 presidential and legislative elections, the coalition will build the capacity of its members to train, equip, and deploy two thousand election monitors and human rights watchers to document and report serious electoral irregularities and human rights violations across ten major cities.

Advancing Civic Education and Women's Political Participation ⑫**\$ 65,000**

To promote civic education and women's political participation in southern Chad, the organization will conduct capacity-building trainings and public forums for youth and women-focused organizations, media representatives, religious leaders, and local officials on electoral civic education and women's political empowerment, and produce a bi-weekly radio program to raise public awareness on core democratic values.

Protecting Human Rights During the Political Transition and Electoral Process ⑫**\$ 65,000**

To monitor, document, and report human rights violations committed during the political transition and electoral process, the organization will publish and share reports on human rights with local and international networks, strengthen the capacity of civil society leaders and independent journalists to investigate and report on violations, and engage law enforcement officials on protecting human rights and civil liberties.

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Strengthening Freedom of Expression During Political Transition ⑫

\$ 65,000

To reinforce freedom of expression and ensure greater citizen participation during political transition, the organization will train investigative journalists, civil society actors, and human rights defenders on techniques to monitor freedom of expression violations, develop partnerships with independent media institutions, civil society organizations, and human rights platforms, and produce relevant radio programs.

Strengthening Women's Political Participation ⑫

\$ 130,000

To promote women's political participation, the organization will hold capacity-building workshops, establish mentoring and networking programs, conduct evidence-based research projects, launch public education and awareness campaigns, and conduct advocacy initiatives with newly elected legislators to promote women's political participation and protect women's political rights.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Promoting Nonviolence and Transparency in the Electoral Process ⑪

\$ 70,000

To strengthen civil society and local government capacity to prevent violence during the electoral cycle, the organization will implement workshops for community leaders and local government authorities to develop strategies for preventing violence, strengthen early warning systems, support local monitoring committees, and synthesize findings after the election.

Advancing Peaceful Elections and Women's Political Participation ⑧

\$ 33,000

To prevent conflict and promote the participation of young women in civic life, the organization will train local young women leaders and traditional, religious, and administrative authorities on the electoral process, hold community and family dialogues to raise awareness on democratic culture, and work with local peace clubs in three communities with a history of electoral violence.

Supporting Democratic Initiatives for Peaceful and Free Elections ⑫

\$ 60,000

To promote peaceful and free elections, the organization will train young activists in democratic and civic values, conduct bi-monthly citizen debates on political issues and the importance of peace and tolerance, broadcast messages on democratic values and non-violence via community radio and social media, and monitor online violence against women involved in politics.

Promoting Peaceful and Informed Electoral Participation ⑫

\$ 60,000

To advance peaceful and informed electoral participation, the organization will establish local citizen watch committees to enhance electoral transparency, educate youth leaders and communities on responsible election discourse and reporting, and collaborate with leaders to apply their skills in reducing electoral tensions.

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Engaging Youth Leaders in the Democratic Process ⑥

\$ 30,000

To promote youth representation and participation in the democratic process, the organization will host training sessions for youth leaders on democratic values, advocacy techniques, and leadership skills, and facilitate training and coaching for youth participating in elections as candidates, poll workers, or election observers.

Promoting Citizen Participation in Elections and Defending Human Rights ⑫

\$ 70,000

To strengthen civic and political participation in elections and defend basic human rights, the organization will conduct workshops and panel discussions on political rights and electoral participation, hold citizen forums and town hall meetings, and publish reports on the human rights situation during elections.

Promoting Women's Political Participation in Elections ⑫

\$ 68,140

To strengthen women's political participation in elections, the organization will hold mass outreach activities, women's leadership training sessions, public forums and town hall meetings, and produce radio programs to educate women on electoral issues and increase their interest in politics.

Promoting Women's Political Participation and Advancing Electoral Integrity ⑫

\$ 75,000

To promote women's political participation and electoral integrity, the organization will launch a civic education campaign to inform citizens about the electoral process and encourage women to take an active role in public affairs, and advocate with local officials through the "My Vote is Not for Sale" campaign to document and denounce electoral corruption.

Supporting Human Rights Documentation and Monitoring ⑫

\$ 70,000

To improve reporting on human rights and to better inform the public and international actors about human rights in the country, the organization will provide strengthen the ability of human rights defenders and journalists to monitor, document, and report on human rights violations, develop a database of human rights cases, and support advocacy and awareness-raising campaigns.

Combating High-Level Corruption ⑫

\$ 75,000

To combat high-level corruption and advocate for greater accountability in the resource extraction industries, the organization will monitor and investigate three grand corruption cases related to financial crimes, develop civic mobilization campaigns, and monitor the process and outcome of mineral agreements and their deployment.

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Strengthening Citizen Oversight ⑫**\$ 63,533**

To deepen citizen engagement and oversight of the extractives sector, the organization will conduct research and analysis of mining revenue financial flows and their relation to government budgets, and strengthen the capacity of civil society actors to engage government officials, companies, and other stakeholders in constructive dialogue on local development plans and the management of public funds.

Empowering Youth to Defend Rights and Advocate for Change ⑫**\$ 57,500**

To enhance the capacity of youth organizations and their leaders to advocate for youth rights and drive positive change in local communities, the organization will host interactive workshops on democratic processes, civic engagement, and communication, and conduct research on critical community issues sharing the findings with elected officials, policymakers, and the public.

Strengthening Youth Capacity to Promote Nonviolence ⑪**\$ 70,000**

To promote peaceful youth participation in elections, the organization will conduct research on the causes and consequences of youth political violence in presidential electoral cycles, use the findings to inform youth training workshops and engagement with local authorities, and collaborate with local youth to conduct awareness-raising campaigns, radio programs, and public cultural events promoting nonviolence.

Supporting Freedom of Expression to Build Accountability ⑪**\$ 70,000**

To promote freedom of expression and citizen oversight of government, the organization will conduct capacity-strengthening activities for media on conflict-sensitive reporting and Combating community tensions, advocate for better protections for journalists, and produce quality independent journalism on the electoral cycle, the management of public affairs, and conflict.

Preventing Conflict and Advocating for Democratic Reform ⑪**\$ 65,000**

To build the capacity of communities to avoid conflict and advocate for democratic governance reforms, the organization will strengthen community resilience through peacebuilding workshops and inter-community dialogue, launch awareness campaigns to promote civic engagement, and conduct targeted advocacy with newly-elected lawmakers on democratic reforms responsive to citizens' needs and interests.

Supporting Provincial Institutions to Improve Democratic Governance ⑫**\$ 75,000**

To support good governance best practices and to strengthen the capacity of provincial assembly deputies and the provincial executive, the organization will empower civil society with information to hold elected officials accountable and in formulating advocacy strategies, support civil society to formulate advocacy strategies and become involved in local policy development, and raise community awareness on laws and regulations guiding local elections.

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Strengthening Local Governance and Youth Participation ⑫**\$ 52,500**

To strengthen local democratic governance and youth participation, the organization will build the capacity of local government leaders, civil society actors, and young people from political parties and citizen movements to combat corruption and encourage responsive leadership, and organize a mentoring program for young political leaders.

Strengthening Community-Government Partnership on Security Sector Governance ⑫**\$ 72,500**

To strengthen collaboration between local community leaders and government officials to improve public security sector governance, the organization will conduct workshops on security sector budget planning, support sector assessment missions, facilitate town hall forums, and produce monthly reports on political, judicial, and security issues.

Advocating for the Rights of Vulnerable Communities ⑫**\$ 200,000**

To empower grassroots leaders and activists to engage with government and non-state actors to defend the rights of communities affected by natural resource extraction projects, the organization will partner with a local group to co-design and launch an annual training program that equips young activists and rights defenders with innovative knowledge, advocacy tools, campaign techniques, and legal strategies to defend the rights and interests of communities impacted by mining.

Strengthening Democracy in Online Civic Spaces ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To strengthen online civic spaces for more informed and responsible citizen participation, the organization will implement community education initiatives to build media awareness skills, partner with journalists to strengthen their capacity to identify and verify inaccurate information, and produce content in various formats to reach a larger audience.

Promoting Human Rights for Improved Governance ⑧**\$ 48,750**

To strengthen the capacity of rural populations to monitor human rights and promote good governance, the organization will assist a network of monitors to document human rights violations in conflict-affected areas, hold workshops and town halls to encourage collaboration in violence prevention and strengthen accountability, and produce regular reports to raise awareness of rights violations and atrocities.

Strengthening Transparency and Accountability in Natural Resource Governance ⑫**\$ 97,500**

To strengthen transparency in the management of natural resources and ensure effective accountability, the organization will conduct public research on citizen participation in resource revenue management, facilitate community dialogues and meetings to build accountability mechanisms, promote transparency between the public, government, and private sector, and establish local structures to address conflicts related to natural resources.

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Advancing Citizen Oversight and Democratic Processes ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To reinforce citizen oversight of government institutions and advocate for needed reforms at local and national levels, the organization will strengthen citizen advocacy, provide opportunities for direct engagement with elected officials and government institutions, and support awareness-raising initiatives around potential reforms.

Strengthening Mechanisms to Safeguard Human Rights ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To strengthen mechanisms to protect and promote human rights, the organization will establish community-led reporting hubs to document, investigate, and report human rights violations, publish reports to inform the public and policymakers, and advocate with officials to improve human rights conditions.

Advancing Press Freedom ⑫**\$ 65,000**

To defend press freedom and strengthen the capacity of independent media, the organization will monitor violence against journalists, trials, and visits to detained journalists, publish reports and hold press conferences on press freedom violations, and conduct workshops to promote independent and ethical community-centered journalism.

Fostering Accountability in Public Affairs Through Investigative Journalism ⑫**\$ 65,000**

To foster accountability in public affairs through investigative journalism, the organization will investigate and publish monthly reports on the execution of the national budget and major public projects, monitor mining revenue reports, highlight investigations by the general accounting office, and organize workshops for journalists to strengthen their capacity to investigate corruption.

Strengthening Transparency and Access to Information to Foster Accountability ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To improve transparency and access to information to promote accountability, the organization will organize workshops for youth to learn how to use innovative tools to access and analyze publicly available government data, and develop an application to conduct audits of public data on education and public finances to detect potential cases of corruption.

Investigating Public Funds Allocation for Local Infrastructure Projects ⑫**\$ 65,000**

To investigate public funds allocation for local infrastructure projects, the organization will examine how funds linked to infrastructure in four provinces are managed and their impact on local communities, disseminate the findings through the media and local forums, and advocate for greater accountability and citizen oversight.

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Promoting Citizen Participation and Oversight of the Parliament ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To promote citizen participation and oversight in the parliamentary decision-making process, the organization will monitor parliamentary work and debates on reforms, use a digital platform to promote citizen monitoring to enhance transparency and accountability, and hold forums with parliamentarians and citizens to produce bills and parliamentary initiatives.

Combating Corruption in the Artisanal Mining Sector ⑫**\$ 50,000**

To expose and fight corruption in the artisanal mining sector, the organization will investigate and document cases of corruption and conflicts of interest involving local authorities in copper and cobalt-rich areas, engage with mining enterprises and governmental entities to advocate for sector formalization, and conduct training workshops for artisanal miners to reinforce their understanding of their rights and obligations.

Preparing for Democratic Elections ⑫**\$ 75,000**

To promote a comprehensive reform framework to strengthen electoral processes, the organization will establish a task force to evaluate electoral system laws and institutions, propose electoral reform measures, strengthen the capacity of parliamentarians to advocate for reform, and launch national civic education campaigns to create spaces for dialogue between lawmakers and citizens.

Combating Corruption and Advancing Accountability ⑫**\$ 80,000**

To combat corruption and promote accountability in government institutions, the organization will research policies on public salaries and benefits, issue policy recommendations, launch nationwide awareness campaigns to drive public demand for reform, and introduce an annual award to honor anti-corruption heroes.

Advocating for Electoral Reforms ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To advocate for electoral reforms and promote civic and electoral education, the organization will launch a national civic education campaign to increase political participation across provinces, establish an independent, nonpartisan mission to monitor elections and identify irregularities, and recommend key reforms to the electoral process.

Advancing Community Initiatives for Human Rights ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To empower and engage citizens in human rights oversight in their communities, the organization will host dialogues to mobilize community members, develop strategies to amplify their concerns, establish or leverage community-based early-warning measures, and protect citizens and human rights defenders.

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Advancing Active Citizenship ⑫**\$ 72,500**

To promote citizen participation through grassroots civic education and community mobilization, the organization will convene national meetings on citizen participation, peacebuilding, and governance, host forums and conferences to educate citizens and encourage public participation, and support interactive radio programs to foster dialogue and increase citizen involvement in governance.

Strengthening Local Government and Civil Society Engagement to Improve Governance ⑫**\$ 65,000**

To strengthen the capacity of local authorities and empower civil society leaders for effective democratic governance, the organization will train local councilors and community leaders to improve local governance, create a dialogue platform to enhance interaction between local authorities, civil society, and community members, and launch a civic rights and governance mentorship program.

Advancing Public Support for Electoral Reform ⑫**\$ 80,000**

To foster public support for electoral reforms that advance free, fair, and peaceful elections, the organization will conduct national consultations to inform reforms and enhance public trust, organize workshops to educate citizens about their electoral rights, facilitate dialogues with party leaders, civil society, and election officials, and support the establishment of a parliamentary committee to monitor and evaluate progress on these issues.

Advancing Human Rights in Mining Host Communities ⑫**\$ 67,960**

To empower citizens in communities affected by mining and infrastructure projects to advocate for their rights, the organization will research the impact of large scale-mining on human rights, develop policy recommendations, facilitate dialogues, and document and archive rights violations to create a comprehensive database for legal, research, and advocacy purposes.

ETHIOPIA

Strengthening Civic Leadership and Engagement ③**\$ 5,000**

To strengthen civic participation across four regions of the country, the organization will train human rights defenders, pro-democracy activists, and youth leaders in universities on human rights and democratic principles in peacebuilding, and mentor nascent civil society organizations focused on community-level peacebuilding initiatives.

Enhancing Youth Media and Digital Literacy ⑫**\$ 87,640**

To promote tolerance online, the organization will adapt its media and digital literacy curriculum for a regional audience, select youth for mentorship and training on media content production and support them in running individual campaigns on their social media accounts.

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Promoting Independent Media ⑫**\$ 141,500**

To promote political and cultural understanding through digital media and print news production, the organization will highlight youth innovation, promote intra-ethnic dialogue, and provide timely analysis of current events in both print and digital media.

Advancing Social Cohesion and Protecting Human Rights ⑫**\$ 55,636**

To create awareness and strengthen the protection of human rights for marginalized groups in a newly created region of the country, the organization will establish informal networks in five districts to conduct community awareness and advocacy campaigns, increase the capacity of these networks to promote coexistence, and contribute to zonal-level decision-making and policy reform for enhanced representative governance.

Advancing Strategic Litigation Capacity ⑫**\$ 111,765**

To enhance the capacity of lawyers to protect and advance human rights, the organization will provide region-specific training on strategic litigation, mentor trained lawyers to initiate and file cases, and create an in-house strategic litigation unit.

Advancing Disability Rights Legislation and Advocacy ⑫**\$ 39,673**

To strengthen the advocacy skills of persons with disabilities, the organization will coordinate efforts to push for the enactment of a law protecting disability rights and address the urgent needs of those disproportionately affected by the war, including disabled soldiers and civilians denied access to aid and medical services

Strengthening Women Media Professionals ⑫**\$ 102,000**

To build solidarity among and strengthen the capacity of women journalists, the organization will work with a journalists' association to enhance internal procedures, conduct networking roundtables, facilitate digital security and media training, and develop a mentorship program.

Rebuilding Civil Society in a Post-Conflict Context ⑨**\$ 14,640**

To assess the state of local civil society in a post-conflict context, the organization will create a roadmap to identify opportunities for rebuilding and enhancing civil society's role, and present the findings to government officials, donors, and civil society representatives, laying the groundwork for multi-stakeholder dialogues to rebuild trust between citizens and elected representatives.

Supporting Free and Independent Media for a Functioning Democracy ⑩**\$ 125,000**

To provide accurate and timely information, the organization will produce news stories on its Amharic language online platform and related social media pages, focusing on political developments, economic, and social issues to encourage public awareness and dialogue.

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Documenting Human Rights Violations ⑩**\$ 59,600**

To strengthen the capacity of human rights monitors to conduct investigations, the organization will facilitate training for field investigators, create standardized templates for documenting human rights violations, investigate atrocity crimes, store evidence for future justice efforts, and produce a report for local and international stakeholders.

Building Democratic Culture Through Dialogue ⑪**\$ 104,000**

To counter polarization and promote democratic dialogue and respect for human rights and the rule of law, the organization will hold moderated debates on political, governance, and human rights issues, broadcast the debates on national television and social media, and gather citizen input through audience polls and surveys.

Supporting Democratic Transition Through Independent Reporting ⑫**\$ 106,500**

To promote informed civic dialogue on the challenges and opportunities for democracy through independent reporting, the organization will distribute political, security, and economic news via online platforms, radio, and television channels, including weekly talk shows, podcasts, and daily news briefs.

Enhancing the Resilience of Human Rights Defenders ⑫**\$ 90,035**

To empower human rights defenders to engage in advocacy, the organization will work with human rights clubs to identify local challenges, equip members to become advocates beyond their university communities, and provide opportunities for internships and greater connections within the country's human rights network.

Raising Awareness on Key Challenges in a Conflict-Affected Region ⑫**\$ 64,000**

To raise awareness of and increase engagement on critical democratic and human rights challenges in a conflict-affected region, the organization will use its existing networks to document human rights-related issues and set up stakeholder networks to create a coordinated action plan to address these challenges.

Supporting Independent Media ⑫**\$ 54,629**

To enhance awareness and dialogue around issues affecting the region and promote accountability from policymakers, the organization will create videos and satellite TV programming to highlight issues in the war-torn northern region, and increase policymaker responsiveness and community action through storytelling.

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Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Increasing Civil Society's Constructive Engagement with Parliament for Responsive Governance ⑮

\$ 800,000

To enhance civil society engagement with parliament, the Institute will provide capacity-building training, assist in strengthening joint parliamentary engagement efforts, and expand strategies to support civil society organizations and issue-based networks engaging elected officials on responsive governance.

Solidarity Center

Promoting Worker Rights and Peace Through National Dialogue and Regional Integration ⑫

\$ 1,062,325

To advance worker rights across the Horn of Africa and increase their participation in national dialogue and peacebuilding, the Center will elevate the voice of workers in workplaces, media, and with governments, strengthen union capacity, expand worker representation in national dialogue, defend basic worker rights, and build relations with media practitioners to defend freedom of expression and association.

GAMBIA

Promoting Constitutional Reform ⑫

\$ 55,000

To promote constitutional reforms that advance the democratic transition, the organization will engage stakeholders to advocate for the reintroduction of the draft constitution, collect feedback, outline revisions, and engage the government to support its reintroduction at the National Assembly.

Advancing Human Rights, Accountability, and Reconciliation Through Memorialization ⑫

\$ 50,000

To advance public support for human rights, the organization will maintain a memorialization site to honor victims of human rights violations, educate young people on human rights, and conduct virtual and mobile exhibitions to raise awareness on human rights, reconciliation, and justice.

Promoting Transparency in the Transitional Justice Process ⑫

\$ 50,000

To promote transparency in the transitional justice process, the organization will conduct investigations into human rights abuses under the dictatorship, produce reports on the constitution-building process, convene town halls to generate discussions, and conduct mentorship programs for journalists to improve their stories with data-driven journalism.

⑮ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Strengthening Citizens' Participation in Governance ⑪

\$ 60,000

To advance transparency and citizen participation in governance, the organization will host policy dialogues between National Assembly members and constituencies, encourage legislators to develop accountability processes, and raise awareness of the roles and responsibilities of citizens and legislators in national policy design, management, and monitoring.

Empowering Women Survivors of Human Rights Violations ⑫

\$ 55,000

To empower women survivors of human rights violations to shape and advance the transitional justice process, the organization will raise victims' awareness about available accountability mechanisms, produce radio programs and reports amplifying women's voices, and disseminate policy briefs on accountability, justice, and reforms.

Promoting Justice and Accountability for Victims of Human Rights Violations ⑫

\$ 50,000

To promote justice for victims of human rights abuses, the organization will mobilize citizens to advocate for justice and accountability, disseminate information about available remedies, engage stakeholders to support the recommendations of the Truth Reconciliation and Reparation Commission, and promote reconciliation and national unity within communities.

GUINEA

Supporting Peaceful Land Governance ⑫

\$ 87,500

To promote women's participation in natural resource governance and strengthen community capacity to peacefully resolve conflicts, the organization will conduct studies on land governance, disseminate results to civil society for advocacy, train citizens, local authorities, and paralegals on land rights legislation, and provide opportunities for citizens to express concerns to officials.

Promoting Youth Leadership ⑫

\$ 70,000

To strengthen the capacity of young leaders from civil society and political parties to monitor political processes, the organization will train youth in leadership, political communication, and conflict prevention, and hold dialogues on political and citizen participation.

KENYA

Strengthening Public Participation During the Budget Process ⑫

\$ 130,700

To strengthen public participation in the budget process, the organization will provide technical support in three regional hubs, support advocacy and media campaigns for access to budget information, and create spaces for learning and sharing experiences across counties.

⑪ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Enhancing Youth Political Participation ⑫

\$ 60,000

To enhance youth political rights and participation in political spaces, the organization will strengthen the capacity of young people to participate in developing and monitoring the Nakuru County Integrated Development Plan, evaluate the previous plan, and establish platforms for citizens to hold public officials accountable to their policies.

Enhancing Citizen Awareness and Legislative Transparency for Greater Accountability ⑭

\$ 161,437

To promote the transparency and accountability of parliament and strengthen citizen and civil society engagement with elected representatives, the organization will track parliamentary and county assembly developments, increase civic awareness on legislative, electoral, and constitutional reform issues, and coordinate civil society engagement on political developments and legislation.

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Strengthening Fiscal Transparency and Accountability ⑫

\$ 800,000

To strengthen county-level civil society organizations and county assembly oversight committee staff engagement on public finances, the Institute will focus on building organizations' capacity to engage at the county and ward levels, strengthen public-private networks focused on fiscal transparency, and encourage public participation in accountability processes.

LIBERIA

Fostering Democratic Participation Among Youth ⑫

\$ 70,000

To consolidate peace and advance democracy, the organization will launch a youth civic education initiative to promote political participation, educate young leaders across the ECOWAS region on democracy and good governance, expand its democracy lecture series to rural communities, and host a democracy by radio program.

Engaging Youth in Local Governance ⑫

\$ 60,000

To strengthen citizen capacity to promote accountability, the organization will convene community dialogues on public fund usage, host radio talk shows on local development projects and campaign promises, educate citizens on fiscal decentralization, the national budget, and legislative oversight, and launch an "accountability meter" portal.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Improving Citizen-Police Relations ⑫**\$ 40,000**

To improve citizen-police relations, the organization will hold workshops for civil society, community leaders, and law enforcement on the criminal justice system and human rights, monitor prison conditions, compile quarterly human rights reports, and provide free legal assistance to detainees held beyond the legally permissible period.

Promoting Accountability in the Justice Sector ⑫**\$ 50,000**

To advocate for justice sector reforms, the organization will conduct an assessment of the criminal justice system, develop a policy paper for education and advocacy with the legislature, judiciary, and executive, and hold workshops for citizens on their rights and responsibilities in promoting justice sector accountability.

MALAWI

Strengthening Governance Accountability Through Citizen Oversight ⑫**\$ 75,000**

To empower citizens to monitor public fund expenditures, the organization will train local groups in three districts to track public projects and share findings through briefings, while using district observations to strengthen its civil society network and advocate for greater transparency in public spending.

Coordinating Civil Society and Citizens to Advocate for Improved Governance ⑯**\$ 62,440**

To enhance civil society's capacity to promote democratic governance, the organization will build the capacity of civil society and citizen groups through coordination, engagement with government officials, and advocacy, conduct local forums and policy dialogues, hold national consultations on governance issues, and work through a national advocacy platform to monitor the upcoming elections.

Strengthening Media Professionalism ⑯**\$ 70,000**

To strengthen professional journalism, the organization will train journalists on professional standards, arbitration, and dispute resolution, build its own capacity, expand membership, develop strategic partnerships through peer learning, raise awareness of media law changes, and support efforts to monitor election coverage.

Strengthening Accountability Through Investigative Journalism ⑯**\$ 65,000**

To improve accountability through independent investigative journalism, the organization will expose fraud, abuse, or waste, produce regular articles and investigations from in-house staff and independent journalists, and publish the stories on its news website and social media.

⑯ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Promoting Youth Participation in Political and Electoral Processes ⑬

\$ 600,000

To enhance the participation and inclusion of youth in political and electoral processes, the Institute will work with youth leaders to organize and advocate for their priorities, support a local civil society partner in coordinating advocacy campaigns, and facilitate political debates for youth leaders to raise awareness of youth priorities among stakeholders and the public.

MALI

Empowering Youth to Promote Civic Engagement ⑫

\$ 45,000

To strengthen youth confidence in democracy and enhance their participation in the political process, the organization will cultivate democratic values through workshops and debates, conduct campaigns to enhance democratic resilience, and raise awareness of the importance of civic engagement.

Promoting Civic Engagement to Advance Democracy ⑫

\$ 50,000

To promote accountability and civic engagement, the organization will strengthen democratic actors' capacity to hold institutions accountable, host community-driven initiatives to empower citizens, and conduct political awareness and voter education campaigns to encourage active participation in restoring democratic rule.

Strengthening Access to Information Through Independent Media ⑫

\$ 65,000

To promote access to information, the organization will publish news and information on its website and social media, establish partnerships with other media organizations, share content in local languages on community radio, and produce tutorial videos on media literacy.

Promoting Access to Justice and Advancing the Protection of Human Rights ⑫

\$ 51,500

To promote access to justice and advance the protection of human rights, the organization will support legal clinics providing pro bono assistance to victims of human rights abuses, convene stakeholders to expand access to justice and promote democratic principles, and conduct an awareness campaign to promote respect for the rule of law and constitutional rule.

Promoting Democracy and Combating Extremism ⑫

\$ 75,000

To reinforce community cohesion and peace and promote democracy, the organization will host events with musicians and speakers from different ethnic groups, convey messages of peace and reconciliation, and combine these events with public dialogues to highlight the importance of tolerance and good governance.

⑪ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Strengthening Human Rights and Good Governance Through Access to Information ⑨

\$ 70,000

To protect women's political rights and foster peace through access to information, the organization will produce news and informational content, host dialogues, and encourage information sharing between media, civil society, and government.

Promoting Independent Journalism ⑫

\$ 60,000

To strengthen citizen access to independent media, the organization will produce and disseminate quality media reports on democracy and good governance, train journalists on data journalism, artificial intelligence, and verification techniques, and produce content on governance, accountability, constitutional reform, elections, human rights, and security.

MOZAMBIQUE

Promoting Women's Political Participation ⑫

\$ 50,000

To increase women's participation in politics, the organization will train women to assess political party platforms, advocate for stronger representation of women's priorities, train facilitators, hold municipal awareness sessions, and organize radio debates on the importance of women's involvement in elections.

Engaging Youth in Civic Action ⑫

\$ 49,135

To promote youth civic engagement and political participation, the organization will train university students to report on governance, freedom of expression, and human rights through storytelling, social media, and digital platforms, and host an art residency where local artists inspire youth involvement in political processes.

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Amplifying Youth Voices in Political Party Reforms ⑮

\$ 800,000

To enhance youth capacity to advocate for political party reform, the Institute will collaborate with a local partner and youth-focused civil society organizations, engage young party members and civil society through roundtable discussions, and provide technical support to a youth-led organization to advance political reform priorities.

⑨ denotes the length of the grant in months.

NIGER

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Supporting Youth Participation in a Democratic Transition ⑩

\$ 450,000

To strengthen the capacity of youth to advocate for their priorities in the country's transition agenda, the Institute will conduct youth focus groups on political perceptions, inform capacity-building sessions for youth civil society organizations on sustainability, media literacy, and the inclusion of young women.

NIGERIA

Supporting Democratic Reform ⑫

\$ 100,000

To foster citizen discourse on democratic reform, the organization will produce media products exploring democratic deficiencies, inform policy discourse, and develop content on access to justice, freedom of expression, and political participation.

Strengthening Youth Civic Participation ⑫

\$ 66,000

To strengthen the capacity of youth to participate in politics and advance democratic governance, the organization will host civic activism workshops, mentor youth leaders conducting civic education and voter mobilization, launch advocacy campaigns, and host town hall and policy events to promote government accountability.

Advancing Freedom of Expression ⑫

\$ 120,000

To protect and advance freedom of expression, the organization will monitor and document violations of civic activist and journalists' rights to express themselves, provide legal services to those under threat, pursue public interest litigation, and conduct public education campaigns on civic and political rights.

Advancing Democratic Norms in the Digital Arena ⑬

\$ 74,500

To advocate for human rights online and strengthen freedom of expression, the organization will cultivate an ecosystem of advocates for a free and open internet, educate the public on human rights, and advocate for government policies and legislation that uphold human rights online.

⑩ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Fostering a Culture of Investigative and Data-Driven Journalism ⑪**\$ 65,625**

To foster a media environment that advances democratic discourse, the organization will conduct investigative reporting on government policies, educate civil society on governance challenges, and collaborate with other media entities to strengthen democratic discourse.

Enhancing Participatory Democracy at the State and Local Level ⑬**\$ 70,000**

To strengthen the capacity of youth to participate in politics, the organization will convene citizen accountability workshops, host forums with newly elected legislators, and undertake advocacy visits to legislators, local councils, and traditional authorities.

Promoting Democratic Ideas and Values ⑫**\$ 80,000**

To engage the public in conversations on government accountability and transparency across Africa, the organization will produce a weekly online political satire show highlighting government performance, corruption, human rights abuses, and insecurity.

Strengthening Local Journalism ⑫**\$ 90,000**

To strengthen local journalism, the organization will enhance journalists' and newsrooms' capacity at the state and local levels to produce news on government transparency, accountability, and performance and, foster a journalist network for mentorship, editorial support, and learning.

Strengthening Women's Political Engagement Through Public Discourse ⑫**\$ 80,000**

To promote public discourse on the benefits of women's political participation, the organization will design, produce, and air a television program featuring civic, political, and social leaders discussing the consequences of policies preventing women's political participation.

Advancing Freedom of Expression ⑫**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen the capacity of artists to advance freedom of expression, the organization will monitor attacks on artistic expression, advocate for policy reforms, provide training and mentoring on rights, mobilize artists as active citizens, and hold public education activities to foster broader support for freedom of expression.

Promoting Democratic Norms and Youth Political Participation ⑫**\$ 140,000**

To strengthen youth political participation, the organization will foster public discourse on democratic norms as a means to prevent youth political apathy, mentor democratic activists, and support them in launching advocacy campaigns.

⑪ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Activating Youth Voice to Deepen Democracy ⑫**\$ 50,000**

To advance democracy by amplifying youth voices, the organization will host a fellowship program to train youth in social change, advocacy, and community engagement, building a community of young leaders and mentoring them in their roles in civic life.

Enhancing Political Education and Participation ⑫**\$ 29,468**

To enhance youth political participation, the organization will host a virtual civic education program focusing on the country's governance structure, constitution, and political party functions, empowering participants to become more informed participants in civic life.

Advancing Peace and Security Through Journalism ⑫**\$ 70,000**

To promote peacebuilding, accountability, and good governance in conflict-affected areas, the organization will conduct capacity-building workshops for journalists on new technology and artificial intelligence, and support collaborations between community-based organizations and journalists to highlight local solutions to peace and governance challenges.

Strengthening Youth and Women's Political Participation ⑫**\$ 72,057**

To strengthen youth and women's political participation, the organization will sustain a women's political party forum for collaboration and advocacy, launch a podcast for youth to discuss governance priorities, and continue its mentorship program to equip young women with political engagement and leadership skills for the 2027 election.

Advancing Accountability Through Policy Insights ⑫**\$ 135,000**

To promote open government data to advance accountability, the organization will analyze government data on fiscal transparency, produce reports to explain the data, and train activists to use the data for informed advocacy campaigns and promoting democratic discourse.

Core Institute**International Republican Institute****Strengthening Political Party Development ⑫****\$ 1,200,000**

To improve political party leadership and participation, the Institute will support pro-democracy parties in leadership development and policy formulation, promote regional networking and best practice sharing to enhance political competition, and conduct skills-building activities to increase the visibility and participation of marginalized groups in political processes and candidacies.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Supporting Youth to Lead Electoral Reform Efforts ⑦

\$ 900,000

To strengthen civil society's ability to collaborate with electoral stakeholders and ensure youth have a voice in electoral reform efforts, the Institute will support civil society partners to advocate for youth-identified electoral reform priorities, engage with key electoral stakeholders at the national and state levels, and raise awareness among youth about voting rights, the electoral process, and the importance of electoral participation.

RWANDA

Promoting Citizen Participation and Democratic Governance ④

\$ 5,000

To promote citizen participation, democratic governance, and a culture of peace, the organization will hold community assemblies to discuss constitutional rights, citizen responsibilities, and state obligations, host workshops on peace and good governance, broadcast quarterly radio debates, and encourage local authorities to participate in these activities to strengthen community-government dialogue.

Supporting Human Rights Defenders and Engaging Youth ⑫

\$ 64,000

To strengthen the capacity of human rights defenders to promote freedom of expression and engage youth on human rights issues, the organization will train human rights defenders on international norms for civil and political rights, monitor and report violations targeting human rights defenders and journalists during elections, and establish youth clubs to discuss human rights norms.

Strengthening Journalist and Youth Engagement on Human Rights ⑫

\$ 55,000

To strengthen the capacity of youth and journalists on freedom of expression, the organization will train media clubs in schools on media awareness, conduct training for journalists on human rights principles and conflict-sensitive journalism, and collaborate with trained journalists to produce radio programming on human rights topics and community cohesion.

Monitoring Political and Human Rights ⑫

\$ 55,000

To protect and promote human rights and democratic principles, the organization will monitor human rights conditions, share reports, draft and track implementation of Universal Periodic Review recommendations, and analyze electoral cycles to develop recommendations.

Protecting Freedom of Expression ⑫

\$ 50,000

To protect and empower independent media actors to exercise free expression, the organization will analyze the country's laws on freedom of expression and the right to information, provide legal assistance, and build the capacity of independent media stakeholders to claim legal protections under current laws.

⑦ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Engaging Youth in Democratic Processes ⑫

\$ 75,000

To empower youth to participate in democratic processes and decision-making, the organization will host regular debates on governance and public policies, implement training programs for young leaders to promote civic engagement, and convene national policy dialogues to foster networks of civically-minded youth and raise awareness of their role in decision-making processes.

SIERRA LEONE

Enhancing Press Freedom and Advancing Media Reform ⑫

\$ 60,000

To promote press freedom and media reform, the organization will assess the state of independent media, produce and distribute press freedom reports, support the implementation of recommendations from the national media action plan, and monitor and advocate for the safety and security of journalists.

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Strengthening Women's Political Participation ⑥

\$ 375,000

To enhance opportunities for women to serve in political leadership, the Institute will support women councilors' skill development, work with political parties to develop practices that align with recent laws, and facilitate workshops that address barriers to women's political participation.

SOMALIA

Supporting Journalists Raising Awareness for Human Rights ⑫

\$ 55,000

To raise awareness on human rights through the media, the organization will train journalists in two states to investigate and report on human rights violations, develop a database on press freedom violations, and provide legal defense for journalists facing prosecution for conducting their professional duties.

Enhancing Fiscal Governance ⑫

\$ 40,000

To enhance fiscal and public service decentralization, the organization will conduct research on an administrative region's tax, legal, and administration framework, and use the findings to lay the framework for accountability mechanisms and citizen participation in the budget process.

⑥ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Promoting Informed Civic Engagement and Independent Reporting ⑫

\$ 50,000

To increase access to information on political and community issues, the organization will leverage its online platform and staff capacity to deploy independent journalism, access to information initiatives, community engagement, and technological innovation to promote democracy and human rights.

Supporting Access to Information ⑫

\$ 50,000

To improve access to information, the organization will work with journalists to produce original news content and continue its annual media awards initiative, recognizing journalists for original reporting on governance-related issues.

SOMALILAND

Enhancing Citizen Participation in Promoting Government Accountability ⑫

\$ 54,890

To promote citizen participation in decision-making, the organization will maintain and moderate an open online platform for discussions on political and socio-economic issues, organize public town halls, and facilitate open discussions between citizens and legislators on laws, governance, and human rights.

Promoting Democratic Values and Freedom of Expression ⑫

\$ 50,014

To promote freedom of expression and democracy, the organization will create spaces for citizens to engage in cultural and political discussions, and foster open dialogue, national unity, and democratic values through book fairs, poetry readings, film screenings, debates, and other artistic events.

Strengthening Independent Media Outlets ⑫

\$ 43,000

To strengthen independent media, the organization will help media houses improve internal policies for sustainability and strengthen journalist protections, and promote quality reporting during the electoral cycle through media monitoring.

Enhancing Election Integrity Through Domestic Observation ⑥

\$ 100,000

To enhance election integrity through domestic observation, the organization will recruit, train, and deploy local observers to monitor the election process, report irregularities, establish a code of conduct for observers, and develop a comprehensive electoral monitoring and reporting framework.

⑥ denotes the length of the grant in months.

SUDAN

Monitoring and Advocating for Human Rights ⑫

\$ 50,000

To document and advocate for improved human rights conditions, the organization will monitor and issue incident reports on human rights abuses by government and rebel forces, while increasing advocacy efforts at national, regional, and international levels to raise awareness of the human rights situation in conflict areas.

Supporting Access to Information ⑫

\$ 125,325

To increase access to information, the organization will produce and publish daily and weekly Arabic-language news reports, analysis, features, and interviews on its satellite TV show and social media platforms, while collaborating with civil society and media organizations to air programming promoting justice, tolerance, fundamental freedoms, and democracy.

Monitoring and Documenting Human Rights Violations ⑭

\$ 80,000

To collect data on political, security, and conflict developments, the organization will disseminate data through interactive dashboards, publish monthly briefs and regular reports, host virtual roundtables with civil society to discuss the reports, and train grassroots organizations involved in monitoring violence and human rights.

Supporting Youth Leadership ②④

\$ 259,598

To build the capacity of future democratic leaders through civic awareness, research, policy analysis, and advocacy, the organization will lead a virtual training program for young activists on how to engage with the international community and provide a fellowship offering emergency support and skill-building to shape regional and international decision-making in support of democracy.

Raising Awareness of Human Rights Violations ⑫

\$ 65,660

To document human rights abuses and share experiences, the organization will collect testimonies of human rights abuse, draw attention to accountability issues, and advocate for human rights protections with local and international actors.

Making Peace and Building Democracy ⑫

\$ 80,250

To support efforts to end the war and provide platforms for discussion on democracy-related issues, the organization will mobilize its network to campaign against the war and militarization at the grassroots level, while publishing and distributing booklets to foster intellectual engagement on issues like equal citizenship, identity, and combating tribalism.

② denotes the length of the grant in months.

Documenting Human Rights Violations ⑪**\$ 60,000**

To monitor and report on human rights violations, the organization will expand and train its network of human rights monitors, document violations in the region, advocate for change with regional and international actors, and publish quarterly reports and periodic statements to raise awareness and push for action.

Documenting Human Rights Violations ⑪**\$ 65,400**

To document and analyze conflict dynamics, the organization will use its on-the-ground network to collect information, document it in an online database, prepare public reports and articles, and share the findings with local and international organizations to amplify recommendations and maintain focus on the conflict.

Supporting a Youth-Led Democratic Culture ⑫**\$ 300,800**

To empower youth leaders to organize pro-democracy initiatives and support art and culture promoting peace, the organization will expand its network of young leaders to conduct campaigns for democracy and accountability, while producing and distributing radio, television, and online updates, interviews, and dialogues calling for peace.

Empowering Diverse Voices and Participation ⑫**\$ 200,000**

To support access to independent information and facilitate a countrywide public dialogue on democracy and anti-war issues, the organization will produce regular features on transitional justice, women's political rights, and youth contributions, while providing on-the-ground reporting from refugee camps and broadcasting content on local radio stations in neighboring countries.

Advancing Policy Solutions to Restore Democracy ⑫**\$ 100,000**

To provide policy analysis and recommendations focused on responding to the war, the organization will conduct research, publish policy briefs on the war's impact on social relations, infrastructure, and the economy, and use the findings to improve understanding of the crises and amplify calls for an end to the war.

Protecting Human Rights and Supporting the Anti-War Movement ⑫**\$ 80,000**

To support the pro-democracy movement, the organization will use its networks to document human rights abuses, provide legal aid and support to democracy activists, and conduct public research and analysis on efforts to resolve the conflict and strengthen the democracy movement.

Building Community to Oppose the War ⑫**\$ 49,900**

To support the grassroots anti-war movement, the organization will use art and music to convey peace messages, support women and youth's efforts to oppose the war, and collect and document stories and experiences of the impact of the war on individuals and local communities.

⑪ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Documenting Human Rights Violations ⑫

\$ 93,800

To monitor, report on, and raise awareness of human rights violations, the organization's network will investigate violations by security forces and militias, issue reports and press releases, and provide periodic analytical reports on political trends, security developments, and human rights issues, offering root cause analysis and solutions.

Demanding Accountability for Human Rights Violations ⑫

\$ 90,000

To strengthen civil society's ability to demand accountability for human rights violations, the organization will train civil society groups to document mass killings and enforced disappearances, advocate for justice before regional and international bodies, and work with experts to train lawyers, doctors, prosecutors, and judges in forensic investigations to ensure unlawful deaths are properly investigated and those responsible are held to account.

Increasing Public Access to Accurate Information ⑫

\$ 80,000

To support access to information, the organization will operate a virtual newsroom and produce a podcast covering news summaries and socio-cultural issues, and use social media platforms to amplify the podcasts and contribute to local and international coverage of the country.

Core Institute

Solidarity Center

Building Solidarity for Women ⑫

\$ 273,198

To protect the rights of women workers and support their engagement in the peace process, the Center will provide legal support to defend women's rights, strengthen solidarity, and coordinate research and capacity-building to advance women's participation in the peace process.

TANZANIA

Promoting Transparency Through Media ⑫

\$ 70,000

To enhance journalists' capacity to report on public financial accountability and increase citizen engagement, the organization will conduct training on how to analyze reports produced by oversight institutions, hold quarterly discussions on sectoral accountability, produce radio programs on financial transparency, and run a social media campaign.

Defending Human Rights ⑩

\$ 80,000

To protect human rights, the organization will research, document, and publish an annual human rights report, highlighting key issues and trends, and share evidence-based findings through various media platforms to support advocacy, drive policy reforms, and empower citizens to exercise their rights in an evolving democratic society.

⑩ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Reviving the Capacity for Investigative Journalism ⑩**\$ 74,500**

To improve access to information, the organization will produce a weekly newspaper that provides political news, using in-depth investigations to highlight and sustain public interest in issues of national importance.

Promoting Freedom of Information ⑩**\$ 60,000**

To promote freedom of information and independent journalism, the organization will produce a weekly digital newspaper featuring original reporting, political analysis, investigative reporting, and in-depth articles on the role of public, private, and non-governmental actors written by a network of journalists.

Elevating Women's Voices in Media ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To promote freedom of expression, the organization will highlight women's leadership in the lead up to national elections by running a program for journalists and content creators to amplify women's role in politics and governance.

Amplifying Women's Voices in Media ⑫**\$ 45,000**

To promote freedom of expression, the organization will support emerging journalists to produce multimedia journalism, highlight underreported issues, especially women's participation in democratic processes, and provide mentorship, resources, and publication opportunities to amplify women's voices.

Supporting Journalism for Electoral Accountability ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To expand access to information, the organization will provide comprehensive coverage of key events, political developments, and emerging debates nationwide, ensuring fair, independent reporting on all major political groups before, during, and after the election.

Examining International Influence on Governance and Democratic Practices ⑫**\$ 50,000**

To assess the impact of international influence on the country's governance, the organization will analyze past, present, and future relationships and examine their effects on political parties, governance, elections, the economy, and the country's current landscape.

Advancing Constitutional Reform ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To advance constitutional and legal reform, the organization will work to revive the stalled constitutional reform process, collaborate with experts to update a constitutional annex drafted with inputs from citizens, and foster public engagement through dialogue on reforms and digital outreach on the draft constitution.

⑩ denotes the length of the grant in months.

UGANDA

Promoting Accountable Security Reforms ⑫

\$ 66,500

To promote an accountable, and transparent security sector, the organization will strengthen citizen oversight of the police through dialogue with civil society, religious and cultural leaders, and key stakeholders, engage parliamentary committees and government bodies for police reforms, and draft legal amendments to ensure stronger oversight, accountability, and public trust in law enforcement.

Enhancing Civic Knowledge and Monitoring of Rights Violations ⑫

\$ 40,000

To strengthen human rights monitoring and civic and election awareness, the organization will coordinate with a network of rights-focused organizations, support election monitoring training, document corruption and human rights violations, and work to increase access to justice for victims.

Improving Government Accountability ⑫

\$ 40,000

To tackle corruption, protect human rights, and improve government accountability, the organization will support grassroots human rights defenders in resolving land disputes and monitoring public services, and provide training in digital and practical safety, corruption documentation, and tracking local government spending.

Promoting Local Governance and Citizen Oversight ⑫

\$ 58,000

To strengthen a network of citizens and community groups advocating for improved local governance, the organization will hold quarterly forums, support citizen groups in drafting petitions on key issues, and educate communities on accountable institutions in their districts to help them hold local leaders accountable.

Enhancing Parliamentary Accountability Through Digital Innovation and Media ⑫

\$ 50,000

To enhance the transparency, accountability, and responsiveness of parliament, the organization will leverage digital and traditional media for comprehensive parliamentary coverage, coordinate a community of practice to advocate for legislation, expand radio partnerships, and conduct the country's first Open Parliament Index.

Fostering Public Debate and Analysis ⑫

\$ 75,000

To support policy analysis and public discussion on elections and electoral law, the organization will track changes in the electoral framework, publish articles and reports on the electoral process to encourage informed debate, and empower citizens to participate in politics.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Supporting Independent Media ⑫

\$ 70,000

To promote freedom of expression and access to information, the organization will produce online broadcasts on governance, democracy, and human rights, and host live debates with politicians, opinion leaders, and citizens ahead of the elections.

Providing a Platform for Political Discourse ②④

\$ 100,000

To support policy analysis and public debate, the organization will publish a journal examining the country's political landscape to foster discussion on political, social, and cultural issues, strengthen democratic engagement and promote informed participation in governance.

Core Institute

International Republican Institute

Advancing Political Party Collaboration ⑫

\$ 1,000,000

To strengthen cross-party collaboration and elevate the role of women and youth in political parties and government, the Institute will leverage the National Consultative Forum to build political party members' capacity, develop joint electoral reform initiatives, support women's networks, and prepare first-time women and youth candidates ahead of elections.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Strengthening Resilience, Strategic Engagement, and Collaboration of Civil Society Organizations ⑪

\$ 550,000

To strengthen civil society's capacity in closed civic spaces, the Institute will work with organizations to enhance digital resilience, promote collaboration, and leverage electoral roadmaps to advocate for political and electoral reforms.

ZAMBIA

Protecting and Promoting Human Rights and the Rule of Law ⑫

\$ 80,000

To strengthen the policy and legislative framework for democratic governance, the organization will identify gaps in the constitution and existing policies that impede human rights, pursue public interest litigation and advocacy, and promote civil society coordination and public participation through civic education and legal services for human rights defenders.

Expanding the Space for Freedom of Expression and Human Rights Online ⑭

\$ 75,000

To protect and advocate for human rights online, the organization will review the Cyber Security and Cybercrimes Act through multi-stakeholder events, build the capacity of Parliament members, and empower young people to create content that raises awareness on governance issues, cyber legislation, and their impact on freedom of expression and access to information.

⑪ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Supporting Investigative Journalism ⑫

\$ 60,000

To promote a culture of investigative journalism and accountable governance, the organization will support journalists in reporting on corruption, provide editorial guidance and production support, host a competition to recognize excellence in investigative reporting, and collaborate with a journalism school for specialized training.

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Enhancing Accountability, Transparency, and Citizen Participation ⑫

\$ 500,000

To strengthen civil society advocacy for accountability and participation in community development fund processes, the Institute will support a local partner to monitor the process, share findings, conduct national advocacy to enhance transparency, and facilitate coordination and connections to regional and global counterparts

ZIMBABWE

Enhancing Citizen Engagement and Response to Human Rights Violations ⑫

\$ 90,000

To strengthen citizens' capacity to report and seek assistance for human rights violations, the organization will operate a call center for reporting violations and offering medical, legal, and psychosocial support, while building the capacity of volunteers, civil society partners, and service providers to monitor and respond effectively.

Monitoring and Documenting Human Rights Violations ⑦

\$ 48,000

To monitor human rights violations and reduce the impact of political violence on citizens, the organization will document abuses through a network of community-based monitors, strengthen participation of local organizations, build documentation skills, and develop digital platforms to enhance reporting.

Promoting Government Accountability ⑲

\$ 70,000

To promote the participation, representation, and leadership of young women and community-based organizations in elections and governance, the organization will convene a coalition to present community demands to candidates and political parties and provide training to strengthen members' advocacy skills.

Enhancing Community Voices Through Digital Media ⑫

\$ 50,000

To promote access to election information, the organization will provide news targeting all citizens, especially in rural areas, create a platform for sharing views on elections, governance, and current affairs, and encourage public debate to strengthen democratic participation.

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Data Driven Advocacy for Improved Accountability ⑫**\$ 45,000**

To improve transparency and accountability in mineral revenue, the organization will analyze public data in the extractive sector, lead a data-driven advocacy campaign for stronger public accountability, and provide training in advocacy skills to engage in natural resource governance.

Strengthening Civil Society Capacity to Defend Civic Space ⑯**\$ 120,000**

To support civil society compliance with non-profit sector legal regulations, the organization will provide guidance on legal and policy requirements, and facilitate dialogue between civil society and regulatory bodies to promote fair and transparent policies.

Bolstering Digital Security for Civic Activists and Human Rights Defenders ⑯**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen the digital resilience and security skills of human rights defenders and activists, the organization will provide tools and knowledge to counter surveillance and harassment, conduct organizational risk assessments, lead training workshops, identify cost-effective solutions, and implement tailored digital security policies.

Promoting Sustainable Local Governance Through Civic Participation ⑫**\$ 60,000**

To foster transparent and accountable local governance, the organization will empower youth by facilitating action groups that engage policymakers, monitor councilor performance, and boost community involvement through radio, messaging apps, and information centers.

Fostering a Vibrant Pro-Democracy Movement ⑭**\$ 80,000**

To revitalize the pro-democracy movement and bolster democratic solidarity, the organization will coordinate multi-stakeholder dialogues, promote regional unity in response to emerging threats facing pro-democracy advocates, and lead a regional campaign spotlighting the country's democratic crisis and its repercussions throughout the region.

Enhancing Youth Involvement in Democratic Processes ⑫**\$ 120,000**

To foster a culture of participatory democracy among youth and strengthen their freedom of expression and access to information, the organization will use innovative online and offline approaches to amplify youth voices, produce digital content and campaigns to promote accountability and advocacy, and convene open data experts and journalists to facilitate knowledge exchange.

Investigating Human Rights Abuses ⑫**\$ 50,000**

To document human rights abuses, the organization will investigate cases of abductions, torture, and enforced disappearances, focusing on prominent deceased human rights defenders, and produce a multimedia series to raise awareness, advocate for justice, demand accountability, and push for stronger protections.

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Improving Public Accountability Through Investigative Journalism ⑫

\$ 50,000

To strengthen public accountability through investigative journalism, the organization will publish reports exposing corruption and poor governance in the public sector, collaborate with civil society and media to drive action, and ensure public access to stories through its website and social media platforms.

Promoting Rural Women's Participation in Accountable Governance ⑫

\$ 50,000

To promote women's participation in governance, the organization will empower rural women in mining communities to defend their rights, advocate for better natural resource management, document human rights violations, raise awareness, and demand accountability for mineral resource revenue.

Amplifying Voices for Change ⑫

\$ 50,000

To foster freedom of expression and participation in civic life, the organization will empower marginalized communities, particularly women and youth, through media production training to address governance and human rights issues, helping citizens hold their government accountable.

Building a Citizen-Driven Constitutional Movement ⑫

\$ 100,000

To protect the constitution and strengthen regional and global political advocacy for democratic reforms, the organization will support a citizen-led movement of informal workers, miners, farmers, and faith-based leaders to engage on constitutional issues and empower communities to defend their rights and demand political change.

Core Institute

International Republican Institute

Promoting Local Governance Accountability ⑫

\$ 1,100,000

To increase governance accountability and strengthen the capacity of citizens and civil society to access information, the Institute will raise awareness of the importance of accurate data and information from local institutions, build skills to develop accountability strategies, and provide guidance for engaging with leaders in local governance processes.

AFRICA REGIONAL

Fostering Transparency in Debt Management ⑫

\$ 65,000

To improve accountability and transparency in public debt management, the organization will review existing laws, provide policy recommendations, advocate for reforms, and hold advocacy events targeting policymakers to push for greater oversight in debt management.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Combating Kleptocracy ⑫**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen support and protection for whistleblowers combating kleptocracy, the organization will enhance its advocacy, investigative capacity and campaigns, while advancing whistleblower protection legislation to create a safer environment for exposing corruption.

Developing and Amplifying New Voices in Journalism ⑫**\$ 71,200**

To increase the quality and scope of reporting about politically marginalized populations, the organization will mentor journalism fellows from among displaced persons and ethnic minorities, collaborate with them to produce content on community issues, and develop partnerships with other news platforms to republish globally.

Promoting Independent and Quality African Journalism ⑭**\$ 250,000**

To support independent journalism and enhance freedom of expression, the organization will support a digital newspaper, expand Kiswahili-language content, grow its Francophone journalist network, and foster media collaborations.

Strengthening Networks to Defend Human Rights ⑫**\$ 75,000**

To strengthen human rights defenders and advocates to promote the rights of marginalized groups, the organization will conduct legal analysis and draft recommendations, strengthen youth activists' and civic actors' capacity, and provide legal aid and support to vulnerable individuals, including refugees, through its partner network.

Fostering African Agency Against Kleptocracy ⑫**\$ 221,577**

To raise awareness of kleptocracy's impact on democracy, the organization will collaborate with media outlets to produce investigative reports on kleptocrat networks, create a living archive of investigative outputs, and use it as a resource for research and debates.

Enhancing Electoral and Media Awareness ⑫**\$ 65,000**

To improve the quality of African media, the organization will train media practitioners and civil society members through elections-focused workshops and partner with local organizations to empower the public with media awareness skills through country-specific campaigns in local languages on community radio.

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Core Institute

Center for International Private Enterprise

Strengthening the Private Sector's Ability to Fight Corruption ⑫

Africa Regional	\$ 687,063
Ethiopia	\$ 946,203
Kenya	\$ 613,573
Nigeria	\$ 478,549
Sudan	\$ 383,055
West Africa Regional	\$ 575,657

Total: \$ 3,684,100

To strengthen independent business leadership, the Center will build the capacity of the private sector across the continent to combat kleptocracy, create economic opportunities and policy reform that defend the digital space, mobilize the private sector to security and build peace, promote inclusive economies, and collaborate with partners to address authoritarian threats.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Promoting Constitutions Consistent with the African Union Framework ⑫

\$ 400,000

To support constitutional reform processes the promote women's political participation, the Institute will facilitate collaboration among constitutional experts and civil society leaders through regional exchanges and training, enabling women leaders to learn about and engage in constitutional debates.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Enhancing Oversight of Public Debt in Southern and East Africa ⑫

\$ 500,000

To strengthen democratic oversight and transparency in public debt management, the Institute will partner with civil society groups and parliamentary actors to enhance technical expertise, support strategic advocacy, organize forums and workshops, and foster regional coordination and information-sharing on public debt oversight.

Solidarity Center

Strengthening the Voice of Labor in Trade Programs ⑫

\$ 535,921

To strengthen the voice of labor in trade programs, the Center will build the capacity of regional and national union bodies to engage in the development and implementation processes of continental, bilateral, and global trade agreements through technical training, strategy development, and advocacy campaigns.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL

Protecting Human Rights ⑫

\$ 60,000

To protect and advance the human rights of marginalized communities, the organization will educate community members on their rights, equip them with tools to avoid violence and discrimination, document human rights violations, and launch advocacy initiatives to draw attention to these abuses.

Strengthening the Rule of Law ⑪

\$ 150,000

To promote access to justice, the organization will strengthen the role of a key non-governmental justice commission, collaborate with regional and international coalitions to increase access to justice for human rights abuses, and build capacity, trust, and collaboration between civil society groups and the diaspora to promote democratic values and enhance youth and women's participation in advocating for democracy.

Strengthening Transnational Collaboration to Combat Kleptocracy ⑫

\$ 120,000

To enhance civic collaboration against kleptocracy and raise citizen awareness of its negative consequences, the organization will build upon a coalition of five organizations to conduct a joint transnational investigation on authoritarian influence in the region, study its impacts on citizens' lives and democratic resilience, and organize a conference on the state of kleptocracy in the region.

Promoting Citizen Oversight of the Health Sector ⑫

\$ 65,000

To promote transparency and accountability in government spending, the organization will establish an independent network to gather information on public expenditures, demand greater accountability from local authorities, compile the data into a comprehensive report, and conduct advocacy campaigns.

Preventing Human Rights Violations and Promoting Youth Civic Engagement ⑫

\$ 65,000

To prevent human rights violations and promote civic engagement among youth, the organization will monitor, report, and advocate on human rights issues, provide legal assistance to victims, organize human rights training for law enforcement, and advocate for legislative changes regarding freedom of assembly.

Protecting Human Rights Defenders and Advancing Human Rights Norms ⑫

\$ 200,000

To promote legal protection, human rights, and democratic institutions, the organization will improve legal protection for human rights defenders, provide leadership and political rights training for journalists, pro-democracy activists, and human rights defenders, and train observers to monitor and report on human rights violations during elections.

⑪ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Core Institute

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Expanding Political and Civic Space ⑬

\$ 400,000

To strengthen efforts by pro-democracy actors to expand civic and political rights, the Institute will provide technical assistance to coalitions working to advance fundamental freedoms across the region, facilitate strategy sessions and collaboration protocols among reform-minded actors, and help program partners to create a network of democracy champions to develop practices for safeguarding and promoting democracy.

EAST AFRICA REGIONAL

Supporting Independent Media and Freedom of Expression ⑫

\$ 120,000

To promote independent media, the organization will offer objective reporting through its radio and online television programs operating in exile, and provide space for constructive dialogue on social, political, and economic issues, particularly focusing on good governance, accountability, and freedom of expression.

Supporting East African Investigative Journalism ⑫

\$ 120,000

To foster in-depth investigative journalism in East Africa, the organization will enhance the capacity of journalists through strategic content partnerships and targeted training, facilitate the production of high-quality journalistic pieces on critical regional issues, and use public events and online platforms to share findings, discuss corruption implications, and encourage citizen participation in anti-corruption efforts.

Promoting Independent Media ⑫

\$ 218,836

To provide access to independent news and democratic dialogue inside the country and among the diasporas, the organization will produce and publish Tigrinya, Arabic, and English language news reports and analysis on developments in the country and region through its radio and social media platforms, host a training and internship program for journalists, and collaborate with civil society organizations in the diaspora to discuss human rights and democracy.

Building a Network of Trained Human Rights and Casualty Documenters ⑫

\$ 81,500

To develop the capacity of human rights defenders, the organization will train human rights partners in their network on international best standards of casualty reporting, provide translated materials in local languages, and equip them with the skills to replicate and expand the training.

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Promoting Independent Journalism ⑫

\$ 45,600

To support access to information, the organization will publish daily articles on its website and social media about key political and economic developments in the region, and periodic long-form investigative articles on critical trends in the country's peace process for both local and international audiences.

Core Institute

Solidarity Center

Strengthening Trade Union and Community Organizations' Advocacy for Democratic Practices ⑫

\$ 1,315,789

To promote worker rights, freedom of association, accountable governments, and democratic practices in East Africa, the Center will support partner organizations in advocating for worker rights protections and the inclusion of labor protections in bi-lateral trade partnerships, enhance worker participation in accountable governance, and strengthen the voice of marginalized workers.

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL

Strengthening Cross-Border Democratic Resilience ⑯

China in the World

\$ 180,100

To promote a deeper understanding of the implications of China's expanding influence on democracy in the region, the organization will support a regional team of democracy champions to conduct research, learning, and advocacy that promotes democratic values in the selected countries.

Strengthening Alliances for Civic Freedom ⑨

\$ 100,000

To protect civic freedoms, the organization will help civil society organizations navigate restrictions caused by the misuse of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulations through the provision of technical support, peer exchange, and helping partners develop strategies to advocate for legal reforms.

Promoting Open Parliament Engagements and Networking in Southern Africa ⑫

\$ 102,100

To establish a community of parliamentary engagement and monitoring organizations, the organization will facilitate participation in the Africa Open Parliament Index, organize a regional conference, and conduct virtual training workshops across Southern Africa to share experiences and best practices for parliamentary openness.

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Promoting Press Freedom and the Right to Information ⑫

\$ 52,500

To protect freedom of expression and access to information, the organization will advocate for press freedom laws, publish annual reports on press freedom violations, hold advocacy meetings, and provide technical and logistical support to a peer association, strengthening a network dedicated to defending journalists and promoting free and independent media.

Core Institute

Solidarity Center

Strengthening Worker-Led Democratic Institutions ⑫

\$ 657,851

To strengthen worker-led democratic institutions, the Center will enhance the capacity of the two largest worker-led institutions to effectively represent and advocate for workers' rights, providing technical and financial assistance to expand their reach, improve internal structures, and grow their memberships.

Solidarity Center

Protecting Freedom of Association ⑫

\$ 246,880

To protect fundamental human rights, including freedoms of association and expression, the Center will foster labor-civil society collaboration and cross-border partnerships with regional unions to promote democracy and worker rights, while empowering marginalized groups, especially women and youth, to participate in trade unions, worker-led organizations, and civic and political processes.

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL

Promoting Investigative Reporting and Access to Information ⑫

\$ 80,000

To promote access to information, the organization will support journalists in producing investigative and data-driven reports on governance issues, strengthen their reporting skills, and facilitate virtual debates and conferences to discuss key regional governance challenges.

Strengthening Democratic Solidarity ⑫

\$ 200,000

To enhance civil society's capacity to advance democratic transitions and reverse democratic backsliding, the organization will collaborate with a regional civil society network to monitor government performance, issue reports, conduct transition observation missions, and establish a research hub to assess authoritarian trends and design resilience initiatives.

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Promoting Youth Political and Civic Participation ⑫**\$ 175,000**

To mobilize youth in promoting participatory democracy, defending freedom, and advancing democratic reforms, the organization will host a civic organizing school for youth activists and support their campaigns to engage citizens, and convene regional civil society gatherings to discuss responses to democratic backsliding.

Supporting Open Parliament Engagements and Networking ⑫**\$ 150,000**

To advance parliamentary transparency and accountability across national and regional legislatures, the organization will conduct legislative performance assessments, advocacy skills workshops for parliamentary monitors, create a legislative transparency index and online resource hub, and deploy monitors to regional parliamentary bodies.

Advancing Media Freedom ⑫**\$ 120,000**

To strengthen media freedom, the organization will enhance collaboration among media freedom groups, build their advocacy capacity, and work with the Economic Community of West African States to promote media freedom within its democracy mandate, while also launching national-level media freedom campaigns.

Promoting Public Interest Law to Advance Justice and Human Rights ⑪**\$ 100,000**

To foster a culture of public interest law, the organization will support a regional network of civil society organizations in conducting human rights litigation, build a network of public interest lawyers, launch legal clinics, and conduct advocacy campaigns across national and regional courts.

Strengthening Democracy Through Media ⑮**\$ 160,000**

To strengthen regional journalists' capacity and enable informed political participation, the organization will produce democracy-focused media content, collaborate with civil society to establish forums and public debates, and enhance digital capacities to broaden its reach.

Advancing Citizen Participation Through Technology ⑫**\$ 150,000**

To enhance civil society's understanding and application of technology in advancing citizen participation, the organization will foster new civic tech leaders through a fellowship program, promote networking and collaboration, and conduct research to publish and disseminate articles on civic tech.

Enhancing Women's Political Participation ⑫**\$ 50,000**

To strengthen young women's political participation, the organization will collaborate with the Economic Community of West African States to train political parties on women's involvement, develop a youth engagement strategy, and mentor young women aspiring to enter politics.

⑪ denotes the length of the grant in months.

Strengthening Democratic Resilience ⑫

Russia in the World

\$ 114,000

To strengthen civil society's capacity for democratic resilience, the organization will collaborate with activists to research threats to democratic norms, convene a coalition to design policy recommendations, and implement advocacy campaigns to mobilize government, media, academia, and civil society stakeholders to defend democratic values.

Core Institute

International Republican Institute

Strengthening Civil Society to Improve Transitional Government Accountability ⑫

\$ 1,200,000

To monitor transitional processes and support a return to constitutional rule, the Institute will support civil society to collect citizen feedback, conduct civic awareness campaigns, and advocate with transitional authorities, while increasing public pressure for constitutional restoration and drawing international attention to the progress of transitional plans.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Countering Democratic Backsliding ⑫

\$ 550,000

To mobilize and equip civil society and media organizations in West Africa, the Institute will support country-specific assessments and regional experience-sharing to counter democratic backsliding, encouraging cooperation on strategies to address authoritarian influence campaigns, and provide subgrants and technical assistance to regional partners.

Solidarity Center

Promoting Worker Rights, Agency, and Voice ⑫

\$ 1,006,893

To strengthen collaboration between unions and civil society to improve worker rights, civic participation, and accountable governance, the Center will support coalition building, organizing, awareness raising, and advocacy to advance social protections, policies against harassment and violence against women, and political participation.

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