

# MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

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## AFGHANISTAN

### Promoting Free Expression ⑨

**\$ 525,000**

To promote free expression and democratic values, the organization will operate an independent satellite TV channel providing news, analysis, and cultural programs, serving as a platform for civil society to advocate for democracy, human rights, and social change.

### Strengthening Local Civic Leadership ⑦

**\$ 17,500**

To promote youth engagement in local decision-making and counter anti-democratic narratives, the organization will run civic education workshops for civil society actors and youth leaders in two provinces and work with university lecturers to implement the program and build a network.

### Building a Network of Democracy Advocates ⑫

**\$ 109,000**

To strengthen a network of civic and political leaders in the diaspora, the organization will host conferences and workshops for Afghan civil society leaders, political figures, media personalities, and youth leaders to encourage national dialogue and cooperation in support of democracy, civic space, and human rights.

### Providing Independent Local News ⑦

**\$ 23,500**

To ensure the availability of independent news and information for the citizens of Balkh province and enhance the capacity of an independent media organization, the organization will operate an independent FM radio news channel, featuring a wide range of programs on political, economic, and social affairs in Balkh.

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**Promoting Youth Engagement ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To strengthen youth civic engagement in northern Balkh province, the organization will support community-based youth organizations in assessing local needs, advocating for access to public services, and representing communities at the provincial level, while holding civic and community dialogues to foster local engagement in decision-making processes.

**Supporting Democracy Advocates-at-Risk ⑫****\$ 70,000**

To bolster support for democracy advocates-at-risk and enhance their ability to adapt and continue their work, the organization will facilitate fellowships for scholars, journalists, writers, human rights defenders, and civil society leaders who had to flee the country, while providing modest financial support to improve their mid-to-long-term resettlement prospects.

**Strengthening Local Women Journalists ⑫****\$ 44,000**

To enhance the capacity of a women-led news agency and expand the availability of news and analysis, the organization will provide independent news analysis in Dari, Pashto, and English on its website and social media, focusing on women's political rights and human rights.

**Defending Women's Rights ⑫****\$ 60,000**

To promote women's rights and facilitate access to justice for women facing persecution, the organization will provide legal aid and advice to women in three provinces and hold advocacy meetings to promote the enforcement of legal protections for Afghan women under the current justice system.

**Advancing Women's Judicial Rights Through Legal Training and Advocacy ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To enhance the capacity of women professionals to promote women's judicial rights and access to justice, the organization will provide legal training and mentorship in four provinces, establish a network for collective advocacy, and conduct research on the challenges women face in seeking justice, sharing findings with local and international human rights organizations.

**Promoting Democratic Values and Supporting At-Risk Artists ⑫****\$ 100,000**

To protect and promote the rights of artists and foster collaboration between them and civic activists for collective advocacy efforts, the organization will support and mentor a network of artists and activists by organizing workshops, networking events, and promoting collective advocacy initiatives to promote democratic values.

**Protecting Women's Political Rights ⑫****\$ 60,000**

To empower women activists and protect women's political rights, the organization will monitor the human and women's rights situation across the country through its local network, produce monthly and quarterly reports, and hold home-based classes in two provinces to provide safe spaces for women to network and collaborate on women's rights.

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**Promoting Civic Values on Local Radio ⑫****\$ 55,000**

To strengthen local independent media and promote democratic ideas and civic values, the organization will produce and broadcast civic programs on political, economic, and social issues in Dari and Pashto on its FM radio channel, while training reporters and journalism students.

**Empowering Women Journalists and Promoting Women's Political Rights ⑪****\$ 50,000**

To provide independent news content and maintain women's participation and representation in the media, the organization will provide women journalists a platform through its FM radio network to produce and broadcast news on women's political issues and advocate for women's rights and freedom of expression.

**Preserving Freedom of Expression and Access to Information ⑫****\$ 200,000**

To support freedom of expression and provide accurate, timely, and reliable information, the organization will produce and publish online news, investigative reports, and analytical pieces in Dari and Pashto, promote citizen journalists, and release regular monitoring reports on the repression of journalists and media.

**Sustaining and Supporting Independent Media ⑫****\$ 300,000**

To expand the availability of news and strengthen the sustainability of independent media, the organization will deliver independent news and reports in Dari, Pashto, Uzbek, and English on democracy, human rights, and accountability, while livestreaming daily news in Dari and Pashto and hosting discussions to promote freedom of expression and information.

**Supporting Independent Pashto-Language Media ⑫****\$ 55,000**

To expand the reach of independent media in southern Afghanistan, the organization will maintain and enhance its multimedia online platform, produce daily news reports and analysis in Pashto, and stream social and cultural programs promoting democratic ideas and civic values.

**Documenting Human Rights Abuses ⑫****\$ 110,000**

To defend human rights and monitor violations of international humanitarian law, the organization will document, map, and report on cases of extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, illegal detention, and human rights abuses of Afghan citizens, conduct a public perception, and advocate for accountability and adherence to international humanitarian law.

**Promoting Public Policy and Debate ⑫****\$ 180,000**

To strengthen informed public discourse and democratic policy debate, the organization will bring together civil society leaders, democratic actors, academics, and regional and international stakeholders to discuss Afghan and regional issues, while producing research papers to encourage policy analysis and public debate.

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**Promoting Democratic Values and Pluralistic Leadership ⑫****\$ 70,000**

To empower youth and women leaders and foster pluralism, the organization will hold seminars at universities to promote democratic values, expand its network of women youth leaders for advocacy on women's political rights, organize youth debates, and produce podcasts to promote pluralistic ideas and initiatives.

**Supporting Local Women Journalists ⑫****\$ 43,500**

To enhance the capacity of a media organization to report on the conditions of women's rights in western Afghanistan, the organization will provide news in Dari and Pashto languages on its website and social media, and produce podcasts for women to share their experiences under Taliban rule.

**Supporting Independent Local Media ⑫****\$ 47,000**

To support independent media, the organization will produce and broadcast news and programs on political, economic, and social affairs through its FM radio, while training reporters and university journalism students.

**Empowering Women Through Research, Training, and Advocacy ⑫****\$ 130,000**

To strengthen women's engagement in policy research and advocacy, the organization will publish an annual peer-reviewed public policy journal, train women students and professionals to develop policy briefs, and conduct bimonthly surveys to ensure women's perspectives are reflected on national issues.

**Strengthening Youth Entrepreneurship ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To instill in youth an awareness of the values of entrepreneurship, market economics, and democracy, the organization will implement its entrepreneurship curriculum in high schools across four provinces, train teachers, organize business proposal competitions, and offer two business start-up courses for students.

**Defending Women's Political Rights ⑫****\$ 120,000**

To promote women's political rights and amplify their voices at local and international levels, the organization will host panel discussions with women civil society leaders, conduct advocacy meetings with international stakeholders, and engage Afghan activists from inside and outside the country.

**Promoting Public Debate and Youth Agency ⑫****\$ 90,000**

To facilitate debate on a future democratic vision and promote youth participation in public life, the organization will use its digital platform to host talk shows, produce documentaries on positive social change, and provide a space for youth to engage in debates about the country's democratic future.

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**Maintaining Space for Women Journalists ②④****\$ 45,000**

To enhance the capacity of a women-led news agency and provide space for women journalists in Afghanistan, the organization will maintain a news agency providing independent news and analysis on women's political rights, human rights, and accountability, and host virtual seminars for women journalists on online journalism, investigative reporting, photojournalism, and media advocacy.

**Promoting Democratic Values and Principles ②④****\$ 50,500**

To support a professionals' forum in Herat province, the organization will conduct research projects on democratic values, provide leadership training for university students and civil society actors, and publish a daily news bulletin and monthly magazine focused on local affairs.

**Strengthening Grassroots Women's Political Rights Organizations ②④****\$ 94,000**

To defend and promote women's political rights, the organization will strengthen civil society groups by enhancing their capacity, facilitating collaboration, and supporting their participation in international forums while developing institutional capacity and risk mitigation plans.

**Promoting Youth Leadership and Debate ②④****\$ 62,500**

To promote critical thinking and strengthen leadership skills among university students, the organization will conduct leadership and advocacy trainings, organize online debate tournaments, and support youth in leading collective advocacy efforts for marginalized communities.

**Core Institute****Center for International Private Enterprise****Strengthening Private Sector Leadership in National Discourse ①②****\$ 350,000**

To empower coalitions of civic actors and business leaders to improve citizens' livelihoods, the Center will enhance the advocacy capacity of local chambers, support women and girls' entrepreneurship skills, and integrate a local entrepreneurship program for civic education and training.

**International Republican Institute****Preserving Afghan Civil Space ①②****\$ 500,000**

To preserve civic space, the Institute will support grassroots leaders and youth activists to advocate for their communities' needs, empower youth with leadership skills, and research challenges facing youth to facilitate discussions on integrating their perspectives into advocacy strategies.

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# ALGERIA

## Defending Human Rights ⑫

**\$ 50,000**

To promote respect for human rights and seek accountability for abuses, the organization will monitor and document violations, advocate with international organizations, and convene strategy sessions with diaspora civil society to support embattled activists facing detention and abuse.

## Advancing Human Rights and Transitional Justice ⑫

**\$ 45,000**

To promote human rights and advocate for effective transitional justice, the organization will document enforced disappearances, lead advocacy efforts, maintain a research center on memory and human rights, and produce a weekly radio program on related topics.

## Strengthening Citizen Participation ⑫

**\$ 146,000**

To promote youth and women's civic engagement, the organization will provide support to civil society organizations, conduct leadership and human rights-based training, convene forums on coalition building, and mentor participants to lead community action projects and advocacy initiatives.

## Protecting Human Rights Defenders ⑫

**\$ 150,000**

To improve human rights defenders' access to justice, the organization will engage lawyers to provide legal assistance, collect data, and lead advocacy efforts with national and international groups to raise awareness and support fair trials.

## Core Institute

### Center for International Private Enterprise

#### Increasing Private Sector Advocacy for Economic Reform ⑫

**\$ 250,000**

To enhance private sector-led economic reform advocacy and to strengthen the capacity of business associations to serve their members, the Center will support business champions in advocating for a modern, open economy, educate the public and decision-makers, and collaborate with local partners to drive reform and prioritize economic issues.

### Solidarity Center

#### Defending the Fundamental Rights of Workers ⑧

**\$ 84,706**

To strengthen the capacity of unions to defend workers' fundamental rights, the Center will lead workshops for women and youth trade unionists to address specific challenges, and build trade union leaders' strategies to tackle current threats to workers' rights and freedoms.

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# EGYPT

## **Supporting Civil Society ⑫**

**\$ 134,000**

To sustain independent civil society organizations, the organization will provide technical and financial support for institutional development, while offering training and consultations to overcome operational and legal challenges, enhancing efficiency and impact.

## **Building Networks, Consensus, and Action for Democratic Reforms ⑫**

**\$ 93,200**

To support civil society engagement in shaping a vision for democratization, the organization will facilitate online and in-person dialogue sessions with diverse stakeholders, including civil society, political parties, professional associations, and unions, and disseminate the recommendations through its network.

## **Enhancing Media Professionalism ⑫**

**\$ 35,000**

To improve the professionalism and reliability of the media sector, the organization will work with media outlets to strengthen evidence-based journalism, monitor online news sites, assess articles and outlets, and publish monthly evaluation reports on its platform.

## **Strengthening Political Parties ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To strengthen political party structures and participation in political processes, the organization will train political party outreach committees across ideologically diverse parties on political ideology, human rights, policy formulation, party bylaws, volunteer management, political communication, and election campaign skills for upcoming elections.

## **Advocating for Human Rights ④**

**\$ 15,800**

To promote accountability around human rights abuses, the organization will publish periodic reports on violations, produce reports on forced eviction and displacement, and advocate for greater accountability through outreach to the public, civil society organizations, and multilateral agencies.

## **Strengthening Local Governance ⑫**

**\$ 30,000**

To support youth activists promoting local governance reform and defend the rights of civil society activists, the organization will train youth on local administration issues, support advocacy campaigns addressing socioeconomic priorities, and embed network lawyers to provide pro-bono legal support and conduct strategic litigation on governance issues.

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**Renewing Democratic Leadership ⑫****\$ 45,000**

To revitalize interest in democratic norms, values, institutions, and processes, the organization will compile an Arabic summary of texts on democracy, create infographics to highlight key points, hold seminars on democratic concepts, and host a training camp to engage young Egyptians in discussions on promoting democratic outcomes.

**Documenting and Archiving Human Rights ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To strengthen access to information on human rights violations, the organization will collect and archive government, independent, and public records on politically motivated abuses, disseminate analytical reports for civil society advocacy, and conduct a training on data collection and verification for other organizations.

**Supporting Strategic Litigation to Promote Reform ⑫****\$ 64,400**

To enhance access to justice in human rights cases, the organization will strengthen a sub-national network of human rights lawyers, train them to target strategic cases, support their work locally and nationally, and produce an analytical study on their experiences and challenges.

**Supporting Independent Media ⑫****\$ 45,000**

To support a media initiative providing news and investigative reports, the organization will produce in-depth reports and articles on political, economic, and social developments, offering a platform for independent journalists whose work is marginalized or censored in mainstream media.

**Supporting a Platform for Democratic Discourse ⑫****\$ 98,000**

To strengthen access to information on corruption and approaches to combating it, the organization will support an independent digital platform for disseminating information on corruption, transparency, and democratic transitions, facilitate public debate, and sponsor a fellowship program to train young investigative journalists and place their work with independent outlets and think tanks in the MENA region.

**Organizing Informal Workers ⑫****\$ 21,900**

To facilitate informal sector workers' establishment of independent unions, the organization will conduct training on union management, electoral campaigns, and running for office in labor organizations, convene seminars to raise awareness of informal sector workers' issues, and provide legal representation and consultation to defend their social, cultural, and economic rights.

**Defending Media Freedom ⑫****\$ 41,000**

To defend media freedom and the rights of media professionals, the organization will provide legal defense for journalists facing legal prosecution, monitor the implementation of the policy agenda set by the journalists' syndicate through a digital platform, and provide regular updates to civil society and syndicate members to inform advocacy campaigns.

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**Supporting Independent Media ⑫****\$ 70,000**

To support independent news that reflects citizens' interests, the organization will mentor and train contributors, publish content from citizen and professional journalists, and create space for politically diverse voices in its reporting.

**Supporting Accountability in Detention Centers ⑫****\$ 68,800**

To protect human rights and support greater accountability and oversight of detention centers, the organization will conduct a study on the treatment of prisoners in new prison complexes, publish and expand mapping efforts on violations in detention facilities, and review and update its human rights monitoring and advocacy strategy.

**Supporting Forums for Emerging Policy Leaders ⑫****\$ 146,300**

To amplify the voices of thought leaders on democratic development and enhance grassroots advocacy on politically sensitive economic issues, the organization will mentor nonresident fellows in producing regional analysis in Arabic and English, support former political prisoners in resuming their pro-democracy efforts, and train journalists and civil society actors on using economic data in reporting and advocacy to improve coverage and advocacy on the political economy.

**Promoting Competitive Elections and Youth Leadership ⑫****\$ 28,000**

To advance policies and reforms that embrace genuine political competition and representation, the organization will host meetings between activists, political parties, and parliament members to advocate for a competitive electoral system and connect parliamentary candidates with civil society organizations to develop platforms promoting democratic principles.

**Informing the Public on Elections ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To enhance public understanding of candidates, platforms, contexts, norms, and processes in elections, the organization will establish an online resource center and produce text and multimedia content covering debates on election laws, candidates' policies, party and union officials' stances, and the management of electoral contests for national and subnational elections.

**Building a Foundation for Transitional Justice ⑫****\$ 25,200**

To revive attention on and promote a foundation for transitional justice, the organization will lead strategic litigation to activate a constitutional provision for a transitional justice commission, conduct research, publish reports, and organize multistakeholder discussions to reignite public and civil society interest in the topic.

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**Promoting Human Rights Online ⑫****\$ 41,200**

To identify and advocate for reform opportunities supporting human rights online, the organization will maintain a legal database on relevant laws and constitutional guarantees, produce reports on human rights online, and provide legal briefs, memoranda, and guidance to lawyers, civil society organizations, and companies on advocacy and best practices.

**Promoting Citizen Participation in Local Governance ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To strengthen transparency and raise awareness on public land development initiatives, the organization will produce research on government policy impact on public land, continue an online campaign on its consequences for local inhabitants, and convene stakeholders to emphasize participatory decision-making and government responsibility to protect public interests, including social, economic, and cultural rights.

**Promoting Democratic Dialogue ⑫****\$ 52,600**

To promote political pluralism and dialogue on democratic norms and priorities, the organization will nurture a network of youth, experts, and public figures to develop consensus around democratic priorities, maintain engagement through workshops, articles, and webinars, and produce reports to form a guide for building consensus among activists in exile and in-country.

**Monitoring Press and Media Freedom ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To support and defend journalists and media freedom, the organization will monitor the rights of media professionals and organizations, provide updates on violations and developments related to press freedoms, and publish monthly and annual reports on its website and social media to inform advocacy and support legal efforts for press freedom.

**Enhancing Participatory Democracy ⑫****\$ 17,000**

To strengthen local governance and defend the rights of civil society activists, the organization will engage lawyers, local leaders, civic groups, unions, politicians, and administrators in discussions around development goals, deliver an evaluation of the government's priorities, and produce an annual report on local democracy summarizing civic freedom and representation indicators.

**Developing a New Generation of Independent Media Professionals ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To support and strengthen independent media, the organization will train and mentor young journalists, provide material and logistical support, and help them produce professional-quality media content for independent outlets.

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### **Encouraging Youth Participation in Political Processes ⑫**

**\$ 40,000**

To strengthen civic and political participation among youth, the organization will hold a training for university students in three regions, providing an advanced course on political rights, the roles of parliament, political parties, local councils, and the processes for participating in and monitoring elections.

### **Promoting Accountability for the Treatment of Political Prisoners ⑫**

**\$ 42,000**

To advocate for detainees' human rights, the organization will identify pressing issues facing political prisoners, file cases on medical negligence, and produce a report and social media content to raise public awareness.

### **Promoting Rights of Religious Minorities and Youth Participation ⑫**

**\$ 35,000**

To empower and strengthen civic engagement among youth and religious minorities, the organization will provide training on anti-discrimination and access to justice, while holding coordination meetings and workshops on citizenship and civic participation.

### **Promoting Policy Debate and Solutions ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To support the development of an independent think tank focusing on economic issues, the organization will conduct research on the country's political economy, identify policy concerns regarding the economic crisis, propose solutions, create a website to showcase its work, and develop institutional policies while forming a board of advisors.

### **Negotiating for Democratic Reforms ⑫**

**\$ 43,000**

To promote incremental reform that increases public participation and civic engagement, the organization will produce an assessment of the National Dialogue's dynamics, form a working group of diverse civic actors, and organize meetings with political actors to facilitate legislative outcomes based on the Dialogue's recommendations.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Empowering Private Sector Stakeholders to Advance Market Reforms ⑫**

**\$ 800,010**

To support public-private dialogue on economic reform issues, the Center will continue its multi-stakeholder dialogue program, empower business groups at national and regional levels to engage in policy reform, and help develop the next generation of policymakers through partnerships with local business associations.

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

### **Strengthening Political Organizing Capacity Within Parties and Movements ⑮**

**\$ 350,000**

To support citizens contributing to the public discussion of national priorities, the Institute will assess the capacities and needs of political parties and social movements, offer capacity-building workshops to their leaders, and convene a roundtable to discuss policy alternatives for the country's future.

## **IRAN**

### **Advancing Policy Analysis and Debate on Democratization ⑫**

**\$ 178,000**

To foster collaboration and dialogue between Iranian civil society and political activists on a future democratic vision, and raise awareness about the rule of law and civic rights among the legal community, the organization will convene in-person conferences and online discussions, research, and analyze legal, economic, social, and political topics critical to democratization in Iran.

### **Promoting Human Rights Accountability ⑫**

**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen civil society's capacity to defend and promote human rights and the rule of law, the organization will train civic actors and lawyers on seeking accountability for rights violations, investigate and report on these violations, and conduct advocacy with international organizations.

### **Supporting Labor and At-Risk Activists ⑫**

**\$ 170,000**

To promote freedom of expression and assembly by empowering labor activists and civic actors, the organization will provide remote legal counsel to activists facing imprisonment, provide professional medical and psychosocial support, and use its online platform to raise awareness and public support for labor issues, particularly workers' and teachers' rights.

### **Strengthening Civil Society and Supporting Activists ⑫**

**\$ 100,500**

To support and defend human rights defenders and civic activists, the organization will provide technological tools to enhance citizens' security, organize joint advocacy campaigns, and offer strategic and organizational support to civic groups in collaboration with other civil society and international organizations.

### **Promoting Independent Journalism ⑫**

**\$ 92,100**

To strengthen independent journalism and promote networking among media professionals, the organization will develop an online resource center, publish relevant news and updates, provide information on journalists' rights to organize, and monitor and document violations against journalists.

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**Promoting Human Rights Education and Advocacy ⑫****\$ 120,000**

To promote human rights and democracy education, the organization will monitor and document human rights violations, advocate with international organizations for accountability, and expand its human rights database and online documentation initiatives.

**Fostering Freedom of Information ⑫****\$ 161,500**

To promote internet access and unrestricted flow of information, the organization will enhance the capacity of civil society organizations, journalists, and human rights defenders to navigate internet restrictions, while conducting a comprehensive research study on secure methods of sharing internet connectivity.

**Monitoring Human Rights Violations and Building Civic Activists' Capacity ⑫****\$ 103,500**

To promote human rights and enhance communication security and information access for human rights activists, the organization will maintain a database, publish regular reports, distribute a monthly digital magazine on human rights violations, and provide virtual technical assistance on communication and online security to activists.

**Monitoring Human Rights ⑫****\$ 155,000**

To strengthen awareness of the human rights situation and support human rights defenders, the organization will monitor, document, and report on violations, collaborate on investigations, and publish a quarterly magazine analyzing human rights laws and issues.

**Promoting Accountability and Combating Corruption ⑫****\$ 77,000**

To promote political discourse and enhance accountability, transparency, and participation, the organization will verify government data, publish analytical briefs, produce thematic reports on good governance, and conduct leadership trainings for emerging activist leaders.

**Promoting Accountability in Water Management and Investigating Corruption ⑫****\$ 110,000**

To promote accountability and transparency, the organization will raise awareness about corruption and dysfunctional policies exacerbating the country's water challenges and offer solutions, working with media organizations to elevate the issue in public debate and advocate for greater accountability.

**Strengthening Independent Labor Unions ⑫****\$ 101,000**

To enhance workers' knowledge of and advocacy for their legal rights, the organization will conduct a training program on labor laws, maintain an online platform for resources, and advocate with international human rights and labor organizations, while monitoring labor developments and producing a biannual report.

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**Establishing a New Digital Media Platform ⑫****\$ 150,000**

To promote freedom of information and provide in-depth analysis on social, security, economic, and political issues, the organization will establish an online platform producing daily news, analytical programs, and a weekly talk show in Persian, engaging audiences on critical issues about Iran's democratic future.

**Core Institute****Empowering Marginalized Groups ⑫****\$ 300,000**

To empower marginalized groups to advocate for their human rights, the organization will strengthen and expand civil society organizations by establishing new chapters for resource sharing and engagement.

**IRAQ****Promoting Local Governance Accountability ⑫****\$ 37,000**

To promote transparency and accountability of local government institutions, the organization will launch a program in Salah Ad-Din province to channel citizen concerns, conduct surveys, hold training workshops and dialogue sessions, produce media content, and host an event to present its findings.

**Measuring Indicators of Democracy ⑫****\$ 35,000**

To influence policy debates and decision-making on democratic reforms, the organization will publish and disseminate an annual index measuring Iraq's governance progress and civil society's role in advancing good governance, produce policy papers, organize advocacy meetings, and release the index findings at a conference with media, policymakers, and civil society leaders.

**Supporting Citizen Engagement Through Alternative Media ⑫****\$ 34,000**

To promote and encourage civic participation through alternative media, the organization will lead citizen advocacy and awareness campaigns using alternative media like documentaries and short videos, and will offer its in-house studio to other civil society groups and community activists for media production.

**Promoting Workers Rights ⑫****\$ 24,000**

To strengthen the implementation of labor laws in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the organization will monitor the enforcement of labor laws by government institutions, facilitate citizen input on a draft labor law on pensions and retirement, and communicate concerns to decision-makers through dialogue sessions, reports, and a press conference.

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**Fostering Responsive Local Governance ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To strengthen community participation in local decision-making and improve the responsiveness of local authorities, the organization will hold a training workshop and public forums with elected officials, civil society groups, academics, and the public to discuss local governance issues, while leading advocacy campaigns through meetings with legislators and media outreach.

**Promoting Democratic Values at Universities ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To promote rule of law and democratic principles within institutions of higher education in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the organization will advocate for campus elections, monitor and evaluate university and Ministry of Higher Education adherence to laws, and host discussions, publish reports, and present findings at forums.

**Enhancing Civic Engagement and Human Rights ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To enhance civic engagement and understanding of civic and human rights, the organization will train emerging local civil society activists in leadership, communication, human rights laws, and monitoring skills, and support initiatives led by the trainees to promote civic and human rights.

**Promoting Independent Media ⑫****\$ 35,000**

To provide media content on accountability, governance, and resource management, the organization will produce coverage of political and economic developments, cultural and educational programs, and host a show on provincial elections.

**Supporting Community Radio and Human Rights Journalism ⑫****\$ 35,000**

To strengthen independent media reporting through community radio in northern Iraq, the organization's Human Rights Journalism Unit will publish content on women's political rights, expand public outreach via its website, conduct a human rights reporting competition, and produce monthly reports on local government performance to enhance accountability.

**Improving Governance ④****\$ 20,000**

To strengthen civil society engagement in addressing governance priorities and improving natural resource management, the organization will conduct surveys, organize public seminars, publish policy papers, and meet with government officials to advocate its recommendations.

**Promoting Local Accountability ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To strengthen the performance and public engagement of Sulaimaniyah's elected local and national officials, the organization will monitor the performance of provincial councils and national parliamentarians, engage with lawmakers, publish annual reports, air radio talk shows, hold dialogue sessions, and expand its outreach through its website.

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**Strengthening Women's Leadership ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To support young women's participation and leadership in civic and political life in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the organization will support a network of women activists, lead roundtables, and assist trainees in advocacy campaigns on political party programs and women's presence in public life.

**Empowering Citizens to Advance Good Governance ⑫****\$ 75,000**

To strengthen good governance and amplify citizen-driven advocacy, the organization will support local good governance committees to conduct community needs assessments and facilitate citizen engagement with local and national officials to present and propose solutions for local governance challenges.

**Supporting Investigative Reporting on Issues of Public Interest ⑫****\$ 52,000**

To support and strengthen an independent media organization, the organization will produce investigative reports on politics, economics, human rights, public health, governance, fiscal transparency, and freedom of speech, and expand reporting through video content on its website and social media.

**Strengthening Community-Driven Accountability ⑫****\$ 32,000**

To strengthen civic participation and engage citizens in identifying solutions to local governance challenges, the organization will lead initiatives, advocacy campaigns, and dialogue sessions with citizens and government officials, organize meetings, facilitate forums for local government and citizen interaction, and advocate for local governance priorities.

**Promoting Information Accuracy ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To promote information accuracy in online media, the organization will publish content correcting inaccurate information related to political developments, and conduct workshops for journalists and volunteers on using open-source information and technological tools for verification.

**Promoting Transparency in the Energy Sector ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To provide independent media coverage of the energy sector in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, the organization will produce investigative and short-form reports using videos, infographics, and social media, develop a dedicated section on its website for energy sector reporting, and compile an annual report with key takeaways and recommendations.

**Strengthening Women's Legal Rights and Leadership ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To promote women's legal rights and empower women leaders, the organization will address legal inequalities faced by women, lead advocacy campaigns, host community forums on women's rights, maintain its pro-bono legal clinic, and hold events to present findings from its campaigns and legal clinic.

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**Monitoring Local Governance Institutions in Halabja ⑫****\$ 27,500**

To promote transparency and accountability of government institutions in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, the organization will monitor and evaluate government performance, survey citizen concerns, hold dialogue sessions, and publish an annual report with its findings.

**Advancing Economic Reform and Transparency ⑫****\$ 100,000**

To promote economic reforms and transparency, the organization will train local economic researchers, publish reports on the local economy, conduct research and interviews, convene experts, and host economy-focused events at its annual forum, while sharing reports regularly with decision-makers and civil society leaders.

**Enhancing the Capacity of Emerging Activists ⑫****\$ 85,000**

To enable youth to be community advocates on political and local issues, the organization will provide civic and leadership skills training, helping youth identify community needs and develop solutions, while conducting workshops and supporting their initiatives nationwide.

**Supporting and Enhancing Independent Media ⑫****\$ 60,000**

To strengthen and enable an independent outlet to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance, the organization will research and publish investigative reports on critical topics such as budgetary transparency, oversight bodies, the role of the parliament, and public spending.

**Providing Independent Media in Southern Iraq ⑫****\$ 225,000**

To strengthen a media organization and provide independent news for the citizens of southern Iraq, the organization will use its radio station, website, and social media platforms to produce daily news bulletins, talk shows, and programs focused on rule of law, good governance, and human rights.

**Strengthening Women's Leadership ⑫****\$ 37,000**

To enhance women's political rights and participation in public life, the organization will train women leaders, strengthen their presence in government and private sectors, produce policy papers, and host workshops and roundtable discussions to advocate for women's political rights.

**Promoting the Principles of Fair Trial ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To strengthen judicial professionalism and integrity in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the organization will study the implementation of criminal court laws and judicial performance, develop a guidebook on court proceedings aligned with international standards, and advocate for its recommendations with relevant stakeholders.

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**Fostering Peaceful Discourse ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To promote tolerance and respect for diversity in traditional and online media, the organization will monitor, document, and publish reports on hate speech, focusing on targeted online campaigns against minorities like Yazidis and Assyrian Christians, while encouraging dialogue and implementing initiatives like training and policy discussions to discourage hate speech and promote peaceful discourse.

**Supporting Press Freedom and Legal Support for Journalists ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To reinforce legal protections for journalists and defend press freedom, the organization will monitor and document violations, produce annual reports with recommendations, provide legal assistance, advocate for media law reforms, and develop a guide to support women journalists.

**Promoting Accountability and Good Governance ⑫****\$ 23,900**

To strengthen citizens' role and civil society's ability to improve transparency and accountability, the organization will publish annual reports on the state of the health sector, organize advocacy meetings and a strategy conference, track the implementation of plans, and engage the media to widely disseminate its work and activities.

**Monitoring Parliamentary Performance ⑫****\$ 78,000**

To enhance the transparency and accountability of the parliament, the organization will monitor parliament and its committees, prepare monthly and quarterly reports, hold press conferences and meetings to share findings, and publish an annual report to help voters and civil society understand the performance of members of parliament.

**Enhancing Women's Legal Protection ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To defend and protect women's rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the organization will monitor institutions handling violence against women cases, publish an annual report, host roundtables, lead advocacy campaigns for law enforcement, and promote domestic violence law education in law schools.

**Enhancing Accountability of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq Parliament ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To increase transparency and public engagement with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq's parliament, the organization will conduct a parliamentary monitoring program, track legislative activities and electoral promises, and publish reports for stakeholders in parliament, government, NGOs, and the media.

**Promoting Accountability and Independent Reporting ⑫****\$ 70,000**

To strengthen independent media, provide news, and report on corruption, the organization will launch an online news website providing independent coverage of regional and international news, government accountability, and the rule of law, along with publishing investigative reports, partnering with independent media groups, and mentoring young journalists.

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**Advocating for Budget Transparency ②④****\$ 40,000**

To improve civil society's role in budgetary processes, the organization will analyze the budget, produce annual reports, and lead advocacy meetings and dialogue sessions with local government officials, civil society groups, and community leaders.

**Promoting Government Transparency and Accountability ②④****\$ 30,000**

To enhance understanding and application of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and develop actionable recommendations to address implementation gaps, the organization will bring together experts and civil society groups to analyze UNCAC review recommendations, propose measures to fight corruption, and produce reports and case studies on corruption in various sectors.

**Advocating for Budget Transparency ①②****\$ 30,000**

To improve the role and participation of civil society in budgetary processes, the organization will analyze the budget, produce a simplified report with infographics and videos, share it on social and local media, hold discussions with local officials, civil society groups, and community leaders, and lead advocacy meetings to address identified issues.

**Promoting Parliamentary Accountability ①②****\$ 25,000**

To enhance accountability, transparency, and responsiveness of parliament, the organization will train civil society activists in Najaf to monitor parliament members' productivity, engage in policy reforms, organize community meetings, and lead advocacy campaigns for parliamentary accountability.

**Supporting Women's Political Empowerment and Participation ②④****\$ 50,000**

To strengthen the role of women in public and political life in Basra province, the organization will establish a team of women to support, monitor, and evaluate the performance of female members of the Provincial Council, training the team to conduct surveys, listening sessions, and interviews to produce monthly monitoring reports, quarterly analytical reports, and recommendations to empower the women council members.

**Monitoring Government Performance ②④****\$ 130,000**

To promote governmental and legislative transparency and accountability, the organization will monitor parliamentary and cabinet activities online, conduct polls, share data with the public and media, gather citizen questions for decision-makers, and host an annual conference on technology in governance.

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**Promoting Transparency and Rule of Law ②④**

**\$ 25,000**

To strengthen accountability and rule of law in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the organization will assess officials' fulfillment of anti-corruption promises, form a monitoring team to document government policies, and produce a study on the transparency of the regional budget process.

**Core Institute**

**Center for International Private Enterprise**

**Strengthening Democratic Governance at the Provincial and Regional Levels ⑫**

**\$ 625,000**

To strengthen democratic and participatory governance, the Center will institutionalize participatory governance practices, enhance transparency in provincial decision-making, and convene public and private stakeholders to set governance and economic development priorities while fostering civic networking and knowledge exchange.

**International Republican Institute**

**Promoting Improved Local Governance ⑨**

**\$ 550,000**

To support transparent and accountable local governance, the Institute will strengthen civil society-local government engagement, equip civil society partners in four provinces to identify transparency gaps and advocate for open government reforms, and support newly elected provincial councilors with tools for effective and responsive governance.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Improving Responsiveness of Elected Representatives ⑫**

**\$ 250,000**

To prepare elected representatives to effectively respond to citizens' needs, the Institute will train reformist and independent parliament members and staff through skills-building sessions, mentoring, and coaching focused on public communications, constituent engagement, and participatory policy development.

**Solidarity Center**

**Promoting Freedom of Association and a Representative Labor Movement ⑫**

**\$ 307,050**

To promote freedom of association and strengthen the labor movement, the Center and its partners will train workers to enhance women's union participation, raise awareness of new labor and association laws, and establish a national trade union youth network to empower activists through peer-to-peer education.

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## JORDAN

### Protecting Freedom of Association ⑫

**\$ 31,000**

To promote civil and social movements' freedom of association, the organization will highlight civil society organizations' challenges, advocate for policy reform, publish semi-annual reports, host quarterly webinars, train organizations on capacity-building, produce a policy paper, and convene a national dialogue forum.

### Enhancing Media Coverage of Parliamentary and Political Affairs ⑫

**\$ 50,000**

To raise citizen awareness and understanding of political and parliamentary life, the organization will produce and broadcast a weekly politics program covering party developments, parliamentary updates, Members of Parliament interviews, media reactions, and social media discussions.

### Enhancing Collective Efforts to Strengthen and Expand Civic Space ⑫

**\$ 50,000**

To strengthen collective action that expands and protects civic space, the organization will coordinate member collaboration, enhance stakeholder cooperation, hold forums on rights-based issues, provide training and mentoring on financial sustainability, and lead a public awareness campaign on civil society's role in protecting civic space.

## LEBANON

### Promoting Economic Reform Policies ⑫

**\$ 40,000**

To promote economic reform policies aligned with a market economy, the organization will host a leadership academy to train local activists and influencers in economic reform practices, policy development, and advocacy, focusing on local challenges and solutions.

### Engaging Youth Citizens to Protect Public Space ⑫

**\$ 30,000**

To hold government officials accountable for open access to and protection of public spaces, the organization and its civil society coalition will launch a youth-led advocacy campaign, push for legislative amendments, conduct advocacy meetings, produce awareness videos, and lead a public discussion with decision-makers.

### Energizing Civic Debate Through Media ⑫

**\$ 85,000**

To strengthen an independent forum for dialogue and energize civic debate in southern Lebanon, the organization will publish twelve magazine issues in print and online, maintain daily news, editorials, and analysis on its website, and cover political, educational, and social issues in the region.

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**Enhancing Reporting on Issues of Accountability ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To promote evidence-based journalism on accountability, the organization will produce a toolkit on the multi-stakeholder initiative to rebuild Beirut after the 2020 port explosion and launch three six-month fellowship cohorts for local journalists to use the toolkit in reporting on the rebuilding efforts.

**Supporting a National Campaign for the Disappeared ⑫****\$ 37,000**

To promote national reconciliation and clarify the fate of the missing and disappeared, the organization will raise awareness through local roundtables, monitor and document gravesites, and update its database with additional research.

**Challenging Censorship ⑫****\$ 41,000**

To advocate for freedom of expression and bridge political polarization, the organization will support youth in modeling and promoting free expression through public seminars, digital content fostering dialogue on personal freedoms, and advocacy with local stakeholders.

**Strengthening Independent and Democratic Trade Unions ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To stimulate democratic reforms in the trade union movement and support new free trade unions, the organization will conduct capacity-building trainings, support the development of democratic unions, and lead awareness sessions on trade union reform and expansion.

**Promoting Youth Engagement with Elections ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To advance youth engagement with elections and elected bodies, the organization will train youth groups to monitor municipalities, develop advocacy skills, and monitor the pre-election campaign period to assess compliance with Lebanese law and international best practices.

**Strengthening Accountability and Justice ⑫****\$ 35,000**

To strengthen citizens' calls for justice and accountability, the organization will coordinate an initiative among families of Beirut port blast victims, track case developments, provide advocacy capacity-building, and lead three advocacy initiatives responding to ongoing events.

**Core Institute****Center for International Private Enterprise****Catalyzing Private Sector-Led Solutions for Recovery and Reform ⑫****\$ 425,089**

To promote transparency and accountability in democratic governance and strengthen private sector engagement, the Center will support partners in advancing an online procurement platform to expose conflicts of interest, raise awareness of public-private partnership laws, and facilitate business-municipality cooperation to reduce cronyism and encourage competition.

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## **International Republican Institute**

### **Supporting a Reform-Minded Political Alternative ⑫**

**\$ 400,000**

To foster a reform-minded coalition of parliament members and candidates, the Institute will engage citizens in community discussions, provide technical support for translating political vision into clear platforms, and facilitate coalition-building around policy solutions to present credible alternatives to non-democratic actors.

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

### **Strengthening Competitive Elections ⑫**

**\$ 490,000**

To strengthen the ability of reform-minded political actors to compete in elections and advance political change, the Institute will provide technical assistance to candidates and movement-based parties, address knowledge and resource gaps, foster collaboration among reform groups, and support platform development and public debate participation for the 2026 parliamentary elections.

# **LIBYA**

### **Engaging Legal Mechanisms for the Defense and Protection of Human Rights ⑫**

**\$ 60,000**

To enhance access to justice in human rights and civil liberties cases, the organization will provide pro-bono legal support, lead strategic litigation in Libyan courts, and raise awareness through videos, podcasts, and a legal magazine.

### **Promoting Citizen Political Engagement ⑫**

**\$ 30,000**

To enhance civic and political engagement of marginalized communities, the organization will strengthen civil society organizations supporting youth, women, and people with disabilities in municipal elections, conduct trainings on political communication and campaigning, and lead voter mobilization and awareness campaigns.

### **Enhancing Women's Political Rights and Engagement in Public Life ⑫**

**\$ 25,000**

To enhance women's civic and political participation, the organization will assess barriers to women's political involvement, train women candidates on campaign skills and election laws, lead an awareness campaign for local elections, and convene stakeholders for roundtable discussions on increasing women's political participation.

### **Strengthening Independent Media ⑫**

**\$ 40,000**

To promote media professionalism in a conflict environment, the organization will conduct an awareness campaign on media-driven violence, enhance its digital research platform, produce podcasts, publish data on incitement and hate speech, and promote professional journalistic standards.

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## Core Institute

### National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

#### Strengthening Local Civic Engagement ⑫

\$ 300,000

To strengthen civil society collaboration with local government, the Institute will support three Libyan organizations in engaging public officials on service delivery issues, promote participatory governance through technical assistance, and facilitate civil society's engagement with municipal authorities.

## MAURITANIA

#### Promoting the Rights of Marginalized Communities ⑫

\$ 63,000

To promote rule of law and raise awareness of marginalized groups' rights, the organization will conduct workshops on international and Mauritanian legal protections, train lawyers, officials, and civil society on human rights and accountability, and strengthen a network advocating for the rule of law.

#### Promoting Youth Community Engagement ⑫

\$ 30,000

To engage youth and promote social cohesion among marginalized communities, the organization will conduct youth leadership workshops, support initiatives on dialogue and conflict prevention, advocate for youth engagement in local governance, and facilitate peer exchange visits to a neighboring country.

#### Empowering Local Women Leaders ⑫

\$ 30,000

To strengthen the capacity of women leaders in local cooperatives, the organization will train them on governance, women's rights, coalition building, and advocacy, conduct workshops on political leadership and communication, host forums on women's political and economic participation, and lead advocacy efforts to enhance women's role in public life.

#### Enhancing Women's Leadership ⑫

\$ 25,000

To advance women's engagement in public life, the organization will build the leadership capacity of elected women in marginalized communities, convene meetings with advocacy committees and officials on priority issues, and lead awareness campaigns on women's civic and political participation.

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### **Promoting Participatory Public Policy Making ⑫**

**\$ 26,000**

To engage civil society in public policy processes, the organization will convene experts and civil society to assess national policy implementation, advocate for civil society tax exemption status, organize roundtables, and meet with national stakeholders to share its findings and recommendations.

## **Core Institute**

### **Solidarity Center**

### **Promoting the Role of Unions to Expand Freedom of Association ⑦**

**\$ 84,707**

To expand freedom of association, the Center will work with unions and workers' organizations to strengthen advocacy for legislative reforms, support workers in raising their collective voice, and enhance their role in holding the government accountable.

# **MOROCCO**

### **Engaging Citizens in Local Democracy ④**

**\$ 8,000**

To promote responsive governance and engage newly elected officials with their constituents, the organization will hold forums and citizen discussions on governance, meet with local officials, and lead workshops to help newly elected officials address key citizen concerns.

### **Enhancing Youth Public Engagement ⑫**

**\$ 30,000**

To promote youth leadership and public participation, the organization will engage, educate, and mentor youth in Morocco's social, economic, and political life, connect them with elected officials, provide workshops on public petitions and local governance, train them in civic journalism, and support youth-led community projects.

### **Strengthening Parliament's Capacity ⑫**

**\$ 25,000**

To enhance the capacity of parliament members and committees, the organization will work with committees and administrative staff, lead trainings on public policy evaluation methodologies, and conduct workshops for journalists to report on parliamentary activities.

### **Promoting Participatory Local Governance ⑫**

**\$ 27,000**

To strengthen accountability and transparency at the municipal level in the Fez-Meknes region, the organization will train civil society members, elected officials, and advisory board members on open government and citizen participation, convene forums to identify shared values, and form a stakeholder coalition to promote and monitor government transparency and citizen inclusion in decision-making.

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**Engaging Civil Society in Public Policy ⑫****\$ 45,000**

To promote public policy research and debate on legal reforms affecting individual rights, the organization will form a coalition of researchers and stakeholders, provide training on public opinion research, host a conference on public policy and the penal code, publish policy papers on penal code reforms, and promote collaboration among think tanks to inform and influence policy.

**Promoting Participatory Democracy ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To promote the participation of persons with disabilities in political processes, the organization will convene regional and national forums, establish a multi-stakeholder coalition for political inclusion, train local councils and political parties on policy development, and hold advocacy meetings with national stakeholders.

**Strengthening Consultative Process in Governance ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To foster cooperation among civil society, local councils, and advisory commissions on local democracy and citizen participation, the organization will train stakeholders on participatory democracy, convene forums to identify shared values, form a stakeholder coalition, raise awareness on citizen participation, and run a weekly civic engagement clinic.

**Advocating Effective Policies ⑫****\$ 55,000**

To promote best practices in collective land governance, the organization will hold forums on land ownership laws and their impact on governance, convene roundtables on procurement and land use licensing and the implications on local communities, launch an observatory to monitor law implementation, and lead national advocacy initiatives.

**Promoting Citizen-Centered Policy and Governance ⑫****\$ 42,000**

To promote participatory governance and public policy, the organization will train elected officials and civil society in the Tangiers-Tetouan-Al Hoceima region on the access to information law and public policy processes, convene discussions on budget law constraints, and lead a study day on policy evaluation and participatory governance alignment.

**Strengthening Parliamentary Transparency ⑫****\$ 80,000**

To enhance citizens' access to parliamentary information, the organization will engage parliamentarians through online town halls, produce parliamentary podcasts, monitor commitments to the Open Government Partnership Initiative, train civil society on advocacy, and collaborate with the Upper House to improve online engagement and citizen outreach.

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**Enhancing Civil Society's Role in Governance ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To promote participatory governance at the regional level, the organization will convene stakeholders on public consultations in decision-making, host workshops on strategic planning and policy monitoring, and use a good governance practices index to produce reports analyzing government performance.

**Promoting Women's Political Rights and Leadership ⑫****\$ 27,000**

To promote women's participation in decision-making and support women political leaders, the organization will convene public forums on national and local priorities, conduct workshops on public policy and advocacy, and provide ongoing support for women leaders in monitoring policy implementation and raising awareness on citizen priorities.

**Promoting Civil Society-University Engagement ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To foster cooperation between civil society and universities and promote community service learning, the organization will work with a Marrakesh university to create a legal aid program, engage law students with civil society, host workshops on advocacy and policy planning, provide legal support to local groups, and lead initiatives on community priorities.

**Promoting Women's Participation in Public Life ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To enhance women's representation in government institutions, the organization will hold multi-stakeholder forums on amending legislation, lead workshops for professional organizations, labor unions, political parties, and civil society, and convene roundtable discussions to develop recommendations and an advocacy plan focused on women's representation in public institutions.

**Promoting Citizens' Rights ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To strengthen mechanisms for addressing citizen grievances, the organization will train staff of the national mediation institution, hold discussions with civil society and the media on its role in protecting citizens' rights, and encourage collaboration between civil society and the institution to address tensions with public administration.

**Promoting Participatory Policy Development ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To advocate for good governance and strengthen civil society in policymaking, the organization will convene discussions on participatory policy development in five provinces, train elected officials, youth, and women on public policy design and monitoring, and enhance youth capacities for public debate and advocacy campaigns.

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**Empowering Rural Communities ⑫****\$ 25,000**

To promote the political inclusion of rural communities, the organization will conduct workshops for officials, civil society leaders, and youth on community action plans, train women activists and decision-makers on reform processes, engage youth in monitoring community planning, and promote democracy and civic education in academic institutions.

**Promoting Youth Participation Through Media ⑫****\$ 42,000**

To expand freedom of expression and encourage youth engagement, the organization will produce content on current affairs and democracy for its online TV channel in Arabic targeting youth and university students, and train young journalists, technical staff, and students in TV content production, editorial guidelines, and presentation skills.

**Promoting an Enabling Environment for Professional Independent Media ⑫****\$ 45,000**

To support freedom of expression and media freedom, the organization will train young journalists on human rights and media laws, conduct a study on media self-regulation, lead advocacy efforts, and promote press code amendments aligned with human rights principles.

**Promoting Access to Justice ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To promote rule of law and defend freedom of assembly and expression, the organization will operate a legal aid clinic to monitor human rights court cases, convene stakeholders in seminars on legal protections for expression and access to information, produce a public policy report, and lead joint advocacy efforts with civil society partners.

**Supporting Good Governance in Youth-Centered Institutions ⑫****\$ 53,000**

To advocate for good governance in youth-centered public institutions, the organization will convene forums on youth engagement, monitor governance practices in youth centers, produce recommendations to improve the governing law, and lead a campaign for budget allocation and effectiveness in addressing youth needs.

**Advancing Human Rights and Rule of Law ⑫****\$ 41,300**

To promote debate on human rights and the rule of law, the organization will establish an expert committee to improve training modules, develop a human rights education framework, conduct trainings and mock trials for law students, and establish a legal aid clinic with a pro-bono network of legal experts.

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### **Promoting Public Policy Research ⑫**

**\$ 68,000**

To promote public institution accountability through evidence-based research, the organization will produce the Trust in Public Institutions Index, measure public trust and perceptions of institutional effectiveness, and convene policy discussions and conferences on its findings and recommendations.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Bolstering Regional Political Party Branches in Sousse Massa Region ⑫**

**\$ 500,000**

To strengthen regional political party engagement with citizens, the Institute will support five political parties and their women and youth wings in building internal coordination systems, improving communication skills, and engaging with citizens on policy solutions, while helping them integrate training recommendations into their policies and platforms.

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

#### **Supporting the Next Generation of Young Political Leaders ⑫**

**\$ 490,000**

To strengthen youth leadership in political parties, the Institute will work with emerging youth leaders and political parties to support meaningful youth involvement, train and support youth civic leaders, and collaborate with national and regional party leadership to build strategies for youth participation.

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Strengthening Worker Voice and Freedom of Association ⑫**

**\$ 628,811**

To strengthen workers' rights to freedom of association and enhance union capacity, the Center will train workers on organizing, collective bargaining, and monitoring rights violations, support unions in adapting to technological change, and train union leaders on developing inclusive labor reform policies based on marginalized workers' input.

## **SYRIA**

### **Promoting Independent Media ⑫**

**\$ 30,000**

To promote objective reporting on southern Syria, the organization will provide independent news coverage on security, social, economic, and human rights issues in Suwayda and neighboring areas, and regularly publish developments through its established web presence.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Informing Citizens During Conflict ⑫****\$ 33,200**

To provide verified real-time public knowledge and analysis, the organization will provide independent media coverage in a population center with limited access to credible information, focusing on security, economic, and social issues.

**Strengthening Independent Media ⑫****\$ 57,400**

To enhance the emergence of free, independent media, the organization will produce a weekly newspaper and daily online news service providing independent journalism on local political, military, economic, social, and cultural developments as an alternative to state-controlled and sectarian media.

**Consolidating Professional Media across Zones of Conflict ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To standardize data-driven investigative reporting in conflict zones, the organization will train cohorts of journalists to develop investigative reports requiring local and provincial-level information, and coach teams working across diverse geographic and political landscapes to produce joint reports on local authorities' responses to service-delivery challenges.

**Reporting on Human Rights Violations ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To strengthen accurate human rights reporting, the organization will develop an online platform in Arabic and minority languages including Kurdish, Turkish, and Syriac, organize hybrid workshops on its international reporting materials, and provide mentorship to a core group of human rights defenders to support their submissions to relevant bodies.

**Promoting Independent Media ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To promote objective reporting on southern Syria, the organization will provide independent news coverage on security incidents, social and economic updates, and human rights violations in Daraa and neighboring areas, and disseminate reports through its established web presence.

**Stopping Attacks on Healthcare ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To enhance the protection of basic human rights, the organization will raise awareness of attacks on Syria's medical community, document case studies through an oral history initiative, lead a working group to develop accountability strategies, and contribute digital content to increase public awareness.

**Professionalizing Independent Media Outlets ⑫****\$ 32,000**

To strengthen the professional standards and capacity of independent media outlets, the organization will use its membership network to normalize professional standards, organize forums on freedom of information, media's role in accountability, and ethical journalism, and conduct a workshop on professional media standards.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Strengthening and Supporting Independent Journalists ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To defend journalists' ability to report safely on an ongoing conflict, the organization will monitor and document violations, publish monthly summary reports, share findings with media organizations and rights groups, provide legal assistance to members, and organize two dialogue sessions on challenges facing journalists.

**Promoting Democratic Values ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To advocate for good governance reform in local stakeholder dialogues, the organization will assess civil council reforms to improve governance and reduce communal tensions, contract an expert for a desk review and stakeholder interviews, and moderate dialogues and community endorsement sessions on reform.

**Establishing a Rule of Law Culture ⑫****\$ 52,200**

To promote the rule of law and protect human rights, the organization will lead webinars on accountability, constitutional reform, human rights, and civic space protection, and maintain a web platform to foster discussions on the rule of law in democratic society.

**Empowering Emerging Youth Leaders ⑫****\$ 35,500**

To build the capacity of emerging community youth leaders, the organization will form a youth-led general assembly to coordinate volunteer work, train members in governance and management strategies, support research on volunteer work by youth think tank members, and assist in conducting an advocacy campaign.

**Promoting Independent Media ⑫****\$ 31,000**

To enhance the role of independent media in expanding democratic thought and promoting accountability, the organization will provide daily and bimonthly news coverage on local community concerns, including public service delivery, military movements, security developments, and citizen opinions, through its online media platforms.

## **TUNISIA**

**Promoting Good Governance ⑥****\$ 15,000**

To promote accountability and good governance in extractive industries, the organization will train civil society on transparency laws, conduct surveys and awareness campaigns, convene a seminar to discuss findings and propose solutions, advocacy strategies and action plans.

⑥ denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Promoting Citizen Engagement in Local Governance ⑦****\$ 17,500**

To strengthen civil society and citizen engagement in local governance, the organization will train civil society members and local councilors on citizen participation, and organize citizen forums to collect local development suggestions for consideration by local and regional councils.

**Promoting Responsive Municipal Governance ⑦****\$ 16,500**

To enhance the ability of local elected officials to respond to community needs and improve civil society's capacity to monitor municipal services, the organization will host a governance conference, train youth to map community needs, present recommendations to municipalities, and organize seminars on public-private partnerships.

**Promoting Political Dialogue and Consensus Building ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To build consensus within Tunisia's pro-democracy movement, the organization will host national dialogue meetings with stakeholders on returning Tunisia to a democratic path, lead workshops on democratic discourse and representative democracy, and engage youth activists in promoting democratic ideas.

**Strengthening Good Governance Practices ⑦****\$ 18,500**

To empower civil society to advocate for good governance practices, the organization will produce a study on the legal framework governing extractive industries, convene a seminar to discuss the results with partner organizations, and conduct workshops on best practices.

**Supporting a Democratic Electoral Framework ⑬****\$ 115,000**

To promote a transparent electoral process and representative institutions, the organization will conduct regional consultations, advocate for electoral law changes, train domestic election observers, produce observation reports, and lead a domestic monitoring initiative during the presidential and municipal elections.

**Supporting Local Independent Radios ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To support the development of quality independent journalism on local issues, the organization will train local radio journalists in investigative journalism, data journalism, and podcasts, provide technical assistance, produce in-depth investigations, and publish a guide on the new legal framework for elections.

**Facilitating Public Policy Dialogue ⑫****\$ 150,000**

To support a dialogue process on the economic crisis, the organization will conduct bilateral consultations with politicians, unions, business leaders, and civil society, convene roundtable discussions to develop solutions, and produce a final report synthesizing the findings.

⑦ denotes the length of the grant in months.



**Supporting Independent Journalism ⑫****\$ 74,000**

To support independent media and preserve media freedom, the organization will establish a branch outside the country, develop a network of contributing journalists, and publish articles, podcasts, and other content on political, economic, and social issues relevant to the country, diaspora, and domestic audiences.

**Defending Freedom of Expression ⑫****\$ 52,000**

To document and raise awareness of violations of freedom of expression, the organization will monitor violations, train human rights defenders, lead advocacy campaigns, provide legal assistance to victims, and collaborate with partners to develop a network advocating for freedom of expression.

**Supporting Independent Media ⑫****\$ 35,000**

To promote high-quality, data-driven independent journalism, the organization will train journalists to produce stories with visuals, graphics, and interactive maps, focusing on economic issues, politics, parliamentary affairs, human rights, corruption, and key legislation.

**Promoting Public Accountability ②④****\$ 60,000**

To raise awareness of and protect public accountability mechanisms for combating corruption, the organization will engage with lawyers and legal experts on whistleblower cases, track and raise awareness of public corruption investigations, and produce a radio show and podcasts discussing corruption issues.

**Enhancing Independent Media's Content Production Capabilities ⑫****\$ 100,000**

To expand independent media reporting on democracy and governance, the organization will produce short explainer videos and longer video segments focused on governance and democratic developments in the country.

**Promoting Citizen Oversight of Lawmaking ②④****\$ 39,000**

To engage civil society in monitoring legislation, the organization will monitor bills and presidential decrees for human rights conformity, produce articles and videos with analysis, convene seminars on key legislation, produce a radio show on legal and legislative developments, and advocate against rights-infringing measures.

**Empowering Informal Workers ②④****\$ 103,000**

To promote socio-economic dialogue by strengthening informal workers' participation, the organization will conduct a needs assessment, training on advocacy, work with stakeholders to create a roadmap for a formal federation of informal worker unions, and lead advocacy campaigns to encourage their participation.

②④ denotes the length of the grant in months.

### **Protecting Rights and Freedoms ⑫**

**\$ 125,000**

To defend civil and political rights, the organization will train lawyers on national and international legal protections, support the development of a nongovernmental organization focused on defending civil and political rights, and assist defenders of rights guaranteed by the country's constitution.

### **Core Institute**

**International Republican Institute**

#### **Supporting Civic Activism ⑫**

**\$ 500,000**

To support youth engagement across sectors in political life, the Institute will bridge gaps between political parties, and civil society, guide a cohort of youth to design and implement civic initiatives, and conduct research on evolving citizen perceptions to inform civic and political actors' work.

#### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Revitalizing Worker Voice in Closing Civic Space ⑫**

**\$ 373,190**

To enhance unions' capacity to advocate for workers' rights and strengthen internal structures, the Center will help unions organize platform workers, advocate for legal protections, support tax reform campaigns, and build capacity to organize youth workers in call centers and strengthen regional unions.

## **TURKEY**

### **Providing Independent Local News ⑫**

**\$ 86,600**

To strengthen and expand local media, the organization will offer independent news on political, social, and economic issues, train local journalists in eight cities on digital, rights-based, and election reporting, and expand its content into written, audio, and video formats.

### **Defending Independent Media and Free Expression ⑫**

**\$ 120,000**

To strengthen and advocate for media freedom and independence, the organization will maintain a web platform for discussions on independent media, commission articles on press freedom, provide legal assistance to journalists and free expression advocates, and amplify its advocacy efforts.

### **Promoting Democratic Engagement and Transparent Parliament ⑫**

**\$ 100,000**

To strengthen accountability and transparency of legislative processes, the organization will monitor parliamentary sessions, summarize proceedings, share updates on its website and social media, analyze discussions and bills daily, and publish annual reports based on user feedback.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Promoting Freedom of Information ⑫****\$ 200,000**

To provide objective and nonpartisan coverage of political developments, the organization will provide evidence-based policy analysis, cover the 2024 local elections impartially, and produce hundreds of videos, reports, and voter perception segments.

**Promoting Structural Reforms ⑫****\$ 73,500**

To strengthen the rule of law and promote good governance, the organization will advocate for reforms in key institutions, especially the judiciary, host workshops to identify democratic deficits, and produce reports with reform recommendations to guide advocacy efforts.

**Empowering Women's Role in Public Life ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To enhance the capacity of a nascent organization to advance women's political participation, the organization will empower women for public discourse and policymaking, expand its volunteer network, and release five policy papers on key women's issues.

**Enhancing Freedom of Information ⑫****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen the knowledge and capacity of media organizations and journalists, the organization will promote freedom of information, produce reports on digital advertising transparency, and conduct training programs on digital media literacy, investigative reporting, and data journalism.

**Supporting Investigative Reporting on Governance Issues ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To promote transparency and accountability through investigative journalism, the organization will publish reports, podcasts, and videos on public procurement and services, investigate corruption with expert journalists, and share materials on its website and social media.

**Enhancing the Impact of Civil Society on Decisionmaking ⑫****\$ 40,000**

To strengthen civil society organizations' capacity to address financial and administrative regulations, the organization will amplify their voices, present demands to city councils, parliament, and political parties, create a network of civil society organizations, and hold meetings with political representatives.

**Supporting Media Freedom at the Local Level ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To promote and strengthen legal protection for local journalists, the organization will monitor legal cases against journalists, provide legal support, train lawyers on press freedom, and share findings on rights violations with national human rights groups and bar associations.

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**Fostering Collaboration Among Civil Society Actors to Advance Human Rights ⑫**

**\$ 40,000**

To strengthen networking among human rights-focused civil society groups, the organization will train civil society organizations on the Universal Periodic Review process, monitor and advocate for the implementation of recommendations, and lead an advocacy campaign.

**Promoting Youth Awareness and Engagement in Public Policy Issues ⑫**

**\$ 40,000**

To foster democratic ideas and advance public policy debate among youth, the organization will produce videos, blog posts, and regular infographics on socio-economic issues to engage youth on political developments via social media.

**Strengthening Youth Participation in Political Parties ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To increase youth participation and representation in political parties and decision-making, the organization will organize workshops, seminars, and networking events for young politicians, and publish research and policy papers with recommendations on enhancing youth participation in politics.

**Supporting Legal Assistance to Journalists ⑫**

**\$ 84,000**

To promote freedom of expression and enhance legal protection for independent journalists, the organization will conduct strategic litigation, address legal harassment, provide legal aid, monitor trials, conduct prison visits, and lead advocacy campaigns to ensure compliance with human rights standards.

**Strengthening Independent Media ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To strengthen the quality and reach of independent media initiatives, the organization will expand its online academy to offer digital media training in non-metropolitan cities, covering content creation, social media, and podcasting, with mentorship for innovative media projects.

**Providing a Platform for Independent Voices and Analysis ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To enhance the capacity of a digital media outlet to provide independent analysis, the organization will produce daily live streams, engage viewers in real-time, and expand its digital outreach via social media, community engagement, and collaborations with content creators.

**Strengthening Youth Participation in Decisionmaking Processes ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To enhance youth participation in decision-making processes, the organization will strengthen its youth network, promote municipal advocacy, recruit members for its national youth board, and train volunteers to organize workshops on youth-driven policy recommendations.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

### **Promoting Informed Public Discourse ②4**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote freedom of expression and foster discussion on key socioeconomic and political issues, the organization will analyze public policy, produce expert podcasts, debate videos, a social media video series, and weekly newsletters with insights from academics, journalists, social workers, and activists.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Supporting A Youth and Policy-Driven Democratic Future ①2**

**\$ 550,000**

To foster issue-based policy development and cross-party dialogue, the Institute will train young political leaders, host policy forums for parties, and commission research to provide data on citizen concerns and policy issues.

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

#### **Enhancing Local Democratic Governance ①2**

**\$ 700,000**

To assist local government actors in improving responsive mechanisms for public engagement, the Institute will train and support newly elected local leaders, facilitate peer exchanges, and share best practices on participatory governance to foster sustainable public engagement models.

## **WEST BANK / GAZA**

#### **Advancing Public Accountability ①2**

**\$ 295,200**

To promote government accountability through a broadcast news program, the organization will produce and air a 50-minute interview-based program on the accountability of local government officials, civil society representatives, and decision-makers in political, economic, and social areas.

#### **Advancing Dialogue on Internal Reform Measures ①2**

**\$ 50,000**

To support peaceful and inclusive dialogue on internal reform and democratization, the organization will lead events and produce policy papers reflecting insights from key Palestinian experts on political reform, democratic governance, economic development, security plans, and social cohesion.

#### **Supporting Democratic Electoral Reform ②4**

**\$ 45,000**

To strengthen government responsiveness to citizens' needs in the West Bank through electoral reform, the organization will coordinate with civic groups for electoral reforms, lead trainings for candidates and election observers, and raise awareness through reports and public seminars.

② denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Preserving Youth Leadership in the Gaza Strip ⑫****\$ 32,000**

To promote the role of youth committed to democracy and human rights, the organization will maintain its youth committee to voice priorities, provide skills training in a political environment under threat, and support local opportunities and initiatives that advance democracy and human rights.

**Enhancing Local Government Accountability ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To enhance government accountability at the local level, the organization will relaunch a forum to enhance youth leadership, monitor government services, cover institutional costs, reassess priorities through strategic planning, and engage emerging youth leaders in new initiatives.

**Empowering Women in Journalism ⑫****\$ 50,000**

To strengthen the role of female journalists in media and public life, the organization will empower female journalists through training, raise awareness of their rights, facilitate internships with local media, support freelance content production, and establish initiatives to institutionalize a representative body for women journalists.

**Core Institute****International Republican Institute****Elevating Palestinian Voices in Policy Debate and Public Life ⑧****\$ 200,000**

To ensure citizen participation in political processes and policy debates, the Institute will support platforms for public engagement, conduct surveys with local partners, and facilitate public discussions on policy issues impacting communities and their future prospects.

**YEMEN****Advocating Internally Displaced People's Rights ⑦****\$ 12,000**

To engage civil society organizations in advocating for the rights of internally displaced people, the organization will collaborate with local groups to amplify their voices, monitor a government committee's performance, convene monthly public meetings, and maintain an e-platform and field presence to promote government responsiveness.

**Supporting Youth Cultural and Free Expression Forum ⑮****\$ 36,000**

To provide a safe platform for youth civic engagement, the organization will engage youth to identify local issues, explore solutions through research and debate, and address them by publishing articles, writing research papers, and convening public discussions.

⑧ denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Fostering Good Governance of Public Services ⑫****\$ 20,000**

To engage youth in promoting better governance of public services, the organization will train youth on advocacy, visit water, education, sewage, and sanitation departments in three districts, produce quarterly reports, share findings with local authorities, track progress on governance plans, and convene public meetings to discuss issues and recommendations.

**Strengthening a Network of Judges ⑥****\$ 5,000**

To promote women's participation in the judiciary, the organization will work with its network of judges to organize meetings, workshops, and conferences in two governorates, and collaborate with decision-makers to promote laws and mechanisms that increase women's participation in the judiciary.

**Promoting Women's Political Rights and Access to Justice ⑫****\$ 35,000**

To promote women's political rights in the media and legal system, the organization will produce radio episodes on women's economic, social, and political issues, collaborate with lawyers to track women's rights court cases, publish an annual report, and host a workshop to share findings with local and international stakeholders.

**Supporting Independent Media Coverage of Peace Negotiations ⑫****\$ 30,000**

To strengthen independent journalism, particularly in peace and reconciliation efforts, the organization will collaborate with its network of journalists to cover peace negotiations and conflict resolution, expand a dedicated section on its website, and feature regular reports, case studies from global conflicts, and a catalog of past and present negotiations.

**Laying the Foundation for Post-Conflict Governance ⑫****\$ 96,000**

To lay a foundation for agreements on priority issues for sustaining peace, the organization will convene roundtable discussions with various stakeholders on governance and socio-economic issues, summarize key takeaways and recommendations in memoranda, and share them with Yemeni and international stakeholders and policymakers.

**Engaging Youth Through Cultural and Media Productions ⑫****\$ 60,000**

To promote democratic ideas and values through film and multimedia content, the organization will train and mentor youth in advanced filmmaking, focusing on democratic values like civic engagement and freedom of expression, and produce infographics and short videos to promote critical analysis of prominent social media content.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

### **Enhancing Civil Society's Role in Peace Processes ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To strengthen civil society engagement in peacebuilding, the organization will build the capacity of a civil society coalition across various governorates by assessing needs, providing training, creating an online resource library on conflict resolution and peacebuilding, and offering support as the coalition contributes to the next peace negotiations.

### **Strengthening Women's Networks ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To promote and enhance women's role and representation in the peace process, the organization will train network members both inside and outside the country, improving their skills to advocate for an inclusive peace process and post-conflict transition framework.

### **Defending Freedom of Expression ⑫**

**\$ 40,000**

To strengthen legal frameworks protecting freedom of expression and media, the organization will conduct a study on relevant laws, convene seminars to discuss findings and recommendations, and lead efforts to advocate for legal reforms and better protection for journalists and media professionals.

### **Fostering Regional Dialogue on Democracy ⑫**

**\$ 150,000**

To foster dialogue and engage independent civil society in identifying recommendations and solutions to address instability in the Red Sea and MENA region, the organization will produce analytical articles and policy briefs with actionable recommendations, sharing them with stakeholders online and through private briefings.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Strengthening Private Sector Leadership to Advance Democratic Governance and Economic Recovery ⑫**

**\$ 450,000**

To empower national and provincial coalitions of business leaders to provide civic leadership and set priorities for democratic governance and economic recovery, the Center will support private sector and civic leaders in advocating for democratizing economic opportunities and addressing economic challenges caused by the conflict with private sector-driven solutions, while fostering public-private collaboration and improving the business environment at the provincial level.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.



## GULF REGIONAL

### **Monitoring Human Rights ⑨**

**\$ 38,000**

To protect, defend, and promote human rights, the organization will coordinate with its network of monitors to collect information, document violations, prepare reports, and publish an annual report on human rights conditions.

### **Promoting Political Reform Through Open Dialogue ⑦**

**\$ 29,000**

To promote open dialogue among civic activists on democratic reforms, the organization will hold events and conferences on political reform priorities and publish media content on its website and social media to promote democratic ideas and values.

### **Upholding Human Rights Commitments ⑫**

**\$ 50,000**

To support accountability for commitments to investigate and address human rights violations, the organization will publish a report analyzing follow-through on human rights commitments, provide recommendations for reform, and engage stakeholders to advocate for their implementation.

### **Promoting Political Participation ⑫**

**\$ 65,000**

To promote discussion and analysis on public policy and political participation, the organization will maintain an online forum for debates on governance, political, and economic reforms in Gulf countries, produce an index on political participation, and publish an annual report on key findings.

### **Promoting Human Rights ⑫**

**\$ 45,000**

To promote and defend human rights, the organization will collaborate with local activists to monitor and document violations, publish an annual report, support victims, and coordinate with local and international human rights organizations.

### **Supporting Human Rights Documentation and Advocacy ⑫**

**\$ 65,000**

To support at-risk human rights defenders, activists, and journalists, the organization will gather case information, prepare appeals, publish content, and lead advocacy campaigns in coordination with international human rights coalitions to raise awareness of imprisoned activists and journalists.

### **Defending Human Rights ⑫**

**\$ 155,000**

To promote and defend human rights, the organization will collaborate with local human rights activists to compile data on violations, publish annual reports, and conduct international and regional advocacy campaigns.

⑨ denotes the length of the grant in months.

### **Promoting Freedom of Expression ⑫**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote freedom of expression and provide an independent platform for discussing critical issues related to democratization, the organization will publish articles and reports on civil rights, judicial and political reform, and economic issues in the Gulf region, engaging regional journalists, experts, and contributors.

### **Monitoring and Advocating for Media Freedom ⑫**

**\$ 45,000**

To support press freedom and strengthen access to independent information, the organization will monitor violations against the press in the Gulf, publish annual reports, and provide a platform for contributions related to freedom of expression, while offering recommendations for media reform.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Building a Foundation for Civic Engagement ⑫**

**\$ 395,000**

To foster civic and political engagement, the Institute will work with civic activists to promote democratic principles in their communities, provide technical support to civil society organizations, and help develop context-specific approaches to strengthen participation in decision-making processes.

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Building Democratic Unions ⑫**

**\$ 416,517**

To build democratic values within unions and empower workers, the Center will train youth, women, and migrant leaders on advocating for their rights, report on participatory research on women workers, and develop union-driven responses to emerging threats to worker health and safety.

## **MENA REGIONAL**

### **Supporting New Tactics in Human Rights Advocacy ⑫**

**\$ 142,100**

To strengthen human rights activists' capacity for strategic advocacy, the organization will conduct a training-of-trainers workshop and mentorship program, lead a strategic planning session for civil society in four MENA countries, and establish country-specific working groups to coordinate responses to common challenges.

### **Fostering Civic Learning and Democratic Participation ⑫**

**\$ 91,000**

To support knowledge sharing on democratic governance and civic engagement, the organization will lead online courses, virtual dialogues, and workshops on local civic action, educate participants on good governance standards, and host a civic engagement challenge to practice real-world skills.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Strengthening Investigative Journalism ⑫****\$ 66,200**

To strengthen investigative journalism, the organization will mentor journalists through a seven-month residential fellowship, hold virtual workshops on advanced investigative techniques, support fellows in conducting accountability-focused investigations in MENA, and facilitate participation in its annual forum and an international networking event.

**Strengthening Independent Reporting on Corruption ⑫****\$ 250,000**

To strengthen anti-corruption reporting and build local journalists' investigative capacity, the organization will lead investigations on public trust violations, mismanagement of funds, and abuse of power while mentoring journalists in data gathering and reporting.

**Strengthening Community Radios ⑫****\$ 150,000**

To strengthen independent community media, the organization will lead a capacity-building initiative for community radios in Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, and Libya, facilitate regional exchanges and networking, provide mentorship on content production, and support a regional network advocating for legal reforms.

**Promoting Understanding of Grand Corruption and its Impact on Democracy ⑫****\$ 208,400**

To promote understanding of grand corruption elites' impact on democracy in the MENA region and foster collaboration between Arabic-speaking media professionals and international experts, the organization will produce videos on middlemen and enablers facilitating illicit financial flows and evading anti-money laundering protocols.

**Advancing Democratic Development Through Intergenerational Learning ⑫****\$ 100,100**

To enhance youth civic engagement and facilitate intergenerational learning, the organization will host online discussions and training sessions between youth and senior activists, and organize an in-person regional youth camp to develop leadership skills and strengthen connections between experienced activists and young participants.

**Promoting Accountability Through New Media and Technology ⑫****\$ 63,600**

To strengthen civil society groups' ability to monitor political processes and promote government accountability using new technology, the organization will build capacities through its regional fellowship program and support a regional alumni network to enhance collaboration on technology and governance.

**Strengthening Civil Society's Engagement with Mechanisms to Promote Accountability ⑫****\$ 80,500**

To develop civil society organizations' capacity to leverage International Finance Institution (IFI) mechanisms for accountability and civic space protection, the organization will provide analysis on IFI activities to CSOs in eight MENA countries, facilitate their engagement with IFIs and governments, and equip them with advocacy tools and methods.

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**Strengthening Youth Leadership in Public Policy ⑫****\$ 42,500**

To engage emerging leaders in shaping public policies on good governance and socioeconomic rights, the organization will support young researchers through skill-building and experience exchange, develop policy recommendations, produce analytical papers, create training kits, and train civil society organizations on socioeconomic issues.

**Enhancing Constitutional Law, Institutions, and Processes ⑫****\$ 122,600**

To strengthen expertise on rule of law and constitutional governance, the organization will host an annual academy for scholars, jurists, and decision-makers, mentor participants in developing policy papers, and support activities promoting their policy recommendations.

**Supporting Human Rights Advocacy ⑫****\$ 57,000**

To broaden public dialogue on human rights through film festivals and strengthen a regional advocacy network, the organization will provide expertise on using films for human rights advocacy, facilitate cooperation among member organizations, and offer research tools and resources to the human rights film community.

**Establishing a Regional Movement for Women's Political Empowerment ⑫****\$ 70,000**

To strengthen women's political representation and leadership through regional learning and solidarity, the organization will organize a conference for women leaders from the Middle East and North Africa, conduct research, and publish a report with recommendations and a regional roadmap for enhancing women's political participation.

**Supporting Dialogue on Contentious Political and Economic Issues ⑫****\$ 100,000**

To assess and strengthen pro-democracy and reform movements, the organization will conduct virtual dialogues and in-person workshops with civil society and political activists on economic, security, and political trends, and produce reports with key takeaways and recommendations for advancing reform efforts.

**Challenging Authoritarian Narratives ⑫****\$ 100,000**

To promote democratic values and counter authoritarian narratives, the organization will produce storytelling-style video documentaries and podcasts in Arabic that challenge portrayals of authoritarianism as essential for political stability and economic prosperity.

**Amplifying the Impact of Investigative Journalism ⑫****\$ 67,000**

To stimulate public dialogue on investigative findings, the organization will produce video podcasts amplifying issues from independent media investigations, increasing awareness and visibility on transparency, accountability, corruption, mismanagement, and human rights.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

**Protecting Human Rights Defenders ⑫****\$ 116,800**

To protect at-risk human rights defenders in Egypt, Libya, Syria, Tunisia, and Algeria, the organization will provide rapid financial assistance, facilitate engagement with human rights stakeholders, and offer coordination and mentoring services to sustain their activities.

**Advancing Data-Driven Policy Through Public Opinion Research ⑫****\$ 117,500**

To promote evidence-based policy and strengthen civil society's polling capacity, the organization will implement public opinion surveys in Mauritania and the West Bank and Gaza, publish reports, host events on findings, and train local partners in survey methodologies and data utilization.

**Supporting Electoral Reform ⑫****\$ 95,700**

To strengthen civil society organizations' ability to influence electoral reform and improve electoral processes and participation, the organization will produce multimedia content, including short videos, to promote regional understanding of elections, host roundtables, training sessions, and monitoring missions, and produce reports with recommendations and advocacy strategies for reforms.

**Engaging Policy Makers on Economic Reforms ⑫****\$ 130,000**

To enable MENA leaders to engage in economic policy reforms and risk analysis, the organization will host two regional academies on policy formulation, produce and disseminate analytical publications, lead advocacy efforts, and convene a regional policy forum to present key recommendations.

**Promoting Media Reform ⑫****\$ 125,000**

To support media freedom and independence through legal reform in the Maghreb region, the organization will convene civil society groups to monitor media regulations, train journalists and lawyers on freedom of expression laws, and provide legal assistance to journalists and defenders in Libya.

**Core Institute****Center for International Private Enterprise****Empowering New Business Constituencies to Champion Policy Reform ⑫****\$ 580,004**

To empower new business constituencies in public policy and economic governance, the Center's partner will train and support female leaders in economic policy dialogue, engage young entrepreneurs on policies for business growth, and convene business association stakeholders to build consensus on economic policy reforms.

⑫ denotes the length of the grant in months.

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

#### **Expanding Private Sector Engagement for Democratic Governance ⑫**

**\$ 899,877**

To equip civil society representing the private sector to advocate for inclusive economic policies, the Center will build the capacity of business associations to represent their members, support coalition advocacy in Jordan on consensus-driven policy positions, and assist Palestinian partners in crisis management and advocacy for economic reforms.

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

#### **Advancing Women's Leadership in the Economy and Policy Reform ⑫**

**\$ 200,000**

To amplify women's participation and leadership in economic policy and governance reforms, the Center will create a community of practice to foster exchange, problem-solving, and skill-building, elevate women leaders' profiles, and raise awareness of barriers to their participation in policy dialogues.

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

#### **Strengthening Business Association Connections in the Maghreb ⑫**

**\$ 255,473**

To strengthen independent business voices in the Maghreb and promote regional economic integration, the Center will convene business organizations for policy roundtables, provide small grants to support trade integration, and facilitate capacity-building sessions through peer learning.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Strengthening Political Party Leadership ⑫**

**\$ 400,000**

To empower the next generation of democratic-minded political party leadership and strengthen multi-party systems, the Institute will facilitate regional peer-to-peer exchanges and forums for dialogue among rising political party activists on political identity and coalition building.

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

#### **Encouraging Greater Political Engagement ⑥**

**\$ 250,000**

To increase the inclusion and influence of people with disabilities in political processes in the Middle East and North Africa, the Institute will strengthen a regional network of disabled people's organizations, enhance their capacity to hold decision-makers accountable, and facilitate access to best practices through an online repository of information, peer-to-peer mentoring, and cross-country networking.

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

#### **Strengthening Political Actors' Resilience ⑮**

**\$ 325,000**

To improve democratic discourse, the Institute will train politically engaged partners on recognizing and countering authoritarian interference campaigns, provide mentoring on defense strategies, and coach participants on disseminating knowledge within their organizations and communities.

⑮ denotes the length of the grant in months.

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Building the Capacity of Workers and Trade Unionists to Strengthen the Labor Movement ⑨**

**\$ 258,050**

To strengthen the labor movement and protect workers' interests, the Center will build the capacity of the independent labor movement, support a labor rights organization in expanding a regional union federation, promote government adherence to international labor standards, and establish a legal and journalists' association to support workers' rights.

⑨ denotes the length of the grant in months.