

# AFRICA

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## ANGOLA

### **Promoting Participatory and Transparent Governance**

**\$ 45,000**

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

### **Promoting Freedom of Expression and of the Press**

**\$ 48,000**

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

### **Increasing Youth Civic Participation**

**\$ 60,000**

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

### **Protecting Human Rights Defenders**

**\$ 70,000**

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

### **Strengthening Civic Networks**

**\$ 80,000**

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

**Promoting Youth Civic Engagement****\$ 90,000**

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

**Protecting Freedom of Association****\$ 100,000**

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

**Increasing Citizen Participation in Promoting Transparency****\$ 100,000**

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

**Developing Leadership Skills and Democratic Values for Youth****\$ 240,000**

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

## **BURKINA FASO**

**Strengthen Youth Capacity to Defend Human Rights and the Civic Space****\$ 60,000**

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

**Advancing Democratic Values and Principles****\$ 95,000**

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

**Promoting Respect for Human Rights and Strengthening Access to Justice****\$ 106,500**

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

### **Advancing Human Rights Protections**

**\$ 110,000**

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

## **BURUNDI**

### **Strengthening Good Governance**

**\$ 40,000**

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

### **Promoting Democratic Values**

**\$ 46,092**

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

### **Documenting and Monitoring Post-Electoral Violence**

**\$ 55,000**

To monitor electoral conflict and promote human rights and accountability, the organization will document rights violations and provide legal assistance to survivors, analyze electoral compliance with national and international protocols, develop recommendations for future elections, and produce a documentary for advocacy.

### **Advocating for Justice through Human Rights Monitoring**

**\$ 55,000**

To promote democratic principles and prevent human rights violations, the organization will expand its monitoring network, improve reporting, highlight serious abuses, transmit cases to international bodies, and educate citizens on rights and democratic values.

### **Envisioning a Model for Good Governance**

**\$ 55,000**

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

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

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

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

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

**Preventing Violence and Supporting Youth During the Electoral Cycle****\$ 110,000**

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

## **CAMEROON**

**Increasing Citizen Participation in Elections****\$ 50,000**

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

**Supporting Peaceful Electoral Processes****\$ 50,000**

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

**Promoting Youth Civic and Electoral Participation****\$ 65,000**

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

**Promoting Youth Engagement and Leadership in Advancing Democratic Principles**  
**\$ 70,000**

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

**Mobilizing and Empowering Citizens to Uphold Election Integrity**  
**\$ 75,000**

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

**Enhancing Access to Information and Ensuring Accountability During Elections**  
**\$ 80,000**

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

**Advancing Youth Participation**  
**\$ 100,000**

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

## **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

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

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

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

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

### **Promoting Peace and Community Cohesion**

**\$ 64,900**

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

## **CHAD**

### **Strengthening Women's Political Participation**

**\$ 130,000**

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

### **Strengthening Freedom of Expression During Political Transition**

**\$ 130,000**

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

### **Supporting Citizen Election Monitoring**

**\$ 343,000**

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

## **CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

### **Advancing Peaceful Elections and Women's Political Participation**

**\$ 33,000**

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

**Fostering Civic Engagement in Elections****\$ 40,000**

To promote voter education for transparent and participatory elections, the organization will train youth leaders from urban and rural communities in civic education, community engagement, and conflict management, deploy them to mobilize and inform voters, and advocate for the publication of disaggregated electoral data.

**Advancing Peaceful Youth Participation in Elections****\$ 50,000**

To advance peaceful and participatory elections, the organization will hold consultations on challenges faced by youth and women, create education and awareness programs, and host discussions to encourage civic responsibility and peaceful participation in elections.

**Supporting Democratic Initiatives for Peaceful and Free Elections****\$ 60,000**

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

**Promoting Peaceful and Informed Electoral Participation****\$ 60,000**

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

**Promoting Nonviolence and Transparency in the Electoral Process****\$ 70,000**

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

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Promoting Peace and Political Participation in Elections****\$ 1,055,000**

To promote peaceful political participation in Côte d'Ivoire's presidential election, the Institute will support national and inter-ethnic dialogue, media campaigns, and poll-watching strategies with political parties to enhance electoral transparency.

# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

## **Promoting Human Rights for Improved Governance**

**\$ 48,750**

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

## **Combating Corruption in the Artisanal Mining Sector**

**\$ 50,000**

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

## **Monitoring Human Rights Violations**

**\$ 52,000**

To strengthen citizen monitoring of human rights violations, the organization will conduct workshops for local leaders and defenders, produce a human rights report to support advocacy, and organize dialogue meetings between community leaders and authorities.

## **Strengthening Local Governance and Youth Participation**

**\$ 52,500**

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

## **Empowering Youth to Defend Rights and Advocate for Change**

**\$ 57,500**

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

## **Improving Citizen Oversight in Local Governance**

**\$ 60,000**

To deepen citizen engagement and oversight for better governance, the organization will work with local authorities to strengthen resource governance, improve revenue management, and partner with citizen committees to develop accountability mechanisms.



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

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

**Enhancing Citizen Engagement for Electoral Reform****\$ 60,000**

To strengthen citizen engagement and advocacy for electoral reform, the organization will host community workshops, conduct awareness campaigns, gather data on citizen expectations, and use the findings to engage electoral and political authorities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Supporting Freedom of Expression to Build Accountability****\$ 130,000**

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

**Strengthening Youth Capacity to Promote Nonviolence****\$ 130,000**

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

**Engaging Youth Leaders in the Democratic Process****\$ 140,000**

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

**Supporting Human Rights Documentation and Monitoring****\$ 140,000**

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

**Promoting Women's Political Participation and Advancing Electoral Integrity****\$ 150,000**

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

**Supporting Provincial Institutions to Improve Democratic Governance****\$ 150,000**

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

**Combating High-Level Corruption****\$ 150,000**

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

### **Advancing Public Support for Electoral Reform**

**\$ 160,000**

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

### **Core Institute**

**International Republican Institute**

**Promoting Transparency and Improved Governance of Critical Minerals**

**\$ 800,000**

To promote transparency and improved governance in the critical minerals sector, the Institute will equip government officials, civil society, and community leaders with tools and knowledge to monitor the sector, advocate for reforms, and counter opaque foreign practices, supporting democratic oversight and a level playing field for responsible investment.

## **ETHIOPIA**

**Supporting Independent Media**

**\$ 54,629**

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

**Raising Awareness on Key Challenges in a Conflict-Affected Region**

**\$ 64,000**

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

**Rebuilding Civil Society in a Post-Conflict Context**

**\$ 69,665**

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

**Advancing Disability Rights Legislation and Advocacy**

**\$ 79,346**

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

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

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

**Independent Media to Support Democracy****\$ 104,000**

To enhance public awareness and engagement, the organization will produce Amharic-language news, video explainers, and multimedia content on public interest topics, political developments, and economic issues, and foster dialogue through its social media platforms.

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

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

**Strengthening Civic Leadership and Engagement****\$ 174,870**

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

**Strengthening Women Media Professionals****\$ 205,620**

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

**Building Democratic Culture Through Dialogue****\$ 208,287**

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

**Advancing Strategic Litigation Capacity****\$ 223,530**

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

### **Enhancing Youth Media and Digital Literacy**

**\$ 244,579**

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

## **Core Institute**

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

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

**\$ 800,000**

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

## **GAMBIA**

### **Promoting Justice and Accountability for Victims of Human Rights Violations**

**\$ 50,000**

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

### **Strengthening Journalists' Capacity for Transitional Justice Reporting**

**\$ 50,000**

To inform citizens about transitional justice and foster accountability, the organization will train journalists on special tribunals established to adjudicate cases of serious human rights violations, provide impartial, accurate, and balanced coverage, and raise awareness of tribunals' role in supporting justice and democratic consolidation.

### **Empowering Women Survivors of Human Rights Violations**

**\$ 55,000**

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

### **Strengthening Citizens' Participation in Governance**

**\$ 60,000**

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

**Promoting Constitutional Reforms****\$ 70,000**

To advance constitutional reforms and promote transparent elections, the organization will facilitate collaboration among pro-democracy actors to engage the government on the draft constitution bill, conduct public awareness campaigns to encourage participation, and observe the upcoming constitutional referendum to ensure transparency and inclusiveness.

**Advancing Human Rights, Accountability, and Reconciliation Through Memorialization****\$ 100,000**

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

## **GUINEA**

**Promoting Democratic Electoral Processes****\$ 40,000**

To promote peaceful and democratic electoral processes, the organization will train and deploy local activists to educate communities on the draft constitution and electoral laws and produce radio programs to inform and encourage public participation.

**Promoting Youth Leadership****\$ 70,000**

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

**Supporting Peaceful Land Governance****\$ 87,500**

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

**Promoting Democratic Transition Processes****\$ 95,000**

To enhance citizen access to information and political consensus during transition processes, the organization will strengthen the capacity of civil society and media to report on human rights, and produce radio, video, and theater programs to inform the public and promote dialogue among communities and political actors.



## **KENYA**

### **Enhancing Youth Political Participation**

**\$ 180,000**

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

### **Enhancing Citizen Awareness and Legislative Transparency for Greater Accountability**

**\$ 253,937**

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

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Promoting Responsive Subnational Governance and Youth Political Engagement**

**\$ 500,000**

To support government responsiveness and accountability, the Institute will equip youth leaders to monitor county expenditures, advocate for transparent budgeting, build relations with local officials to enable private sector investment, and strengthen relations between youth and political leaders to reduce electoral violence.

## **LIBERIA**

### **Improving Citizen-Police Relations**

**\$ 40,000**

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

### **Promoting Accountability in the Justice Sector**

**\$ 50,000**

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

### **Engaging Youth in Local Governance**

**\$ 120,000**

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

## **MALAWI**

### **Strengthening Accountability Through Investigative Journalism**

**\$ 65,000**

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

### **Bolstering Citizen Action against Corruption**

**\$ 140,000**

To mobilize a vibrant anti-corruption movement, the organization will train youth activists, artists, students, civil society, journalists, and citizens on digital tools, activism, citizen engagement, and anti-corruption legal frameworks, and will strengthen the National Anti-Corruption Alliance’s leadership role in combating corruption and impunity.

### **Strengthening Media Professionalism**

**\$ 170,000**

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

### **Coordinating Civil Society and Citizens to Advocate for Improved Governance**

**\$ 204,440**

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

### **Strengthening Governance Accountability Through Citizen Oversight**

**\$ 224,688**

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

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Promoting Youth Participation in Political and Electoral Processes**

**\$ 600,000**

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

## **MALI**

### **Promoting Access to Justice and Advancing the Protection of Human Rights**

**\$ 51,500**

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

### **Fostering Transparency and Accountability**

**\$ 60,000**

To advance citizen oversight of the extractive sector, the organization will hold stakeholder dialogues, encourage public demand for transparency, and run an incubator and bootcamps to empower youth-led initiatives that strengthen community-government engagement.

### **Promoting Civic Engagement to Advance Democracy**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote democratic values and civic engagement, the organization will strengthen the capacity of democracy advocates to engage in electoral processes, raise awareness about democracy, conduct civic education on democratic governance, and support community-driven initiatives that enable citizens to convey their priorities to decision-makers.

### **Promoting Independent Journalism**

**\$ 60,000**

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

### **Enhancing Independent Journalism**

**\$ 70,000**

To promote access to information and support democratic demands, the organization will enhance journalists' and activists' capacity for investigative reporting, advocate for press freedom, and maintain a secure media platform for independent news.

### **Strengthening Human Rights and Good Governance Through Access to Information**

**\$ 70,000**

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

### **Promoting Democracy and Combating Extremism**

**\$ 75,000**

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

## **MOZAMBIQUE**

### **Promoting Women's Political Participation**

**\$ 100,000**

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

### **Engaging Youth in Civic Action**

**\$ 120,000**

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

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Amplifying Youth Voices in Political Party Reforms**

**\$ 800,000**

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

# NIGERIA

## **Enhancing Political Education and Participation**

**\$ 29,468**

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

## **Promoting Political Leadership**

**\$ 30,000**

To prepare young women for civic and political leadership, the organization will conduct a civic needs assessment, launch a mentorship program for aspiring leaders, produce a podcast series with women leaders, and host university gatherings to discuss the episodes.

## **Activating Youth Voice to Deepen Democracy**

**\$ 50,000**

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

## **Defending Human Rights Defenders by Challenging Repressive Laws**

**\$ 65,000**

To promote freedom of speech and assembly, the organization will analyze restrictive laws, strengthen a network of activists defending these rights, launch a public awareness campaign on the harms of such laws, and advocate for legislative reform to protect free expression and assembly.

## **Fostering a Culture of Investigative and Data-Driven Journalism**

**\$ 65,625**

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

## **Advancing Peace and Security Through Journalism**

**\$ 70,000**

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

## **Strengthening Youth and Women's Political Participation**

**\$ 72,057**

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

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

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

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

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

**Establishing a Policy Portal for Democratic Advocacy****\$ 124,000**

To promote transparent and accountable governance in Nigeria, the organization will compile, analyze, and disseminate government policies on democratic governance, labor, and business regulation through its online platform, partner with civil society to identify reform priorities, and engage ministries and agencies to access and share relevant policies.

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

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

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

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

**Supporting Democratic Reform****\$ 180,000**

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

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Supporting Youth to Lead Electoral Reform Efforts in Nigeria****\$ 1,000,000**

To increase the engagement of young people in political processes in Nigeria, the Institute will strengthen the capacity of youth-focused civil society organizations and electoral stakeholders to build consensus on electoral reform priorities and pursue them through multi-stakeholder forums.

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

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

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Promoting Greater Private Sector Participation  
\$ 1,262,124**

To promote private sector engagement in advancing transparency and efficiency within the regulatory landscape, the Center will support policy advocacy for trade in services under the African Continental Free Trade Area, collaborate with local partners on peacebuilding initiatives, and conduct civic education efforts ahead of upcoming elections.

## **RWANDA**

**Engaging Journalists and Youth on Human Rights  
\$ 45,000**

To enhance the data skills of youth to promote freedom of expression and strengthen journalists' capacity to report on human rights, the organization will train youth on media and data literacy, train journalists on human rights and conflict reporting, and produce radio programs on human rights and social cohesion.

**Supporting Human Rights and Democratic Principles  
\$ 46,000**

To strengthen informal workers' capacity to claim their labor and human rights, the organization will train government authorities on protections for informal sector workers and conduct trainings for informal workers on democratic values and their professional, labor, and human rights.

**Protecting Freedom of Expression  
\$ 50,000**

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

**Monitoring Political and Human Rights  
\$ 55,000**

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

### **Defending Human Rights and Freedom of Expression**

**\$ 65,000**

To strengthen human rights defenders' capacity to protect democratic principles, the organization will work with youth clubs to raise awareness of human rights, train journalists in advocacy and democratic norms, monitor rights abuses, and support civil society networks.

### **Engaging Youth in Democratic Processes**

**\$ 75,000**

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

## **SOMALIA**

### **Enhancing Fiscal Governance**

**\$ 40,000**

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

### **Supporting Access to Information**

**\$ 50,000**

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

### **Expanding Information on Human Rights Protection**

**\$ 52,386**

To raise awareness of human rights and press freedom, the organization will document violations in a public database, publish an annual report on press freedom, provide legal support for journalists, and offer specialized training in human rights reporting.

### **Promoting Voices of Democracy**

**\$ 60,000**

To enhance governance and women's political participation, the organization will produce an online current affairs show focused on democratic governance and featuring in-depth reporting, expert interviews, and community perspectives to foster civic dialogue and amplify women's voices.



## **SOMALILAND**

### **Strengthening Independent Media Outlets**

**\$ 43,000**

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

### **Promoting Democratic Values and Freedom of Expression**

**\$ 110,000**

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

### **Enhancing Citizen Participation in Promoting Government Accountability**

**\$ 189,890**

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

## **SUDAN**

### **Building Community to Oppose the War**

**\$ 49,900**

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

### **Documenting Human Rights Violations in Darfur**

**\$ 65,000**

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

### **Increasing Public Access to Accurate Information**

**\$ 80,000**

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

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

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

**Demanding Accountability for Human Rights Violations****\$ 90,000**

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

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

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

**Promoting Independent Media****\$ 121,200**

To support access to independent information, the organization will publish daily English and Arabic news on political, economic, and conflict developments with a focus on Darfur, and collaborate on in-depth investigative stories that promote transparency and accountability.

**Raising Awareness of Human Rights Violations****\$ 135,660**

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

**Documenting Human Rights Violations****\$ 187,600**

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

**Monitoring and Documenting Human Rights Violations****\$ 200,000**

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

### **Empowering Diverse Voices and Participation**

**\$ 200,000**

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

### **Monitoring and Advocating for Human Rights**

**\$ 210,180**

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

### **Supporting Youth Leadership**

**\$ 259,598**

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

### **Supporting a Youth-Led Democratic Culture**

**\$ 300,800**

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

## **Core Institute**

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Building Capacity Among Informal Workers**

**\$ 522,585**

To strengthen the capacity of informal economy workers in Sudan to advocate for their rights and contribute to the peace process, the Center will provide a secure organizing space, support union formalization, and amplify worker voices through capacity building and advocacy initiatives.

## **TANZANIA**

### **Supporting Independent Journalism**

**\$ 56,000**

To promote independent media, the organization will publish a free weekly digital newspaper featuring political analysis and investigative reporting by a national network of journalists to foster informed debate and highlight underreported political issues.

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

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

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

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

**Advancing Human Rights and Democratic Practices****\$ 100,000**

To document and advocate for human rights and support credible elections, the organization will publish a human rights report to inform policy reform, promote citizen engagement, observe the 2025 general elections, and provide findings and recommendations for electoral reform.

**Promoting Transparency Through Media****\$ 140,000**

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

## **UGANDA**

**Elevating Citizen Voices Through Radio****\$ 43,133**

To promote freedom of expression and information, the organization will host weekly community radio debates and talk shows in a local language, rebroadcast them on social media, and foster dialogue and accountability on governance and electoral issues.

**Enhancing Citizen Political Participation****\$ 45,000**

To promote a credible electoral process and amplify citizen voices, the organization will conduct a national opinion poll ahead of the 2026 elections to generate data-driven insights that inform public discourse, civic engagement, and policymaking.

**Enhancing Parliamentary Accountability Through Digital Innovation and Media****\$ 50,000**

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

## **Fostering Transparency Through Investigative Journalism**

### **China in the World**

**\$ 60,000**

To enhance citizen awareness through investigative reporting, the organization will produce publications and multimedia content on political corruption, human rights abuses, and social justice issues, and partner with media outlets to co-broadcast content and broaden public engagement.

## **Supporting Independent Media**

**\$ 70,000**

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

## **Fostering Public Debate and Analysis**

**\$ 75,000**

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

## **Providing a Platform for Political Discourse**

**\$ 100,000**

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

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Strengthening Interparty Political Platforms for Women and Youth Ahead of Elections**

**\$ 500,000**

To strengthen interparty political structures and promote political participation of women and youth candidates, the Institute will support the establishment of regional chapters of the Interparty Women's Platform and Interparty Youth Platform and collaborate with the Women's Democracy Network to conduct a campaign school for first-time women and youth candidates.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Advancing Political Party Collaboration**

**\$ 1,000,000**

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

## **ZAMBIA**

### **Supporting Investigative Journalism**

**\$ 180,000**

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

### **Protecting and Promoting Human Rights and the Rule of Law**

**\$ 320,000**

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

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Enhancing Accountability, Transparency, and Citizen Participation in Constituency**

#### **Development Funds Implementation**

**\$ 500,000**

To improve accountability and community participation in Constituency Development Fund processes, the Institute will strengthen a local partner's capacity to conduct systematic political process monitoring of the CDF process in target constituencies.

## **ZIMBABWE**

### **Amplifying Voices for Change**

**\$ 50,000**

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

### **Investigating Human Rights Abuses**

**\$ 50,000**

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

**Strengthening Democracy and the Rule of Law****\$ 50,000**

To monitor parliament and advocate for legal reform and the rule of law, the organization will publicize information and analysis on parliamentary procedures, the courts, and independent commissions, conduct monitoring and advocacy, and provide legal expertise to promote democratic governance, freedom of assembly, and freedom of expression.

**Improving Public Accountability Through Investigative Journalism****\$ 50,000**

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

**Engaging Local Organizations in Democratic Reform****\$ 50,000**

To strengthen women's community-based organizations and advocate for the alignment of electoral laws with constitutional principles, the organization will collaborate with government and regional bodies, host multi-stakeholder meetings and a public campaign, and will provide technical support and grants to selected grassroots organizations.

**Promoting Rural Women's Participation in Accountable Governance****\$ 50,000**

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

**Fostering Citizen Engagement for Transparent Governance****\$ 62,500**

To enhance citizen awareness through investigative reporting and advocacy, the organization will equip citizens with tools to address governance challenges, promote accountability in resource management through journalism and data-driven advocacy, and foster broader civic engagement through town halls and digital media.

**Innovating Human Rights Reporting and Advocacy****\$ 100,000**

To monitor and report human rights violations and advance advocacy, the organization will collaborate with young defenders, use AI for verifying reports and analyzing trends, develop a human rights reporting platform, and run multimedia campaigns and tailored reports.

**Promoting Sustainable Local Governance Through Civic Participation****\$ 120,000**

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

**Bolstering Digital Security for Civic Activists and Human Rights Defenders****\$ 140,000**

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

**Building a Citizen-Driven Constitutional Movement****\$ 180,000**

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

**Strengthening Civil Society Capacity to Defend Civic Space****\$ 200,000**

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

**Enhancing Youth Involvement in Democratic Processes****\$ 240,000**

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

**Enhancing Citizen Engagement and Response to Human Rights Violations****\$ 290,000**

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

**Core Institute****International Republican Institute****Promoting Local Governance Accountability****\$ 1,100,000**

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



## **AFRICA REGIONAL**

### **Inspiring Renewed Civic Activism through Film**

**\$ 55,700**

To promote youth civic activism through the arts, the organization will screen a documentary on citizen movements for democracy and freedom and host roundtables with civic activists to inspire youth engagement.

### **Enhancing Electoral and Media Awareness**

**\$ 65,000**

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

### **Strengthening Networks to Defend Human Rights**

**\$ 75,000**

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

### **Upholding Press Freedom Through Quality Journalism**

**\$ 200,000**

To support quality journalism and strengthen freedom of expression across Africa, the organization will produce 40 editions of a digital newspaper via WhatsApp, share lessons learned, and support innovation with media partners in the region.

### **Promoting Collaboration between Journalists and Civil Society**

**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen investigative capacity and collaboration on corruption and financial exploitation, the organization will equip journalists and civil society with training and mentoring to investigate public asset expropriation and will support collaboration with investigative centers and global networks.

### **Strengthening Activist Protections to Combat Kleptocracy**

**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen protection for anti-kleptocracy activists, the organization will enhance its advocacy, investigations, and anti-corruption campaigns, promote legislation to protect activists, and support strategic litigation to ensure accountability for retaliation against whistleblowers.

### **Fostering African Agency Against Kleptocracy**

**\$ 221,577**

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

### **Countering African Kleptocracy**

**\$ 350,000**

To sharpen the fight against crime, corruption, and kleptocracy, the organization will launch a cross-border journalist hub to support and train investigative reporters, build an African data repository on transnational patterns, and provide security training, legal protection, and global publication support.

### **Core Institute**

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

#### **Enhancing Oversight of Public Debt in Southern and East Africa**

**\$ 500,000**

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

#### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Strengthening the Voice of Labor in Trade Programs**

**\$ 535,921**

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

#### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Strengthening Transnational Civil Society Cooperation to Combat Kleptocracy and Illicit Financial Flows in Africa**

**\$ 580,000**

To strengthen national and transnational networks combating kleptocracy and illicit financial flows in Africa, the Center will partner with trade union confederations and NGOs to conduct research, bolster whistleblower protection, and enhance detection and dismantling of kleptocracy channels in key sectors.

## **CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL**

### **Preventing Human Rights Violations and Promoting Youth Civic Engagement**

**\$ 65,000**

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

**Promoting Citizen Oversight of the Health Sector****\$ 65,000**

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

**Strengthening Transnational Collaboration to Combat Kleptocracy****\$ 120,000**

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

**Protecting Human Rights Defenders and Advancing Human Rights Norms****\$ 200,000**

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

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Safeguarding and Expanding Civic Space****\$ 700,000**

To protect and expand civic space in Central Africa, the Institute will strengthen civil society organizations' capacity to develop shared civic engagement strategies and action plans in their countries.

**EAST AFRICA REGIONAL****Promoting Independent Journalism****\$ 45,600**

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

**Building a Network of Trained Human Rights and Casualty Documenters****\$ 81,500**

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

**Strengthening the Rule of Law****\$ 150,000**

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

**Supporting East African Investigative Journalism****\$ 240,000**

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

**Promoting Independent Media****\$ 298,836**

To provide access to independent news and democratic dialogue inside the country and among the diasporas, the organization will produce and publish Tigrinya, Arabic, and English news reports and analysis on its radio program and through satellite TV and social media platforms.

**Supporting Independent Media and Freedom of Expression****\$ 361,160**

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

**Core Institute****Solidarity Center****Strengthening Trade Union and Community Organizations' Advocacy and Democratic Practices****\$ 1,128,982**

To enhance worker rights protections and improve advocacy on rights and good governance, the Center will organize an intergenerational mentorship program, support informal worker certification, conduct training and campaigns, and provide litigation support to enhance partner organizations' advocacy capacity.

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL**

### **Promoting Press Freedom and the Right to Information**

**\$ 52,500**

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

### **Promoting Open Parliament Engagements and Networking in Southern Africa**

**\$ 102,100**

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

### **Strengthening Cross-Border Democratic Resilience**

**China in the World**

**\$ 280,100**

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

## **Core Institute**

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Strengthening Worker-Led Democratic Institutions in Southern Africa**

**\$ 1,842,044**

To strengthen the capacity of trade unions to promote good governance and worker rights, the Center will partner with regional trade union confederations and councils to conduct strategic research, deliver leadership and organizing training, and launch civic engagement initiatives.

## **WEST AFRICA REGIONAL**

### **Enhancing Women's Political Participation**

**\$ 50,000**

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

### **Strengthening Access to Information**

**\$ 75,000**

To promote access to information across West Africa, the organization will strengthen journalists' skills in investigative and data-driven reporting on governance, facilitate virtual debates and conferences on democratic issues, and collaborate with local media to broaden audience reach.

### **Strengthening Democratic Resilience**

#### **Russia in the World**

**\$ 114,000**

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

### **Strengthening Citizen Engagement in Peace and Social Cohesion**

**\$ 130,000**

To strengthen women's participation in peace-building and social cohesion in the Sahel, the organization will train women activists in advocacy and legal frameworks, and lead awareness campaigns through dialogues, radio broadcasts, and policy roundtables to promote civic and political engagement.

### **Advancing Citizen Participation Through Technology**

**\$ 150,000**

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

### **Strengthening Democracy Through Media**

**\$ 160,000**

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

### **Promoting Public Interest Law to Advance Justice and Human Rights**

**\$ 175,000**

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

### **Supporting Open Parliament Engagements and Networking**

**\$ 225,000**

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

### **Promoting Youth Political and Civic Participation**

**\$ 375,000**

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

**Strengthening Democratic Solidarity****\$ 450,000**

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

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Countering Democratic Backsliding****\$ 550,000**

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

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Countering Violent Extremism through Public-Private Collaboration****\$ 744,000**

To address the root causes of extremism and insecurity, the Center will promote dialogue between private sector coalitions and the public sector across national, regional, and international levels in the Sahel, and advocate for economic stability as a priority in security policies.

**Solidarity Center****Promoting Civic Participation and a Regional Voice for Working People****\$ 1,719,259**

To strengthen collaboration between trade unions and civil society organizations to advance worker rights, civic participation, and accountable governance in West Africa, the Center will partner with labor unions to build networks with civic groups, conduct sectoral research and organizing drives, and launch public advocacy and civic engagement activities.

# ASIA

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## BANGLADESH

### **Advancing Accountability and Transparency Through the Right to Information**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote accountability and transparency through right to information laws, the organization will work with activists and experts to submit information requests to government institutions and organize trainings, strategy sessions, and dialogues to assess government compliance with these laws.

### **Promoting Youth Leadership and Civic Responsibility**

**\$ 62,000**

To strengthen youth leadership on democracy, governance, and social harmony, the organization will conduct leadership trainings on politics, critical thinking, and civic engagement to equip youth with skills to promote civic responsibility and democratic values.

### **Building Youth Capacity to Promote and Protect Human Rights**

**\$ 77,000**

To engage youth in promoting and protecting human rights, the organization will build youth capacity to monitor and report violations, create a network of program graduates, and develop initiatives to enhance youth involvement in the human rights movement.

### **Promoting Dialogue for Democratic Reforms**

**\$ 80,000**

To facilitate comprehensive democracy reform processes, the organization will engage key stakeholders in national and regional dialogues with experts and the public to spur debate on constitutional, economic, judicial, administrative, security, and media reforms.

### **Countering Extremist Ideologies and Promoting Tolerance**

**\$ 80,000**

To promote and reinforce democratic and civic values and critical thinking among university students and the broader public, the organization will provide theater training, performances, and discussions, building on its online course about citizenship, pluralism, and social learning to encourage dialogue that counters extremism and promotes tolerance.



**Building Youth Capacity to Conduct Civic Education****\$ 85,000**

To build the capacity of youth volunteers to conduct civic education and election awareness programs, the organization will hold workshops on voting, youth engagement, and social media campaigns, while enabling youth volunteers to raise concerns around election violence, good governance, and lead community outreach.

**Promoting Alternative Media for Democratic Change****\$ 100,000**

To create an online platform that informs citizens about their rights and encourages open discussion on public issues, the organization will collaborate with journalists, cartoonists, influencers, and citizens to post political commentary online, stimulating informed debate on political, religious, and social issues.

**Defending Human Rights Through Network Strengthening****\$ 100,000**

To build the capacity of a human rights network to monitor, document, and report on violations, the organization will strengthen the network's infrastructure, support district networks, organize local meetings and national conferences, enhance documentation and advocacy, and publish reports and related documents.

**Documenting Access to Justice****\$ 150,000**

To document violence from the July uprising and ensure victims, including those from minority communities, access justice, the organization will collaborate with paralegals and community-based organizations to build solidarity with victims, document emblematic cases, and engage citizens to promote confidence in the legal system.

**Combatting Economic and Human Rights Crimes****\$ 200,000**

To document and promote understanding of the systemic nature of economic and human rights crimes, the organization will document transnational corruption and rights violations, identify involved individuals and institutions, and raise awareness of the harm these crimes inflict on the rule of law and democratic values.

**Promoting Freedom of Expression and Access to Independent Journalism****\$ 326,000**

To generate content that stimulates broader discussion on democratic governance, human rights, and other critical political issues, the organization will run an independent media outlet publishing multimedia content for both domestic and international audiences.

**Advancing Youth Leadership in Election Awareness Programs****\$ 355,000**

To empower youth volunteers to lead peer civic education and election awareness efforts, the organization will provide training on voter engagement, mobilization strategies, and social media campaigns, enabling them to raise concerns about election violence and governance through outreach and community dialogue.

## **Core Institute**

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Promoting Worker Rights**

**\$ 75,482**

To support the independent and democratic trade union movement, the Center will strengthen unions' ability to influence legislative and policy decisions, build relationships with stakeholders, provide support on strategic planning, dialogue, and worker rights, and assist in recovering from recent unrest by increasing security and creating a legal defense fund.

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

#### **Safeguarding Freedom of Expression Through Civic Engagement**

**\$ 300,000**

To strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and university students to protect human rights online, the Institute and its local partners will expand knowledge, connect stakeholders, promote solutions for human rights and free expression, support a new online human rights forum, host policy dialogues, and engage students on freedom of expression.

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Promoting Worker Rights in the Tannery Sector**

**\$ 336,053**

To promote worker rights in the tannery industry, the Center will support tannery workers' unions build skills in organizing, research, and advocacy to increase membership, improve representation of workers' rights, and equip them to address worker rights issues and enforce labor laws.

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

#### **Supporting Democratic Governance Through Private Sector Mobilization Against Corruption**

**\$ 749,732**

To promote fair business practices and good governance principles through private sector mobilization, the Center will partner with a local organization to create a platform for business integrity, form an advisory body, develop a governance toolkit, conduct training for SME stakeholders, establish industry standards, and expand its reach through an online presence.

## **BURMA**

### **Strengthening Justice and Accountability Efforts**

**\$ 15,000**

To strengthen coordination and advocacy in the pro-democracy movement, the organization will provide data-driven analysis on the relationship between the military's illicit financial flows and rights abuses, conduct international advocacy campaigns, build civil society coalitions, and offer emergency support to at-risk organizations.

### **Supporting Independent Media in Northern Burma**

**\$ 20,000**

To increase public access to accurate information about political, social, and economic developments in northern Burma, the organization will produce online news, maintain a website and social media presence, and publish news in local languages on human rights and conflict for remote communities.

**Advancing Civic and Political Engagement of the Rohingya****\$ 30,000**

To strengthen the civic and political engagement of Rohingya civil society to advocate for Rohingya rights in Arakan State and across the country, the organization will conduct community workshops, facilitate interethnic dialogues, engage with international policymakers, and support Rohingya youth leaders to engage within their communities.

**Promoting Youth Participation in the Struggle for Democracy****\$ 35,000**

To build greater solidarity across diverse communities of youth activists through a shared commitment to federal democracy and transitional justice, the organization will conduct workshops for youth leaders on solidarity, federalism, civic participation, and transitional justice.

**Empowering Youth Through Capacity Building Initiatives****\$ 40,000**

To raise awareness about human rights, transitional justice, democracy, and federal systems among youth, the organization will provide training to improve coordination, build networks among youth activists, and enhance their capacity to expand democratic space and sustain the nonviolent pro-democracy movement.

**Protecting Civic Space and Freedom of Association****\$ 40,000**

To monitor freedom of association and strengthen civil society's ability to deliver public services in conflict areas, the organization will collect data on civic space and participation, facilitate coordination between civil society and regional stakeholders, and advocate internationally to protect freedom of association.

**Encouraging Political Participation Among Mon Youth****\$ 47,000**

To encourage youth to take active leadership roles in Mon society, the organization will foster cooperation and leadership development through political education, multi-ethnic exchanges, internships, debate forums, and dialogue sessions.

**Protecting Freedom of Expression****\$ 50,000**

To protect freedom of expression and raise awareness of human rights and democracy, the organization will produce policy research on military violations of media freedom and conduct online training to improve activists' understanding of free speech rights.

**Supporting Accountable Natural Resource Management****\$ 50,000**

To inform communities, the pro-democracy movement, and international actors on corruption in the extractives sector, the organization will research and publish reports on large-scale investment projects, build a public awareness platform, and educate communities on democratic natural resource management.

**Strengthening Accountable Development Practices****\$ 55,000**

To encourage communities in Kachin State to advocate for rights-based development, the organization will conduct workshops and discussions on transparent natural resource management to empower affected communities and leaders to shape accountable development policies.

**Cultivating Advocates for Human Rights in Arakan State****\$ 60,000**

To cultivate the leadership and community organizing skills of activists in Arakan State, the organization will provide training for youth leaders on human rights, democracy, federalism, and community organizing, while supporting alumni and hosting civil society strategy forums.

**Promoting Youth Participation in the Struggle for Democracy****\$ 60,000**

To raise awareness among youth about human rights and encourage active participation in the country's democratic processes, the organization will focus on national reconciliation, providing transitional justice workshops for youth activists, documenting human rights violations, and advocating on these issues.

**Promoting Investigative Journalism****\$ 67,000**

To provide citizens with high-quality, in-depth investigative journalism, the organization will publish investigative articles, independent analysis, and video features on important issues in Burmese, on its website and social media platforms.

**Supporting Policy-Oriented Research and Civic Education in Mon State****\$ 70,000**

To provide policy-oriented research and analysis of politics in Mon State and encourage Mon citizens to participate in pro-democracy activities in the post-coup political environment, the organization will conduct civic education, research post-coup politics in southern Burma, and collaborate with civil society and academic groups to promote democratization and peacebuilding.

**Encouraging Informed Debate and Policymaking on Federalism****\$ 70,000**

To promote informed policy discussions on federalism within the pro-democracy movement, the organization will provide analysis and policy recommendations, advocate to local and international decisionmakers, engage key political stakeholders, and offer technical support to leading actors in the pro-democracy movement.

**Strengthening Debate on Geopolitical Relations****China in the World****\$ 74,000**

To strengthen the debate about Burma among local and regional political actors and policymakers, the organization will produce an analytical report based on surveys from across Burmese society, publish it, and hold briefings for key local and international political stakeholders.

**Improving Access to Kachin State News and Information****\$ 74,000**

To increase access to accurate and reliable information about political, social, and economic developments in Kachin State and northeastern Burma, the organization will publish news on its Burmese-language website and social media, and collaborate with national and international outlets to inform a wider audience about developments in Kachin State.

**Strengthening Newly Emerging Pro-Democracy Activists****\$ 75,000**

To empower and connect emerging community organizers focused on democracy, human rights, federalism, and civic activism, the organization will mentor organizers, conduct training, provide protection support, and host expert-led discussions to promote democratic learning, dialogue, and coordination.

**Enhancing Resilience in a Restrictive Digital Security Landscape****\$ 75,000**

To empower pro-democracy actors to circumvent digital repression, the organization will provide tailored trainings and hands-on support for activists, journalists, and pro-democracy institutions, and maintain and grow learning platforms focused on providing tools for digital security and risk mitigation.

**Fostering the Next Generation of Public Leaders****\$ 75,000**

To build the capacity of next-generation public leaders with a focus on ethical leadership and administration, the organization will provide capacity-building programs for public administrators, ethnic political party leaders, and community-based organizations engaged in interim governance in their respective states or regions.

**Fostering Advocacy Through Visual History****\$ 77,850**

To strengthen advocacy campaigning by the Rohingya community, including youth, the organization will create a global archive on Rohingya history, launch a website, publish a book, and organize events with Rohingya youth to share their history with the international community and key local stakeholders.

**Promoting the Fundamental Human Rights of the Rohingya****\$ 80,000**

To increase international and domestic political support for justice, protection, and rights for the Rohingya community, the organization will brief the media, diplomats, governments, and rights groups, promote advocacy, and strengthen alliances between Rohingya advocates and Burmese human rights defenders to increase support for accountability.

**Supporting Independent News and Information in Mon State****\$ 92,000**

To provide accurate and reliable information to the Mon people about the political, social, and economic situations in Mon State and southern Burma, the organization will publish a monthly Mon and Burmese-language online newspaper, maintain a website and social media, and produce multimedia broadcasts in both languages.

**Promoting Access to News and Information in Karen State****\$ 96,000**

To provide communities with accurate and reliable news on Karen State and eastern Burma, and to promote media freedom, human rights, and democracy, the organization will maintain a website, manage social media, and produce multimedia broadcasts in both Burmese and Karen languages to serve as primary news sources for Karen communities in Burma, displaced populations, and the international community.

**Fostering Youth Leadership and Tolerance****\$ 100,000**

To promote religious tolerance, peace, and political awareness among ethnic and religious minority youth, the organization will conduct youth leadership programs on peacebuilding, human rights, and democracy, and an outreach program to promote tolerance and civic engagement among youth leaders from diverse communities in Arakan State.

**Empowering Politically Active Youth****\$ 105,000**

To connect, empower, and elevate a diverse group of politically active youth to monitor and promote human rights in the country, the organization will provide youth empowerment courses on human rights and conflict, monitor the post-coup political situation, and produce policy research and analysis.

**Promoting Mon Women's Political Participation****\$ 106,000**

To empower Mon women to participate in politics and assume decision-making positions, the organization will support women's political participation with training, federalism workshops, and networking, while strengthening its internal policies and capacity.

**Supporting Independent News and Human Rights Reporting from Southern Shan State****\$ 106,500**

To provide accurate and reliable information about political, social, and economic developments in southern Shan State and promote an increased understanding of democracy, federalism, and minority rights, particularly among the ethnic Pa-O community, the organization will produce news reports and maintain multimedia platforms with independent coverage and analysis of issues affecting communities in southern Shan State.

**Encouraging Democratic Principles of Governance in Northern Shan State****\$ 110,000**

To strengthen the democratic practices and administrative capacity of emerging local governance bodies and promote youth participation, the organization will facilitate policymaking workshops on legislating, rule of law, democratic natural resource management, and revenue sharing, and conduct leadership trainings in northern Shan State.

**Advancing Rights Through Civil Society Strengthening****\$ 115,000**

To advance the rights of marginalized communities by strengthening the leadership and capacity of emerging civil society initiatives, the organization will support a cross-border forum for civil society organizations to build trust and coordination, while strengthening local groups' capacity to address community needs, especially for the Rohingya.

**Promoting Awareness of Basic Human Rights****\$ 120,000**

To empower grassroots communities to recognize and promote human rights, the organization will conduct online and in-person education programs, establish a human rights defender protection fund, document violations, and build staff capacity through training.

**Promoting Women's Rights and Participation in Kachin State****\$ 122,000**

To empower women in Kachin State to claim their political rights and assume leadership roles in the pro-democracy movement, the organization will conduct workshops to prepare women leaders for policy development and governance, and organize public events to raise awareness about the importance of women's political participation.

**Rebuilding Pro-Democracy Networks and Promoting Civic Values****\$ 125,000**

To increase civic awareness and understanding of the political landscape in the post-coup environment, the organization will conduct public opinion polls, research on social media influence, focus groups, and interviews to understand citizens' views on political, economic, and social issues, while providing civics training for local civil society organizations and communities.

**Enhancing Democratic Awareness Through Training and Research****\$ 125,000**

To promote awareness of the country's political processes and the struggle for federalism among a new generation of activists and political leaders, the organization will provide training on public administration, local governance, and federalism, and conduct studies on the political crisis and economy.

**Promoting and Advocating for the Human Rights in Southeastern Burma****\$ 128,000**

To increase international pressure for the rights and protection of communities in southeastern Burma and advocate for accountability and justice mechanisms, the organization will raise awareness of human rights and democracy, document and report violations, engage stakeholders for accountability, and organize workshops to promote local understanding.

**Promoting Democracy and Human Rights in Shan State****\$ 130,000**

To strengthen a network of emerging youth pro-democracy and human rights advocates in southern Shan State, the organization will provide training on democracy, transitional justice, and federalism, along with workshops on media literacy, digital security, psychosocial resilience, and a human rights documentation training for its staff and interns.

**Promoting an Accountable Pathway Towards Federal Democracy****\$ 130,000**

To promote a pathway towards federal democracy by strengthening the capacity and connectivity of local governance mechanisms, the organization will conduct research on federal governance, hold workshops for local leaders from minority groups to share best practices, and develop a curriculum based on the research findings for administrators nationwide.

**Enhancing Community-Driven Research and Analysis on Arakan State****\$ 135,000**

To advocate for more community-driven policymaking and stakeholder engagement for democratic change in Arakan State, the organization will support youth analysts to produce reports with recommendations, and hold briefings and roundtable discussions with local and international decision-makers to promote these recommendations.

**Supporting Human Rights Documentation and Advocacy for Shan State Minorities****\$ 135,000**

To provide accurate and reliable information about the human rights situation in Shan State, the organization will compile evidence of human rights violations in development projects, publish reports, and conduct campaigns to encourage accountability and transparency with regional and international actors.

**Promoting Political Participation of Ethnic Shan Women****\$ 135,000**

To promote understanding of human rights, democracy, and federalism among Shan women and empower them in the pro-democracy movement, the organization will conduct political outreach, coalition building, and women's empowerment workshops, while advocating for human rights and preparing ethnic Shan women for leadership roles.

**Promoting Political Leadership and Civic Engagement Among Shan State Youth****\$ 135,000**

To strengthen the civic and political engagement of ethnic minority youth and emerging human rights defenders in Shan State, the organization will provide civic education, leadership training, and mentorship to ethnic minority youth leaders, fostering political engagement and leadership pathways.

**Providing Access to Independent Reporting****\$ 140,000**

To provide credible and independent reporting to ethnic Shan and Burmese communities on critical political issues, the organization will promote human rights, democracy, and federalism among ethnic Shan communities through local language TV and radio programs, and maintain a multilingual website and social media.

**Promoting a Commitment to Federal Democratic Principles****\$ 142,000**

To increase citizens' awareness of the principles of a federal, democratic system and expand civic space in the post-coup environment, the organization will organize networking trips for activists to Burman and ethnic areas to strengthen coordination for a democratic federal union that ensures rights and equality for all citizens.

**Enhancing Democratic Awareness in Mon State****\$ 142,000**

To empower youth from southern Burma to actively participate in and lead democratic civic and political activities, the organization will implement a six-month civic education and leadership training program to equip youth leaders in southern Burma with the skills to advocate for genuine democratization.



**Strengthening the Political Participation of Pa-O Women and Youth****\$ 145,000**

To increase the capacity of Pa-O women and youth to promote human rights and participate in the pro-democracy movement, the organization will enhance its human rights documentation, conduct workshops for women and youth leaders, and build coalitions with political leaders and Shan State women's rights groups.

**Empowering Citizens to Protect Their Rights****\$ 146,000**

To mobilize citizens seeking to protect their rights and livelihoods, the organization will strengthen public outreach, publish reports, conduct capacity building workshops, and support human rights and pro-democracy initiatives for farmers and youth.

**Enhancing Democratic Awareness in Kachin State****\$ 149,000**

To empower youth in northern Burma to strengthen their involvement in the pro-democracy movement, the organization will provide training and research on local governance and run a year-long democracy education program to raise civic awareness and strengthen youth and activist advocacy for democratization in Kachin State.

**Building a Network of Human Rights and Democracy Activists****\$ 150,000**

To build the leadership skills of activists, especially youth, the organization will organize trips and trainings to build a network of activists and coordinate campaigns to promote the pro-democracy movement.

**Supporting Human Rights Documentation and Advocacy****\$ 150,000**

To secure human rights and accountability for citizens, the organization will investigate and report human rights violations, engage with policymakers, raise awareness through the media, and support human rights defenders, civil society groups, and affected communities in Burma and the region.

**Assessing Challenges Facing Civil Society****\$ 150,000**

To conduct research on freedom of association and access to information, the organization will collect data on challenges facing civil society post-coup, produce quarterly reports on civic space and access to information, and advocate based on evidence about civil society's situation.

**Promoting Independent Journalism****\$ 155,000**

To provide access to timely and accurate reporting and foster an appreciation for media freedom, human rights, and democracy, the organization will maintain a website, publish media content, and produce Burmese multimedia broadcasts to become a primary news source for domestic and diaspora audiences.

**Documenting Human Rights Violations and Promoting Human Rights-Centered Policymaking**  
**\$ 160,000**

To end the culture of impunity and promote a just society, the organization will document human rights violations by the military junta, produce research and policy analysis to support accountability and transitional justice, and ensure the pro-democracy movement aligns with international human rights standards.

**Strengthening the Capacity of Pro-Democracy Movement Leaders**  
**\$ 175,000**

To strengthen the capacity of and coordination among the country's pro-democracy movement leaders and community organizers, the organization will focus on movement-building, strengthening key players, and using social media campaigns to energize the movement.

**Strengthening the Political Leadership of Women and Youth**  
**\$ 185,000**

To promote the role of women and youth in the pro-democracy movement through targeted advocacy and policy development, the organization will support grassroots campaigns, address post-coup challenges, develop responsive policies, strengthen women's political rights, and provide emergency assistance to human rights defenders and political prisoners.

**Enhancing Burmese-Led International Diplomacy and Engagement**  
**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen advocacy strategies aimed at bolstering high-level international commitments, policymaking, and diplomatic engagement in support of the pro-democracy movement, the organization will organize advocacy meetings with key policymakers, diplomats, and international human rights bodies, while collaborating with civil society organizations to strengthen its ability for informed international advocacy and research.

**Promoting the Leadership of Women in the Struggle for Democracy**  
**\$ 239,000**

To strengthen the leadership and coordination of women in the pro-democracy movement, the organization will provide advocacy training for women's empowerment, federalism, and political pressure to support women's and ethnic minorities' rights, conduct human rights documentation training for women leaders, and publish reports on the ongoing crisis.

**Supporting Policy-Oriented Research and Analysis**  
**\$ 268,500**

To strengthen debate in the pro-democracy movement through informed analysis and sustained political engagement, the organization will publish its analysis online, engage with key political and civic stakeholders, and bring together political leaders and community organizers for dialogue and collaboration.

**Supporting Legal Aid for Victims of Human Rights Abuses in Kachin State**  
**\$ 285,000**

To strengthen the ability of lawyers to provide legal assistance for people whose rights have been violated in northern Burma, the organization will hold legal training for lawyers, conduct research, and provide legal assistance to victims of human rights violations.

**Promoting International Support for the Pro-Democracy Movement****\$ 300,000**

To strengthen the ability of the pro-democracy movement to raise international support and to increase strategic coordination with domestic political stakeholders, the organization will conduct international advocacy trips, hold meetings with ethnic political leaders, seek to prevent international recognition of the junta, and promote the interests of all the peoples of Burma.

**Strengthening Youth Political and Pro-Democracy Activists****\$ 340,000**

To bolster an emerging generation of pro-democracy youth movement organizers and human rights advocates, the organization will build the capacity of youth activists, provide information for political action, and create a platform to address the protection needs of youth leaders and political prisoners.

**Promoting and Advocating for the Human Rights of Communities in Western Burma****\$ 345,000**

To increase international pressure for upholding the rights and protections of communities in western Burma, the organization will document and report on human rights abuses, advocate for justice and accountability mechanisms, and provide technical support to strengthen human rights defenders and civil society initiatives.

**Assistance for Political Prisoners and Human Rights Advocacy****\$ 350,000**

To raise awareness domestically and internationally on human rights abuses committed by the military junta, the organization will document the situation of political prisoners, support them and their families, conduct campaigns, and provide training on human rights and transitional justice.

**Supporting Burmese Language Satellite Television****\$ 450,000**

To provide independent news and information and encourage independent public opinion, the organization will broadcast daily TV programs, maintain its website and social media, and provide coverage and analysis on politics, human rights, media freedom, and business issues.

**Promoting Transparency and Accountability Through Investigative Journalism****\$ 463,000**

To increase public access to credible information, the organization will publish Burmese and English websites and social media pages with investigative reports, news updates, and analysis on human rights, freedom of expression, armed conflict, corruption, and democracy.

**Core Institute****Center for International Private Enterprise****Including More Business and Entrepreneurial Voices in the Democracy Movement****\$ 324,510**

To enhance the economic viability of political activists and create a unified business network of entrepreneurs in exile, the Center will convene capacity-building workshops and build the skills of key stakeholders to help address common challenges in the country.

**International Republican Institute**  
**Reclaiming the Narrative For a Democracy**  
**\$ 600,000**

To strengthen strategic cooperation among pro-democracy actors, the Institute will support initiatives that enhance coordination, build expertise, promote joint actions, and provide targeted technical assistance to align efforts and amplify impact.

## **CAMBODIA**

**Supporting Youth Participation in Political Processes**  
**\$ 40,000**

To promote democratic values among youth, the organization will train emerging activists in democracy and human rights, facilitate engagement and dialogue with local government, and support youth-led local advocacy projects to increase youth participation in civic processes.

**Bolstering Human Rights Protection and Access to Justice**  
**\$ 78,750**

To enhance human rights and access to justice, the organization will provide democracy and legal training for communities and activists facing land rights issues, along with legal support and dispute resolution for those at risk of arrest or detention for their advocacy.

**Supporting Independent Journalists and Media**  
**\$ 98,000**

To expand the availability of independent news, protect at-risk journalists, and strengthen independent media, the organization will conduct independent reporting, provide legal support, publish regular monitoring reports on media repression, and conduct strategic planning with media stakeholders to strengthen the independent media landscape.

**Strengthening the Capacity of Youth Activists to Promote Democracy**  
**\$ 126,000**

To enhance the capacity of young activists to expand democratic participation, the organization will provide training in legal, media, and digital security, support youth-led advocacy on rights issues, and facilitate meetings for activists to discuss challenges, strategies, and build networks.

**Supporting Independent Media and Investigative Journalism**  
**\$ 152,255**

To increase awareness and expand coverage of critical political and governance issues, the organization will produce independent news through daily video broadcasts on social media and in-depth investigative reports on subjects not covered by mainstream media.

**Improving Access to Independent News and Information**  
**\$ 280,000**

To improve access to independent news on human rights and democracy, the organization will create radio programs with news and analysis on democratic issues in Cambodia, verify public information, promote independent news, and train women and youth journalists to expand media freedom.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Supporting Democratic Actors in a Repressive Environment**

**\$ 300,000**

To support democratic actors pushing for reforms in Cambodia and sustain opposition voices in a rapidly closing environment, the Institute will train democratic activists on risk mitigation, support non-violent advocacy campaigns, and equip independent journalists with skills to produce accurate media content.

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

#### **Promoting Democratic Norms and Values**

**\$ 528,582**

To promote the development of civic and democratically minded youth through policy engagement and enhance local private sector participation in multistakeholder policy dialogues, the Center and its partners will host policy discussions, public consultations, and debates on public policies and entrepreneurship to promote democratic norms.

## **CHINA**

## **HONG KONG**

### **Developing Civil Society Capacity through Combatting Censorship**

**\$ 70,000**

To build civil society capacity to monitor government and counter censorship of official records and democratic narratives, the organization will conduct workshops training groups and individuals in using digitally secure methods for collecting and archiving materials related to government accountability for human rights violations and preserving the historical record.

### **Supporting Civic Journalism and Freedom of Expression**

**\$ 90,000**

To protect and expand platforms for free expression and democratic discourse, and build the capacity of independent media outlets to resist censorship, the organization will publish a quarterly magazine on topics impacting diaspora and pro-democracy stakeholders.

### **Providing Support to Political Prisoners and At-Risk Activists**

**\$ 90,400**

To strengthen the resilience of human rights defenders, activists, and their families, the organization will support political prisoners and at-risk activists and their dependents, while enhancing its capacity to aid those persecuted due to their activism.

### **Building International Solidarity and Support for Freedom**

**\$ 100,000**

To build international solidarity for defending freedoms and the rule of law, the organization will inform international stakeholders about regional political deterioration, advocate for strategic responses through legal mechanisms, and expand its international network of supporters through outreach and media engagement.

## **Core Institute**

### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs Sustaining Global Hong Kong Diaspora Advocacy**

**\$ 400,000**

To strengthen the Hong Kong diaspora's global advocacy efforts, the Institute will co-host a leadership-focused fellowship with a diaspora partner to empower eight organizers, specializing in operational security, monitoring, and strategic advocacy to support democracy in Hong Kong.

## **MAINLAND CHINA**

### **Supporting the New Generation of Civil Society Leaders**

**\$ 50,004**

To support building a resilient civil society, the organization will prepare a younger generation of leaders to adapt to heightened restrictions and risks by providing training and support, including in-person workshops for activists with different levels of experience for solidarity building.

### **Diversifying Media Narratives and Cultivating Critical Thinking**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote critical thinking and democratic norms among youth in censored media environments, the organization will use comparative media summaries to expose audiences to politically diverse democratic perspectives on key social and political issues.

### **Enhancing the Resilience of Civil Society in a Repressive Environment**

**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen independent civil society and promote civic engagement under repression, the organization will identify and disseminate best practices for activism in a repressive environment, amplify activist voices and experiences, and research key trends impacting civil society.

### **Supporting Key Democratic and Legal Actors**

**\$ 80,000**

To raise the international profile of human rights defenders and pro-democracy intellectuals, and to provide analysis of political developments, the organization will translate political commentaries and interviews from leading intellectuals into English and publish original profiles and opinion pieces on the country's human rights and democracy movements.

### **Enhancing Capacity and Facilitating Regional Solidarity of Human Rights Defenders**

**\$ 90,000**

To enhance the capacity of human rights defenders and activists to promote universal values and strengthen regional networks, the organization will provide workshops for independent journalists, promote critical thinking on human rights, and host events for long-term cooperation among diaspora activists.

### **Building Communities to Promote Democratic Norms and Encourage Civic Activism**

**\$ 90,950**

To build new communities of engaged civic activists to promote shared democratic norms, provide opportunities for civic education, and counter state narratives, the organization will host events in local languages to educate youth and underrepresented groups on democratic norms, values, and human rights.

## **Bolstering Independent Media In Response To Authoritarian Influence**

### **China in the World**

**\$ 100,000**

To provide independent news and analysis and to strengthen professional journalism, the organization will launch an online platform offering news, analysis and interviews, as well as a capacity resource library to independent journalists and media practitioners around the world regularly facing authoritarian propaganda and influence.

## **Supporting Networks of Young Human Rights Activists**

**\$ 100,000**

To build and strengthen networks of young activists and enhance their capacities to engage in civic activism and human rights advocacy, the organization will train youth activists, conduct focus groups, offer an internship program and a leadership camp, and run online campaigns to advocate for detained human rights defenders.

## **Assisting Human Rights Defenders and Activists**

**\$ 100,000**

To provide financial assistance to human rights defenders and democracy advocates at risk who face persecution and hardship due to their work, the organization will collaborate with networks to provide emergency aid to human rights defenders, pro-democracy activists, and their families facing harassment or repression due to their political beliefs or advocacy.

## **Empowering Citizen Journalists to Defend Human Rights**

**\$ 118,000**

To raise public awareness and understanding of human rights and public policy issues, and to build the capacity of citizen journalists, the organization will document human rights violations, advocate for policy reforms, and support citizen journalists to produce important human rights coverage.

## **Fostering Critical Analysis and Political Discourse on Democratization**

**\$ 135,560**

To expand democratic discourse and political analysis, the organization will publish a quarterly online journal that targets reform-minded audiences featuring critical analysis and debate on political, economic, and social issues pertaining to human rights and the rule of law, international relations, and potential paths for democratic reform.

## **Strengthening Worker Rights and Representation**

**\$ 150,000**

To increase worker rights awareness and international advocacy for workers, the organization will produce investigative reports on rights violations, train workers on labor laws, and utilize international advocacy and legal mechanisms to hold labor rights violators accountable.

## **Building Resilience in Human Rights Movements**

**\$ 160,000**

To improve and incubate new strategies for human rights advocacy, the organization will strengthen activists' capacity for legal advocacy, expand access to justice and equal rights, and support persecuted activists through international exchange programs and advocacy skills-building.

## **Defending and Strengthening International Rule of Law Against Authoritarian Influence**

### **China in the World**

**\$ 170,000**

To defend and strengthen international legal procedures and norms to protect individuals at risk of extradition or forced return, the organization will research and raise awareness about extradition agreements that harm political dissidents or persecuted groups, and advocate internationally to prevent forced renditions.

## **Advancing Human Rights and Protecting Freedom of Religion**

**\$ 177,000**

To advance human rights, protect freedom of religion, and promote coordination among diaspora-based advocates, the organization will support in-country networks combating religion-based discrimination and assist civil society actors holding the government accountable for religious freedom violations.

## **Supporting Human Rights Defenders and Strengthening Civil Society**

**\$ 237,500**

To support human rights defenders and strengthen local civil society in advancing justice and accountability for violations, the organization will provide legal and financial aid to human rights defenders, collaborate on litigation strategies, and raise awareness of rights violations through research and advocacy campaigns.

## **Empowering Citizens to Defend Property, Digital Security, and Rule of Law**

**\$ 408,000**

To empower activists, entrepreneurs, and lawyers with legal and digital security training to defend property rights and the rule of law, and pursue accountability, the organization will provide training, tools, and support to at-risk citizens and lawyers, help junior legal professionals build skills, and work with digital security trainers to ensure safe learning.

## **Supporting Civil Society to Advance the Rule of Law**

**\$ 500,000**

To advance the rule of law by supporting civil society organizations and legal actors to defend human rights, the organization will address systemic abuses in the justice system, improve lawyers' skills, support legal actions, and engage in advocacy and educational campaigns.

## **Increasing Access to Democratic Information Space**

**\$ 509,760**

To provide access to censored online content, the organization will expand tools to bypass censorship and access democracy and human rights information, collaborating with developers to share best practices and create more circumvention methods.

## **Supporting Freedom of Information and Countering Digital Authoritarianism**

**\$ 800,000**

To protect freedom of expression by providing access to uncensored news and documenting surveillance and censorship technologies, the organization will archive and redistribute government-censored content and document information manipulation, including through AI, to increase access to political and social perspectives.



### **Empowering Human Rights Activists and Independent Civil Society**

**\$ 900,000**

To build the capacity of civil society actors to advocate for, promote, and defend human rights, and to foster greater understanding of universal human rights standards and available mechanisms, the organization will support human rights defenders by enhancing their advocacy skills, increasing their visibility, and connecting them with international human rights opportunities.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Local and International Networks for Advocacy (LINA)**

**\$ 600,000**

To counter growing repression within the People's Republic of China, the Institute will implement initiatives to empower activists both inside and outside of the country by enhancing their skills, supporting in-country advocacy projects, and promoting diaspora cross-movement collaboration.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Supporting Local and International Networks for Advocacy**

**\$ 800,000**

To respond to the intensifying repression within the People's Republic of China, the Institute will engage activists in skill-building exercises and coalition-building to hold authoritarian actors accountable and promote the rights of persecuted communities.

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

#### **Collaborative Responses to Threats to Democracy**

**\$ 871,479**

To support civil society resilience and build the capacity of youth and diaspora organizations, the Center will engage new diaspora groups and the private sector to promote economic freedom, critical thinking, and civic activism in support of democratic alliances in Asia.

## **TIBET**

### **Building Democratic Solidarity**

**\$ 30,000**

To expand support for a persecuted community, the organization will organize awareness events, including speaker tours and cultural activities, to engage similarly impacted communities and human rights supporters, fostering greater support and action.

### **Strengthening an Exile Movement's Strategic Capacity**

**\$ 30,000**

To support the persecuted community in strengthening the movement's advocacy strategy, the organization will reevaluate and update strategies based on the changing geopolitical landscape by bringing together stakeholders and experts to assess foreign government attitudes and refine strategies to advance human rights and democracy.

**Building Democratic Solidarity Through Shared History, Culture, and Political Aspirations**  
**\$ 55,000**

To foster greater dialogue and understanding among persecuted communities about their human rights and democracy-related concerns, the organization will promote regional democratic solidarity through events like public talks, photo exhibitions, film screenings, and site visits with leaders, activists, and scholars.

**Strengthening Strategic Global Engagement**  
**\$ 60,000**

To build global advocacy capacity for the persecuted community, the organization will provide targeted training to amplify their voices in public and parliamentary discourse and to drive policy change.

**Strengthening Information Access in Closed Societies through Technology**  
**\$ 62,000**

To promote access to independent news and information in a closed society, the organization will develop the first-ever AI tool by the diaspora to provide the persecuted community with uncensored news and content, counter state propaganda, and raise awareness of human rights violations.

**Strengthening International Parliamentarians' Support for Persecuted Communities**  
**\$ 70,000**

To strengthen awareness about the ongoing persecution of the impacted community and foster greater collaboration among international parliamentarians, the organization will host an international conference bringing together parliamentarians, leaders, scholars, experts, and activists to discuss developments, share ideas, and strengthen international action and solidarity.

**Strengthening Independent Exile Media**  
**\$ 93,000**

To provide the persecuted community with independent information on human rights, the organization will publish a biweekly newspaper in the native language, maintain a bilingual website, and produce video news to promote civic discourse on human rights and democracy.

**Supporting Independent Exile Media and Shortwave Radio Programming**  
**\$ 119,000**

To strengthen the free flow of credible, independent, and timely information to closed environments, the organization will broadcast daily independent news across multiple platforms to reach target audiences and promote democracy and human rights among persecuted communities.

**Strengthening Multilateral Engagement**  
**\$ 130,000**

To strengthen coordinated advocacy in global forums, the organization will lead a civil society coalition to produce reports, hold press conferences, and conduct briefings to raise global awareness and promote accountability for perpetrators.

**Countering Transnational Repression Against the Diaspora****\$ 144,000**

To engage in global advocacy and awareness-raising on the impact of transnational repression on the diaspora, the organization will advocate for countermeasures, strengthen the diaspora's ability to counter repression, and provide training to help community members identify and combat transnational repression.

**Strengthening Movement Resilience and Capacity****\$ 148,000**

To strengthen the democratic movement's resilience and advocacy capacity, the organization will develop a long-term strategy for rights-based advocacy and community empowerment, using its network to provide activists with the knowledge, resources, and skills to defend and promote their rights.

**Strengthening Human Rights Monitoring, Reporting, and Advocacy****\$ 180,000**

To strengthen human rights monitoring, documentation, and reporting on persecuted communities, the organization will support networks, strengthen research, produce reports and briefings for governments, media, and human rights groups, and mobilize grassroots and parliamentary support for international advocacy.

**Strengthening Independent Exile Media****\$ 181,700**

To provide persecuted communities with independent news and analysis on critical human rights issues, the organization will publish a weekly newspaper, maintain a bilingual website, and produce video news to encourage discussion on current social, cultural, and political issues in the region.

**Strengthening International Support for Democracy and Human Rights****\$ 185,000**

To strengthen the global movement against human rights violations and political repression, the organization will coordinate strategic campaigns through advocacy materials, capacity-building trainings, regional conferences, campaign working groups, and member collaboration.

**Strengthening the Democratic Movement Through Campaigns, Trainings, and Strategic Organizing****\$ 200,000**

To raise international awareness of rights-based issues and build solidarity with the democracy movement of persecuted communities, the organization will conduct campaigns on language rights, political prisoners, and the environment, while strengthening activists' skills in grassroots organizing, media advocacy, alliance building, and campaign leadership.

## **Core Institute**

### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs Strengthening Parliamentary Advocacy**

**\$ 300,000**

To enhance international awareness and support for the Tibetan cause, the Institute will provide technical assistance to the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, enhance its advocacy capacity, organize workshops, develop advocacy tools, and facilitate peer-to-peer networks with regional and international groups.

## **XINJIANG / UYGHUR REGION**

### **Empowering Women and Youth for Advocacy and Civic Participation**

**\$ 190,000**

To empower women and youth in human rights advocacy, the organization will train diaspora women and youth in advocacy, promote participation through campaigns, and engage government leaders, international organizations, journalists, and civil society through meetings, events, media, and social media.

### **Supporting Advocacy for Persecuted Communities**

**\$ 224,761**

To expand support for the human rights of persecuted communities, the organization will strengthen advocacy networks in Muslim-majority countries through seminars, reports, articles, social media, and culturally tailored educational materials.

### **Strengthening Networks and Advocacy Responses to Human Rights Violations**

**\$ 240,000**

To enhance the capacity of civil society actors to conduct advocacy and public awareness campaigns in response to human rights violations, the organization will support a civil society group professionalize its work, conduct advocacy campaigns, and use multimedia content for public awareness.

### **Documenting Mass Human Rights Violations and Atrocities**

**\$ 270,000**

To pursue justice and accountability for persecuted groups by documenting, analyzing, and disseminating evidence of human rights violations, the organization will expand its database on genocide and other violations, collect testimonies, engage in advocacy, and use technology to raise awareness of human rights crackdowns.

### **Combatting Genocide through Human Rights Reporting and Advocacy**

**\$ 280,000**

To raise awareness of human rights violations against a severely persecuted group, the organization will research, document, and provide independent information about human rights violations, conduct outreach, and collaborate with other organizations to raise awareness of ongoing crimes against humanity.

### **Advocating for Human Rights and Campaigning to End Genocide**

**\$ 1,000,000**

To advocate for human rights and campaign to end genocide, the group will advocate globally on forced labor and repression, seek accountability for crimes against humanity, bring together human rights groups for coalition building, and organize training for youth and women on advocacy.

## **MALAYSIA**

### **Empowering Youth to Advance Pluralism**

**\$ 45,000**

To strengthen youth leaders' ability to advocate for pluralism, the organization will conduct research on anti-discrimination, work on policy initiatives, and provide a nine-month support program to strengthen youth organizations focused on pluralism and human rights.

### **Promoting Human Rights and Access to Justice**

**\$ 50,000**

To empower lawyers to protect freedoms of expression and assembly, human rights, and access to justice, the organization will litigate cases with important human rights implications, conduct public campaigns on repressive laws, and advocate for legal reforms.

### **Strengthening Civic Understanding and Democratic Values Among Youth**

**\$ 65,000**

To expose youth, especially those outside urban centers and first-time voters, to democratic principles, the organization will use its youth-focused social media to create civic education programs and organize educational trips for non-partisan civic activities.

### **Analyzing Authoritarian Influence in Southeast Asia**

#### **China in the World**

**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen civil society and political actors' ability to counter foreign authoritarian influence in Southeast Asia, the organization will research authoritarian influence, map ties between political elites and authoritarian business actors, and hold briefings for civil society, policymakers, and political stakeholders.

### **Supporting Strategic Litigation and Human Rights Advocacy**

**\$ 204,000**

To provide a forum for discussing critical political issues and support human rights through strategic litigation, the organization will build young people's human rights advocacy skills, encourage political engagement, litigate key human rights cases, and maintain a resource center for youth.

### **Engaging Communities to Promote Tolerance**

**\$ 205,000**

To promote pluralism and tolerance, the organization will advocate for tolerant policies with national and state governments, organize grassroots workshops, host an annual conference for key stakeholders, and produce advocacy tools to engage communities across the country.

## **MALDIVES**

### **Core Institute**

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Strengthening Citizen-Responsive Governance**

**\$ 550,000**

To enhance citizen-centered participatory democracy, the Institute will partner with local governments and civil society groups to institutionalize participatory forums, strengthen civil society advocacy, and increase youth capacity to engage in political and governance processes.

## **NEPAL**

**Strengthening Local Democracy Through Data and Journalism**

**\$ 119,000**

To enhance local government responsiveness and accountability through data-driven policy and media engagement, the organization will provide independent data to help local governments incorporate constituent priorities into policymaking and build the capacities of municipal governments and local media to engage collaboratively.

### **Core Institute**

**Center for International Private Enterprise**

**Strengthening Federal Democracy by Improving Governance and Enabling the Private Sector**

**\$ 560,173**

To strengthen democracy and federalism, the Center will support independent sources of policy analysis, including provincial think tanks, to analyze public budgets, develop local economic reform agendas, and improve the enabling environment for business.

**Solidarity Center**

**Advancing Worker Rights at Home and Abroad**

**\$ 1,131,377**

To strengthen the labor movement, the Center will train trade union leaders to organize, promote inclusive leadership, connect Nepali unions with regional counterparts, and support migrant workers in Nepal and destination countries.

## **NORTH KOREA**

### **Supporting Defectors in Media Content Development for North Koreans**

**\$ 63,600**

To strengthen the capacity of defectors in producing content that encourages critical thinking, the organization will train defector content creators in digital media techniques, facilitate peer-learning, and produce a video blog series and talk show to feature defectors' perspectives on life in a democratic society and discuss how political elites can facilitate positive change.

### **Enhancing the Capacity of Emerging Human Rights Leaders**

**\$ 65,000**

To empower young defectors as advocates for democratic change and human rights, the organization will provide capacity-building training and facilitate a North Korean human rights conference to raise awareness in South Korea and internationally.

### **Strengthening Regional Awareness Through Online News**

**\$ 77,500**

To provide independent, credible, and timely news for regional and international audiences, the organization will produce and maintain an online platform with current news and analysis on national developments to expand human rights awareness and support, and build the capacity of new journalists.

### **Promoting Information Access Through Daily News**

**\$ 80,000**

To raise awareness and understanding of North Korea, the organization will maintain an online news platform, expand its source networks, provide professional development for citizen journalists and regional correspondents, and collect reader feedback to foster independent thinking and expression.

### **Enhancing Information Access Through Radio and Digital Media**

**\$ 80,000**

To expand access to independent news and information in a closed society, the organization will produce a daily radio program on human rights and democracy, create civic education video content, and collect audience feedback to tailor content that fosters critical thinking and human rights understanding.

### **Supporting an Interactive Online Platform on Human Rights**

**\$ 90,000**

To encourage greater awareness and participation in the human rights movement, the organization will collaborate with museums and human rights groups to create pop-up exhibitions and update online resources to highlight the role of young North Korean human rights activists and defector youth.

### **Strengthening Youth Leadership in Promoting Human Rights and Democracy**

**\$ 90,000**

To equip defector youth as advocates for human rights and democratic change, the organization will provide leadership training, facilitate outreach initiatives, and promote collaboration between defector and South Korean youth activists.

### **Leveraging Technology to Expand Information Access**

**\$ 93,000**

To support knowledge sharing between technologists and activists to advance the development of innovative information distribution tools, the organization will conduct research through defector interviews and open-source resources on communication technology developments in the country, and publish findings on a resource platform, including an annual report and virtual briefings.

### **Fostering New Ideas, Innovation, and Youth Engagement**

**\$ 110,000**

To empower defector and South Korean youth, the organization will use a social entrepreneurship model, applying design thinking to create localized solutions for North Korean human rights, in close collaboration with defectors and human rights practitioners.

### **Exposing Russia's Role in North Korean Human Rights Atrocities**

**Russia in the World**

**\$ 135,430**

To strengthen international awareness of Russian influence in North Korea's human rights violations, the organization will collaborate with Russian civil society and journalists to investigate cross-regional trade, using open-source data and testimonies, and produce a report to address complicit enterprises and states.

### **Promoting Critical Thinking Among North Koreans**

**\$ 150,000**

To provide North Koreans with opportunities to access information and express their opinions, the organization will create content on its online platforms, including written pieces and video dialogues featuring defectors on human rights and democracy-related issues.

### **Strengthening Awareness, Advocacy, and Legal Accountability on Human Rights**

**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen international advocacy on North Korean human rights violations, the organization will facilitate cross-sector collaborations to address forced labor and disappearances, while empowering South Koreans and defector youth through public campaigns and leadership programs.

### **Mapping Crimes Against Humanity**

**\$ 219,950**

To seek accountability for systemic human rights abuses and raise awareness of transitional justice issues, the organization will conduct a mapping project using geospatial and open-source data to document sites of potential crimes against humanity and conduct international advocacy seeking accountability of the regime.

### **Enhancing Technologically Innovative Networks and Pathways to Increase Information Access**

**\$ 238,000**

To promote the free flow of information into and within North Korea, the organization will convene conferences, online workshops, and working groups to collaborate on innovative methods and develop technology tools to enhance information access in the country.



**Facilitating Learning and Dialogue on Reform****\$ 295,000**

To provide a platform for North Koreans in the Asia region, the organization will carry out an educational program to foster critical thinking, explore alternative political systems, and discuss democratic and free market values to envision change in North Korean society.

**Supporting Human Rights Documentation and International Advocacy****\$ 336,000**

To increase international awareness and pressure on North Korean human rights violations, the organization will document abuses through interviews with defectors, file petitions with the UN, and collaborate with global civil society groups to advocate for enforced disappearance and political prison issues.

**Bolstering Civic Education and Participation on Human Rights****\$ 350,000**

To broaden engagement on North Korean human rights, the organization will offer educational opportunities, implement three civic education academies on human rights and democratic norms, and host a leadership forum for graduates to advocate for democratic change in North Korea.

**Documenting Women's Rights Violations****\$ 389,250**

To promote accountability for women's rights violations in North Korea, the organization will conduct training workshops on victim-centered documentation approaches and provide consultations to help participants develop related organizational policies.

**Empowering Young Defectors Leaders and Strengthening Solidarity on Human Rights Issues****\$ 400,000**

To engage young North Korean defectors in human rights and democracy issues, the organization will implement a leadership program and organize conferences to support young defector advocacy and encourage their roles in building a democratic North Korea.

**Cultivating and Supporting Democratic Leadership in Defector Youth****\$ 430,800**

To instill democratic values and cultivate leadership in young defectors, the organization will provide educational programs and support women defectors in conducting research to promote democratic change in North Korea.

**Encouraging Democratic Reform Through Radio Broadcasts and Video Documentaries****\$ 593,000**

To support the free flow of information into North Korea, the organization will produce a daily shortwave radio program featuring news, analysis, commentary on human rights issues, and short documentaries on democratic values to encourage reform and independent public opinion.

**Enhancing Access to Information Through Radio Broadcasts and Digital Media****\$ 870,000**

To increase independent news and information for North Korean citizens, the organization will expand its daily radio program, create civic education videos, gather audience feedback, and analyze the changing media environment to explore new dissemination methods.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Creating Political Space Through Private Markets and Entrepreneurs**

**\$ 413,350**

To expand the availability of uncensored information and venues for free association inside North Korea, to facilitate the emergence of market-oriented civil society, and to make possible collective action, the Center will cultivate business networks inside the country.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Investing in Democratic Young Leaders**

**\$ 500,000**

To empower North Korean defector and South Korean youth, the Institute will provide skills training, experiential learning, and networking opportunities for a youth council on North Korean human rights, supporting them to implement awareness campaigns and outreach activities.

## **PAKISTAN**

### **Promoting Labor Rights and Freedom of Association in the Media Sector**

**\$ 85,000**

To strengthen media associations' capacity to protect journalists' rights, the organization will connect international labor experts with local partners to strengthen understanding of media worker rights, develop a decent work agenda, and monitor labor rights in the media sector.

### **Empowering Youth for Engaged Citizenship**

**\$ 95,500**

To promote civic education and engagement among youth to strengthen democratic institutions, the organization will develop a civic education curriculum, conduct workshops, and consult with university youth in Karachi to design and test educational materials and training programs.

### **Promoting Civic Innovation and Engagement through Technology**

**\$ 105,000**

To promote civic engagement and government accountability through technology, the organization will conduct fellowships and develop open-source civic applications to strengthen collaboration and information-sharing between citizens and the government, and promote citizen contributions to participatory governance.

### **Strengthening Local Governance and Civic Participation in Punjab**

**\$ 110,000**

To promote community-led civic engagement with local governance institutions, the organization will conduct advocacy campaigns, raise public awareness about democratic local governance, and provide training to strengthen the leadership and participation of women and youth.

**Supporting Independent Media****\$ 115,000**

To strengthen journalists' capacity for independent, fact-based reporting, the organization will implement a media capacity-building project, publish digital content, and host webinars on democracy, pluralism, human rights, and media freedom.

**Supporting Civic and Voter Education in Sindh****\$ 126,000**

To increase civic engagement among youth and promote social accountability, the organization will run a voter and civic education program with political institution visits, advocacy training, and an International Democracy Day celebration to enhance youth understanding of democratic rights and electoral processes.

**Supporting Independent Media and Citizen Journalism****\$ 140,000**

To promote freedom of expression and enhance media freedoms, the organization will support an independent media platform that provides investigative journalism and digital content on human rights, government accountability, and policy issues, while also launching digital campaigns on public interest topics.

**Mobilizing and Connecting Youth and Civil Society for Peace and Democracy****\$ 150,000**

To foster connectivity and collaboration between civil society actors and expand civic space for peace and democracy, the organization will facilitate networking and knowledge sharing, support civil society groups and activists in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region, and organize exchange visits, conferences, and social media campaigns.

**Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight of Constitutional Rights****\$ 150,000**

To enhance the role of parliamentarians in promoting and protecting constitutional rights, the organization will provide training on legislative oversight, facilitate youth consultations and dialogues, and raise public awareness on human rights issues.

**Supporting Advocacy for Equal Citizenship****\$ 170,000**

To enhance advocacy for religious inclusion and equal citizenship, the organization will develop leadership skills in religious minority activists and engage political parties and decisionmakers through seminars, conferences, and community meetings.

**Strengthening Civic Participation and Governance in Minority Communities****\$ 170,000**

To strengthen the civic leadership skills of religious minorities, the organization will train activists in Lahore and Faisalabad to engage with local administrations, organize forums to address governance issues, and promote collaboration between citizens and the government for better service delivery and community development.

**Cultivating Leadership to Promote Women's Empowerment****\$ 175,000**

To build leadership skills among women and youth, the organization will conduct trainings for government, private sector, and civil society actors, advocate for laws protecting women's rights, and organize democracy training for activists, women, and youth.

**Engaging Youth to Promote Human Rights and Democracy****\$ 180,000**

To strengthen youth capacity for advocating human rights, democratic governance, and peace, the organization will provide training and support for grassroots and online campaigns in northern Sindh and southern Punjab, organizing advocacy and awareness activities with local governments, and communities.

**Promoting Accountability in the Public Sector****\$ 197,500**

To strengthen accountability and integrity among civil servants, the organization will collaborate with public sector training institutions to create programs that teach civil servants about accountability and citizen-centered solutions for democratic governance.

**Strengthening Democratic Local Governance in Sialkot****\$ 203,500**

To strengthen local governance and public accountability, the organization will carry out a civic and voter education campaign to increase political participation among women, youth, religious minorities, and laborers in Sialkot district, while also organizing trainings and forums to promote public accountability.

**Strengthening Local Governance in Sindh****\$ 210,000**

To promote democratic values and local government accountability in Sindh, the organization will bring together government representatives, political parties, civil society, and journalists to improve decentralization and citizen engagement, while conducting research, training, and public forums to strengthen accountability.

**Supporting Youth Civic Education to Strengthen Local Governance****\$ 235,500**

To improve youth capacity for local governance and enhance public knowledge of constitutional rights and public policy, the organization will provide civic leadership training, conduct research and advocacy, and organize public events on civic education laws and key policy issues across three provinces.

**Promoting Democratic Values Among Youth****\$ 240,000**

To promote peace, tolerance, and respect for political, religious, and ethnic pluralism among youth, the organization will conduct civic education sessions in schools across ten districts of Punjab, collaborate with educators to introduce civic education, and distribute related materials like videos and booklets.

**Strengthening Next Generation Leadership in Civil Society****\$ 240,000**

To strengthen youth leadership and civic engagement, the organization will train young activists, connect them with civil society leaders and politicians, and facilitate dialogues and forums to develop action plans for youth-led campaigns.

**Promoting Digital Safety and Security****\$ 240,000**

To strengthen the capacity of civil society, human rights defenders, and media practitioners to safely engage in online spaces, the organization will provide a cyber harassment helpline, conduct research on online safety, and run digital security awareness campaigns.

**Fostering Civic Engagement and Advocacy Through Media****\$ 320,000**

To cultivate the capacity of youth and civil society activists in digital storytelling, and visual arts, the organization will provide training, organize festivals and exhibitions, and produce video content that promotes democratic values, civic participation, and human rights.

**Promoting Civic Leadership and Participation****\$ 340,000**

To strengthen civic engagement and participation among rural women, the organization will build a national network of rural women leaders for advocacy on women's political empowerment, conduct civic education and constitutional rights mobilization, and organize national conferences, media campaigns, and webinars.

**Promoting Democratic Accountability Through Budget Research and Advocacy****\$ 350,000**

To promote government transparency and accountability, the organization will produce research on budget transparency, strengthen civil society advocacy on budget accountability, and increase budget literacy through media, and public engagement activities.

**Enhancing the Role of Women Journalists in Digital Media****\$ 360,000**

To enhance the skills and knowledge of women journalists and media students, the organization will provide training to improve awareness of democratic issues, like women's rights and public accountability, and enhance skills in broadcast and digital media production.

**Improving the Performance and Accountability of Democratic Institutions****\$ 375,000**

To deepen dialogue on systemic challenges to democratic consolidation and enhance citizen awareness of the constitutional roles of state institutions, the organization will produce monthly newsletters, videos, policy papers, and research reports, while organizing sessions with political parties, youth, and citizens to foster engagement on democratic and policy reform.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Bolstering Responsive Political Parties to Sustain Democratic Space**

**\$ 500,000**

To improve internal democracy and citizen responsiveness of political parties, the Institute will provide strategic consultations and training based on public opinion research to party members, helping them understand constituent needs, develop policies, and advocate for reforms to support evidence-based decision-making and internal democracy.

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **Fostering Accountability and Transparency in Public Discourse**

**\$ 42,500**

To encourage informed public discourse, the organization will monitor, verify, and report on the accuracy of statements made by politicians and government officials, while expanding its reach across social media platforms.

### **Fostering Awareness of Economic Issues for Good Governance and Accountability**

**\$ 48,000**

To foster awareness of economic issues that advance good governance and accountability, the organization will mobilize a network of civil society and political actors to build public awareness of budgets, policies, and the implementation of national cash assistance programs, and to push for policy reforms that increase transparency and accountability.

### **Promoting Civic and Political Participation of Women**

**\$ 50,000**

To promote an accountable peace process and democratic government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, the organization will enhance women's involvement and leadership through civic education, political and human rights workshops, and research on the impact of the peace process on women.

### **Promoting Human Rights and Dignity for Vulnerable Communities**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote human rights and dignity for vulnerable communities, the organization will support victims of human rights abuses through systematic documentation, provide assistance and convening spaces for civic engagement and community building, and conduct advocacy and awareness-raising with civil society, media, and government actors.

### **Supporting Democracy and Human Rights Advocacy**

**\$ 65,000**

To strengthen community-based organizations, the organization will train grassroots leaders on promoting democracy and human rights, understanding the impact of legislation on citizens' rights, and public outreach strategies, with follow-up activities to share knowledge and expand networks.

**Mobilizing Citizen Participation to Defend Human Rights and Democracy in Mindanao**  
**\$ 72,000**

To broaden public awareness of human rights principles and mobilize support for rights protection policies, the organization will enhance citizens' understanding of democracy and human rights, encouraging participation in democratic processes and collective action in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Mindanao.

**Supporting Research and Strategies to Promote Free and Fair Elections**  
**\$ 78,000**

To promote a free and fair electoral environment for the 2025 national elections, the organization will conduct research on campaign messaging and artificial intelligence use in elections, while supporting innovative efforts and collaboration among election observers and civil society to safeguard electoral integrity.

**Investigative Journalism to Strengthen the Public Discourse on Democracy**  
**\$ 85,000**

To strengthen media's ability to promote transparency and accountability and to bolster public discourse on democracy and human rights, the organization will produce investigative reports on democracy and rights, coordinate fellowships and convenings for reporters, and maintain an investigative journalism hub for data and resource sharing.

**Supporting Democratic Discourse**  
**\$ 90,000**

To promote democratic discourse, the organization will produce shows and audio documentaries on governance, public policies, law, and political processes, providing independent information and analysis on political, social, and economic issues.

**Promoting Good Governance and Effective Policymaking in Public Service**  
**\$ 115,000**

To promote good governance and effective policymaking, the organization will provide public policy training for senior government officials, focusing on political ethics, policy processes, and problem-solving, with follow-up discussions to assess their progress.

**Supporting Independent Media and Political Discourse in Mindanao**  
**\$ 140,000**

To provide a credible source of independent news and research, the organization will publish a daily online newspaper covering key issues in Mindanao, such as the peace process, human rights, governance, and business, and create an online archive of historical documents related to the region.

**Promoting Public Discourse Through Independent Journalism**  
**\$ 172,000**

To promote public discourse through independent journalism, the organization will develop and broadcast live interview shows and issue-specific explainers on democracy-related topics across online platforms to encourage greater public engagement on issues such as governance, reform, transparency, and human rights.

### **Leveraging Technology to Protect Democracy and the Future of News**

**\$ 250,000**

To leverage technology for collaborative and resilient newsrooms, the organization will scale development of an open-protocol news platform by onboarding global newsrooms and civil society groups to promote a bottom-up approach to information delivery and improve media discourse and engagement.

### **Strengthening Civic Participation and Political Engagement**

**\$ 285,000**

To strengthen civic engagement, the organization will train local leaders on advocacy and partnership building, host town hall meetings on democracy-related topics, and raise awareness among marginalized citizens on civic and political participation.

### **Supporting Participatory Budgeting and Policymaking**

**\$ 300,000**

To support participatory budgeting and policymaking, the organization will mobilize youth, civil society, and policymakers to create a people-centered transport budget, provide training on sustainable policies, and advocate for policy changes with elected officials.

## **Core Institute**

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Strengthening Union Representation and Collective Bargaining**

**\$ 161,880**

To enhance unions' capacity in organizing, research, legal support, communications, and collective bargaining, the Center will provide training, technical assistance, and resources to strengthen unions' ability to network and coordinate across global apparel supply chains.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Empowering Youth to Strengthen Democratic Foundations for Transformative Change**

**\$ 350,000**

To lay the foundations for long-term democratic transformation, the Institute will develop a political leadership campaign and curriculum to train youth leaders, build their political skills, and provide mentorship and networking to promote democracy in local institutions.

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

#### **Strengthening Advocacy, Localization and Legislation to Counter Abuse of State Resources (STALL-ASR)**

**\$ 500,000**

To enhance accountability in the use of government resources and address abuse of state resources, the Institute will strengthen the capacity of civil society to engage in and conduct systematic political process monitoring focused on legal and regulatory reforms.



## **Solidarity Center**

### **Promoting Worker Rights In Belt And Road Initiative (BRI) Projects And Growth Sectors**

**\$ 1,050,554**

To strengthen the ability of Filipino workers to organize and advocate for their rights, the Center will support union-led training, advocacy, and evidence-based organizing to form worker associations and advance labor rights reforms in Belt and Road Initiative projects and other high-growth industries.

## **SRI LANKA**

### **Developing a Platform for Democratic Actors in the Eastern Province**

**\$ 35,000**

To foster relationships between elected local government members, local journalists, and civil society organizations, the organization will host forums to build trust, promote transparency, and strengthen accountability through meetings and training.

### **Promoting Civic Engagement for Sustained Collective Action**

**\$ 41,000**

To build knowledge and create opportunities for citizens to engage in local political processes, the organization will strengthen volunteer structures through leadership development programs, community training in democracy, good governance, citizens' rights, and religious tolerance, fostering greater engagement between citizens and government officials on local issues.

### **Strengthening Women's Civic Leadership**

**\$ 64,000**

To develop local women civic leaders for political reform, the organization will train women from across the country on democracy, political participation, and accountability, enabling them to lead community initiatives and collaborate with elected officials on local governance issues.

### **Promoting Freedom of Expression Through Citizen Journalism**

**\$ 77,000**

To generate content and spur debate around democratic governance, human rights, and other critical political issues, the organization will operate a trilingual media platform for activists, bloggers, and journalists to share and discuss democracy and human rights.

### **Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Governance**

**\$ 90,000**

To promote transparency and accountability in governance, the organization will train local partners on government structures, human rights, and decision-making, while encouraging community collaboration, empowering members to file right-to-information requests, and creating a nationwide network to share experiences.

### **Promoting Access to Independent Journalism**

**\$ 100,000**

To foster debate on democratic governance, human rights, and politics in Sri Lanka, the organization will maintain an independent media network that researches and publishes articles, interviews, and videos on political issues for national distribution.

**Advocating for Land Rights Reform****\$ 100,000**

To facilitate coordination between civil society and government authorities on land rights, the organization will manage a nationwide network, convene discussions on land laws and policies, document disputes, and advocate for equitable legal reforms.

**Seeking Redress for Victims of Human Rights Violations****\$ 120,000**

To raise awareness and seek redress for victims of human rights violations, the organization will provide legal aid, advocate for judicial transparency, and call for the repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act and other policies that violate civil liberties and human rights.

**Strengthening Civil Society Networks to Promote Political Participation****\$ 120,000**

To raise awareness of political and social rights, the organization will hold discussions and workshops for youth and women's network leaders on democracy, good governance, and transitional justice, empowering them to take action.

**Archiving Women's Oral Histories****\$ 129,000**

To gather and archive the experiences and social issues of women during the war and post-war periods, the organization will collect data and stories about women's experiences in the north and east, catalog and analyze the information, and share it with interested entities.

**Enhancing Parliamentary Accountability and Good Governance****\$ 180,000**

To promote accountability and good governance, the organization will run a web-based platform to track parliamentary activities, promote its use by media and civil society, and use the data to inform debates on government policies and legislation.

**Combatting Economic and Human Rights Crimes through Advocacy****\$ 287,000**

To expose systemic economic and human rights crimes and ongoing impunity, the organization will document transnational corruption and abuses, identify complicit actors, and raise awareness of their impact on the rule of law and democratic values.

**Combating Impunity Through Advocacy****\$ 502,556**

To promote understanding of the systemic nature of corruption and its link to ongoing impunity, the organization will document and raise awareness of transnational corruption, identify those involved, and highlight its harmful effects on the rule of law and democratic values.

## **Core Institute**

### **Center for International Private Enterprise Strengthening Democratic Governance and Economic Recovery \$ 529,000**

To increase transparency and accountability in public finances and enable private sector scrutiny of foreign-financed infrastructure, the Center will partner with local actors to demystify public budgets and document Sri Lanka's bilateral economic engagements.

## **THAILAND**

### **Supporting Independent Public Policy Research on Critical Democracy Issues \$ 39,000**

To enhance policymaking and political discourse, the organization will publish independent research on political, social, and economic issues, and host dialogues on democratization, political reform, socio-cultural changes, and global trends.

### **Strengthening Communities for Democratic Reform \$ 45,000**

To foster citizen engagement in advancing democracy in northern Thailand, the organization will work with a civil society network to promote democratic policy alternatives through trainings, forums, and events focused on democratic principles and civic collaboration.

### **Connecting Democracy and Human Rights Principles to Local Communities' Challenges \$ 48,000**

To strengthen grassroots activists' knowledge of democracy and human rights and foster regional cooperation on democracy-building efforts, the organization will train land rights activists and local communities in Thailand on democratic values and political participation to strengthen their involvement in policy debates.

### **Promoting Justice and Enhancing Support for Fundamental Freedom Activists \$ 50,000**

To promote justice and support detained activists, the organization will administer a grassroots fund to provide material assistance, support social services, monitor and document incarceration conditions, and advocate for activists and their families.

### **Promoting Democratic Values and Fostering Regional Discussions on Political Reform \$ 52,500**

To strengthen grassroots activists' knowledge and practice of democratic principles, the organization will provide training on politics, democracy, and human rights, and host community sessions and public events to highlight democratic challenges while strengthening a regional civil society network for political reform.

### **Strengthening Journalism and Contributing to Public Discourse \$ 60,000**

To expand public discourse and in-depth media coverage of key democracy issues in northern Thailand, the organization will publish regular news on democracy-related topics and create a database on northern issues to support activists and policymakers advocating for reform.

**Fostering Independent Media Coverage of Key Democracy Issues****\$ 75,000**

To promote public discourse and democratic reform, the organization will publish an independent online newspaper in Thai and English, featuring daily and long-form reporting and commentary on key democracy and human rights issues.

**Promoting Freedom of Expression and Legal Reform****\$ 90,000**

To increase public understanding of restrictions on freedom of expression, the organization will conduct research, advocate for legal reform, raise awareness of human rights issues, and coordinate a public campaign for policy reform.

**Bolstering Human Rights Protection and Access to Justice****\$ 116,000**

To promote human rights and enhance access to justice for victims of rights violations, the organization will provide legal aid through a nationwide network of lawyers, monitor and document violations of fundamental freedoms across the country, and advocate for legal reforms.

**Fostering Citizen Participation in Advancing Democracy and Human Rights****\$ 125,000**

To foster citizen engagement and regional collaboration in advancing democracy through decentralization in northeastern Thailand, the organization will hold forums and training on political reform for activists and students, and collaborate with civil society groups to host an assembly for developing joint proposals on political reform in the northeast.

**Promoting Informed Public Discourse on Democracy and Reform****\$ 125,000**

To contribute to public discourse and policy debates, the organization will run an independent multimedia platform that publishes content on democratization, reform, socio-economic trends, and their regional and global impacts.

**Facilitating Access to Justice for Human Rights Defenders****\$ 155,000**

To increase access to justice for human rights defenders, the organization will establish a volunteer-run legal assistance group, create an online platform to document support for defenders, and commission expert research on law and justice.

**Fostering Learning and Collaboration Among Civil Society to Promote Democratic Reform****\$ 185,000**

To foster learning and collaboration among civil society members for democratic reform, the organization will support a national platform for democratic advocates, provide training on legal and political issues, develop joint initiatives, and create advocacy messages for political reform.

**Strengthening Media Coverage and Contributing to Public Discourse in the Northeast****\$ 196,000**

To strengthen media coverage and contribute to public discourse on key democracy issues, the organization will expand its coverage in Northeast Thailand, producing regular news, editorials, and videos on key political, human rights, and socio-economic issues, while also publishing analyses and opinions from experts on democracy.

### **Fostering Informed Debates on Politics and Governance Issues**

**\$ 212,500**

To inform policy debates and strengthen citizen engagement, the organization will develop media products on critical socio-political issues and create a platform to monitor parliamentary actions and track government performance.

### **Supporting Youth Civic Engagement and Participation in Democratic Reform Processes**

**\$ 385,000**

To strengthen civic and political participation among youth, the organization will provide training for youth and civil society groups to strengthen their advocacy for democratic reforms and encourage coordination with key democracy movement actors.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Increasing Local Government Responsiveness Through Open Budgeting**

**\$ 550,000**

To improve budget transparency and civic participation, the Institute will conduct district-level workshops to increase citizen involvement in budgeting, support a digital participatory budgeting platform, and provide technical assistance on budgeting regulations, including a procedures guide.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Participatory Advocacy for Civic Engagement (PACE)**

**\$ 600,000**

To support democratic freedoms of expression, assembly, and association, the Institute will organize awareness-raising workshops and creative content production on these rights, bolster advocacy on politically prosecuted persons across the political spectrum, raise awareness of amnesty efforts, and develop a report on fair trial rights and judicial independence.

## **VIETNAM**

### **Supporting the Growth and Resilience of Independent Civil Society**

**\$ 72,000**

To support civil society leaders in growing grassroots democratic movements, the organization will offer training, study tours, and networking to build knowledge, strategy, and collaboration.

### **Promoting Democratic Legal Reform**

**\$ 80,000**

To promote transparency and deepen understanding of political processes to support democratic legal reform, the organization will create a governance transparency website, publish a book on civil society, establish a digital library on constitutional development, and host a forum on political and legal reform.

### **Developing the Capacity of Civil Society Youth Activists**

**\$ 90,000**

To support youth activists in defending rights and democracy, the organization will provide training and risk-related support for democracy advocates at risk, and convene civil society leaders to strategize on the future of the human rights movement.

### **Supporting Civil Society to Advance and Defend Human Rights**

**\$ 100,000**

To build civil society and activist capacity in human rights defense, the organization will train religious freedom and civil society activists in advocacy, project management, and legal activism, and initiate legal challenges while fostering international networks.

### **Promoting Independent News and Journalism**

**\$ 140,000**

To enhance the availability of and expand the space for independent news and journalism, the organization will produce news and analysis on democracy and human rights, provide online training for emerging journalists, and support new independent media initiatives.

### **Strengthening Independent Civil Society**

**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen the capacity of emerging human rights activists, the organization will provide capacity building, technical support, and international advocacy opportunities, along with training physical and digital security for human rights defenders.

### **Bolstering the Capacity of Independent Civil Society**

**\$ 218,000**

To support the development of civil society organizations and strengthen human rights and democracy activism, the organization will support activities on religious freedom, anti-corruption, and provide legal and humanitarian assistance to detained or imprisoned human rights defenders.

### **Creating a Platform for Human Rights Research, Analysis, and Advocacy**

**\$ 220,000**

To increase transparency and promote discussions on democratic legal reform, the organization will develop a governance transparency website, publish a book on civil society, establish a digital library on constitutional development, and host a forum on political and legal reform.

## **ASIA REGIONAL**

### **Mapping Authoritarian Influence in the Pacific Islands**

**China in the World**

**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island and international stakeholders to assess and respond to China's growing presence in the Pacific Islands and its impact on democratic institutions and values, the organization will support policy experts to monitor Chinese Communist Party influence, produce policy papers, host a conference to raise awareness, and provide networking opportunities for stakeholders.

**Strengthening Asian-led Democracy Promotion in Asia****\$ 124,000**

To build support for democratic norms in the and regional cooperation in Asia, the organization will conduct research, convene discussions on key issues, establish a support mechanism for democracy advocates at risk, and train emerging democracy advocates through an advocacy program.

**Strengthening Networks for Human Rights Defenders in the Asia-Pacific****\$ 240,000**

To bolster the capacity and strengthen solidarity of democracy and human rights activists throughout the Asia-Pacific Region, the organization will provide strategic advocacy training, build coalitions among human rights defenders, facilitate collaboration, and raise awareness to support human rights movements in the Pacific Islands.

**Strengthening Civil Society Solidarity and Cooperation in Asia****\$ 320,000**

To bolster regional support and cooperation on human rights and democracy in Asia, the organization will organize regional and sub-regional convenings for civil society to share information, coordinate efforts, and strengthen democratic resilience and advocacy.

**Building Cooperation and Civil Society Solidarity in Asia****\$ 490,000**

To advance regional solidarity, cooperation, and support for human rights and democracy in Asia, the organization will bolster civil society networks, convene democracy stakeholders through its biennial forum, expand national and subregional outreach, and promote an Indo-Pacific values charter across South and Southeast Asia.

**Strengthening Civil Society Solidarity and Cooperation in Asia****\$ 703,000**

To strengthen regional solidarity, cooperation, and support for human rights and democracy in Asia, the organization will strengthen civil society networks, promote democracy consolidation, and convene stakeholders through its biennial forum and national solidarity activities in eight key countries.

**Promoting Free and Fair Elections****\$ 720,000**

To promote free and fair elections by strengthening the capacity of and cooperation among civil society and election monitoring bodies in Asia, the organization will conduct election monitoring missions, launch advocacy campaigns, expand outreach, build capacity for youth and civil society, and convene stakeholders to strengthen democratic norms and processes.

**Strengthening a Regional Network to Advance Democratic Norms****\$ 750,000**

To strengthen a regional network of democracy-focused think tanks to advance democratic norms and values across Asia, the organization will support collaborative research, translate it into policy, and foster dialogue and cooperation on common challenges at subregional and regional levels.

## **Fostering Democratic Resilience in the Indo-Pacific Region**

**\$ 765,801**

To promote solidarity and cooperation among Asian democracies and foreign policy communities, the organization will engage key thought leaders, government officials, and legislative members to develop a strategic vision for democracy support as a pillar of Japan's foreign policy and diplomacy.

## **Core Institute**

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Assisting Pro-Democracy Groups in Closed and Closing Societies**

**\$ 150,000**

To counter malign influence and kleptocracy in closed societies in the Asia-Pacific, the Institute will strengthen pro-democracy actors' resilience and capacity to detect, track, and report kleptocratic acts.

## **Solidarity Center**

**Advancing Worker Rights in Global Supply Chains in Asia**

**\$ 153,529**

To advance fundamental labor and human rights in regional global supply chains, the Center will collaborate with local partners in the Philippines and Indonesia to educate migrating workers to defend their legal rights, while supporting labor advocates in Indonesia to address labor and human rights abuses.

## **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**Promoting Democratic Norms and Narratives in Southeast Asia Through Regional Cooperation**

**\$ 420,820**

To foster regional collaboration among think tanks to promote democratic norms, values, and market-oriented principles, the Center will strengthen cross-regional collaboration and capacity-building among think tanks and civil society, while creating an online platform for youth to share ideas on economic reform and countering closing democratic space through regional solidarity.

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

**Strengthening Democratic Solidarity and Leadership in the Asia-Pacific**

**\$ 475,000**

To strengthen the leadership of Asian democracies in promoting democratic norms and values in the Asia-Pacific region, the Institute will engage Japanese and Korean legislators through democracy interest groups, support the development of democracy assistance models, and involve young political and civic leaders to voice their priorities on democracy assistance in the region.

## **Solidarity Center**

**Advancing Worker Rights and the Rule of Law**

**\$ 560,000**

To raise awareness about worker rights issues and promote better enforcement of labor laws, the Center will collaborate with partners to educate workers about their legal rights, provide legal assistance to address workplace concerns, and improve working conditions.



**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Mitigating China's Corrosive Capital Influence Through Transparency In Infrastructure**  
**\$ 738,334**

To mitigate the corrosive effects of state-driven investment from China into new and fragile democracies, the Center will examine foreign-funded infrastructure projects to identify transparency shortfalls and address governance gaps, and map how China's Belt and Road Initiative undermines democratic institutions and market principles.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Safeguarding the Economic Sovereignty of Pacific Island Countries**  
**China in the World**  
**\$ 750,000**

To increase the capacity of key stakeholders in Pacific Island countries to assess and engage on economic security issues, the Center will bolster their economic security, reduce vulnerability to economic coercion and authoritarian influence, and enhance access to technical resources and networks of democratic allies.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Addressing China's Authoritarian Influence in the Asia-Pacific Region**  
**\$ 750,000**

To strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and the media to identify, analyze, monitor, and expose the People's Republic of China's authoritarian influence in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, the Institute will collaborate with partners to map actors and issues, co-develop research, build capacity to navigate the information landscape, and share findings with the public.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Supporting Private Sector Approaches to Fighting Corruption**  
**\$ 870,086**

To strengthen anti-bribery compliance controls and corporate governance systems in Indonesia, support private sector demands for enhanced transparency in Malaysia, and prioritize right to information policies in the Maldives, the Center will improve private sector anti-bribery controls, promote ethical business practices, and employ new transparency mitigation strategies through collective action.

## **SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL**

**Building Collective Responses to CCP Influence**  
**China in the World**  
**\$ 100,000**

To foster regional cooperation and learning in South Asia on CCP influence on democratic norms, the organization will convene an international conference for researchers, policymakers, and experts to develop a comprehensive picture of CCP influence regionally and globally, share strategies for responding, and consider collaboration that addresses the challenges.

### **Safeguarding Human Rights Online in South Asia**

**\$ 180,000**

To raise awareness on fundamental freedoms and protect privacy and human rights in South Asia amid growing digital repression, the organization will collaborate with regional partners to analyze legal frameworks, advocate for rights-respecting policies, and equip civil society with tools, evidence, and networks to defend civic space in restrictive digital environments.

### **Advancing Digital Rights and Democracy in South Asia**

**\$ 200,000**

To foster collaboration on digital rights in South Asia, the organization will convene digital rights groups, activists, and human rights defenders from the region to develop a shared agenda and strategies for addressing the evolving digital rights landscape and its impact on democracy and civil liberties.

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## **Core Institute**

**Solidarity Center**

**Promote Decent Work Conditions and Fundamental Workplace Freedoms for All Workers**

**\$ 1,046,016**

To strengthen union advocacy for worker rights in South Asia, the Center will provide training, legal support, and coalition-building for trade unions in Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and India, and partner with a new media workers union in Sri Lanka to organize forums and media campaigns that amplify union voices.

## **SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL**

### **Core Institute**

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Advocating for Parliamentary Openness in the Asia-Pacific**

**\$ 350,000**

To increase youth capacity in strengthening regional and national open parliament structures, the Institute will support youth leaders from the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia promote youth priorities and parliamentary transparency through training and a regional meeting, while connecting them with parliamentary monitoring organizations in Asia.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**

**Advancing Democratic Norms and Values Through Business Advocacy**

**\$ 924,076**

To promote transparency, accountability, and democratic norms, the Center will facilitate regional business networks, strengthen participatory economic policymaking, and enhance partners' advocacy for free market-based economic reforms through policy dialogues and peer learning.

**Solidarity Center**

**Revitalizing Trade Union Capacity and Worker Voice**

**\$ 1,339,934**

To strengthen the capacity of labor unions in Indonesia and Malaysia to increase membership and protect workers, the Center will conduct workshops and support meetings on labor law reform, union membership recruitment, occupational safety and health, and workplace contract negotiations.

**Solidarity Center**

**Strategic Organizing and Advocacy in Global Supply Chains**

**\$ 1,404,127**

To promote workers' democratic rights, especially in export-oriented industries, the Center will educate workers on their rights, support the development of representative organizations, and assist in advocacy efforts with governments, employers, and multinational firms.

# EURASIA

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## ARMENIA

### **Promoting Greater Transparency and Accountability**

**\$ 50,718**

To promote transparency and strengthen the rule of law in local governance, the organization will monitor and report on violations in tenders and subsidies, advocate for a civil servant ethics code, and engage anti-corruption bodies to increase civic oversight.

### **Advancing Public Policy for Democratic Development**

**\$ 53,980**

To support the development of democratic institutions, the organization will create short videos, run an online forum on accountable security institutions, and advocate for more democratic policy options with respect to foreign policy and domestic reforms.

### **Enhancing Democracy Through Public Engagement**

**\$ 59,962**

To promote public discussion and engagement on key domestic and international issues, the organization will produce broadcast debates and interviews in Armenian and Russian, featuring high-profile domestic and international figures to foster constructive dialogue between experts and the general public.

### **Advancing Human Rights in the Judiciary**

**\$ 60,001**

To defend human rights, the organization will track court proceedings, offer legal advice, engage in strategic litigation, provide expert recommendations to the government, and produce an online interview program addressing human rights and judicial issues.

### **Promoting Public Policy Discussions**

**\$ 66,330**

To support public policy discussions and foster engagement with Nagorno-Karabakhi Armenians, the organization will convene thought leaders and produce multimedia content to integrate refugee perspectives into national political discourse.

**Advancing Foreign Policy and Security Discourse****\$ 67,400**

To foster public debate about foreign policy and national security, the organization will produce television programming that critically examines narratives on security, sovereignty, democracy, and regional relations, and will broadcast episodes via television, radio, and social media.

**Forging Institutional Resilience****\$ 68,696**

To promote critical thinking on Armenia's post-war security and independence, the organization will provide analytical support and trainings to government institutions to strengthen their capacity to develop a sustainable foreign policy.

**Supporting a Sovereign, Democratic Future****\$ 78,900**

To promote informed public debate about foreign and security policy, increase expert and official capacity, and center democracy and rule of law in these discussions, the organization will produce analytical articles, host roundtable discussions, conduct training programs for aspiring policymakers, and hold public events.

**Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in Yerevan Municipality****\$ 90,008**

To promote government transparency and accountability, the organization will investigate public procurement and urban development, litigate corruption cases, and support journalistic research on municipal corruption.

**Identifying and Advancing Policies for Political Integration****\$ 100,000**

To promote the integration of the displaced Nagorno-Karabakh population into political life and democratic processes, the organization will conduct research and advocacy to integrate them into the political system, lay groundwork for regional peace, maximize information-sharing, and raise international discourse around the crisis.

**Promoting Civic Engagement Among Youth****\$ 108,350**

To promote youth civic engagement, the organization will host events connecting students with policymakers, encourage youth to develop policy recommendations, and support their engagement in local and national politics.

**Enhancing Democracy and Security****\$ 122,820**

To provide information and foster public engagement with current events, the organization will publish news reports, interviews, summaries, and analytical content focused on Armenia and the Caucasus, particularly Nagorno-Karabakh, leveraging its strong connections with local journalists and scholars.

**Strengthening Women's Participation in Civic and Political Life****\$ 129,789**

To encourage women's participation in political and civic life, the organization will host a political leadership program for young women to network with government officials and practice skills on shadow city councils, and support women interested in political participation to develop leadership through implementing community service projects.

**Promoting Government Accountability****\$ 130,000**

To advance governmental transparency and accountability and facilitate access to justice, the organization will monitor governmental institutions for human rights violations, produce analyses and recommendations, provide legal services to victims, and engage in strategic litigation.

**Protecting Citizens' Rights by Fighting for Judicial Reforms****\$ 130,239**

To promote judicial reform, the organization will monitor courts' use of pre-trial measures against defendants, produce regular reports, advocate with government and civil society audiences for reforms protecting citizens' rights, provide legal aid to human rights abuse victims, and produce opinions on relevant draft legislation.

**Promoting Government Accountability and Access to Justice****\$ 133,880**

To counter corruption, the organization will monitor anti-corruption court proceedings, investigate judicial corruption, litigate corruption cases on behalf of victims, and produce an online TV program highlighting corruption issues and legal rights.

**Empowering Young Leaders in Education and Activism****\$ 134,690**

To enhance youth participation in national reforms and promote civic engagement, the organization will convene local students and Karabakhi refugees in leadership activities, build student councils, and promote youth representation in education and professional spheres.

**Uncovering Fraud and Abuse****\$ 150,000**

To increase government accountability and expand access to information, the organization will produce investigations into corruption and publish news and analysis on issues of public interest.

**Advancing a Reform Agenda****\$ 160,000**

To promote informed public discussion of reform processes and foreign policy, the organization will publish content on foreign policy with a particular focus on security relations with Russia, conduct research on constitutional and police reform, and convene events with journalists, officials, and the public.

**Advocating for Press Freedom****\$ 191,710**

To support freedom of expression, the organization will monitor cases of violence against journalists, create a public record of press freedom violations, work with government leaders on media legislation, and build support for press freedom by producing independent opinions on defamation cases.

**Promoting Public Engagement on Foreign Policy Reform****\$ 195,000**

To promote informed public discussion of reform processes and foreign policy, the organization will publish articles and videos focusing on Russia relations, convene events with journalists and officials, hold public discussions, and conduct research to support constitutional and police reform recommendations.

**Empowering Citizens Through Independent Media****\$ 196,700**

To promote public discussion about political reform, democratization, and major political developments, the organization will publish independent news and analysis about the country's politics, economy, democratic trajectory, and regional relations in English and Armenian for domestic audiences and international observers.

**Supporting Accountability for Human Rights Abuses****\$ 232,620**

To protect human rights, the organization will document and publicize abuses related to ethnic violence in Nagorno-Karabakh, covering violations during the lead-up, the events of the attack, and the aftermath.

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Advancing the Political Integration of Forcibly Displaced Persons****\$ 300,000**

To build the capacity of local political leaders to address the needs of forcibly displaced people, the Institute will conduct a pilot program in high-displacement communities, perform needs assessments, and enhance the capacity of political leaders to address concerns and promote participatory decision-making.

**International Republican Institute****Advancing Women's Participation in Government****\$ 350,000**

To support the advancement of women in leadership positions in government, the Institute will promote the work of women political leaders, enhance their leadership and communication skills, and facilitate collaboration between civil society and government officials to meet goals for women's participation in government under the public administration reform strategy.

## **Solidarity Center**

### **Building the Capacity of Workers and Trade Unions to Defend Labor Rights**

**\$ 499,099**

To strengthen the democratic trade union movement, the Center will support worker and union leaders to increase grassroots membership, train leaders from the Confederation of Trade Unions to expand membership, build consensus on priority issues, and advocate for worker policies, while empowering young labor leaders to improve working conditions and engage more in union structures.

## **AZERBAIJAN**

### **Fostering the Development of the Rule of Law**

**\$ 43,990**

To promote respect for human rights and the rule of law, the organization will support capacity-building for human rights lawyers and advocacy efforts among civil society groups, including training and resources on legal recourse for human rights violations.

### **Promoting Human Rights and Expanding Access to Legal Recourse**

**\$ 49,920**

To improve the quality of human rights litigation and expand access to legal resources, the organization will maintain online resources, create video content, and publish translated case law and rulings for the public.

### **Fostering Public Awareness of Current Events**

**\$ 49,970**

To promote civic discourse and public awareness of current events, the organization will produce videos on political and social events for social media, featuring perspectives from regional thought leaders, analysts, and citizens.

### **Documenting Corruption's Impact on Human Rights**

**\$ 52,500**

To increase public access to information about endemic corruption and human rights abuses, the organization will conduct research, facilitate discussions, and share its findings with a network of stakeholders.

### **Promoting Accountability for Human Rights Abuses**

**\$ 71,120**

To increase the engagement of international institutions in human rights defense, the organization will document violations, inform policymakers, civil society, and thought leaders, advocate for support networks for victims, and promote legal and diplomatic interventions to enhance governmental accountability.

### **Providing Legal Support to Defend Human Rights**

**\$ 72,496**

To provide legal support for victims of repression and monitor judicial abuses, the organization will document misconduct in criminal investigations, produce legal analyses, and assist political prisoners to support accountability and public awareness.



**Supporting Research and Analysis for Democracy****\$ 72,878**

To produce independent analytical content on fundamental freedoms in authoritarian contexts, the organization will publish essays and reports from regional thinkers and maintain a publishing platform for at-risk academics to preserve independent research and academic freedom.

**Supporting Independent News and Information****\$ 79,980**

To promote access to reliable information and freedom of expression, the organization will publish daily news on political and societal developments and disseminate content via its website and social media, highlighting issues overlooked by state media.

**Promoting Analytical Discourse****\$ 99,560**

To improve political and economic discourse and preserve academic freedom, the organization will produce and disseminate geopolitical research and opinion pieces to foster a vibrant community of independent scholars.

**Defending Fundamental Human Rights****\$ 100,000**

To promote and defend human rights, the organization will work with rural youth on developing leadership skills, conduct sociological research on economic trends, engage in advocacy, and provide operational, capacity-building and strategic support to partner organizations.

**Promoting Civic Engagement and Grassroots Participation****\$ 130,620**

To promote civic engagement and grassroots political participation, the organization will train civically minded individuals and organizations to encourage active and consistent participation in local initiatives, foster local leadership, and provide technical and legal support to a wide variety of regional organizations and community initiatives.

**Monitoring and Advocacy for Political Prisoners****\$ 137,680**

To raise awareness about human rights abuses, the organization will gather verified information on government representatives involved in violations through open-source data, testimonials, and court monitoring, and will disseminate this information to international decision-makers, NGOs, and human rights advocates.

**Defending Fundamental Human Rights****\$ 200,887**

To promote and defend human rights, the organization will work with rural youth on developing leadership skills, conduct sociological research on economic trends, engage in advocacy, and provide operational, capacity-building and strategic support to partner organizations.

**Strengthening Independent Media****\$ 304,053**

To support freedom of information and raise awareness of the regime's domestic abuses and authoritarian collaboration, the organization will produce news articles, videos, analysis, and commentary through its network of journalists for its website and social media, focusing on stories not covered by government-controlled media including corruption, human rights violations, economic issues and foreign policy.

## **GEORGIA**

**Fostering Public Engagement with Political Processes****\$ 35,000**

To promote stronger communication and accountability between rural voters and political actors, the organization will broadcast an interview series with municipal government politicians that address local citizens' questions and requests.

**Fostering Freedom of Information in the Regions****\$ 42,993**

To support local news and citizen engagement, the organization will operate an online news portal publishing regional news, monitoring local government activities, political talk shows, and regular updates with particular attention to local issues and pre-electoral promises.

**Together for Freedom****\$ 43,413**

To promote regional civic networks and informed municipal election engagement, the organization will convene local actors through online and in-person programs to boost civic participation and reduce corruption.

**Holding the Security Services to Account****\$ 44,002**

To promote accountability of security services, the organization will monitor their activities and oversight mechanisms, hold meetings with parliamentary leaders, and advocate for reforms that uphold the rule of law.

**Strengthening Democratic Values****\$ 49,930**

To encourage grassroots civic engagement and policy discussions in the regions, the organization will hold discussions on human rights and democratic values with students, collaborate with local media to produce and publish investigative stories on regional issues, and support youth leaders in developing civic engagement projects.

**Supporting Multilingual Media for Regional Populations****\$ 50,004**

To promote freedom of information, the organization will provide balanced coverage on local issues through multilingual content on its online and radio platforms, including professionally produced programs as well as community-created content.

**Promoting Understanding of Historical Memory****\$ 62,413**

To promote an accurate understanding of Stalin's legacy, the organization will conduct archival research and primary source analysis to foster discourse on the Soviet Union's enduring impact and how Stalin's image is weaponized.

**Fostering Freedom of Information and Citizen Oversight****\$ 67,150**

To promote citizen oversight of local government and freedom of information, the organization will cover local governance issues, regional news, and national stories affecting the Armenian minority population through a multilingual, multimedia news site.

**Fostering Accountability and Transparency for Public Spending****\$ 80,000**

To monitor public spending and draw public attention to potential cases of corruption and misspending, the organization publishes investigations into unjustified and potentially illegal expenditures, such as the inappropriate use of administrative resources or public tenders granted to companies connected to public officials.

**Providing Legal Aid For Government Accountability****\$ 82,250**

To promote transparent and accountable reform processes and defend civil rights and freedom of expression, the organization will monitor reform implementation, provide legal aid in civil rights cases, and initiate strategic litigation to challenge antidemocratic practices.

**Fostering Independent Media****\$ 83,940**

To increase the availability of independent reporting on local governance and political and economic developments in the regions, the organization will maintain and develop its online news site featuring reporting from rural communities, expand multilingual coverage, draw attention to local governance problems, and connect its audience to the country's broader political and social context.

**Enhancing Public Engagement through Data-Driven Storytelling****\$ 84,284**

To encourage civic participation through data-driven storytelling, the organization will collaborate with civil society and media to produce engaging content, support influencers in reaching youth audiences, and deliver authentic, nonpartisan messages that foster civic engagement.

**Youth Participation in Civic Life****\$ 90,000**

To cultivate youth activists and voter engagement, the organization will lead extracurricular programs for students that foster community initiatives, encourage political participation, and connect participants to wider youth advocacy efforts.

**Promoting Citizen Participation and Engagement****\$ 150,000**

To increase civic engagement and transparency in local governance, the organization will monitor municipal processes, publish findings in interactive formats, and provide trainings to expand local networks of informed and active citizens.

### **Promoting Human Rights and Elevating Young Leaders**

**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen rural youth leaders' engagement in support of human rights and democratic values, the organization will conduct human rights and democracy trainings and expand efforts through informal sessions led by locally-networked youth leaders.

### **Supporting Confidence-Building and Conflict Resolution Through Dialogue**

**\$ 260,515**

To increase trust and advocate for initiatives that build trust between Georgians and Abkhaz, the organization will facilitate meetings between Georgian and Abkhaz representatives, coordinate study visits for entrepreneurs and professionals, produce policy papers on conflict transformation, and organize trainings for talented students.

### **Supporting Independent Regional Media**

**\$ 350,000**

To promote the availability of independent local, regional, and national news, the organization will report on breaking news and political and social developments, publish multimedia content across its online platforms, and prepare analytical articles and investigative reports on public affairs to encourage government accountability.

## **KAZAKHSTAN**

### **Fostering Youth Civic and Political Engagement**

**\$ 35,800**

To encourage civic and political engagement among youth, the organization will train and support youth in creating video podcasts on community issues and guide them in local advocacy.

### **Monitoring of Extractive Industries to Promote Transparency and Accountability**

**\$ 45,500**

To foster democratic accountability tied to the country's energy sector, the organization will train civic actors to promote accountability, transparency and civic engagement in agreements between the government and international partners tied to the extractives industry, as well as provide civil society partners with support to publish analyses and advocate for policy reform.

### **Providing Independent News, Analysis, and Investigations**

**\$ 45,750**

To provide objective and timely information about political developments within the country and in connection to transnational corruption, the organization will publish news, analysis, and investigations primarily in Russian with some materials in English for international audiences.

### **Promoting Civic and Human Rights Education**

**\$ 48,500**

To promote civic and human rights activism, the organization will conduct a civic education course for youth, facilitate participant mini-projects, and host public educational events.

**Promoting Women's Political Participation****\$ 50,000**

To foster women's political participation, the organization will conduct in-depth political education courses for Russian and Kazakh speaking female activists on organizing, legislative analysis, and networking, and educate the Kazakhstani public about the importance of political representation.

**Fostering Kazakh Language Use to Advance Civic Engagement and Democratic Values****\$ 50,400**

To promote the use of Kazakh language among civil society actors, human rights defenders, journalists, and political activists, the organization will establish a center for education, conduct regular classes, hold a discussion club, and produce content for social media that promotes Kazakh language use while conveying democratic values.

**Promoting Human Rights and Civic Engagement****\$ 54,400**

To build a community of youth human rights defenders, the organization will conduct a comprehensive human rights and civic education course by respected local and national human rights trainers for aspiring youth activists and create a convening space for those activists to build community.

**Promoting Access to Information****\$ 55,000**

To provide access to information about public affairs in newly created oblasts, the organization will investigate allegations of public corruption and other local governance issues, publish its findings online, and collaborate with local activists to launch public campaigns for government accountability.

**Supporting Digital News in Kazakh****\$ 56,000**

To provide an independent source of national news and analysis to Kazakh language audiences, the organization will publish its video content on social media and expand its coverage to include arts, culture, and historical memory alongside news and political topics.

**Protecting Internet Freedom****\$ 57,000**

To protect internet freedom and access to information, the organization will defend internet users against unlawful blockages and other online rights violations, while continuing a Russian and Kazakh language campaign to raise awareness about internet freedom and the dangers of government-ordered shutdowns.

**Providing Independent Political Analysis****\$ 60,000**

To provide independent news and analysis on political, social, economic, and human rights developments, the organization will conduct in-depth interviews in Russian with well-known public figures in Kazakhstan and publish them via YouTube and social media.

**Increasing Civic Engagement Using Multi-Media Storytelling****\$ 60,340**

To increase participation in civic activism and volunteerism, the organization will maintain its trilingual website, produce documentary films highlighting ecological crises and their human rights impact in the region, and conduct multi-faceted safety trainings for activists to counter increasing oppression.

**Countering Online Censorship****\$ 63,600**

To strengthen the capacity of activists and journalists to publish and advocate freely online, the organization will run a school of cyber activism, offer legal defense, and train on digital rights.

**Defending Human Rights and Promoting Accountability****\$ 66,800**

To defend the rights of victims of political repression, the organization will provide legal and advocacy support, monitor prison conditions, and advocate for accountability for human rights violations.

**Building Capacity of Elections Observers****\$ 105,500**

To support free and fair elections, the organization will create a methodology based on international standards and Kazakh law to train citizens in electoral observation, conduct election monitoring, and publish its findings for domestic and international audiences.

**Providing Legal Support to Defend Human Rights****\$ 121,000**

To promote fundamental freedoms and protect independent civil society, the organization will monitor threats to independent activity, produce analytical reports, and offer strategic legal aid while defending calls for transparency and reform amidst shrinking civic space.

**Producing Independent News and Regional Reporting Online****\$ 125,000**

To provide public access to independent reporting, the organization will use its national network of freelance journalists to produce Russian- and Kazakh-language news and analysis on key issues, including democratic processes, political rights, Russian influence, and national sovereignty.

**Supporting Evidence-Based Analysis on Politics and Human Rights****\$ 200,000**

To ensure access to credible information, the organization will provide evidence-based reporting on Kazakhstani politics, conduct polling on political polarization, publish findings, and mentor early-career policy experts to raise their public profiles.

**Defending Civic and Political Activism****\$ 204,500**

To promote access to justice and defend fundamental freedoms, the organization will monitor violations of the right to peaceful assembly, torture, and persecution of activists, provide legal assistance to citizens whose rights have been violated, and use this information to produce policy recommendations for better observance of human rights.

### **Promoting News, Analysis, and Investigative Journalism**

**\$ 409,200**

To promote access to independent and politically relevant news, analysis, and investigative reporting, the organization's in-house journalists and team of regional freelancers will publish breaking news, in-depth analysis, investigative reporting, podcasts, documentaries, and multimedia content in Russian and Kazakh, while mentoring emerging journalists and collaborating with international partners to inform global investigations into kleptocracy and corruption.

### **Core Institute**

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

#### **Promoting Business Leadership**

**\$ 299,154**

To strengthen business integrity and corporate governance in Kazakhstan, the Center will expand its business integrity initiative through public-private dialogue and corporate governance training to improve the business environment for international investors and the local private sector.

#### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Promoting Citizen Participation in Political Processes**

**\$ 500,000**

To strengthen the ability of civil society and political activists to collaborate and engage in political processes, the Institute will organize trainings and consultations on strategies, messaging, advocacy best practices, and research application, and conduct a national poll to ensure advocacy strategies are data-driven and responsive to citizens' needs.

## **KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

#### **Investigating and Publicizing Abuses and Corruption**

**\$ 45,000**

To uncover corruption and rights violations, the organization will conduct investigative journalism and produce documentaries and host press conferences in both Kyrgyz and Russian.

#### **Promoting Human Rights and Accountability through Strategic Litigation**

**\$ 51,000**

To use strategic litigation to advance reforms, the organization will monitor rights violations affecting people with disabilities, women, and ethnic minorities on issues such as voting rights and access to government institutions and pursue ten key legal cases.

#### **Promoting Democratic Values**

**\$ 58,000**

To engage youth with current affairs and democratic issues, the organization will produce short-form explanatory videos that contextualize issues and connect them to democratic values.

**Protecting Freedom of Speech and Free Press****\$ 60,000**

To promote and defend freedom of speech, the organization will litigate strategic cases on behalf of journalists, monitor and confront legal and legislative threats, advocate to the government and international partners, and organize public discussions on press freedom.

**Strengthening Women's Civic and Political Engagement****\$ 60,000**

To support the development of women's leadership in rural and religious communities, the organization will hold civic education and leadership trainings to help rural activists build their leadership capacity and public visibility, and organize roundtables on religious freedom to connect government officials with leaders of all denominations.

**Promoting Independent Journalism****\$ 66,000**

To ensure access to accurate news in southern Kyrgyzstan, the organization will maintain a Kyrgyz-language news platform, produce multimedia content, and train young journalists.

**Protecting Human Rights and the Rule of Law****\$ 85,000**

To promote the rule of law and defend civil and political rights, the organization will provide legal consultations and representation in cases of serious human rights violations and produce analysis of proposed laws impacting civil society and press freedom.

**Promoting Access to Journalism and Local Language Reporting****\$ 85,000**

To promote access to independent journalism in Kyrgyz, the organization will produce original content, debates, and investigative reporting for digital platforms targeting the Kyrgyz-speaking population.

**Defending Fundamental Rights****\$ 92,000**

To protect fundamental rights, the organization will monitor freedom of assembly, train lawyers and judges, publish reports, and provide legal support to victims.

**Supporting a New Generation of Human Rights Leaders****\$ 100,000**

To expand access to justice and strengthen youth leadership in human rights, the organization will train early-career human rights defenders and civic leaders, provide stipends for research and community initiatives proposed by emerging professionals, and establish a public hub to convene youth working to defend fundamental freedom

**Supporting Independent Investigative Journalism****\$ 103,200**

To promote independent journalism, the organization will investigate elite corruption and collaborate with other media to publish findings in both Russian and Kyrgyz across platforms.



**Promoting Civic Engagement and Interethnic Dialogue****\$ 108,000**

To promote democratic ideas and values among youth in the remote and multiethnic Batken Region, the organization will implement a debate program for university and high school students, covering political and social issues, alongside civic education and public dialogue activities for youth and adults.

**Promoting Public Debate of Soviet Repression****\$ 110,000**

To raise awareness of Soviet repression, the organization will run a school for artists, academics, civic leaders, educators, and researchers, produce academically rigorous materials on historical events, and present them in formats accessible to a general audience.

**Promoting Independent Media and Public Debate****\$ 122,000**

To provide access to independent media, the organization will produce television programs for Kyrgyz-speaking audiences featuring politically diverse guests, documentaries, and investigations, and will rebroadcast content from independent Kyrgyzstani and international media outlets.

**Promoting Independent Media****\$ 125,000**

To support a pluralistic array of independent commentary, the organization will produce regular videos in Russian and Kyrgyz, covering current events with commentary and in-depth interviews, aimed at engaging audiences typically less involved in politics.

**Promoting Civic Engagement****\$ 200,000**

To promote public discussion on democratic governance and civic engagement, the organization will operate a social media news and civic education program with short-form updates and long-form debates on democracy issues, and run a civic debate program for regional youth.

**Promoting Resilient Independent Media****\$ 300,000**

To promote investigative and data journalism, the organization will produce content on political and economic issues, emphasizing crime, corruption, and authoritarianism.

**Promoting Human Rights****\$ 300,000**

To expand access to human rights defense in remote regions, the organization will maintain its network of NGOs, monitor abuses, and provide free legal aid.

## **Core Institute**

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Leveraging International Labor Standards to Build Democratic Resilience**

**\$ 848,790**

To strengthen the resilience of grassroots labor advocates to protect workers' fundamental rights amid shrinking democratic space, the Center will support local partners to increase legal protections for migrant workers and promote safe workplaces by convening stakeholders to reform national policies and practices addressing violence and harassment in the workplace.

## **RUSSIA**

### **Supporting Political Prisoners**

**\$ 39,805**

To bolster the resilience of political prisoners, the organization will amplify their stories through a coordinated media campaign, provide assistance to the prisoners and their families, and raise awareness about their plight through various media platforms.

### **Supporting Freedom of Information and Accurate Wartime Reporting**

**\$ 44,876**

To support investigative reporting on Russia's war in Ukraine, the organization will research demographic and social impacts, distribute findings to national and international press outlets, and increase the quality of reporting on the war.

### **Strengthening Capacity for Civic Leaders**

**\$ 49,984**

To enhance the resilience and effectiveness of civic leaders working under mounting repression, the organization will provide tailored training on civic organizing, personal and informational security, and risk analysis.

### **Civic Resistance and Historical Memory**

**\$ 50,050**

To raise awareness of historical political repression, the organization will document events at a historical site, maintain resources, and support local activism.

### **Promoting Coverage of Regional Issues**

**\$ 51,851**

To highlight challenges in far-flung regions, the organization will publish in-depth reports on local corruption and the impacts of the Russian war in Ukraine.

### **Supporting Regional Media**

**\$ 52,554**

To promote civic engagement and democratic values, the organization will support journalists from a border region to publish news about the war and coordinate offline activities including legal assistance and letter-writing campaigns for political prisoners, refugees, and others affected by the war.

**Promoting Democratic Values Through Civic Education****\$ 53,172**

To preserve the memory of Soviet repression, the organization will manage a civil society resource center, host educational events, and collaborate with local initiatives.

**Promoting Youth Civic Engagement****\$ 53,772**

To promote civic engagement and democratic values, the organization will publish articles and interviews on local regional issues across social media platforms and produce audio and video broadcasts to raise awareness of citizen mobilization and advocacy efforts.

**Providing Russian-Language Information and Analysis****\$ 54,281**

To provide high-quality news and analysis, the organization will report on policy developments and explain their societal impact to empower informed citizenship.

**Combatting Repression Through Mutual Aid****\$ 54,794**

To support victims of political detentions and administrative offenses, the organization will coordinate legal and financial aid by ordinary citizens and run advocacy campaigns.

**Promoting Civic Engagement and Citizen Participation****\$ 55,000**

To enhance the capacity of local groups and increase civic engagement on locally relevant topics, the organization will conduct trainings for journalists and bloggers, support a student group with organizational capacity-building, and organize a competition to support grassroots initiatives.

**Engaging Video Reporting and Breaking News****\$ 59,350**

To support Russian-language investigative journalism, the organization will maintain a long-form outlet covering regional political and economic issues.

**Elevating Awareness of Civic Engagement****\$ 60,000**

To foster civic engagement, the organization will support a Russian-language podcast produced by community civic leaders, presenting stories about the work and impact of local civic actors, and distribute these podcasts on its website and social media.

**Facilitating Access to Justice****\$ 63,000**

To facilitate access to justice and raise awareness of human rights abuses, the organization will provide legal and psycho-social consultations, and publish information, individual stories, and resources on social media to raise awareness among a wider audience.

**Increasing Judicial Accountability and Transparency****\$ 65,050**

To increase judicial accountability, the organization will train court monitors, monitor court proceedings, and publish information about court activities on its website to raise public awareness of international justice standards and the rule of law.

**Protecting Citizens' Rights in Wartime****\$ 65,780**

To defend the right to conscientious objection, the organization will offer legal and psychological support and educate citizens on their rights.

**Defending Human Rights and Promoting Civic Engagement****\$ 66,938**

To defend human rights, the organization will maintain a community center that provides legal aid, psychological support, and informational resources and promote civic engagement with local stakeholders through events, support groups, and training to increase support for a marginalized community in a remote region.

**Defending Human Rights****\$ 70,000**

To facilitate access to justice, the organization will provide free legal aid for victims of torture, domestic violence, and forced labor, and raise awareness through social media.

**Protecting the Rights of Young People****\$ 70,015**

To protect young people's rights, the organization will educate youth on their rights, monitor rights violations, educate the public through social media content, operate a help desk, and provide legal consultations that can lead to direct legal aid.

**Raising Awareness of Ethnic Minority Issues****\$ 74,960**

To raise awareness of challenges faced by ethnic minorities, the organization will develop a coordinated network of social media pages providing updates and analysis across multiple platforms, produce a podcast highlighting barriers to justice, and create both long- and short-form video content to amplify these issues.

**Building the Capacity of Grassroots Initiatives****\$ 75,442**

To boost professionalism and cooperation among civic and grassroots activists, the organization will offer training, mentorship, and technical assistance for civic initiatives that pursue collective action and public advocacy.

**Developing Approaches to Civic Education in Repressive Contexts****\$ 79,470**

To support civic education, the organization will develop a curriculum on human rights and democratic values and strengthen a network of pro-democracy educators across various regions.

**Supporting Data Journalism and an Open Data Platform for Independent Analysts****\$ 80,000**

To expose the effects of the war on society, the organization will preserve and archive relevant statistical data, build an open and searchable database of those statistics, publish data journalism based on the database in various formats, and share reporting with stakeholders.

**Promoting Debate Among Youth****\$ 82,535**

To foster civic engagement among youth, the organization will promote open political discussion by hosting events that encourage debate on national and local issues from diverse perspectives.

**Promoting Democratic Reforms and Civil Society Dialogue****\$ 84,300**

To promote accountability for wartime human rights violations, the organization will convene experts and civic leaders to advocate for political prisoners and deportation victims, and host a conference to develop collaborative approaches and a post-conflict accountability agenda.

**Promoting Human Rights and Regional Identity****\$ 85,730**

To defend human rights and promote civic dialogue, the organization will monitor violations, provide free legal assistance, and host discussions on relevant local issues.

**Developing a Regional Media Outlet****\$ 87,592**

To support regional independent journalism, the organization will expand its multi-platform media outlet's reach and adapt formats for broader engagement.

**Understanding and Countering Russian Exceptionalism****\$ 90,000**

To counter Russian exceptionalism and colonial legacies, the organization will build expert networks, create educational content, and convene inclusive democracy forums.

**Increasing Transparency Through Journalism****\$ 90,954**

To increase transparency, encourage citizen participation, and promote critical thinking, the organization will support independent regional journalism, including content produced by local civic leaders on government transparency issues, and will support news reporting, investigations, and analysis to strengthen connections between local community leaders and citizens.

**Capacity Building for Emerging Civic Leaders****\$ 94,745**

To support civic leaders committed to democratic values and build pro-democracy networks, the organization will run a training program to identify and prepare emerging leaders and strengthen their communication and outreach skills.

**Supporting Victims of State Repression****\$ 94,965**

To provide multifaceted support to victims of state repression and their families, the organization will raise awareness of political prisoners' plight, advocate on their behalf before national and international bodies, while providing material support and humanitarian assistance to victims and their families.

**Defending the Rights of Young People****\$ 96,821**

To strengthen youth access to justice, the organization will support a human rights institution to educate youth on their rights, document violations, publish informational resources, and provide free legal assistance.

**Defending Human Rights****\$ 99,948**

To ensure legal accountability for egregious human rights violations, the organization will provide free legal assistance to victims, track and analyze relevant data, and raise awareness through media outreach and reporting to international human rights bodies.

**Countering State Censorship****\$ 99,959**

To counter state propaganda, the organization will create a YouTube channel with analysis on political and economic issues and stimulate democratic discourse.

**Increasing Access to Justice****\$ 99,984**

To defend human rights, the organization will provide legal aid, train lawyers in litigation, conduct field research, and engage media to raise awareness.

**Protecting Citizens' Rights****\$ 100,000**

To expand civil society through legal and journalistic tools, the organization will produce accessible multimedia content and provide legal advice and litigation support.

**Improving the Quality and Sustainability of Regional Media****\$ 100,110**

To increase access to independent journalism and promote self-organization, the organization will report on local political, economic, and everyday issues, while expanding its audience and building commercial support.

**Challenging Historical Narratives****\$ 102,360**

To challenge dominant historical narratives that obscure autocracy and repression, the organization will produce short documentaries based on historical research and interviews with historians, experts, and academics from around the world.

**Advancing a Vision for a Democratic Future****\$ 106,659**

To promote democratic values, the organization will produce a YouTube channel providing verified information about the war and human rights violations and advocating for political prisoners.

**Support of Regional Independent Journalism****\$ 109,990**

To promote civic engagement and interregional cooperation, the organization will operate an independent news platform and a civic resource center focusing on underserved regions.

**Developing Regional Civic Leadership****\$ 110,000**

To support regional political leadership, the organization will run a leadership training program and fund civic initiatives led by participants.

**Analyzing Politics and International Affairs****\$ 110,665**

To provide analysis of Eurasian politics, the organization will publish analytical content on Russia's global foreign policy and train journalists on new tools for reporting.

**Monitoring Human Rights****\$ 116,358**

To improve access to justice for prisoners and victims of political repression, the organization will conduct human rights programs, provide legal education and assistance, offer leadership training, and maintain a resource center.

**Documenting and Encouraging Civic Activity****\$ 119,990**

To increase access to information, the media outlet will livestream politically significant events, including political prisoners' court proceedings, and collaborate with other media for broad dissemination.

**Strengthening Civil Society Groups****\$ 120,708**

To strengthen civil society through mentorship and international engagement, the organization will hold a series of ten week-long fellowships for individuals involved in civic initiatives, pairing them with experienced mentors who will help improve their strategic thinking and connect them to the international community.

**Building Local Communities Online****\$ 124,964**

To foster civic engagement through locally focused online platforms, the organization will operate forums where engaged citizens can discuss local events and participate in openly political dialogue reflecting diverse viewpoints.

**Promoting Peaceful Alternatives****\$ 126,830**

To help citizens defend their constitutional rights, the organization will provide legal consultations and publish informative legal resources online.

**Supporting Regional Media****\$ 128,730**

To provide high-quality information to the regional and national population and support independent journalism as a democratic institution, the organization will support an independent internet news website focused on a major city underserved by independent media and publish original content via its website and messaging apps.

**Supporting a Regional Grassroots Community****\$ 128,834**

To foster civil society and critical thinking, the organization will offer internships, trainings, and community events to engage residents in local governance.

**Protecting Human Rights****\$ 135,000**

To reduce human rights violations, strengthen compliance with international standards, and facilitate access to justice for victims of police brutality, the organization will provide legal assistance, conduct informational campaigns, and produce multimedia content, including short videos and a podcast, to educate citizens about their rights and highlight systemic law enforcement issues.

**Supporting Civic and Political Engagement****\$ 137,598**

To foster public discussion of social responsibility and political engagement, the organization will conduct a cross-country tour to connect with civic leaders who are often isolated from each other, create a documentary-style video about their activities, and build a support network for them.

**Providing Access to an Uncensored Internet****\$ 142,700**

To foster freedom of information and ensure access to the global Internet, the organization will develop, promote, and distribute VPN technology to circumvent censorship, and partner with censored independent media to expand VPN tool distribution.

**Raising Awareness of Human Rights****\$ 150,000**

To raise awareness of human rights, strengthen community preparedness to respond to threats, and increase understanding of the human rights situation, the organization will provide legal consultations and direct legal aid to local community members, offer psychological support, and monitor human rights abuses, producing an annual report for broad distribution.

**Supporting High Quality Investigative Journalism****\$ 150,019**

To improve access to independent news, the organization will investigate social and political issues, especially affecting women, and distribute content widely.

**Promoting Academic Freedom****\$ 151,692**

To improve understanding and raise awareness of how limitations on academic freedom inhibit the development of democratic ideals, the organization will produce and publish reports, present at international conferences, highlight the crackdown on academic freedom, and support efforts for greater cross-border engagement.

**Supporting Civic Leaders and Dialogue****\$ 157,528**

To support civil society leaders, the organization will provide capacity-building programs, organize public debates and multimedia events with democratic actors, and offer legal support and emergency assistance to those facing risks due to their work.



**Promoting Access to Internet Resources****\$ 165,700**

To improve understanding of internet access, the organization will develop technical tools to monitor access to information freedom of expression online and analyze digital freedoms.

**Preserving Regional Media****\$ 166,800**

To preserve a network of regional media teams, the organization will support teams to publish material across social media platforms about local corruption, government misconduct, and topics of social significance relevant to their audiences.

**Supporting Investigative Journalism****\$ 174,140**

To increase the availability of high-quality investigative journalism on significant political and social topics, the organization will regularly publish investigative reports, feature pieces, and editorials on various topics in the country and abroad, covering both major cities and remote regions.

**Countering Censorship with Technological Tools****\$ 174,600**

To promote public access to independent online resources, the organization will enhance its app to help users bypass government censorship and conduct a public outreach campaign on anti-censorship technology.

**Supporting Civic Engagement and Human Rights Defense****\$ 175,000**

To preserve civic networks and strengthen civil society in the face of rising repression, the organization will support democratic initiatives and individuals through a small-grants program and provide emergency assistance to civic leaders, journalists, and human rights defenders.

**Defending Internet Freedom****\$ 175,200**

To defend human rights online, the organization will conduct strategic litigation, raise public awareness, advocate for internet freedom, and publish monitoring and analysis on freedom of expression, association, and privacy issues.

**Supporting Electoral Transparency****\$ 175,980**

To promote transparency of elections, the organization will refine innovative monitoring methods using video and statistical analysis, train volunteers, and hold presentations to raise awareness of new methodologies among civic leaders, NGOs, and researchers.

**Supporting and Amplifying Investigative Journalism****\$ 177,700**

To expand investigative journalism, the organization will produce digital content, particularly video and podcasts, to raise awareness of corruption and politics.

**Defending Human Rights****\$ 179,480**

To increase access to justice and public awareness of human rights violations, the organization will provide legal consultations and representation to victims, monitor the human rights environment, and publish information on human rights standards and violations.

**Supporting Legal Assistance for Human Rights****\$ 180,114**

To promote the rule of law and adherence to human rights norms, the organization will provide free expert legal assistance to clients seeking justice, engage young lawyers through internships, trainings, and seminars, and foster the creation of interregional networks of human rights defenders.

**Supporting Student Media****\$ 191,241**

To engage young people and university students in the political process, the organization will publish articles and explainers on educational rights and responsibilities, connect students nationwide, and help them develop as student journalists and leaders.

**Protecting Human Rights****\$ 192,000**

To defend human rights, the organization will document violations, provide legal assistance to victims, and produce online media content to raise awareness of human rights standards and violations.

**Enhancing the Resilience of Independent Media****\$ 200,000**

To support freedom of expression and counter Kremlin propaganda, the organization will produce news coverage, documentaries, and debates with democratic thought leaders as well as develop anti-censorship digital tools, and expand audience reach.

**Advancing Livestream Journalism****\$ 200,487**

To deliver independent livestream journalism, the media outlet will publish video reports and interviews on underreported events.

**Promoting Regional Civic Education and Public Engagement****\$ 212,370**

To promote discussion of local issues and history and educate the local population about their rights, the organization will conduct public events on human rights and civic action, support news and informational pages on local developments, and organize consultations and seminars to educate youth on how to defend their rights.

**Supporting Investigative Journalism and Analysis****\$ 230,240**

To increase access to fact-based reporting on Russia's war in Ukraine and advance a democratic reform agenda, the organization will provide regular reporting and analysis of the war's impact on both countries and contribute to public discussions on democratic reform by developing reform proposals for Russia's military system.

**Supporting Corruption Investigations****\$ 231,340**

To combat transnational corruption and impunity, the organization will support anti-corruption investigations, share findings with relevant anti-corruption bodies, conduct advocacy on transnational kleptocracy, and produce multimedia content to educate the public on corruption and kleptocracy.

**Strengthening Human Rights Defender Networks****\$ 236,696**

To strengthen networks and facilitate cooperation among human rights defenders, the organization will facilitate meetings for networking, strategizing, coordinating activities, exchanging knowledge, and learning security practices, and will organize trainings for lawyers.

**Defending Indigenous Rights****\$ 240,000**

To defend the rights of indigenous communities, the organization will monitor rights violations, strengthen coordination among activists, raise awareness of indigenous challenges, offer free legal consultations, and disseminate news and violation maps via an online platform.

**Building Democracy Activist Networks****\$ 247,110**

To bolster international support for the country's democratic development, the organization will facilitate networking trips and public events that unite pro-democracy leaders, advocate for political prisoners, and present an inclusive, forward-looking vision of the country's future.

**Combating Impunity and Systematic Violence****\$ 248,165**

To combat impunity and systematic violence, the organization will investigate human rights abuses, provide free legal assistance to victims, and collaborate with independent media to publish research and analysis.

**Enhancing Public Understanding of Socio-Political Issues****\$ 249,969**

To foster freedom of information through independent public opinion research, the organization will conduct polling and sociological studies to inform public discourse and support outreach by democratic groups on key political and social issues.

**Advancing Local Rights and Exposing Corruption****\$ 250,000**

To defend the rights of local communities and promote accountability in Arctic policymaking, the organization will publish investigations on state corruption and environmental harm, and host workshops with media partners to raise awareness of community rights in the Russian Far North.

**Supporting Online News and Commentary****\$ 250,172**

To provide independent news and commentary on political, economic, and social issues and support pro-democracy networks, the organization will produce Russian-language video content featuring current events analysis and documentaries on political processes that provide an alternative to state propaganda and stimulate public discussion on democratic values.

**Improving Audience Research****\$ 251,581**

To enhance a major civic group's understanding of their audience, the organization will operate nine social media channels to solicit feedback, identify audience priorities, and test message reception through content analysis

**Enhancing the Resilience of Independent Media****\$ 255,215**

To provide an independent source of information, news, and analysis on significant political and social topics, the organization will publish breaking news, investigations, original reporting, and analytical commentary online in various formats across social media networks and partner platforms

**Strengthening Russian Academic Freedom****\$ 256,005**

To support democratic actors, the organization will provide fellowships to academics and at-risk students, promote civic education through academic courses in science, history, sociology and other disciplines, elevate the visibility of scholars in exile, and foster critical discussion about the country's democratic potential.

**Defending Victims of Human Rights Abuses****\$ 260,000**

To increase the physical safety of victims of gross human rights violations, the organization will provide material, legal, psychological, and medical aid, monitor and report on abuses, and conduct capacity-building events for its team across different regions.

**Supporting Collaborative Investigative Journalism****\$ 275,000**

To increase the availability of quality investigative journalism for Russian and international audiences, the organization will support regional and international investigative reporting and produce appealing digital content, distributing it through its online platform.

**Supporting Independent Media****\$ 275,015**

To provide public access to independent news, the organization will publish original investigative pieces on social and political issues, political repression, judicial abuses, and the impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine across multiple online platforms.

**Protecting Democracy Advocates****\$ 300,000**

To provide comprehensive support to democrats at risk and strengthen the democratic movement, the organization will facilitate visa support, assist with emergency and legal aid, pursue strategic advocacy to bolster protection mechanisms, and share best practices to foster sustainability.

**Building Capacity and Enhancing Collaboration****\$ 327,172**

To strengthen the capacity of civil society and regional civic leaders, the organization will conduct public events and civic education programs, facilitate collaboration among civic leaders, analyze the civil society ecosystem through field research, and provide technical and financial support to promising local initiatives.

### **Supporting Freedom of Expression**

**\$ 350,000**

To support critical thinking and freedom of expression, the organization will offer online webinars on civic engagement, history, constitutional law, and human rights, and will monitor and publish findings on freedom of expression in the country.

### **Monitoring Extremism and Repression**

**\$ 360,888**

To promote informed, constructive public discussion of extremism, the organization will produce expert analysis of extremism and xenophobia, publish articles on its platforms and in partner publications, conduct public events, engage in international advocacy, and partner with similar organizations to discuss regional dynamics.

### **Documenting Repression of Political Prisoners**

**\$ 399,978**

To foster respect for international human rights norms, the rule of law, and democratic values, the organization will conduct research, monitor legal proceedings, publish findings, and provide legal assistance to victims of human rights violations.

### **Promoting Democratic Values**

**\$ 400,111**

To maintain a democratic movement amid repression and promote grassroots engagement, the organization will provide small grants, security consultations and training to civic organizations, and enable civic leaders to attend a networking conference.

### **Supporting Investigative Journalism**

**\$ 501,800**

To promote investigative journalism and increase access to objective information about the country, the organization will increase investigative pieces, expand publication formats to attract new audiences, and publish in various text and video genres with emphasis on investigative and expert analytical content.

## **Core Institute**

### **Supporting Market Solutions to Authoritarian Influence**

**\$ 644,050**

To increase awareness of authoritarian economic influence, the organization will analyze authoritarian economic partnerships in emerging market countries, engaging local private sector communities.

## **UZBEKISTAN**

### **Developing Local Independent Media**

**\$ 55,000**

To inform public discourse on key social and political topics, the organization will produce documentaries, podcasts, and videos on quality of life issues, highlighting how government policies affect daily life and engaging citizens who rarely participate in political life.

**Supporting Investigative Journalism****\$ 60,000**

To advance anti-corruption journalism, the organization will train new journalists, produce investigative reports, and invest in video formats for broader impact.

**Promoting Independent Policy Analysis and Research****\$ 75,000**

To strengthen professional capacities of civic leaders, the organization will facilitate master classes and networking opportunities with experts from neighboring countries to develop career skills needed for effective leadership, policy analysis, and project development.

**Promoting Public Discussion and Creating Civic Space****\$ 80,000**

To encourage discussion of political and social topics and foster civic engagement, the organization will operate a public meeting and gallery space, hosting art exhibitions, film screenings, discussion clubs, and lectures, while also offering the space for interest groups and young civic leaders to hold their own events.

**Promoting Rule of Law and Human Rights****\$ 99,700**

To promote the rule of law and defend human rights, the organization will monitor forced evictions and illegal property seizures, defend the rights of those affected, advocate to government officials and international institutions, and create blogs, videos, and multilingual reports as part of a broad advocacy strategy.

**Promoting Human Rights and Strengthening Civil Society****\$ 198,900**

To raise awareness of human and labor rights abuses, the organization will monitor forced labor in the cotton and silk sectors, report violations, and support emerging organizations and civic initiatives within its network of labor and human rights monitors.

## **CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL**

**Strengthening the Capacity of Human Rights Lawyers****\$ 61,700**

To develop the professional skills and knowledge of young lawyers, the organization will connect them with experienced human rights lawyers through training programs and networking events and facilitate their provision of pro bono consultations to the public and people in closed institutions to build core professional capacity and emphasize the value of public service.

**Fostering Civic Engagement in Rural Areas****\$ 65,100**

To foster community advocacy in rural areas, the organization will train youth activists and support local engagement on non-confrontational issues to build a future cohort of politically active citizens.

**Providing Access to Independent News****\$ 81,200**

To provide access to independent news and analysis on Turkmenistan, the organization will publish daily content in Russian and English focused on the regime's kleptocracy and human rights abuses, and conduct targeted international advocacy.

**Promoting Access to Information****\$ 100,000**

To provide timely and accurate information on human rights developments, the organization will maintain a network of correspondents reporting on domestic conditions, publish breaking news and analysis in multiple languages, and use advocacy campaigns to involve international rights bodies in promoting freedom of movement.

**Fostering Freedom of Information****\$ 165,000**

To provide access to independent information on domestic and world politics, the organization will produce news and analysis for Tajik- and Russian-speaking audiences, covering politics, economics, and current affairs.

**Strengthening Independent Media Through Consulting and Mentorship****\$ 169,000**

To improve the professional, strategic, and administrative capacity of independent media organizations, the organization will provide in-depth mentorship and training to eight local media outlets, offer case-specific consultations to outlets across the region, and help each partner develop and pursue a strategic plan for further development, ensuring organizational stability and financial viability.

**Combatting Eurasian Kleptocracy****\$ 231,500**

To hold Central Asian kleptocrats accountable, the organization will research kleptocratic systems, compile civil society reports on rights violations, publish findings, and share information with the international human rights and policy communities.

**Strengthening Human Rights Defense****\$ 250,000**

To support the development of human rights defenders and civic leaders, the organization will hold public events for youth, conduct training programs for young lawyers and activists, and provide a legal clinic and internships to build skills in human rights cases.

**Promoting Human Rights****\$ 275,000**

To support human rights defenders and civil society activists, the organization will provide emergency assistance, award small grants to rural groups, and advocate for civil society protection at the international level.

### **Defending Civil Society**

**\$ 391,939**

To strengthen local organizations and counter threats to human rights defenders, activists, and journalists, the organization will identify initiatives for support in regions with nascent civil society, provide capacity building to help mid-size initiatives manage donor support independently, and offer emergency assistance for immediate threats while raising stakeholder awareness.

### **Core Institute**

#### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs Improving Resilience of Vote Monitoring Organizations**

**\$ 325,000**

To support free and fair elections in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, the Institute will conduct technical, security, and communications workshops, facilitate advocacy roundtables, and provide support in digital security and long-term election observation methodologies to enhance election and pre-election monitoring efforts and build public trust.

## **EURASIA REGIONAL**

### **Providing Respite for At-Risk Activists**

**\$ 32,000**

To provide humanitarian and legal support for at-risk democratic civic and political actors, the organization will offer legal and professional assistance, focus on coalition building, and network with like-minded organizations to support civil society development and human rights defenders.

### **Amplifying Eurasian Voices in European Security**

**\$ 36,012**

To amplify pro-democracy voices from Eurasian civil society in foreign and security policy discussions, the organization will support independent leaders' participation in a prominent European security conference and foster cross-regional networks of policy experts.

### **Promoting Public Policy Debates**

**\$ 94,414**

To invigorate policy thinking among Eurasian countries seeking deeper Western integration, the organization will cultivate a network of scholars who will meet to discuss democratic security issues and produce publications promoting reforms that foster improved Western integration.

### **Strengthening Independent Russian-Language News Media and Regional Collaboration**

**\$ 100,000**

To increase the availability of high-quality independent news and commentary in video format for Russian-language audiences, the organization will implement a mentorship, training, and networking program to support the production of videos by pro-democracy Eurasian activists and foster collaborations among Russian-language content creators across the region.



**Promoting Freedom of Religion****\$ 123,500**

To promote freedom of religion, the organization will monitor and report on violations of religious freedom in the region, publish news and research updates, and serve as an information resource for governments, international bodies, and human rights advocates.

**Bolstering Data Journalism****\$ 133,014**

To develop a network of trained data professionals in the region, the organization will hold trainings, seminars, and practicums, including an in-residence fellowship, for journalists and civil society activists to incorporate data analysis and visualization into independent reporting and evidence-based advocacy.

**Strengthening the Sustainability and Exile Media****\$ 150,000**

To provide emergency support for Eurasian journalists and human rights defenders, the organization will deliver comprehensive assistance to at-risk activists, maintain a co-working space for exiled professionals, and organize trainings and events to promote protection and resilience.

**Protecting Labor Rights and Promoting Labor Activism****\$ 163,000**

To strengthen the capacity of labor rights activism, the organization will support labor activists in the region through training, network-building, strategic planning, and advocacy in international bodies, while mentoring activists to develop labor rights initiatives in their local contexts.

**Strengthening Resilience to Chinese Authoritarian Influence****\$ 180,000**

To counter authoritarian influence and expand access to information on Chinese involvement, the organization will convene stakeholders to strengthen regional cooperation, share research and policy recommendations, and provide legal assistance at the domestic level.

**Investigating and Exposing Kleptocratic Supply Chains****\$ 199,126**

To help civil society expose kleptocratic supply chains and their democratic impact, the organization will provide tailored support to three groups to investigate and publicize illicit energy sector practices, including tool development, research, and publications.

**Protecting Democracy Advocates at Risk****\$ 200,000**

To support human rights defenders, activists, and journalists under threat and build civil society resilience amid political repression, the organization will provide emergency assistance, legal, medical, and psychosocial support, and share best practices with peer human rights organizations.

**Supporting Activists at Risk****\$ 215,000**

To support at-risk human rights activists, the organization will offer emergency relocation, respite, and rehabilitation services, including medical, psychological, networking, and professional development support to sustain regional advocacy networks.

**Networking IT Professionals with Civil Society to Circumvent Censorship****\$ 224,372**

To counter censorship, the organization will hold conferences in various cities for IT professionals to collaborate, and maintain an online community through events and newsletters.

**Mapping Networks of Corruption****\$ 244,990**

To detect and disrupt kleptocratic financial flows in Eurasia and Eastern Europe, the organization will update its database of regional government officials, build profiles of their networks and overseas assets, and collaborate with partners to apply sanctions and anti-money laundering tools against illicit financial activity.

**Supporting Investigative Journalism****\$ 251,588**

To improve the ability of investigative journalists and NGOs to use networked, cross-border data research tools, the organization will upgrade and maintain its pioneering investigative journalism and research software, promote its use, and train journalists, researchers, and activists on how to utilize it.

**Increasing Understanding of Kleptocracy and Foreign Influence in Eurasian Oil and Gas****\$ 272,500**

To increase public understanding of how kleptocracy and corruption in the oil and gas sectors enable human rights abuses, the organization will research their connections to negative human rights outcomes.

**Mentoring Media for Enhanced Sustainability****\$ 301,400**

To improve the professional, strategic, and administrative capacity of media organizations in the region, the organization will provide in-depth, continuous mentorship and training to six local media outlets.

**Preserving Memory of Soviet Repression****\$ 345,245**

To raise awareness of Soviet repression and challenge official historical narratives, the organization will preserve Gulag historic sites, produce a documentary film, and organize events and exhibits in various cities using innovative education tools to showcase past crimes.

**Supporting Regional News and Analysis****\$ 350,000**

To expand access to regional news and analysis in local languages in the Caucasus, the organization will produce weekly news stories and opinion pieces in English and Russian, disseminate them through the organization's website and social media platforms, and collaborate with regional media partners to provide relevant content in Armenian, Azerbaijani, and Georgian.

**Supporting a Campaign to End Forced Labor****\$ 500,000**

To raise awareness of forced labor practices in agricultural sectors of Central Asia, the organization will work with civil society to address labor rights abuses, coordinate a public campaign, maintain discussions with government officials on reforms, coordinate civil society efforts, and educate international policymakers about regional human rights.

**Strengthening and Protecting Civil Society****\$ 650,000**

To respond to threats to civil society and reinforce local activism, the organization will provide emergency, short and long-term aid to at-risk human rights defenders and democratic actors allowing them to continue their work.

**Core Institute****Solidarity Center****Protecting Fundamental Labor Rights in Closing Space****\$ 469,499**

To strengthen organizations' capacity to protect core worker rights and conduct policy advocacy, the Center will facilitate organizing, collective bargaining, labor law adherence, women's empowerment, and strategic planning among sectoral unions, while supporting capacity-building to protect labor rights, promote women's equality, and advocate for public service policies.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Strengthening and Uniting Nascent Business Organizations****\$ 470,002**

To improve the organizational capacity of nascent business associations and foster business platforms in the country, the Center will launch an educational program to build practical advocacy skills, collaborate with a local think tank to facilitate public-private dialogue, and encourage private sector democratic participation through informal business platforms.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Advancing Democratic Reforms And Economic Resilience In Armenia And Georgia****\$ 690,000**

To strengthen economic freedom and resilience, the Center will support Armenian and Georgian business membership organizations to advocate for market reforms and bolster private sector voices in promoting economic resilience.

# EUROPE

This public grant listing reflects all projects approved by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) with active grant agreements as of July 15, 2025. NED administers grants through multiple award mechanisms and timelines crossing over fiscal years. Each grant undergoes rigorous internal review to ensure strict compliance with our mission, ethical standards, and operational accountability. As part of our duty of care, our internal processes are designed to ensure that while we maintain rigorous transparency standards, we do so without compromising the safety of our partners. This grant listing includes details that reflect the nature of our work without disclosing sensitive or identifying information that could put our grantees at risk in hostile places. NED shares additional information regarding its programs with its Board of Directors and Congressional oversight committees. For additional details, see NED's [Duty of Care and Public Disclosure policies](#).

## ALBANIA

### **Promoting Transparency in Public Spending**

**\$ 46,000**

To promote transparency in public spending, the organization will maintain and expand a user-friendly platform visualizing tenders and procurements by government institutions, highlighting nontransparent practices, especially ahead of elections.

### **Fostering Political Participation of Ethnic Minorities**

**\$ 57,000**

To promote active citizenship and political participation of the marginalized ethnic community, the organization will train community representatives, facilitate meetings with political candidates, host educational workshops, and provide recommendations to public institutions on voter engagement.

### **Combating a Culture of Impunity Through Investigative Reporting**

**\$ 70,000**

To promote transparency and enhance government accountability, the organization will create an online database tracking construction projects, support investigative journalism, and publish its findings.

### **Fostering Transparency and Good Governance**

**\$ 72,000**

To foster improved public consultations and accountability of public officials, the organization will assess government consultation processes, train civil society activists, produce recommendations, and host a final conference with public officials, civil society, and local media.

### **Promoting Anticorruption Mechanisms**

**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen investigative reporting on corruption, the organization will produce in-depth articles, offer mentorship on investigative reporting, whistleblower rights, and advanced digital and data skills, and provide an open-source submission system for secure information sharing between whistleblowers and journalists on alleged corruption cases

**Promoting Transparency in Decision-Making and Active Citizen Engagement****\$ 80,000**

To enhance citizen engagement in democratic processes and promote transparency in public decision-making, the organization will empower citizens around the 2025 election, develop a nonpartisan educational online platform, conduct youth workshops on electoral processes, and organize public forums with candidates.

**Fostering the Accountability of Public Officials****\$ 84,000**

To foster government accountability and amplify youth voices in policy, the organization will train young policy analysts to monitor youth-related policies, produce reports, and advocate with officials, legislators, experts, and civil society to promote recommendations for improving transparency and accountability

**Promoting Accountability of Elected Officials****\$ 90,000**

To promote the transparency and accountability of elected officials, the organization will maintain a nonpartisan database of active officials who failed vetting, produce monitoring reports, advocate for proper vetting, and help political parties adopt integrity principles.

**Promoting Accountability and Transparency Through Investigative Reporting****\$ 92,000**

To bolster investigative reporting, the organization will produce in-depth investigations, provide mentorship in investigative reporting, data journalism, and data visualization, and expand its database of judges' and prosecutors' assets to investigate and report potential abuses of power.

**Promoting the Accountability of Public Officials****\$ 92,000**

To promote accountability of elected officials, the organization will train media and civic representatives to monitor and analyze elected officials' statements, track local government actions in ten municipalities, publish findings, and present recommendations to relevant officials.

**Promoting Citizen Participation and Raising Awareness of Corruption****\$ 95,000**

To promote citizen engagement and public dialogue on transparency and corruption, the organization will use theater, public art exhibits, a video art competition, and share videos on the importance of free and fair elections ahead of the 2025 parliamentary election.

**Combating Corruption of Public Spending in the Health Sector****\$ 100,000**

To promote transparency and accountability, the organization will monitor healthcare funds, prepare recommendations, advocate for investigations on public spending, maintain an online reporting platform, and collaborate with civil society and journalists.

**Promoting Freedom of Expression and Protections for Journalists****\$ 115,000**

To raise awareness about freedom of expression and protect journalists and civil society, the organization will train journalists and leaders on their rights, provide legal aid through an online platform and mobile app, and advocate for legislative changes.

# **BELARUS**

## **Strengthening Regional Civil Society and Citizen-Led Initiatives**

**\$ 17,000**

To build regional civil society capacity and foster participation, the organization will host trainings, events, and consultations, and provide digital, logistical, and psycho-social support to local activists.

## **Strengthening Citizen Participation in the Regions**

**\$ 30,000**

To promote civic engagement, the organization will work with young citizens to identify and discuss local issues, organize trainings for civic activists, mentor local leaders, assist in promoting participation, and expand its alumni network.

## **Fostering Citizen Engagement to Address Community Issues**

**\$ 30,000**

To build citizens' capacity to engage and mobilize communities on local issues, the organization will educate residents on available mechanisms, publish information on social media, and support civic leaders in maintaining an online presence.

## **Preserving and Developing Civic Activism in the Regions**

**\$ 38,000**

To support civil society initiatives, the organization will host networking and civic education events, foster solidarity, support new leaders, and provide legal support and consultations.

## **Strengthening Youth Participation in Civic Initiatives**

**\$ 39,000**

To strengthen youth engagement in civil society, the organization will conduct leadership trainings, consultations, information campaigns, and a civic initiative competition, and promote activities through digital platforms and media.

## **Promoting Accountability through Investigative Journalism**

**\$ 50,000**

To raise international awareness of regime abuses, the organization will conduct journalistic investigations, publish findings online, and collaborate with media, rights groups, and policymakers for broader impact.

## **Supporting Independent Investigative Reporting and Analysis**

**\$ 80,000**

To promote understanding of public interest issues, the organization will publish investigations and videos on political and economic topics.

## **Promoting Awareness of Corruption and Sanction Evasion**

**\$ 100,000**

To enhance the responsiveness of decision-makers and promote international pressure on the regime, the organization will leverage its network to produce investigative materials on key public issues, publish them, and share them with media partners and decision-makers.

**Fostering Justice and Accountability for Gross Human Rights Violations****\$ 130,000**

To promote accountability for human rights abuses, the organization will investigate human rights crimes, advocate with governments and international bodies, and collaborate with civil society for joint advocacy efforts.

**Promoting Belarusian National Identity and Countering Authoritarian Influence****\$ 140,000**

To strengthen the capacity of exiled democracy advocates in promoting national identity, the organization will run information campaigns, engage with civil society and international stakeholders, and support cultural initiatives.

**Strengthening the Digital Security and Resilience of Civil Society****\$ 150,000**

To enhance digital and operational security for civil society, media, and rights groups, the organization will deliver digital safety trainings, consultations, online resources, and conduct in-depth organizational security assessments.

**Fostering Civic Engagement Online****\$ 154,000**

To promote accountable governance, the organization will maintain and enhance its online portal for citizens to share views on key issues, while hosting trainings and discussions on related topics.

**Supporting Media Professionals in Exile****\$ 158,000**

To support and enhance the capacity of independent media in exile, the organization will operate two media hubs providing workspaces and resources, convene regular meetings, organize targeted trainings, and facilitate networking opportunities.

**Strengthening Public Access to Independent Reporting and Analysis****\$ 160,000**

To enable access to independent information, the organization will produce news and analysis on political and socio-economic topics, conduct investigative reporting, and adapt content into multimedia formats for greater accessibility on social media platforms.

**Supporting Access to Independent Reporting and Analysis****\$ 200,000**

To enhance citizens' understanding of key political and socio-economic developments and ensure access to independent reporting, the organization will publish multimedia content on major domestic, regional, and international events and developments.

**Promoting Political Awareness and Youth Civic Engagement****\$ 238,000**

To strengthen public understanding of political processes and civic engagement among youth, the organization will produce videos and articles on reforms with experts and organize online and in-person events.

### **Defending Human Rights and Assisting Victims of Repression**

**\$ 300,000**

To monitor human rights violations and support victims of political prosecutions, the organization will document human rights abuses, raise awareness, offer legal aid to political prisoners, and track court cases.

## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

### **Strengthening Independent Local Media**

**\$ 28,000**

To inform citizens in southeastern Herzegovina, the organization will operate a web platform providing independent news, socio-political analysis, and investigative reporting on corruption, and serve as a community discussion forum.

### **Improving Transparency within Public Institutions**

**\$ 36,000**

To promote public institution transparency, the organization will gather evidence of corruption in public hiring and property leasing, raise awareness through media, advocate for transparency regulations, and take legal action against corrupt officials.

### **Promoting Active Citizenship Among Youth**

**\$ 45,000**

To promote youth civic activism in northeast Bosnia, the organization will continue its youth academy, support local governance initiatives, facilitate dialogues with public officials, and monitor municipal council sessions for accountability.

### **Promoting Citizen Participation in Local Government**

**\$ 50,000**

To promote local government accountability and transparency, the organization will strengthen communication between councils, officials, media, and citizens, facilitate networking and training on civic participation, and advocate for increased civic engagement.

### **Fostering Civic Engagement**

**\$ 50,000**

To foster civic engagement and debate pressing political issues, the organization will train civic leaders on nonpartisan engagement, conduct public outreach campaigns highlighting local issues, and foster public debate using politically engaged performances, satire, and social media, and run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign ahead of general elections.

### **Advancing Youth Participation in Political Processes**

**\$ 50,000**

To promote youth engagement in democratic processes, the organization will conduct nonpartisan activities such as get-out-the-vote campaigns, workshops, debates, and a program on electoral participation, while monitoring government performance and producing a TV program to enhance transparency and accountability after local elections.



**Advancing Transitional Justice for War Victims****\$ 65,000**

To advance war victims' rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the organization will propose legal amendments, promote restorative justice mechanisms, and expand outreach and advocacy through cooperation with like-minded initiatives.

**Fostering Public Debate on Local Community Issues****\$ 68,000**

To strengthen media freedom and foster public debate in Republika Srpska, the organization will maintain its web platform as an independent media outlet and community forum, monitor elected officials, educate voters, and publish investigative stories on corruption and local issues.

**Advancing Transitional Justice Through Memorialization****\$ 68,000**

To advance transitional justice and reconciliation, the organization will expand its network of advocates, promote memorialization policies, document Srebrenica genocide survivors' experiences, and support peace movements to combat genocide denial.

**Enhancing Political Accountability through Online Media****\$ 72,000**

To strengthen media freedom and public debate on political accountability, the organization will operate an investigative journalism platform and forum, inform citizens about public officials' responsibilities, and monitor elected performance.

**Advancing Democratic Values and Active Citizenship Among Youth****\$ 74,000**

To foster active citizenship and empower youth leaders, the organization will train participants on democratic topics, civic engagement, human rights, and critical thinking, while building skills through research projects, campaigns, group work, and a debate tournament on democracy-related issues.

**Promoting Civic Education through Media****\$ 75,000**

To expand civil society outreach and engagement, the organization will produce episodes of a TV series showcasing civic initiatives and discussions by civic leaders on key issues ahead of the 2026 elections.

**Promoting Democratic Values and Human Rights****\$ 90,000**

To foster public debate on democracy and human rights, particularly among youth, the organization will host an annual film festival, run a traveling civic education program, and train students to use visual arts for promoting human rights and civic engagement.

**Promoting Youth Engagement and Reconciliation****\$ 90,000**

To promote youth engagement in conflict resolution, the organization will hold workshops on transitional justice, raise awareness about recent past in the Prijedor region, lead commemorative events, and monitor the local assembly's work on human rights.

**Promoting Public Debate and Accountability Through Online Media****\$ 93,000**

To promote democratic values and public debate, the group's news portal will provide an independent forum for discussions on government performance, analyzing campaign messages, monitoring officials, and demanding accountability.

**Fostering Civic Engagement Through Online Media****\$ 100,000**

To raise awareness of local government performance and foster citizen engagement, the organization will produce news and analysis, offer a nonpartisan platform for civic dialogue, and collaborate with local coalitions to promote initiatives and facilitate dialogue with authorities.

**Fostering Objective Reporting on War Crimes Trials****\$ 100,000**

To advance transitional justice and the rule of law, the organization will monitor war crimes trials, provide daily coverage through an online magazine and television program, analyze past war crime cases and human rights abuses, and assess the implementation of the war crimes proceedings strategy.

**Promoting Accountability of Elected Officials and the Use of Technology in Election Monitoring****\$ 100,000**

To promote transparency and fairness in local elections, the watchdog will evaluate political campaigns, monitor party and public institution financing, publish findings, establish a network of monitors, and leverage a mobile app to enhance citizen engagement in election oversight.

**Fostering Tolerance and Pluralism Through Legal Mechanisms****\$ 120,000**

To strengthen protection mechanisms against hate speech and hate crimes, the organization will enhance the capacities of prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement, train journalists and students on hate speech issues, and foster broader discussions on the matter.

**Promoting Accountability Through Online Media****\$ 130,000**

To encourage public debate on social, political, and economic challenges, the organization will maintain a web platform for independent news and discussion, track politicians' performance, and investigate alleged corruption cases

**Promoting Youth Civic Engagement****\$ 147,500**

To foster youth civic engagement ahead of and following local elections, the group will organize workshops to develop young activists' leadership skills, host public events on youth's role in democratization, produce multimedia materials on civic engagement, and run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign

**Promoting Reconciliation Among Youth****\$ 150,000**

To encourage creative approaches to transitional justice and reconciliation among youth, the organization will train young people to document local stories, provide mentorship with media professionals, and implement a multi-ethnic youth school.

**Promoting Women's Participation in Local Decisionmaking****\$ 150,000**

To strengthen the political capacity of women's associations and promote greater participation of women in local decision-making, the organization will provide civic education, political leadership training, and support advocacy campaigns in neglected or divided municipalities.

**Promoting Elected Officials' Accountability****\$ 160,000**

To promote financial transparency and political accountability, the organization will produce and distribute investigative articles and multimedia content on elected officials' wealth, alleged abuse of power, and public spending

**Promoting Youth Engagement in Republika Srpska****\$ 160,000**

To promote youth civic engagement and debate on social and political issues in Republika Srpska, the organization will run a youth activism center, conduct civic education, and launch a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign for local elections.

**Challenging a Culture of Impunity for War Criminals****\$ 176,000**

To raise awareness of 1990s war crimes and hold perpetrators accountable, the organization and its Banja Luka partner will gather evidence, publish a comprehensive database of prosecuted individuals, and use it to advocate against the acceptance of perpetrators in political life.

**Promoting Accountability Through New Technology and Media****\$ 215,000**

To strengthen political accountability ahead of local and general elections, the organization will maintain a web platform comparing political statements with policies, monitor local government performance, and host an annual conference to showcase innovative accountability initiatives.

**Promoting Innovative Approaches to Reconciliation****\$ 310,000**

To foster innovative approaches to promoting inter-ethnic understanding and reconciliation among youth, the organization will create a multimedia archive of personal stories from the 1992-95 war, educate students, and present exhibitions nationwide.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Supporting Youth and Women in Politics**

**\$ 300,000**

To enhance multi-party collaboration across ethnic and partisan lines, the Institute will provide technical assistance to youth and women politicians to improve their advocacy skills and transparency in political party financing, analyze public financing for electoral campaigns and party operations, and develop recommendations to increase opportunities for women and youth candidates.

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

#### **Strengthening Resilience to Political Capture**

**\$ 650,000**

To foster legislative resilience and institutional reform, the Institute will guide lawmakers from diverse backgrounds to identify governance risks and develop cross-party legislative solutions that promote accountability and democratic progress.

## **KOSOVO**

### **Fostering Interethnic Dialogue and Reconciliation Among Youth**

**\$ 40,000**

To increase civic activism and promote reconciliation among youth of different ethnic backgrounds, the organization will conduct storytelling workshops on wartime experiences, organize public exhibitions, and host commemorative events to challenge divisive narratives.

### **Supporting Independent Ethnic Minority Media and Interethnic Dialogue**

**\$ 50,000**

To foster independent reporting and interethnic dialogue, the organization will support a platform for ethnic communities, conduct video interviews, and produce content highlighting people-centered perspectives on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue and relations.

### **Fostering Minority Civic Engagement and Participation**

**\$ 50,000**

To foster constructive engagement of Kosovo's Serb minority in civic and political processes, the organization will build the capacity of young leaders and community representatives through skills development and community organizing experience to address local needs and advocate for change.

### **Enhancing Participation in Decision-Making Processes**

**\$ 50,000**

To foster Kosovo Serb engagement in political processes and facilitate public dialogue, the organization will monitor policies affecting Kosovo Serbs, publish research, conduct advocacy to advance policy recommendations, and engage civil society, journalists, and community leaders to promote interaction with institutions in Prishtina and Belgrade.

**Fostering Constructive Public Debate and Social Cohesion Through Media****\$ 50,000**

To foster public debate on key political, economic, and social issues, the organization's online platform will host discussions by experts, civic leaders, and intellectuals, promoting practical solutions and democratic values.

**Fostering Interethnic Cooperation and Civic Engagement Among Youth****\$ 58,000**

To promote interethnic dialogue in the Mitrovica region, the organization will bring together ethnically diverse youth for civic education and advocacy activities, and will share personal stories on digital platforms to foster empathy and reduce polarization.

**Fostering Political Dialogue on Interethnic and Social Cohesion****\$ 60,000**

To foster multiparty dialogue and political leadership on inter-ethnic cooperation, the organization will research citizens' perceptions of inter-ethnic relations, organize dialogues, advocate for policy changes, and engage youth and the Kosovo Serb community.

**Promoting Interethnic Cooperation Among Youth****\$ 68,000**

To promote interethnic understanding, the organization will expand a regional youth forum, train youth in communication, advocacy, and conflict resolution, and work with the forum's leadership council on advocacy initiatives, study visits, and capacity-building in the Mitrovica region.

**Supporting Independent Media****\$ 72,000**

To strengthen independent media and provide objective information to minority communities, the organization will produce a news program and media content on key political developments, focusing on the normalization of Kosovo-Serbia relations and human rights issues affecting minority communities.

**Strengthening Interethnic Cohesion and Independent Local Ethnic Minority Media****\$ 80,000**

To promote independent reporting and interethnic collaboration, the organization will produce investigative and analytical stories on key social, economic, and political developments impacting various communities, distribute content, and offer training to partner media outlets

**Promoting Government Transparency Through Media****\$ 80,000**

To promote transparency and accountability, the organization will develop an online platform to map institutional openness and highlight areas for improvement using accessible data visualizations.

**Fostering Civic Oversight of Local Government****\$ 83,000**

To promote civic oversight of local government institutions, the organization will work with local partners on transparency reforms, address legal barriers, develop recommendations for local councils, and promote them through workshops and advocacy.

**Promoting Critical Thinking and Active Citizenship Among Youth****\$ 83,000**

To promote civic engagement and multi-ethnic cohesion among youth, the organization will create a non-formal education curriculum on civic activism, establish clubs in rural areas, facilitate political debates, and engage public officials and experts on youth and democracy issues.

**Promoting Independent Journalism****\$ 90,000**

To promote independent journalism, the organization will maintain an online platform providing verified information on political and socio-economic issues, while training young journalists in media standards and research methods.

**Supporting Ethnic Minority and Independent Media****\$ 90,000**

To foster freedom of expression, the organization will support independent and ethnic minority broadcasters through joint events promoting multi-ethnic communication, while defending members' rights and advocating for democratic reforms in the legal and regulatory framework.

**Fostering Youth Participation in Political Processes****\$ 92,000**

To promote youth civic engagement and political participation, the organization will build young leaders' capacity to run for local office, establish youth cooperation hubs, launch an online debate platform, and host an annual conference for newly elected local councilors to enhance their skills in addressing citizen concerns.

**Fostering Political Participation of Women****\$ 104,000**

To strengthen the political participation and representation of women, the organization will build the capacity of current and prospective councilwomen through political representation, interparty collaboration, mentorship, and skills training.

**Fostering Cross-Border Media Cooperation and Dialogue****\$ 105,000**

To foster cross-border media cooperation and inter-ethnic dialogue, the organization will collaborate with media outlets in Kosovo, Serbia, and correspondent in Brussels to produce a news and discussion program featuring diverse perspectives on normalization, the EU proposal, and transitional justice issues.

**Encouraging Reconciliation Through New Approaches to Transitional Justice****\$ 116,000**

To promote reconciliation among youth, the organization will bring together human rights defenders and socially engaged artists to discuss peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and transitional justice, and produce plays to engage audiences in open dialogue.

**Promoting the Rule of Law and Accountability of Judicial Institutions****\$ 120,000**

To promote transparency and accountability in the judicial system and the implementation of the National Strategy on the Rule of Law, the organization will monitor public institutions, publish reports, convene judicial representatives to discuss findings, and produce television shows on the rule of law.

### **Strengthening Youth Civic Participation in Political Processes**

**\$ 120,000**

To strengthen youth civic engagement in the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the organization will train and mentor a multiethnic group of researchers, produce policy briefs, engage experts and youth in scenario forecasting, publish research, and organize an annual conference and events.

### **Fostering Transitional Justice, Dialogue, and Historical Understanding**

**\$ 210,000**

To raise awareness of historical facts from past conflicts and encourage dialogue, the organization will educate citizens and youth on transitional justice through public events and a summer school, while training judicial officials, analyzing war crimes trials, and advocating for transparency in transitional justice.

### **Promoting Independent Journalism**

**\$ 219,000**

To promote access to independent information on Kosovo's political and social developments, as well as the normalization of relations between Kosovo and Serbia, the project will support a media portal offering analysis, investigative reporting, and news.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Supporting Women and Youth Candidates in Political Engagement**

**\$ 660,000**

To elevate the role of women and youth in political institutions and strengthen political party responsiveness, the Institute will train parties and individual candidates on campaign strategies and policy development, support newly elected officials, and serve as a resource for them.

## **MOLDOVA**

### **Empowering Public Sector Leaders**

**\$ 60,000**

To enhance the capacity of public sector leaders, the organization will provide leadership training for national and local officials, facilitate cross-national exchanges, and organize a competition for participants to design action plans supporting democratic reforms.

### **Fostering Investigative Journalism and Nurturing the New Generation of Investigative Reporters**

**\$ 65,000**

To promote investigative journalism and support media development, the organization will train and mentor young journalists to produce video investigations on corruption and publish interviews with key public figures.

**Supporting Independent Media****\$ 70,500**

To promote access to independent political news, the organization will broadcast a weekly, nonpartisan Russian-language TV show covering domestic developments, including the 2024 presidential and 2025 parliamentary elections.

**Ensuring Accountability Through Investigative Reporting****\$ 71,000**

To monitor government accountability and anti-corruption efforts, the organization will track reforms, investigate alleged corruption, and share reports and publications.

**Advancing Democratic Reforms Through Independent Media****\$ 75,000**

To strengthen public understanding of democratic reforms among the Russian-speaking population, the organization will produce a weekly Russian-language analytical talk show featuring political analysis, interviews, and debates.

**Strengthening Independent Russian-Language Reporting****\$ 78,000**

To support independent reporting and promote public discussions on political developments, the organization will maintain its Russian-language website and social media, produce news, and expand its content in other languages.

**Educating Transnistrian Voters ahead of Parliamentary Elections****\$ 81,000**

To raise awareness among Transnistrian voters, the media group will produce nonpartisan voter education content, inform residents on party positions regarding the conflict, and monitor post-election progress on conflict resolution.

**Strengthening Independent Media in Gagauzia****\$ 90,000**

To enhance access to independent Russian-language news in Gagauzia, the organization will launch a weekly talk show covering topics like the economy, reforms, local governance, and the Russian war in Ukraine.

**Promoting Accountability and Transparency in Public Procurement****\$ 100,000**

To foster accountability and transparency of government spending, the organization will monitor public procurement cases, scrutinize the National Agency for Settling Complaints, hold roundtables on public procurement reforming, and expand its public procurement portal.

**Promoting Efficient Use of Open Data for Transparent Governance****\$ 100,000**

To promote access to information and transparent governance, the organization will conduct research, develop policy recommendations on the newly enacted access to information law, and monitor its implementation while training civil society on open data monitoring.



**Supporting Regional Independent Media Coverage****\$ 100,000**

To enhance access to independent news in northern regions, the organization will expand its news portal, producing daily content in two languages, covering accountability, corruption, and ongoing reforms.

**Fostering the Adoption and Implementation of Key Reforms****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen democratic processes, the organization will monitor and provide recommendations for reforms, produce policy analyses, and counter authoritarian narratives with accessible videos for the public.

**Fostering Judicial Transparency Through Digital Tools****\$ 108,000**

To strengthen judicial accountability and transparency, the organization will maintain an updated database of judges and prosecutors, publish a monthly news brief, and collaborate with investigative media on corruption cases within the judiciary.

**Enhancing Electoral Transparency Through Investigative Reporting****\$ 110,000**

To inform and engage citizens during elections, the organization will publish nonpartisan investigative reports on election processes and candidates and produce videos to analyze anti-democratic narratives.

**Bolstering Civic Participation in Monitoring Local Governance****\$ 140,000**

To empower civic oversight of local governance and encourage discourse on political matters, the organization will expand its online portals for citizen engagement, provide resources on legal entities, facilitate public voting on key issues, and analyze parliamentary and other legislative sessions.

**Educating Voters Ahead of the Constitutional Referendum****\$ 180,000**

To educate voters about the country's prodemocratic course and strengthen their resilience to Kremlin propaganda, the organization will establish a school for micro-influencers and run a nonpartisan voter education campaign ahead of the country's constitutional referendum.

**Promoting Human Rights Protections in the Regions****\$ 197,000**

To strengthen human rights protections, the organization will provide legal assistance and strategic litigation, engage in developing and monitoring national policies, and promote its work through media, events, and publications.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Building the Capacity of the State Chancellery**

**\$ 465,000**

To support the Moldovan State Chancellery in improving public consultation processes, the Institute will collaborate with the government agency to develop a consultation mechanism and gauge public opinion on territorial-administrative reform.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Building Moldovan Diaspora Engagement Through Elections**

**\$ 600,000**

To mobilize and engage a politically active diaspora, the Institute will support diaspora civil society groups, run nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaigns, train political parties to engage with the diaspora, and organize regional conferences and post-election consultations.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Building Public Engagement Through Elections**

**\$ 600,000**

To strengthen political parties' capacity ahead of the 2025 parliamentary elections, the Institute will train party leaders, candidates, and campaign teams on candidate identification, messaging, and voter mobilization, and support nonpartisan Get Out the Vote campaigns and regional conferences in support of free and fair elections.

## **MONTENEGRO**

### **Strengthening the Capacity of Investigative Media**

**\$ 39,000**

To strengthen investigative media capacity and promote financial transparency, the organization will publish analyses on underreported financial risks, collaborate with local media and civil society to distribute and republish its findings, and enhance capacity through training and strategic planning.

### **Advancing the Process of Transitional Justice**

**\$ 55,000**

To advance transitional justice, the organization will monitor war crimes trials, analyze war crimes strategy implementation, conduct youth-focused public education, and offer legal aid to victims.

### **Fostering Public Debate and Improving the Quality of Public Discourse in the Legislature**

**\$ 55,000**

To promote political accountability and policy dialogue, the organization will monitor parliamentary work, identify transparency gaps, and advocate for policy improvements through engagement with MPs and public officials.

### **Fostering Public Dialogue on Transitional Justice**

**\$ 80,000**

To foster public dialogue on transitional justice, the organization will host lectures, seminars, and training for university students and youth political party members, promoting awareness of the 1990s wars and bolstering youth engagement in reconciliation.

### **Strengthening Judiciary and Electoral Reform Processes**

**\$ 89,000**

To strengthen electoral and judicial reform, the organization will monitor elections and reform progress, publish analyses, and advocate with officials and civil society while observing electoral bodies and polling stations.

### **Promoting Transparent and Accountable Public Spending**

**\$ 97,000**

To strengthen oversight of political and institutional financing, the organization will investigate and report on misuse of public spending around elections, raise awareness of corrupt practices, advocate for regulatory reforms, and increase citizen awareness of cases of misappropriation of public funds.

### **Promoting Accountability Through Online Media**

**\$ 100,000**

To promote financial transparency and accountability of political leaders regarding domestic and foreign investments, the organization will produce investigative articles and a podcast on alleged corruption, sharing content with media, civil society, and government agencies.

## **NORTH MACEDONIA**

### **Promoting Youth Engagement**

**\$ 45,000**

To promote youth civic engagement and dialogue in multi-ethnic communities, the organization will train high school students in advocacy, digital campaigning, leadership, and participation, mentor them in implementing campaigns on human rights and conflict resolution and support their role as agents of social change in areas facing inter-ethnic strife.

### **Empowering Citizen Engagement and Participation in Accountability**

**\$ 50,000**

To strengthen citizen oversight and promote accountability, the organization will engage citizens, organize town halls and media briefings, monitor healthcare sector corruption, and advocate for legislative reforms.

### **Fostering Public Participation in Constructive Political Dialogue**

**\$ 50,000**

To foster political pluralism and meaningful citizen engagement, the think tank will organize public discussions, a deliberative polling program, and advocacy with parliamentarians on the country's democratic future.

### **Promoting Local Government Decision-making**

**\$ 55,000**

To encourage citizen participation and innovative local governance, the civic-tech group will enhance its AI-powered platform, expand to ten municipalities, provide digital literacy training, and host a forum on data-driven policymaking.

**Fostering a Culture of Accountability, Dialogue, and Integrity in Politics****\$ 55,000**

To bridge political polarization and promote integrity, the organization will analyze political party records, produce reports, and convene discussions to foster multiparty dialogue and accountability.

**Combatting Corruption in Healthcare Public Procurement****\$ 60,000**

To promote transparency in healthcare spending, the organization will investigate public fund use, publicize potential corruption, and advocate policy reforms to relevant state institutions and the public.

**Promoting Local Accountability and Transparency****\$ 100,000**

To promote accountability and transparency in local institutions and raise citizens' awareness of local issues, the organization will conduct capacity-building workshops for municipal officials in the southern region and raise awareness through television and online media.

**Promoting Youth Engagement in Accountability of Public Institutions****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen youth engagement in promoting transparency in higher education, the organization will train students to identify and combat corruption, produce a university transparency report, and host a national student forum to advocate for student rights and accountability.

**Strengthening Media Literacy Among Youth****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen media awareness among youth, the organization will train youth and teachers in analytical approaches to political developments and the media landscape, featuring educational videos, training, and a board game tournament.

**Fostering Debate on Accountability and Anti-Corruption****\$ 100,500**

To facilitate public understanding of accountability and promote policy responses to corruption, the organization will support political parties in integrating anti-corruption recommendations into their election programs, train youth within political parties, produce research and analysis, collaborate with members of parliament, and conduct media outreach.

**Promoting Objective Reporting in Ethnic Minority Language****\$ 120,000**

To provide reliable independent information to ethnic minority communities, the organization will produce reports, analyses, and expert interviews on democratic reforms, rule of law, transparency, and anti-corruption efforts.

**Promoting Accountability Through Independent Journalism****\$ 120,000**

To support independent and investigative media, the organization will work with journalists, especially women and youth, on news stories, investigative analyses, and video documentaries related to good governance and corruption, and host its annual media festival with public discussions.

### **Encouraging Civic Engagement in Local Governance**

**\$ 140,000**

To encourage civic engagement in local governance, the organization will support community groups, provide them with capacity-building training, assist in advocacy efforts, and maintain a community media platform

### **Fostering Good Governance and Public Administration Reforms**

**\$ 152,000**

To foster good governance and promote public debate on accountability and transparency, the organization will monitor public administration reforms, produce reports, and organize consultations and advocacy events with ministries, civil society, media, parliamentary committees, and political parties.

### **Promoting Accountability Through Investigative Reporting**

**\$ 178,000**

To bolster investigative reporting on transparency and accountability in local governance, the organization will promote public debate, expand its digital newsroom, develop a network of local reporters, and provide investigative coverage of political events and their impact on local communities.

### **Promoting Accountability Through Independent Reporting**

**\$ 180,000**

To support independent reporting and enhance public official accountability, the organization will produce a semiweekly television program with analyses and investigative stories for the public broadcaster and promote it on its website and social media.

## **SERBIA**

### **Promoting Tolerance Among Youth**

**\$ 35,000**

To promote tolerance among youth in southern Serbia, the Presevo-based group and partners will host workshops, religious site visits, and community events with Serb and Albanian youth on interethnic dialogue and human rights.

### **Promoting Civic Engagement and Citizen Participation in Political Processes**

**\$ 38,000**

To foster civic participation and strengthen accountability in local elections, the organization will conduct a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign, host local debates, train election observers, and carry out a media campaign to protect voting rights and prevent electoral manipulation.

### **Promoting Investigative Reporting and Media Freedoms**

**\$ 50,000**

To promote transparency and institutional accountability, the organization will apply rigorous journalistic standards to analyze and publish data-driven stories on political mismanagement, corruption, and current affairs, and promote findings through engaging multimedia formats and platforms.

**Fostering Youth Engagement****\$ 50,000**

To promote youth engagement in Vojvodina, the youth center will facilitate public dialogue, organize educational activities on democracy, and equip youth to engage with local officials.

**Fostering the Accountability of Elected Officials****\$ 65,000**

To foster greater public demand for accountability, the organization will run an interactive online platform and organize offline activities to improve communication between citizens and elected officials, and conduct outreach and educational events for youth and first-time voters.

**Strengthening Civil Society Response to Democratic Backsliding****\$ 70,000**

To counter democratic backsliding, the think tank will convene citizen assemblies with experts and community leaders to address local democracy issues and recommend policies.

**Promoting Civic Engagement in Local Communities****\$ 80,000**

To foster active citizenship and build the capacity of grassroots initiatives, the association will train grassroots organizations in communication, advocacy, and program development, host events on socio-political topics, provide technical assistance, and produce multimedia content on innovative approaches to social change.

**Promoting Transparency in Government Infrastructure Projects****\$ 85,000**

To promote government transparency and accountability, the organization will expand its interactive database on infrastructure project management, produce investigative multimedia stories on illegal construction and money laundering, and share its findings

**Promoting Youth Engagement in Political Processes****\$ 90,000**

To promote civic participation and public debate ahead of elections in Vojvodina, the organization will run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign for young voters, organize public debates, expand multimedia projects on 1990s human rights abuses, and increase outreach through events.

**Strengthening the Integrity and Transparency of Institutional Policy Making****\$ 92,000**

To reinforce public trust in democratic institutions and improve decision-making, the organization will track reform processes through a policy monitoring framework, analyze developments, and conduct inclusive policy dialogues to devise solutions to reinstate accountable and transparent institutional decision-making.

**Fostering Youth Civic Engagement in Promoting Tolerance****\$ 98,000**

To foster active citizenship and enable young leaders to promote tolerance and pluralism, the organization will develop students' civic and leadership skills, create an educational network of students, educators, and cultural workers, and organize activities where participants design and implement advocacy initiatives in their communities

**Challenging a Culture of Impunity for Past Atrocities****\$ 100,000**

To raise awareness of 1990s war crimes and contribute to reconciliation, the organization will research and gather evidence on perpetrators, using reports, an interactive website, and digital narratives for outreach, while urging state and international institutions to pursue criminal proceedings.

**Promoting Accountability and Civic Participation in Local Decision-Making****\$ 100,000**

To promote civic participation in Southern Serbia, the organization will map citizens' needs in multiethnic municipalities, organize public events, promote accountable institutions, and run a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaign for the 2024 elections.

**Fostering Public Debate on Key Issues Affecting Democracy****\$ 100,000**

To foster public debate on the state of democracy, the organization will produce analytical articles, host discussions on key issues, and share weekly summaries and social media updates, focusing on challenges to democratization.

**Strengthening Civic Participation in Eastern Serbia****\$ 100,000**

To promote active citizenship and civic participation, the organization will strengthen its network of civic leaders and initiatives, provide capacity-building trainings, and launch outreach events to promote democracy and civic engagement across the region.

**Strengthening Independent Media and Interethnic Dialogue****\$ 105,000**

To strengthen independent media and foster inter-ethnic dialogue on democratization, the organization will maintain its media as nonpartisan bilingual platforms for independent news, while expanding its content.

**Promoting Creative Approaches to Public Dialogue and Historical Understanding****\$ 110,000**

To foster creative approaches to public dialogue, historical understanding, and reconciliation, the organization will produce exhibits on antiwar and civic movements in the 1990s, host discussions, create educational resources, and organize traveling exhibitions.

**Fostering Public Debate and Independent Reporting****\$ 115,000**

To foster public dialogue on reforms in Serbia and promote fiscal transparency and accountability, the organization will initiate discussions on political issues, produce policy recommendations, and conduct investigations into the economic impact of rule of law issues.

**Encouraging Critical Thinking and Open Debate****\$ 120,000**

To foster public discussion and provide credible analysis on socio-political and economic challenges, the organization will produce original content, translate articles from leading global media, and host expert commentary on its website.

**Supporting Youth Engagement in Eastern Serbia****\$ 120,000**

To promote youth civic engagement, the organization will strengthen civic education through school parliament elections, support youth advocacy on key issues, and facilitate community projects and campaigns to foster democratic values and good governance.

**Promoting Professional Digital Journalism****\$ 133,000**

To promote professional journalism and strengthen local media outlets, the organization will offer a digital journalism school, internships, and mentorships, report on media trends, and award subgrants to local digital media for outreach and engagement.

**Strengthening the Capacity of Local Media****\$ 140,000**

To strengthen independent local and regional media, the organization will offer free legal aid, tailored consultations, and training for journalists and editorial boards, organize roundtable discussions on emerging challenges, conduct research on media freedom, and advocate for improved regulatory framework.

**Strengthening Independent Local Media****\$ 215,000**

To strengthen independent reporting and foster greater interaction between citizens and local media, the organization will enhance its online portal with nonpartisan multimedia content, distribute subgrants for investigative stories and provide bilingual news for Serbian and Albanian-speaking audiences.

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Strengthening Citizen Empowerment and Engagement****\$ 378,000**

To improve local government responsiveness, the Institute will strengthen the ability of municipal officials to address citizen needs, support civil society initiatives in advocacy, facilitate discussions between officials and civil society, and run public awareness campaigns to inform citizens about how to contact municipal authorities.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Strengthening Citizen Empowerment and Engagement****\$ 650,000**

To enable policymakers to engage citizens, the Institute will support political parties on utilizing data to respond to citizens' priorities at the municipal level.



# UKRAINE

## **Bolstering Independent Regional Media in War-Affected Northern Regions**

**\$ 54,000**

To enhance public access to independent media, the outlet will cover key war-related and political developments through video news and on-the-ground reporting, while building its operational sustainability.

## **Strengthening Reporting on Judicial Accountability and Facilitating Access to Justice**

**\$ 55,000**

To promote judicial accountability and access to justice for war crime victims, the organization will produce reports and analyses on legal cases, document war crime trials, and advocate for judicial reform and justice mechanisms.

## **Strengthening Civil Society's Capacity and Impact in Northwest Ukraine**

**\$ 60,000**

To strengthen grassroots civic initiatives and cross-sectoral cooperation, the organization will hold workshops and mentorship programs, culminating in a final event showcasing collaborative community projects.

## **Strengthening Regional Civil Society Networks**

**\$ 68,000**

To amplify the role of civil society organizations in policymaking, the organization will convene a series of trainings and conferences, foster grassroots networks, and support regional advocacy initiatives through new and existing associations.

## **Fostering Responsive Governance in Local Reconstruction Efforts**

**\$ 69,000**

To enhance local government accountability and transparency in wartime, the organization will monitor reconstruction projects and public spending, produce analytical reports and media content, and publicize findings to boost public awareness and advocacy efforts.

## **Strengthening the Resilience of Ukrainian Civil Society Organizations**

**\$ 70,000**

To strengthen the resilience, capacity, and sustainability of civil society organizations, the group will offer mental health workshops, retreats, and consultations to help staff manage trauma, stress, and burnout to continue to operate during war and reconstruction.

## **Increasing Transparency and Accountability in Public Procurement**

**\$ 70,000**

To strengthen civic oversight in public spending, the organization will monitor procurement, investigate alleged corruption, report findings to law enforcement, submit appeals, and train local officials, civic leaders, and business representatives on online procurement efficiency.

**Bolstering Independent Media and Sustaining Civic Engagement in Northeast Ukraine**  
**\$ 70,000**

To ensure access to independent reporting and support civic engagement, the organization will publish news in multimedia formats, expand audience outreach through local communities and influencers, and enhance its organizational capacity.

**Empowering Local Communities to Implement Anti-Corruption Policies**  
**\$ 70,000**

To promote anti-corruption efforts, the organization will analyze local corruption, research best practices, consult communities on anti-corruption plans, train officials, and collaborate with media to raise awareness.

**Empowering Veteran Communities for Political and Social Engagement**  
**\$ 72,000**

To build the capacity of veteran groups, the organization will mentor and fund veteran initiatives to strengthen their participation in democratic and community life.

**Strengthening Human Rights Protection for War-Impacted Civilians**  
**\$ 72,000**

To advance civilian protection and accountability for war crimes, the organization will monitor human rights violations, prepare policy briefs, provide legal counseling to war-impacted civilians, and share its analysis for advocacy and awareness.

**Strengthening Human Rights Protection for Displaced People**  
**\$ 75,000**

To enhance government responsiveness on human rights protection for internally displaced people (IDPs), the organization will conduct research and consultations, develop policy recommendations, and share recommendations with relevant institutions and media.

**Fostering Transparency in Reconstruction Efforts Across Southern Regions**  
**\$ 75,000**

To support transparent reconstruction governance, the media outlet will produce investigative content on public spending and local developments to expose corruption and promote oversight.

**Building Public Understanding of Socio-Political Issues**  
**\$ 75,000**

To bolster public understanding of socio-political issues and editorial standards, the organization will publish expert interviews and analytical articles, using social media to promote verified information and public discourse.

**Empowering Civil Society Leadership in Community Recovery and Development**  
**\$ 75,000**

To empower civil society leaders in addressing war-related challenges, the organization will enhance leadership in communication and advocacy, focusing on transparent governance and collaboration with media.

**Building Capacity of Local Communities****\$ 78,000**

To strengthen the capacity and resilience of local communities, the organization will conduct learning activities for civil society and local government actors, facilitate study visits and networking events, and award small grants.

**Enhancing Investigative Reporting on Regional Wartime Governance****\$ 80,000**

To foster accountability of public officials, the organization will investigate local governance, produce multimedia content, monitor authorities, and share its findings.

**Enhancing Data-Driven Reporting on the Impact of Russian Aggression****\$ 80,000**

To ensure access to independent reporting and raise awareness of Russian aggression, the organization will establish a data department to complement frontline reporting, produce multimedia content on underreported regions, and document the destruction of inaccessible border areas.

**Promoting Information Exchange and Networking for Civic Activists****\$ 85,000**

To improve the effectiveness and communication strategies of civil society, the organization will expand and upgrade its website to provide news and analysis, publicize civil society work, facilitate activist networking, serve as a knowledge hub, and offer NGO management consultations.

**Promoting Transparent and Accountable Land Management Under Martial Law****\$ 85,000**

To bolster community-based solutions and enhance legislative frameworks for transparent land management during the war, the organization will monitor wartime legislation, investigate land misuse, provide capacity-building consultations, and lead advocacy efforts through media partnerships.

**Enhancing the Resilience of Civil Society for Justice and Accountability****\$ 89,000**

To bolster civil society resilience and promote accountability for war crimes, the organization will launch an online platform with resources for civic leaders and media activists, support documentation field missions, and disseminate findings both domestically and internationally.

**Advancing Participatory Democracy in Local Communities****\$ 90,000**

To increase institutional resilience of civil society and local governments in small communities, the organization will provide tailored training and mentoring, share campaign updates online, and present best practices in a policy brief and conference.

**Fostering Cross-Sectoral Engagement in Grassroots Civil Society****\$ 90,000**

To build civil society capacity for civic engagement, the organization will provide grassroots activists with training in project and communication skills, and support community-driven initiatives through mentorship.

**Fostering Cross-Sectoral Collaboration for Reconstruction Efforts****\$ 95,000**

To promote good governance and transparency in wartime reconstruction, the organization will convene cross-sectoral leaders to discuss policies, establish reform priorities, produce a report with recommendations, and host a good governance event.

**Promoting Judicial Accountability and Transparency****\$ 100,000**

To increase civic oversight of judicial reform, the organization will monitor legislative and policy changes, develop recommendations to improve access to justice, and engage with government officials, parliamentarians, and international stakeholders.

**Strengthening Access to Independent Information****\$ 100,000**

To promote access to independent information, the organization will produce multimedia content on reforms and civil society, highlight civic engagement efforts, and host events to engage readers and community leaders.

**Promoting Awareness of Corruption Through Investigative Reporting****\$ 100,000**

To foster accountability and advance regional investigative journalism, the organization will investigate alleged abuses of power, corruption, and war crimes, sharing findings through original content, while training independent media on investigative tools and approaches.

**Strengthening Civic Activism and Democratic Participation Among Youth****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen youth civic engagement, the organization will support new youth groups with training, mentoring, and small grants for local projects, while engaging alumni in networking and skills development.

**Building the Capacity and Resilience of Regional Initiatives****\$ 100,000**

To enhance the resilience of local civil society during the war, the organization will support civil society organizations and leaders through training, a small grants competition, educational content, and a retreat focused on addressing operational challenges.

**Providing Legal Support to Victims of Political Persecution****\$ 100,000**

To protect the rights of politically persecuted individuals and ensure access to justice, the organization will provide legal consultations, draft legal documents, monitor court hearings, work with volunteers to verify reports and gather testimonies on human rights violations, and share findings with media and institutions to raise awareness.

**Mobilizing Civic Initiatives to Promote Government Accountability in Eastern Ukraine****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen civic engagement and local governance accountability, the organization will build grassroots capacity, facilitate citizen participation, monitor war-related environmental damage, and contribute to new policies and legislation.

**Enhancing Access to Information and Independent Reporting in Eastern Ukraine****\$ 104,000**

To raise awareness in war-affected regions, the organization will publish online news and engage the public in content production guided by professional journalists.

**Supporting Regional Investigative Journalism****\$ 110,000**

To strengthen investigative journalism at the local level and foster accountability of public officials, the organization will publish stories and videos on alleged corruption in the Rivne region, file claims with law enforcement, and monitor criminal proceedings and government responses.

**Fostering Independent Reporting and Building Social Cohesion in Eastern Ukraine****\$ 110,000**

To promote independent reporting and grassroots activism, the organization will produce news reports on the Kharkiv region, publish materials, expand its press club audience, and engage the community members in local activism.

**Fostering Government Accountability and Public Awareness of Economic Issues****\$ 120,000**

To enhance citizen understanding of reforms and foster government accountability, the organization will produce weekly media content explaining the impact of policies on economic issues such as taxation, state budget allocations, and public services in an accessible format.

**Fostering New Media Talent****\$ 120,000**

To strengthen independent media reporting and foster new media professionals, the outlet will expand online coverage of political and social developments, produce and share video stories on social media, mentor young reporters, support their video production, and offer internships for promising students.

**Providing First-Hand Reporting from the Frontlines and Liberated Territories****\$ 120,000**

To raise awareness of the ongoing war and ensure access to independent reporting, the organization will produce original content from combat zones, frontline territories, and liberated areas.

**Strengthening Regional Media and Investigative Reporting in War-Affected Areas****\$ 120,000**

To support regional investigative reporting in war-affected areas, the media outlet will produce daily news and investigations on local governance and spending, while building a civic network to advocate for political responsiveness.

**Advancing Social Cohesion Through Digital Storytelling****\$ 120,000**

To promote social cohesion and educate on the consequences of polarization, the organization will produce documentaries and articles that tell war-related community stories, offering analysis and policy dialogue on reducing polarization.

**Empowering Emerging Leaders to Address War-Related Challenges****\$ 120,000**

To build a network of grassroots leaders, the organization will identify emerging civic actors, provide training in communication and policymaking, foster trust-building activities, and create opportunities for engagement with policymakers and media.

**Strengthening Oversight of Public Funds for Recovery Initiatives****\$ 125,000**

To ensure transparent public fund use, the organization will monitor reconstruction commissions, analyze procurement, and report violations to regulators and law enforcement.

**Promoting Financial Integrity and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration****\$ 125,000**

To enhance civil society's capacity to oversee financial reforms and promote accountability, the organization will produce research, convene a task force on public-private partnerships, and engage with stakeholders in Ukraine and Europe to advance policymaking on financial integrity.

**Promoting Accountability and Justice Through Investigative Reporting****\$ 125,000**

To expose corruption and promote justice, the organization will conduct investigations, produce video content, raise awareness through analytical publications, and pursue legal accountability using social media platforms.

**Fostering Public Oversight of Judicial Reform****\$ 140,000**

To ensure civic participation and public oversight of judicial reform, the organization will monitor the judge selection process, oversee qualification assessments, review financial statements, analyze performance, and share findings with the public, filing legal complaints when alleged misconduct or corruption is found.

**Increasing Regional Awareness of Local Governance****\$ 145,000**

To strengthen civic oversight of local governance and enhance regional investigative reporting, the organization will conduct investigations, publish news and analysis, offer governance reform recommendations, and run an internship program.

**Strengthening Civic Actors and Building the Capacity of New Initiatives****\$ 147,000**

To enhance the capacity of activists and foster citizen engagement in civic life, the organization will train and mentor activists, strengthen civic initiatives, and cultivate a new generation of leaders to collaborate with local authorities on reconstruction and war-related issues.

**Fostering Broad Policy Dialogue****\$ 150,000**

To foster policy dialogue on occupied and de-occupied territories, the organization will pilot an inclusive dialogue model to engage officials, civil society leaders, and experts, organize stakeholder discussions, implement policymaking monitoring and assessment, and produce analytical reports and policy recommendations.

**Supporting Independent Reporting and Regional Media Research****\$ 150,000**

To promote independent news and information on regional developments, the organization will produce and publish reports and analysis on the situation in the occupied territories and the war in eastern Ukraine, expand its audience, and strengthen its sustainability.

**Strengthening Democratic Resilience in Electoral Processes****\$ 150,000**

To promote electoral integrity and ethical political engagement in post-war elections, the nonpartisan organization will convene a training program for public sector professionals, civil society, and political parties on tools to uphold integrity and address war-related electoral challenges.

**Promoting Civic Engagement and Human Rights Through Film****\$ 150,000**

To foster civic engagement and raise awareness of human rights, the organization will maintain its network of film clubs nationwide, hosting documentary screenings and public discussions, while working with civic leaders to facilitate advocacy campaigns.

**Strengthening Access to Independent Reporting via Radio and Online Broadcasting****\$ 150,000**

To foster democratic discourse and ensure access to information during the war, the organization will produce independent news on political and war developments for FM and online radio broadcast.

**Supporting Truth-Seeking and Pursuing Justice****\$ 150,000**

To promote justice for human rights violations and freedom of expression during war, the organization will collect evidence, update an online memorial, organize events, and arrange journalist visits for dialogue on war crimes and accountability.

**Promoting Cross-Regional Democratic Solidarity****Russia in the World****\$ 150,000**

To encourage dialogue and build pro-democratic alliances, the organization will lead field visits for journalists and opinion leaders, facilitate meetings with political and civil society leaders on democratic resilience and human rights, develop media partnerships, and organize thematic workshops in selected countries.

**Ensuring Accountability for War Crimes****\$ 150,000**

To protect the rights of forcibly displaced Ukrainian children and political prisoners, the organization will produce analytical materials and policy recommendations on children's rights, raise awareness of war crimes, advocate for accountability, and provide legal assistance to victims of political persecution.

**Supporting Independent Radio Reporting****\$ 150,000**

To facilitate access to independent information and strengthen an independent radio station, the organization will maintain FM and online broadcasts, produce news on socio-political issues, and report on developments related to the war.

**Promoting Accountability Through Investigative Media Reporting in the Volyn Region****\$ 156,000**

To foster investigative reporting, the organization will publish multimedia investigations and articles on political and social developments in Volyn, create content for citizen oversight of public institutions, and use social media to expand its reader community.

**Bolstering Independent Media in Central Ukraine****\$ 158,000**

To strengthen local media resilience and promote access to independent reporting, the organization will produce and broadcast news content, provide resources to journalists from frontline and occupied territories, and serve as a media hub for professionals affected by war and occupation.

**Fostering Public Sector Accountability through Investigative Journalism****\$ 170,000**

To strengthen independent media's role in governance accountability, the organization will investigate corruption in reconstruction, land distribution, public funds, and war-related violations using open data and multimedia reporting.

**Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Defense Sector****\$ 172,000**

To monitor anti-corruption reforms in the defense sector, the organization will provide legal and institutional support to the Civic Anti-Corruption Council, conduct expert research, and publish annual briefs to promote accountability and mitigate risks.

**Strengthening Civic Activism and Cross-Sectoral Dialogue****\$ 180,000**

To promote civic engagement and cross-sectoral collaboration, the organization will build a network of activists, business representatives, university members, and local officials, organize small grants competitions and training programs, and host networking events.

**Promoting Justice and Strengthening Accountability Efforts****\$ 180,000**

To strengthen accountability and justice for war crimes, the organization will provide legal counseling to survivors, support precedent-setting legal cases in courts, and bolster civil society advocacy for improved legal frameworks.

**Promoting Civic Engagement and Supporting Grassroots Initiatives****\$ 200,000**

To strengthen civic engagement and support grassroots initiatives, the organization will run civic education sessions and outreach camps for displaced and marginalized groups, offering training on capacity building and project management, while fostering collaboration with local leaders and volunteer groups.

**Promoting Government Accountability and Citizen Oversight****\$ 200,000**

To promote government accountability in public procurement and spending, the group will monitor tenders and decisions—especially large infrastructure projects—report violations to law enforcement and publicize findings through media and its YouTube channel.



**Promoting Accountability and Protecting Human Rights Under Occupation****\$ 200,000**

To enhance legal assistance for citizens in occupied areas and strengthen responses to human rights violations, the organization will monitor abuses, provide free legal aid, publish analytical reports, and advocate for policy changes.

**Building the Capacity of Regional Initiatives and Volunteer Movements****\$ 200,000**

To strengthen local civic engagement, the organization will train grassroots non-profits and volunteer groups, foster collaboration with local authorities, and engage in research, training, and advocacy on social entrepreneurship.

**Strengthening Media Resilience and Advancing Cross-Sector Dialogue****\$ 200,000**

To build regional media resilience and promote cross-sectoral dialogue, the organization will continue emergency support, operate a physical hub for war-affected outlets, host a media conference, and launch dialogues on public communication.

**Ensuring Access to Local Independent News****\$ 200,000**

To facilitate access to local independent news and information, the organization will provide operational support to local radio stations, primarily in de-occupied and frontline regions, offering expert guidance on improving operations and outreach

**Cultivating a New Generation of Journalists****\$ 200,000**

To enhance the professional capacity of novice journalists and media professionals and bolster the independent media community, the organization will hold mentorship and training programs focused on developing skills and improving both practical and theoretical knowledge.

**Strengthening the Capacity of Regional Media and Sustaining Civic Engagement****\$ 202,000**

To strengthen independent media and promote civic participation in the Poltava region, the organization will expand multimedia coverage of key developments, offer journalist training, and enhance investigative reporting on corruption and the misuse of reconstruction funds.

**Supporting Independent Video Journalism****\$ 210,000**

To strengthen independent video reporting and promote access to independent information, the organization will produce original content for its social media, offering analysis, journalistic investigations, interviews, and civic education videos on key political developments.

**Fostering Media Literacy among Senior, Rural and Displaced Communities****\$ 220,000**

To strengthen media literacy among at-risk groups, the organization will produce video and entertainment content in regional TV and local newspapers targeting seniors, rural, and displaced populations.

**Supporting Independent Analytical Reporting During the War****\$ 230,000**

To promote independent reporting and public discussion on democratic processes, the organization will produce reports on political developments, fostering debates on the country's democratic trajectory.

**Improving Independent Analytical Coverage of Reforms Towards Euro-Atlantic Integration****\$ 236,000**

To enhance media coverage of the country's European and Euro-Atlantic integration and facilitate public dialogue on reforms, the organization will produce news and analysis, and serve as an expert platform offering content in both Ukrainian and English.

**Strengthening Civil Society's Capacity to Promote Social Cohesion****\$ 239,000**

To sustain and expand a network of psychosocial rehabilitation centers, the organization will train and mentor civic initiatives in facilitating self-help support groups for veterans, their families, and internally displaced people.

**Empowering Youth Engagement in Civic Activism and Reconstruction Activities****\$ 240,000**

To strengthen active citizenship among youth, the organization will lead volunteer activities, organize educational events on war-affected community reconstruction, engage local representatives in project design, and offer project management training for youth councils.

**Increasing Access to Independent Radio Reporting****\$ 250,000**

To strengthen access to independent reporting and build the capacity of an independent radio station, the organization will report on local developments, broadcast via FM radio transmitters and online, and maintain a website publishing news and local stories.

**Fostering Reforms in Veteran Affairs****\$ 255,000**

To promote civilian oversight and foster reforms in veterans' and service members' affairs, the organization will identify systemic issues, draft and advocate for legislative and policy changes, collaborate with government and civil society, and provide legal assistance to veterans, active service members, and their families.

**Documenting Alleged War Crimes and Promoting Justice and Accountability****\$ 256,500**

To document and promote accountability for alleged war crimes, the organization will conduct field missions to gather evidence, investigate and report on Russian war crimes, and coordinate documentation efforts with law enforcement agencies.

**Empowering Civil Society to Promote Financial Integrity****\$ 299,000**

To strengthen civil society's expertise in anti-money laundering and promote financial integrity, the organization will build the capacity of local partners for research and publications, organize conferences and policy forums, and facilitate engagement with international institutions.

### **Enhancing Investigative Reporting for Accountability and War Justice**

**\$ 300,000**

To foster accountability for war crimes, the organization will produce multimedia investigative stories and documentaries on war crimes, corruption, and human rights violations, organize public screenings with facilitated discussions.

### **Promoting Citizen Engagement and Media Awareness**

**\$ 450,000**

To foster media awareness and public discussion, the organization will produce weekly satirical news episodes on social media, analyzing political developments in Ukraine and Russia's invasion, while providing essential information to citizens during the war.

### **Expanding Access to Independent Reporting**

**\$ 540,000**

To promote access to independent information and news, the organization will produce daily reports for its Ukrainian TV channel, create multilingual programs, and distribute them to a broader audience.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Supporting Democratic Elections**

**\$ 500,000**

To strengthen political parties and local government capacity for election administration, the Institute will engage party leaders and conduct polling to identify citizen priorities ahead of anticipated elections, enhancing party responsiveness, informing candidate recruitment and voter turnout efforts, and strengthening election planning amid wartime or post-war conditions.

## **EUROPE REGIONAL**

### **Supporting Independent Journalism**

**\$ 40,000**

To strengthen independent media resilience, the organization will enhance protection platforms for journalists, expand legal and psychosocial support, and offer training on legal awareness, cybersecurity, and personal safety.

### **Supporting Civil Society Efforts in Enhancing Democratic Resilience**

**\$ 40,000**

To strengthen civil society's resilience and safeguard the rule of law, the organization will scale up monitoring and analysis, provide legal assistance to civil society, conduct legislative advocacy, and promote civic engagement.

### **Fostering Democratic Values and Civic Engagement**

**\$ 43,000**

To foster democratic values and civic engagement in rural areas, the organization will run a coaching program for local leaders and support initiatives on community organizing, human rights, and civic participation.

**Providing Independent Regional Coverage as a Mechanism of Accountability****\$ 50,000**

To provide independent coverage and foster government accountability, the organization will send reporters to remote municipalities to produce original content, engage residents, and hold local governments accountable.

**Expanding Resources and Innovation for Independent Media****\$ 50,000**

To strengthen independent regional media, the organization will collaborate with regional outlets to assess their needs, provide technical assistance and support for new content formats, and launch a resource portal for media groups.

**Supporting Electoral Reforms****\$ 51,000**

To strengthen electoral financial integrity, the organization will convene civil society leaders to analyze party finances and reporting, draft legal amendments, and communicate key findings.

**Fostering Press Freedom and Independent Reporting****\$ 60,000**

To strengthen the sustainability of independent media, the organization will undergo a digital transformation, expand online outreach, and organize interactive events with readers on key political and socio-economic issues.

**Strengthening Youth Engagement and Social Cohesion****\$ 60,000**

To foster youth engagement and social cohesion, the organization will work with Polish, Ukrainian, and Belarusian youth, building leadership and communication skills through workshops and study visits, while supporting them in implementing community initiatives.

**Supporting Civil Society Efforts in Strengthening the Rule of Law****\$ 70,000**

To safeguard the rule of law as a fundamental principle of constitutional democracy, the organization will enhance its legal expertise, expand monitoring, analysis, and advocacy efforts, and produce multimedia content on the importance of the rule of law.

**Promoting Electoral Accountability and Integrity****\$ 79,000**

To strengthen electoral integrity, the organization will promote accountability based on international democratic standards, conduct media monitoring, raise awareness of youth and women's political participation, and foster regional networking.

**Supporting Independent Journalism****\$ 80,000**

To support independent regional media, the organization will produce content on municipal governance, collaborate with local media on public fund spending, and share citizens' feedback on local developments with relevant authorities.

**Strengthening the Capacity of the Public Spending Monitors****\$ 87,000**

To strengthen citizen oversight of public spending, the organization will partner with NGOs to monitor funds, analyze data, share findings with policymakers and media, and advocate for transparency solutions.

**Promoting Accountability of Elected Officials****\$ 100,000**

To promote legislative transparency, the organization will monitor newly elected MPs, publish performance and election data, and produce nonpartisan voter education materials for distribution via its portal and social media.

**Increasing Media Awareness****\$ 120,000**

To enhance seniors' understanding of the digital information environment, the organization will assess literacy skills, adapt teaching methodologies, develop educational materials, and conduct workshops.

**Promoting Local Government Accountability****\$ 133,400**

To promote government accountability and transparency, the organization, with its partners, will organize activities to strengthen civil society capacity and expand regional networks, focusing on transparency, good governance, and civic engagement at the local level.

**Raising Awareness of Authoritarian Influence****\$ 145,000**

To increase awareness of external efforts to undermine democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, the organization will produce reports on CCP and Kremlin influence in Europe's energy sector and advocate for policy changes through events and media campaigns.

**Strengthening Independent Digital Media****\$ 150,000**

To strengthen independent digital media, the organization will expand English-language reporting on key issues, host workshops for regional media cooperation, and maintain a portal and website to share materials.

**Improving Access to Information****\$ 160,000**

To improve public access to information, the organization will conduct polls and research, produce reports on information policy, share them through digital and in-person outreach, and hold advocacy visits and a freedom of speech conference.

**Fostering Democratic Values in Central Europe****\$ 180,000**

To foster regional dialogue that promotes and defends core democratic values, the organization will produce reports on democratic resilience, create multilingual media content, publish in key outlets, and strengthen its network of pro-democratic opinion leaders through regular events.

**Promoting Understanding of Chinese and Russian Autocratic Influence****\$ 190,000**

To monitor and respond to Chinese and Russian influence, the organization will collaborate with local partners to analyze and report on Chinese and Russian-Chinese policies in the region, while running awareness and advocacy campaigns to promote adjustments in foreign policy.

**Strengthening the Capacity and Cooperation of Investigative Journalists****\$ 200,000**

To raise the capacities of regional media professionals and foster cooperation, the organization will train journalists in investigative reporting, expand a regional network for crime and corruption investigations, and support mentoring, internships, and cross-border reporting.

**Promoting Social Cohesion and Democratic Norms****\$ 220,000**

To foster dialogue and social cohesion in response to the war-driven refugee situation, the organization will collaborate with schools and trainers to organize workshops and debates on democratic society.

**Fostering Investigative Journalism****\$ 324,000**

To strengthen investigative journalism, the organization will expand its investigative portals, conduct cross-border investigations into corruption and Kremlin-driven propaganda narratives, and strengthen journalist networks, including in the Baltic States

**Core Institute****Solidarity Center****Maintaining Support for Independent Trade Unions and Workers' Rights****\$ 356,991**

To promote worker engagement in Ukraine's reconstruction and support exiled labor rights groups in the region, the Center will provide vocational training and rights education for Ukrainian workers to strengthen their role in reconstruction, and assist exiled groups to strengthen outreach and support for activists in restrictive environments.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Enhancing the Role of the Central European Private Sector in Ukraine Reconstruction****\$ 397,006**

To strengthen democratic public-private dialogue and foster cross-regional collaboration on reconstruction, the Center will equip businesses with resources on cross-border trade and investment, provide platforms for engaging with policymakers, and inform economic policy decisions.

**Solidarity Center****Creating a Knowledge and Resource Hub to Support Unions Fighting Corruption Across Regions****\$ 450,000**

To develop the capacities of trade unions and civil society organizations in Europe and Central Asia in advancing anti-corruption efforts and promoting transparent, democratic governance, the Center will implement anti-corruption programs, foster dialogue, and promote transparency through information sharing.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Advancing Political Participation and Leadership Development**  
**\$ 905,000**

To foster leadership development among women and youth and strengthen participatory outreach, the Institute will coordinate regional and national programs to support democratic resilience and actors in politically restricted spaces, building the capacities of political leaders, including youth, women, and municipal officials.

## **SOUTHEAST EUROPE REGIONAL**

**Promoting Objective Media Reporting About Ethnic Minority Groups**  
**\$ 41,000**

To foster regional collaboration and independent media reporting, the organization will research biases in media coverage of ethnic minorities in Serbia and Kosovo, raising awareness of perceptions and misconceptions of Albanians and Serbs.

**Promoting Government Transparency and Accountability in Interethnic Dialogue**  
**\$ 55,000**

To promote government transparency and accountability in restoring interethnic dialogue, the organization will create an early-warning system to flag tensions, prompt government action, and advocate for a transparent approach to the EU-facilitated dialogue with Serbia.

**Promoting Cross-Border Media Cooperation and Innovative Journalism**  
**\$ 72,000**

To strengthen collaboration between independent media, the organization will work with its partner group to adopt innovative approaches, train and mentor journalists, produce multimedia content, and develop outreach strategies.

**Leveraging Technology to Promote Institutional Accountability and Transparency**  
**\$ 72,500**

To promote government transparency, the organization will collaborate with Southeast European watchdogs to create a regional online database, conduct monitoring, and organize a regional conference.

**Countering Chinese Influence in Southeast Europe**  
**China in the World**  
**\$ 75,000**

To monitor and respond to Chinese influence in Southeast Europe, the North Macedonia-based organization will work with partners in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia to support a regional network of organizations conducting research and advancing evidence-based policy interventions on countering foreign authoritarian influence.

**Fostering Cross-border Dialogue and Civic Engagement**  
**\$ 80,000**

To foster cross border civic dialogue in Southeast Europe, the Belgrade and Kosovo-based organizations will run a regional fellowship and advocacy program including exchanges, research, and joint advocacy actions.

**Fostering a New Generation of Advocates for Regional Transitional Justice and Reconciliation**  
**\$ 100,000**

To advance transitional justice and historical understanding, the organization will host educational events on 1990s war crimes, foster public debate, and offer workshops and internships.

**Promoting Youth Engagement and Solidarity**  
**\$ 100,000**

To empower youth in developing policy responses to democratic and peace challenges in the region, the organization will convene a Youth Summit, produce policy recommendations and a joint peace declaration, launch an awareness campaign, and train young leaders in advocacy and regional cooperation.

**Fostering Regional Cooperation in Journalism**  
**\$ 117,000**

To counteract the abuse of emerging technologies that threaten democratic processes, the organization will collaborate with watchdog groups to expose AI-generated political manipulation, equip partners to investigate technological threats, and advocate for responsible standards in journalism to address this issue.

**Strengthening Regional Mechanisms for Combating Corruption and Impunity**  
**\$ 120,000**

To combat regional corruption and impunity, the Banja Luka-based watchdog and partners will support whistleblowers, operate reporting channels, offer legal aid, and advocate for legislative improvements.

**Promoting Political Accountability Through Investigative Reporting**  
**\$ 144,000**

To promote the transparency and accountability of public officials, the organization will expand its nonpartisan database of political leaders' assets, while media partners produce investigative articles documenting potential misuse of power.

**Enhancing Cross-Border Cooperation and Strengthening Regional Media**  
**\$ 150,000**

To strengthen the capacity of media professionals and promote media collaborations, the organization will work with media groups to engage young journalists in analyzing media manipulation, have senior journalists assess reporting quality, and convene journalists and editors to collaborate on joint stories addressing cross-border media issues.

**Promoting Constructive Dialogue Through Online Media**  
**\$ 173,000**

To facilitate public discourse on key political, social, and economic challenges hindering regional democratization and reconciliation, the organization will collaborate with regional partners to produce a radio talk show, podcasts, and commentary on its web platform and online media.

**Increasing Media Awareness**  
**\$ 190,000**

To enhance media awareness among senior citizens, the organization will collaborate with local partners in Bulgaria, Montenegro, and Bosnia and Herzegovina to build their capacities for conducting media awareness trainings and establishing sustainable media education programs.



**Promoting Anticorruption Mechanisms****\$ 200,000**

To strengthen a regional anticorruption network and foster accountability in Southeastern Europe, the organization will lead an initiative to enhance whistleblower legal rights, support efforts for political and public backing of whistleblower laws, and improve public perceptions of whistleblowing as an accountability tool.

**Advancing the Process of Transitional Justice and Regional Reconciliation****\$ 200,000**

To advance transitional justice and promote understanding of 1990s war crimes, the organization will collaborate on a compendium of war victims in former Yugoslavia, organize regional presentations, and advocate for victims' rights.

**Fostering Improved Institutional Transparency****\$ 200,000**

To promote transparency and accountability in legislative bodies, the organization will analyze legislatures, support watchdog groups in the region, and maintain platforms to help civic groups monitor parliamentary sessions and officials, advocating for legislative changes.

**Fostering Cross-Border Cooperation Among Independent Online Media****\$ 208,928**

To promote cross-border collaboration and raise awareness of ethnic minority rights, the Croatia-based organization will partner with its Bosnia and Herzegovina counterpart to produce and exchange articles on key political and social issues affecting these communities.

**Fostering Enhanced Media Standards****\$ 254,000**

To promote media standards and ensure access to independent news, the organization will collaborate with regional watchdogs and investigative groups in Serbia and Montenegro to analyze media trends and publish the findings on a shared regional online platform with country-specific versions.

**Fostering Tolerance and Understanding Among Youth****\$ 350,000**

To foster tolerance among youth and promote constructive dialogue with policymakers, the organization will produce a weekly television series encouraging youth in deeply divided communities to challenge stereotypes and extremist narratives.

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Enhancing Electoral Integrity****\$ 150,000**

To improve election observation and advocacy for electoral integrity, the Institute will develop a peer-learning network, engage civil society in monitoring electoral frameworks, advocate for reform, foster regional collaboration on election observation methodologies, and strengthen civil society's oversight capacity in partisan and authoritarian environments.

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Strengthening Business Advocacy  
\$ 369,981**

To enhance the private sector's capacity to drive democratic governance reforms and economic growth, the Center will assess regional private sector organizations to identify institutional challenges and support their growth and leadership.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs  
Promoting Political Party Integrity  
\$ 600,000**

To improve parties' public responsiveness, decision-making, and representation, the Institute will support up to 250 representatives from 45 political parties in 10 countries to identify and advance internal reforms, strengthen organizational culture and anti-corruption efforts, focus on party finance and transparency, and promote women's political participation and leadership.

**International Republican Institute  
Promoting Regional Solutions to Foreign Authoritarian Influence, Corruption, and  
Ethnonationalist Extremism  
\$ 625,000**

To strengthen regional mechanisms against foreign authoritarian influence, extremism, and corruption, the Institute will work with a task force to facilitate policy changes and support democratic reforms.

**International Republican Institute  
Building Enduring Political Parties  
\$ 1,000,000**

To help rebuild public trust in democratic institutions, the Institute will support Southeastern European political parties in developing citizen-responsive reform agendas through regional collaboration, hands-on planning, and public opinion research.

**Solidarity Center  
Defending Freedom of Association in Albania and Kosovo  
\$ 1,249,458**

To strengthen the capacity of workers and trade unions in Albania and Kosovo to defend freedom of association, the Center will train and support unions in membership building and constituency development to enhance worker representation in union decision-making.

**Solidarity Center  
Building the Capacity of Workers and Unions to Address Democracy Deficits  
\$ 1,256,297**

To build the capacity of unions to bridge gaps between governments and civil society, the Center will host seminars, train journalists on freedom of association, support worker-led coalitions, and strengthen collective bargaining efforts in the labor and media sectors.

# GLOBAL

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## **Strengthening Legal Frameworks and Policies to Protect Press Freedom**

**\$ 90,000**

To advance the implementation of legal judgments protecting press freedom in the Global South, the organization will identify positive judgements with the potential to drive structural reform on freedom of expression and work with local partners to develop advocacy strategies and engagement with governments, international bodies, and civil society.

## **Promoting Deliberation Mechanisms to Strengthen Democratic Governance**

**\$ 108,511**

To deepen understanding of deliberative democracy, the organization will conduct public engagement initiatives and provide practical resources to help civil society groups and policymakers in the Global South assess and adopt effective citizen participation mechanisms for decision-making processes.

## **Monitoring China's Influence and Impact on Democratic Standards**

**\$ 120,000**

To strengthen understanding of China's growing presence overseas and its impact on democratic practices and values, the organization will publish original analysis, engage key stakeholders, and foster advocacy and research collaborations with partner groups to inform debates on the challenges of foreign authoritarian influence.

## **Providing a Global Platform to Foster Democratic Solidarity**

**\$ 124,000**

To strengthen cross-regional cooperation in promoting democratic norms, the organization will convene its annual conference for pro-democracy activists, academics, and policymakers to discuss key democratic challenges, and support the International Coalition for Democratic Renewal as a platform for continued collaboration.

**Strengthening Global Standards on Responsible Business Conduct****\$ 125,000**

To enhance the capacity of civil society in the Global South to strengthen the implementation of global standards on business and human rights, the organization will conduct research and analysis to evaluate accountability mechanisms, hold consultations to share civil society priorities, and lead capacity-building workshops on strategies to promote democratic accountability in cases of alleged violations.

**Investigating Kleptocracy by Enhancing Journalists' Skills and Fostering Collaboration****\$ 140,000**

To build investigative capacity and foster collaboration among journalists to raise awareness of kleptocratic practices, the organization will train reporters and editors on how to investigate public asset expropriation, and collaborate with its network to report on illicit finance, grand corruption, and money laundering.

**Promoting Deliberative Processes to Strengthen Democratic Governance****\$ 165,000**

To enhance democracy advocates' ability to promote participatory and deliberative models of citizen engagement in the Global South, the organization will foster a community of activists from Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Southeast Asia to exchange knowledge, pilot innovations, and institutionalize democratic practices that expand citizen participation in decision-making.

**Protecting Human Rights Defenders****\$ 180,000**

To strengthen collaboration for the protection of human rights defenders, the organization will expand a network of cities across Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Europe, and Latin America that offer temporary relocation, convene strategic planning consultations, support peer exchange to address global challenges, and conduct field visits to grow the network in underserved regions.

**Defending Independent Media and Protecting Journalists at Risk****\$ 200,000**

To protect and assist journalists at risk, the organization will strengthen a global working group of journalist assistance and temporary relocation initiatives, serve as a platform to exchange best practices, foster coordination, verify and refer requests for support, engage stakeholders in efforts to protect media freedom, provide legal assistance to targeted journalists, and host a residence program for journalists facing persecution.

**Fostering Dialogue on International Religious Freedom****\$ 210,000**

To promote freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, the organization will convene a cross-regional summit to facilitate dialogue on authoritarian repression and other challenges to international religious freedom, bringing together diverse participants from Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa.

**Protecting Civil Society Access to a Free Internet and Digital Rights****\$ 220,000**

To enhance civil society access to secure digital tools, the organization will expand translation and localization of open-source resources on censorship circumvention, secure communication, and privacy, produce multilingual glossaries and guides, train activists, and foster exchanges among civic tech contributors and grassroots groups.

**Protecting Freedom of Expression and Privacy Online****\$ 230,000**

To promote freedom of expression and privacy online in the Global South, the organization will support civil society actors in discussions with technology stakeholders, provide a platform for constructive dialogue on responsible business practices, and foster collaboration between civil society and the private sector to protect human rights in the digital sphere.

**Consolidating Deliberative Democracy Practices in the Global South****\$ 232,358**

To strengthen democratic governance, the organization will support a network of democracy practitioners to develop and assess innovative deliberative democracy methodologies, focusing on citizen participation, adaptation to Global South contexts, and the integration of civil society in the design of deliberative mechanisms.

**Bolstering Investigative Journalists' Technological Capacities****\$ 250,000**

To strengthen the capacity of journalists in the Global South to conduct collaborative, data-driven investigations, the organization will upgrade its data management platform, enabling partners to analyze and share information more effectively, and it will provide training on advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, to support complex investigations.

**Promoting Accountability and Ensuring High Journalistic Standards****\$ 273,176**

To promote accountability and improve the accuracy and reliability of news and information, the organization will coordinate a cross-regional network to exchange best practices on verification, bring Global South partners to its international conference, update a code of principles, and foster knowledge sharing among participants.

**Raising Awareness of Authoritarian Challenges to Democratic Norms****China in the World****\$ 275,000**

To improve understanding of foreign authoritarian influence, the organization will research authoritarian overseas investments and multilateral engagement, assess implications on democratic norms, and strengthen civic actors' capacity to develop evidence-based advocacy strategies to respond to the challenges.

**Strengthening a Network to Advance Freedom of Expression and Protect Artists at Risk****\$ 280,000**

To strengthen support for at-risk democracy advocates and promote freedom of expression, the organization will manage a global hub to coordinate support for threatened artists, cultivating networks in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa to track regional trends and ensure responsive support.

**Promoting Citizen Participation in Policymaking****\$ 300,000**

To enhance the capacity of democratic reformers to advocate for citizen participation, the organization will lead a consortium in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America to develop resources and a learning program, and will work with a pilot cohort to implement new strategies for embedding citizen participation mechanisms in democratic governance processes.

**Strengthening Protection for Democracy Advocates at Risk****\$ 315,000**

To promote safer working environments for human rights defenders, the organization will support a network of hub cities in North and sub-Saharan Africa for temporary relocation of at-risk human rights defenders, coordinate case referrals, hold workshops and events, and facilitate learning with the global protection community.

**Fostering a Global Network of Collaborative Governance Innovators****\$ 331,000**

To advance collaborative models of democratic governance at the subnational level, the organization will engage civil society groups, social entrepreneurs, and local government officials from Latin America, Africa, and Asia to co-design and implement participatory governance initiatives, fostering shared decision-making, cooperation, and accountability, while supporting learning through a global community of practice.

**Amplifying Global South Voices for Internet Freedom and Privacy Online****\$ 345,000**

To promote privacy rights and raise awareness of the human rights implications of emerging digital technologies, the organization will strengthen a coalition of civil society groups in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to enhance advocacy efforts defending human rights in a data-driven digital age, while also building members' capacity to engage in technical and policy discussions on legal frameworks that may undermine human rights and democratic principles.

**Promoting a Human Rights-Based Approach to Internet Governance****\$ 354,775**

To promote democratic values and human rights online, the organization will mentor advocates to engage in international internet governance bodies, foster global and regional networks of experts, and collaborate with local partners to develop new approaches to promote human rights principles in the technology sector.

**Strengthening a Global Community of Civic Technology Groups****\$ 370,000**

To promote collaboration among civic technology groups, the organization will convene civil society activists, researchers, and public sector stakeholders to foster community building and peer learning on the use of technology for legislative monitoring and access to information, culminating in the annual global civic tech conference.

**Deepening Understanding of Kleptocratic Networks****\$ 375,000**

To deepen understanding of transnational kleptocratic networks and foreign authoritarian influence, the organization will conduct investigations into corruption across Africa, Asia, Eurasia, and the Middle East, producing reports to raise awareness and foster discussions on these challenges.

**Building Capacity and Collaboration to Combat Foreign Authoritarian Influence****\$ 380,000**

To enhance the capacity of organizations in Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Eurasia, and Latin America, the organization will strengthen partners' ability to collaboratively detect, monitor, and expose foreign authoritarian information operations, promoting a more coordinated and efficient cross-regional response to emerging foreign authoritarian interference campaigns.

**Strengthening Participatory Democracy****\$ 400,000**

To promote best practices in participatory and deliberative governance, the organization will support collaboration between civil society and local governments in the Global South to engage women, youth, and displaced people, while mentoring and building the capacity of civil society groups in Africa, Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and Latin America.

**Supporting Multiregional Collaboration to Protect Freedom of Association****\$ 440,000**

To strengthen cooperation to advance international norms on freedom of association, the organization will cultivate a global hub of experts to exchange strategies on civic space trends, respond to restrictive policies, provide technical assistance to improve the operating environment for civil society, and facilitate cross-regional exchange on financial and legal strategies.

**Fostering Collaborative Responses to Cross-Regional Corruption****\$ 450,000**

To strengthen cooperation in promoting accountability and countering transnational corruption in Lusophone nations, the organization will foster exchanges and build capacity among civic actors, investigative journalists, and transparency advocates in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, supporting them to research, detect, and expose kleptocratic systems and promoting cross-border collaboration.

**Promoting Deliberation Mechanisms to Strengthen Democratic Governance****\$ 451,489**

To deepen understanding of deliberative democracy, the organization will conduct public engagement initiatives and provide practical resources to help civil society groups and policymakers in the Global South assess and adopt effective citizen participation mechanisms for decision-making processes.

**Fostering Collaboration and Solidarity Among Journalists****\$ 500,500**

To strengthen a collaborative investigative journalism network, the organization will provide a secure platform for at-risk journalists, expand efforts to deter violence against journalists, offer emergency responses, and enhance digital security, while engaging journalists under threat in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

**Nurturing a Global Network of Democracy Defenders****\$ 522,194**

To strengthen an alliance of pro-democracy leaders and activists from autocratic countries, the organization will support a community of democracy advocates from over sixty countries by providing training on democracy movement building and developing joint advocacy platforms to amplify activists' voices on key human rights and democracy issues.

### **Protecting Civil Society Access to a Free Internet and Digital Rights**

**\$ 550,000**

To enhance civil society access to secure digital tools, the organization will expand translation and localization of open-source resources on censorship circumvention, secure communication, and privacy, produce multilingual glossaries and guides, train activists, and foster exchanges among civic tech contributors and grassroots groups.

### **Raising Awareness of Authoritarian Influence**

**China in the World**

**\$ 700,000**

To deepen awareness of foreign authoritarian information manipulation and foster cross-regional collaboration to support democratic resilience, the organization will develop a global community of experts, research foreign technological strategies for influencing democratic institutions, and facilitate the creation of digital tools to identify and defend against authoritarian influence.

### **Strengthening Transnational Collaboration in Responding to Modern Kleptocracy**

**\$ 740,000**

To promote accountability and counter kleptocracy, the organization will develop an expert network across multiple regions to assess sanctions implementation, inform dialogue on systemic gaps in responding to Russian illicit finance, and lead workshops on strengthening policy responses related to sanctions, financial systems, and authoritarian powers.

### **Strengthening Responses to Transnational Repression**

**\$ 900,000**

To deepen understanding of transnational repression and inform international policy dialogue, the organization will bring together civil society groups for awareness-raising and advocacy, create engagement mechanisms with policymakers, conduct research, document incidents, and publish reports with concrete policy recommendations.

### **Bolstering Legislative Support for Human Rights and Democratic Norms**

**China in the World**

**\$ 930,000**

To foster global support for democratic norms, the organization will expand a multiregional network of parliamentarians, liaise with civic actors, and convene events to inform international policy dialogue and advocate for a coordinated response to China's efforts to undermine human rights, democratic systems, and the international rules-based order.

### **Strengthening Assistance for Democracy Advocates at Risk**

**\$ 1,134,275**

To protect and support individuals promoting free inquiry, democratic debate, and human rights, the organization will facilitate temporary placements for at-risk democracy advocates and strengthen regional hubs to track and respond to academic freedom violations while rallying university support.



## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Promoting Young People's Political Engagement**

**\$ 180,000**

To equip democracy and governance organizations and practitioners with resources to effectively support politically-active youth, the Institute will develop strategic guidance and collaborate with young people to identify barriers and produce recommendations for better engagement in democracy and governance programming.

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

#### **Promoting New Approaches to Women's Participation in Politics**

**\$ 200,000**

To consolidate and expand a new approach supporting women's representation in politics, the Institute will provide direct technical assistance, conduct lessons learned workshops, offer trainings for facilitators, and revise and expand a handbook and online toolkit and make it available in four languages.

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

#### **Promoting Democratic Principles and Understanding Tech Policy**

**\$ 200,000**

To strengthen democracy and human rights through civil society engagement with the technology sector, the Institute will facilitate learning opportunities for civic actors on tech sector decision-making processes, and help them understand how changes in tech policy will impact human rights and democracy work.

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

#### **Advancing Democratic Principles in Technology**

**\$ 200,000**

To build civil society capacity to defend internet freedom and counter digital authoritarianism, the Institute will develop educational materials on current threats from authoritarian regimes, engage in key policy discussions, and advocate to ensure democratic voices are heard and that threats to democratic values remain central to the dialogue.

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

#### **Strengthening Networks for Resilient Public Discourse**

**\$ 200,000**

To counter authoritarian interference, the Institute will expand a cross-regional civil society network, foster information sharing through research initiatives, and organize events to amplify shared concerns and strategies.

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Empowering the Next Generation of Pro-Democracy Leaders**

**\$ 250,000**

To equip rising political and public leaders with skills, resources, and opportunities to advance political and economic freedom in their communities, the Institute will implement a fellowship program for individuals under forty in positions of authority, focused on advancing political and economic freedom through transparent, resilient democracies and free markets.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Accelerating the Pace of Change on Women's Political Empowerment: Voter Registration**

**\$ 250,000**

To support meaningful participation of women in politics, the Institute will develop and pilot a voter registration toolbox in collaboration with three civil society organizations.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Leveraging Political Party Collaboration**

**\$ 250,000**

To strengthen the capacity of democratic political parties to strategically engage international stakeholders, the Institute will develop guidance for international networking and advocacy, piloting it through partnerships to help parties defend democratic institutions and establish best practices in global party diplomacy.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Developing a Rapid Response Protocol to Protect Women from Electoral Violence**

**\$ 300,000**

To increase women's participation in politics, the Institute will design a rapid mechanism to report and respond to electoral and political violence against women and will work with key stakeholders to test and implement it.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Advancing Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Approaches**

**\$ 300,000**

To foster participatory and deliberative democracy in challenging political environments, the Institute will collaborate with a civil society partner to institutionalize citizen participation processes and address the impacts of shrinking civic space, with lessons informing future democracy advocacy efforts.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

**Improving Local Representation and Accountability**

**\$ 300,000**

To strengthen local governments' engagement with politically underrepresented populations, particularly women, the Institute will develop tools to assess policies, partner with governments for assessments, and refine tools to guide future applications in other contexts.

**Solidarity Center**

**Strengthening International Democratic Representation for Digital Platform Workers**

**\$ 300,000**

To promote democracy and decent work in the platform economy, the Center will engage unions focused on digital platform workers across Africa, Asia, and Latin America to build coalitions, strengthen organizing capacity, and advocate for international regulatory frameworks for labor rights protections.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Supporting Youth-Inclusive Economic Development**  
**\$ 325,000**

To improve youth political participation and economic integration, the Institute will develop resources for democracy assistance practitioners and youth to strengthen youth political participation and integrate their economic priorities.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Promoting Participatory Governance Processes**  
**\$ 350,000**

To equip democracy and governance practitioners with tools to design and conduct participatory and deliberative democracy processes, the Institute will test and validate resources by collaborating with civil society, government officials, and other stakeholders, and then disseminate the validated tools and training materials in developing democracies.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Building the Capacity of Women Democracy Advocates in Closing Spaces**  
**\$ 350,000**

To cultivate a network of women democracy advocates to address democratic backsliding, the Institute will convene women activists from closed and closing countries to share strategies, curate a database of authoritarian tactics and responses, and examine how authoritarians target women's rights to suppress dissent.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Supporting a Rapid Anti-Corruption Response During Political Transition**  
**\$ 400,000**

To increase women's participation in politics, the Institute will design a rapid mechanism to report and respond to electoral and political violence against women and will work with key stakeholders to test and implement it.

**International Republican Institute**  
**Strengthening Transnational Responses to Combat Campaign Finance Corruption**  
**\$ 425,000**

To combat campaign finance corruption and malign funding of political activities that undermine democratic elections, the Institute will research covert campaign finance tactics, support transparency advocates and citizen observers to expose illicit campaign funding, build parties' capacity to comply with campaign finance regulations, and equip electoral stakeholders with knowledge to identify corruption and advocate for open finance data.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Strengthening Democratic Defenses Against Corrosive Capital**  
**\$ 474,133**

To equip young democracies to resist authoritarian influence, the Center will strengthen partners' capacity to identify governance gaps, reinforce democratic institutions, and promote transparency and democratic values through collaboration with like-minded advocates and the private sector to reduce risks related to corrosive capital.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Promoting Knowledge Exchange on Debate Coordination**  
**\$ 475,000**

To promote the exchange of best practices on debate organization, the Institute will strengthen the capacity of civic, media, and state groups to hold candidate debates to inform voters, motivate candidates to focus on policy issues, reduce election conflict, and hold leaders accountable to campaign promises, while expanding a web-based debate resource center.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Advancing a Democratic Digital Economy**  
**\$ 500,000**

To enable the private sector to shape and compete in a democratic digital economy, the Center will develop strategies and resources to promote competitiveness, resilience and market reforms, and equip local business communities and democratic reformers with tools to participate in the evolving digital economy landscape.

**International Republican Institute**  
**Combating Campaign Finance Corruption and Improving Election Transparency**  
**\$ 500,000**

To counter campaign finance corruption and malign political funding, the Institute will research covert tactics, support transparency advocates, and convene regional forums to inform updated election assessment methodologies, equip stakeholders to detect dark money and legal vulnerabilities, and advocate for open finance data to promote transparent and credible democratic elections.

**Solidarity Center**  
**Strengthening Freedom of Association in Nascent Sectors**  
**\$ 500,000**

To strengthen unions and worker organizations advocating for platform workers' rights, the Center will provide technical assistance to support freedom of association and improve conditions for workers in the emerging platform industry in the Global South.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Advancing A Democratic Digital Economy And Digital Governance**  
**\$ 520,128**

To enable the private sector to advance democratic digital governance and build the capacity of local businesses and women entrepreneurs to engage in the digital economy, the Center will promote democratic digital policy and market competitiveness, enhance digital literacy, and combat the spread of digital authoritarianism.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Supporting Peaceful and Democratic Transitions of Power**  
**\$ 564,050**

To enhance peaceful, effective, and sustainable transitions of power, the Institute will provide technical assistance, peer-to-peer exchanges, and tools to national and subnational leaders during strategic opportunities for democratic reform, based on country-level assessments.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Defending Norms, Principles and Networks for Election Transparency**  
**\$ 600,000**

To strengthen global electoral norms and practices, the Institute will facilitate dialogue and targeted engagements among citizen election monitors, international observers, and other key actors to enhance communication, coordination, and networking.

**Solidarity Center**  
**Supporting Solidarity Across Regions for Migrant Worker Rights**  
**\$ 600,000**

To improve migrant worker rights, the Center will enhance cross-regional collaboration among labor movement partners, strengthen coalitions, and develop coordinated strategies and policy positions for regional and international discussions on migration policies.

**Solidarity Center**  
**Strategic Communications to Advance Worker Rights and Advocacy**  
**\$ 616,516**

To help unions communicate more effectively in support of worker rights and democratic participation, the Center will train union leaders and organizers to use media, digital tools, and storytelling to raise awareness, inform public discourse, and engage policymakers and other stakeholders.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Fostering Inclusive Democracies and Economies**  
**\$ 653,692**

To enhance cross-regional learning on the private sector's role in empowering persons with disabilities and supporting their economic participation, the Center will share best practices for local private sector organizations to promote economic participation and will support partners in Africa and Eastern Europe to pilot private sector-led advocacy initiatives.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Advancing Private Sector Leadership of Technology for Democracy**  
**\$ 700,000**

To advance private sector leadership in promoting democratic principles in digital governance, the Center will support partner-driven advocacy and public-private dialogue that promote internet freedom, defend against digital authoritarian technologies, and work at multilateral, regional, and local policy levels to enhance private sector commitment to rights-respecting, market-oriented digital governance.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Empowering the Private Sector to Support Independent Media**  
**\$ 700,000**

To facilitate cross-regional learning on the private sector's role in supporting freedom of expression and independent media, the Center will collaborate with partners in the Global South to strengthen the relationship between the local private sector, media, and civil society, promote innovative strategies, share best practices, and identify models for financing media.

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Strengthening Business Associations to Improve Democratic Governance and Inclusive  
Markets**

**\$ 701,457**

To strengthen business associations' capacity to promote democratic governance and inclusive markets, the Center will develop knowledge resources and training materials to support associations as champions of democratic and economic reforms, leveraging these efforts to address contemporary economic, political and social challenges.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs  
Supporting Civil Society to Bolster Democratic Resilience**

**\$ 750,000**

To equip democracy advocates with tools and strategies for effective messaging, the Institute will organize workshops, disseminate a guide, and convene roundtables to build resilience to authoritarian narratives and support local civil society in developing impactful democracy-affirming messages.

**International Republican Institute  
Building Resilience to Authoritarian Influence**

**\$ 775,000**

To bolster democratic resilience to the Chinese Communist Party's authoritarian influence, the Institute will provide trainings, support advocacy efforts, and facilitate dialogues between civil society and policymakers to develop strategies and coalitions addressing the effects of authoritarian influence.

**International Republican Institute  
Strengthening Women's Political Participation**

**\$ 812,000**

To advance women's leadership in decision-making, the Institute will coordinate a global network to enhance political participation through leadership and campaign management trainings, coalition-building, and strengthening regional networks for sustained civic engagement in closed and closing societies.

**Solidarity Center  
Strengthening Transnational App-Based Workers Cooperation to Combat Lack of  
Accountability in the App Economy**

**\$ 820,000**

To strengthen the role of app-based workers in advancing labor rights in regulatory frameworks and within platform companies, the Center will implement education, organizing, and advocacy initiatives across Africa, the Americas, and South Asia, connecting workers transnationally to lead joint advocacy initiatives.

**Solidarity Center  
Strengthening Representation and Worker Agency of Informal Economy Workers**

**\$ 834,943**

To improve union representation of workers in the informal economy, the Center will develop capacity-building tools for workers and unions, including manuals, toolkits, factsheets, and guides, and conduct trainings to support integration of informal workers into unions and strengthen their participation in union campaigns and collective bargaining.

**Solidarity Center****Building Resilience Against Repression of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms****China in the World****\$ 899,500**

To build democratic resilience against authoritarian influences and the suppression of fundamental rights and freedoms, the Center will support partners to deepen understanding of these threats, raise awareness of their impacts, and take action to address the challenges.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Strengthening Trust in Democratic Market Institutions****\$ 970,709**

To strengthen trust in democratic and market-oriented institutions, the Center will facilitate private sector-led dialogue on responsible business conduct, fostering engagement between government and business, promoting democratic perspectives in policymaking, and helping local partners comply with emerging responsible business practices through targeted training sessions.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Strengthening Democratic and Economic Reform Through Policy and Program Learning****\$ 1,022,000**

To equip reform advocates and decision-makers with evidence-based knowledge and policy solutions for market and democratic transitions, the Center will facilitate the exchange of best practices across countries and conduct applied research on the relationship between the private sector and democratic development.

**Solidarity Center****Building Union Capacity on Policy Analysis and Advocacy****\$ 1,030,557**

To strengthen the effective representation and participation of workers in non-labor policymaking spaces, the Center will build the capacity of unions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to engage in key policy discussions, analyze the policies' impact on workers and their communities, and develop advocacy strategies for securing democratic participation at national, regional, and international levels.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Fostering Public-Private Dialogue on Economic Security****\$ 1,049,921**

To forge greater democratic unity on economic security policy, the Center will support national and cross-regional dialogues, fostering cooperation among government, private sector, and civil society actors to develop innovative economic security frameworks and mitigate risks to national security, prosperity, and democratic resilience.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Ensuring Systemic Anti-Corruption In Aid, Peace Processes, And Economic Recovery****\$ 1,100,000**

To support democratic institutions in conflict-affected regions, the Center will promote corruption mitigation strategies in the humanitarian aid sector and enhance entrepreneurs' capacity to implement anti-corruption strategies that foster economic opportunity.

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Strengthening Private Sector Responses to Women's Democratic Empowerment  
\$ 1,100,645**

To address challenges to women's political participation and economic empowerment, the Center will partner with business associations to strengthen women's participation in free markets and international trade, organize trainings and strategic consultations, develop resources, and support business associations in post-conflict and conflict settings to assess the business sector's role in advancing economic recovery and peace.

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Boosting Global Anti-Corruption Movements  
\$ 1,109,876**

To promote democratic reform tools and resources in emerging markets, the Center will engage stakeholders through outreach, publications, events, and coalition building, and will develop resources to strengthen global anti-corruption efforts and enhance private sector capacity for transparency and accountability.

**Solidarity Center  
Enhancing Labor Leadership to Strengthen Democratic Practices  
\$ 1,120,000**

To strengthen the capacity of labor leaders and pro-democracy allies to promote democratic practices in their institutions, the Center will conduct a cross-regional leadership training program with participants from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, and a regional training for a new cohort in Latin America.

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Countering Authoritarian Economic Coercion Against Democratic Nations  
\$ 1,150,000**

To bolster the economic resilience of democratic countries in Central Europe and Latin America facing authoritarian economic coercion in their automotive sectors, the Center will support partner-driven research, policy papers, advocacy briefs, and public-private dialogue to address governance gaps, economic risks, opportunities, and strategies to build democratic resilience.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs  
Bolstering Political Party Capacity to Respond to Evolving Challenges  
\$ 1,218,860**

To strengthen the capacity and influence of political parties in closed and emerging spaces, the Institute will assist parties in four countries with internal policymaking, external outreach, coalition building, and strategic planning to refine its approaches and tools.

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Fostering Public-Private Dialogue on Economic Security  
\$ 1,554,627**

To forge greater democratic unity on economic security policy, the Center will support national and cross-regional dialogues, engage governments and civil society in Asia, Europe, and Latin America, and foster cooperation among public, private, and civil society actors to develop innovative economic security frameworks and counter authoritarianism.



**Solidarity Center****Strengthening the Rule of Law for Workers****\$ 1,715,150**

To strengthen the capacity of legal advocates, workers, unions, and human rights organizations to promote and defend worker rights, the Center will provide technical legal assistance on labor and employment laws, formalization of the informal economy through decent work, applied legal research, litigation and advocacy, and networking to engage workers and unions.

**International Republican Institute****Building Democratic Resilience to Foreign Authoritarian Influence****\$ 2,247,809**

To counter authoritarian influence by China and Russia, the Institute will help partners develop policies to mitigate their interference in the political and economic sectors and build the capacity of citizen groups, journalists, activists, and political parties to recognize and counter malign influence.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Strengthening Resources And Networks To Meet Global Needs****\$ 4,000,000**

To strengthen responses to global threats to democracy, the Institute will create training resources, deliver rapid technical assistance, and collaborate with international networks to uphold electoral standards, promote democratic reform, counter authoritarian influence, and facilitate cross-border learning.

# LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

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## ARGENTINA

### Core Institute

**Center for International Private Enterprise  
Improving Transparency in State-Owned Enterprises  
\$ 428,014**

To encourage state-owned enterprises to comply with international standards and promote policy reform, the Center will measure their compliance with international standards, create recommendations for policy changes, and bring together public and private sector stakeholders to promote better governance and market-friendly reforms.

## BOLIVIA

**Providing Independent News during Electoral Periods  
\$ 58,699**

To amplify public understanding during elections, the organization will deliver real-time news, candidate interviews, and expert panels, highlight civil society democratic initiatives, and equip citizens with the knowledge needed for informed electoral participation.

**Ensuring Access to Information During Elections  
\$ 84,706**

To ensure access to information during elections, the organization will monitor media reports and political discourse, launch a website focusing on national and subnational elections, train journalists on political campaign coverage, and support nine journalism projects focused on issues that impact democracy.

**Enhancing Transparency During Elections****\$ 99,898**

To promote greater transparency in the lead-up to elections, the organization will create an electoral dashboard with campaign-related information, facilitate analysis of the collected data to identify inaccurate information, and empower civil society members to promote accurate information online during the upcoming elections.

**Providing Independent Analysis and Information****\$ 114,676**

To promote freedom of expression and transparency, the organization will conduct independent analysis and in-depth reporting on political, economic, and social issues while convening public forums on democratic challenges with special attention to electoral processes.

**Promoting Youth Participation in Elections****\$ 126,748**

To promote youth participation in upcoming elections, the organization will provide trainings and opportunities for youth advocacy at the community level, offer mentorship to build youth journalistic capacity that culminate in mixed media investigations and a youth-led radio program.

**Strengthening Women and Youth Voices in Decisionmaking****\$ 155,304**

To promote the effective political participation of women and young people in the upcoming elections and enable youth leaders to strategically advocate for their causes, the organization will offer trainings on public administration and political representation, and work with women's groups to insert their causes into the public debate surrounding the elections.

**Promoting Youth Participation in Advocacy****\$ 161,337**

To strengthen youth capacity for local advocacy and citizen oversight, the organization will implement urban training programs on youth issues, citizen participation, and governance monitoring while providing technical support to youth networks engaged in local government accountability efforts.

**Strengthening Citizen Participation****\$ 189,652**

To promote citizen participation in elections and strengthen democratic leadership, the organization will develop a citizen-driven agenda focusing on five priority issues during electoral campaigns, and provide training to government officials and emerging leaders in public administration, citizen participation, and the identified priority issues.

**Promoting Human Rights and Justice****\$ 198,060**

To promote political and civil rights and advance human rights through advocacy and strategic litigation, the organization will monitor rights violations, challenge unconstitutional rulings, bring cases before international bodies, and raise awareness about human rights violations and threats to judicial independence.

### **Promoting Transparency and Participation in Democratic Processes**

**\$ 279,960**

To promote institutional independence and transparency through citizen oversight, the organization will mobilize civil society networks to monitor legislative activities, census implementation, and key appointment processes, while collaborating with universities to provide voter education in underserved areas and observe upcoming elections.

### **Core Institute**

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

#### **Stimulating Economic Growth Through The Creative Economy**

**\$ 270,119**

To build understanding of how the creative economy can stimulate growth and democratic participation, the Center will support research, conduct educational courses, and engage stakeholders to improve creative economy ecosystems.

## **BRAZIL**

### **Fostering Citizen Rights**

**\$ 60,000**

To advocate for women's political rights, the organization will expand a network of women leaders and activists, engage policymakers to hold political parties accountable, and promote legislative reforms to improve equal access to political processes.

### **Fostering a Democratic Public Security Agenda and Debate**

**\$ 164,115**

To enhance accountability within security and military institutions and foster legislative commitment to evidence-based security policies, the organization will deepen public understanding of police and military institutions and their relevance in a democracy and advocate for reform.

### **Defending Human Rights and Democracy Activists**

**\$ 164,914**

To strengthen the rule of law and enhance legal protection for civil society organizations, activists, and human rights defenders, the organization will litigate emblematic cases, provide legal training to grassroots groups, and counter attacks on civic space, institutional harassment, and threats to fundamental rights.

### **Protecting Freedom of Expression and Free Elections**

**\$ 183,520**

To foster free and fair elections, the organization will monitor and advocate for regulations, proposals, and resolutions that respect international freedom of expression standards.

### **Upholding the Pact for Democracy**

**\$ 200,700**

To defend democratic institutions and processes, the organization will engage citizens, institutions, and civil society in supporting democratic values and fair elections by coordinating with key stakeholders across different sectors and implementing advocacy initiatives and campaigns.

# COLOMBIA

## **Conducting Prospective Analyses on Democracy**

**\$ 50,000**

To provide analysis to decision makers on potential threats to democracy and contribute to the public debate, the organization will produce three reports on instances of potential democratic erosion, organize a session for decision-makers, validate findings through discussion sessions, and disseminate the findings via report launches, conferences, and meetings with stakeholders.

## **Promoting Multistakeholder Advocacy Networks**

**\$ 80,000**

To bolster the effectiveness of political advocacy conducted by grassroots organizations focused on conflict mitigation and peace, the organization will support local advocacy initiatives, help implement advocacy roadmaps, engage multiple stakeholders, and develop tailored communication strategies targeting decision makers such as congress, government officials, and media outlets.

## **Exposing State Capture and Political Corruption**

**\$ 100,000**

To uncover instances of state capture at the subnational level, the organization will raise awareness on political actors' connections to criminal networks, equip civil society leaders with skills to document and report these connections, provide evidence to investigative bodies, and contribute to the analysis of links between political and criminal networks in three countries.

## **Promoting Youth Civic Engagement**

**\$ 150,000**

To encourage youth civic engagement, the organization will conduct dialogues in five cities to channel political discontent among young people and identify civic action opportunities while leveraging art to engage youth who are reluctant to participate in conventional political discussions.

## **Strengthening Political Participation of Youth Indigenous Leaders**

**\$ 150,002**

To support indigenous youth in recognizing themselves as political actors and enhancing their leadership potential, the organization will provide training in political participation, leadership, advocacy, and communications, strengthen existing indigenous youth networks, and help leaders engage more effectively in decision-making spaces at key subnational and national levels.

## **Promoting the Political Participation of Women**

**\$ 150,040**

To promote women's participation in politics and prevent violence against women leaders, the organization will enhance political parties' capacity to support female candidates and address and prevent political violence within their ranks while tracking incidents and monitoring the implementation of legislation and policies designed to protect women in politics.

**Promoting Youth Civic Engagement****\$ 159,736**

To mitigate polarization and channel youth discontent through effective civic engagement, the organization will create unity-promoting messages using a targeted approach while supporting diverse youth groups in developing and advocating for a youth agenda within local development plans and national participation forums.

**Raising Awareness of Electoral Fraud and Irregularities****\$ 173,631**

To strengthen the electoral council's ability to investigate and sanction electoral crimes, the organization will train public officials on investigating electoral crimes and collecting and analyzing information on electoral fraud and irregularities.

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Strengthening Political Parties, Participation, and Democratic Resilience****\$ 500,000**

To strengthen the capacity of political parties to improve internal practices, the Institute will work with parties on transparency and responsiveness, provide peace constituency representatives with technical assistance to better represent their communities and organize multiparty roundtables for political parties to generate strategies on democratic issues and electoral reforms, and promote citizen participation in municipal and legislative elections through civic education initiatives.

**CUBA****Promoting Civic Education Through Independent Cultural Expression****\$ 57,861**

To promote democratic values, independent thought, and cultural expression free from government censorship, the organization will strengthen citizen leadership through civic education initiatives and workshops on rights and leadership while publishing books, producing a podcast on democratic principles, and enabling artists and creative professionals in their network to share work that fosters dialogue on civic engagement and action.

**Promoting Debate and Reflection for a Democratic Opening****\$ 65,000**

To foster informed dialogue on the country's future, the organization will produce civic analysis on the economic, social, and political situation and use it to lead interactive public sessions.

**Providing an Independent Platform for Cultural Creators****\$ 68,990**

To strengthen the role of independent cultural creators as promoters of freedom of expression and information, the organization will publish materials from independent writers, artists, and thinkers to preserve historical memory, combat censorship, and stimulate cultural and political discussions; sponsor a visual art initiative focused on civic activism and contests for literary works and films.

**Strengthening Advocacy for Free Expression and Rights****\$ 74,950**

To promote human rights and document government practices affecting politically repressed communities, the organization will publish reports, raise public and international awareness, and conduct workshops and discussions with the artistic community on human rights and economic prosperity.

**Promoting Freedom of Expression****\$ 78,130**

To promote freedom of expression and association and raise regional awareness of related threats, the organization will support independent advocacy initiatives and help disseminate their work to the broader public while connecting exiled artists with regional counterparts and academics to highlight obstacles to freedom of expression.

**Strengthening Access to Information****\$ 80,000**

To enhance access to information and promote critical thinking, the organization will produce daily reporting and analysis across various formats, providing independent perspectives on issues affecting citizens' daily lives, including freedom of expression, public safety, human rights, and other pressing social concerns.

**Fostering Independent Enterprise and Civic Action****\$ 82,044**

To expand the reach of independent small business associations, the organization will provide training and technical assistance through civic centers that empower self-employed workers, promote civic campaigns, and support leadership and advocacy across Latin America.

**Exposing Authoritarian Influence in Latin American Academic Institutions****\$ 85,875**

To raise awareness among Latin American academics about the country's authoritarian influence strategies, the organization will monitor the regime's efforts to shape academic, intellectual, and civil society spaces; produce and disseminate findings through research publications, regional academic forums, and civil society collaborations; and support other initiatives through training and capacity-building efforts.

**Documenting and Advocating for Human Rights****\$ 100,000**

To document human rights abuses and support victims of repression, the organization will train relatives of political prisoners, provide legal aid, publish findings, and collaborate with international actors to raise awareness and demand accountability.

**Shedding Light on Prison Conditions****\$ 100,000**

To increase visibility of human rights violations and advocate for penitentiary reform, the organization will collect testimonies from relatives of incarcerated individuals, publish reports and media content, and strengthen institutional capacity through ethical standards and international engagement.

**Advancing Social and Economic Rights****\$ 104,970**

To promote economic and social rights, the organization will document how authoritarian policies affect the elderly and food-insecure populations, and support civil society, media, and caregivers with research, advocacy, and training to advance rights-based solutions and challenge authoritarian narratives in regional and academic spaces.

**Promoting Democratization Through Dialogue****\$ 108,300**

To foster evidence-based dialogue within civil society on challenges to democratization, the organization will conduct research, develop proposals to address key democratic challenges, engage scholars and civil society actors for feedback, and disseminate its findings through meetings with international stakeholders, online discussions, and public launch events.

**Supporting Freedom of Expression****\$ 110,000**

To strengthen artists' ability to collaborate and advocate for those facing repression, the organization will support independent artists through training, digital tools, and mentoring while engaging in a transnational network that promotes freedom of expression and connects artists with regional peers to foster cross-border solidarity in defense of human rights.

**Expanding Access to Uncensored Media****\$ 115,000**

To promote independent information, the organization will provide narrative journalism on censored topics, conduct investigations, and produce in-depth articles, photo essays, and opinion pieces while strengthening the media's operational capacity.

**Fostering Exchange, Support, and Collaboration to Strengthen Media****\$ 125,000**

To connect independent media outlets with their peers in the region and position them as key voices in the Spanish-speaking media landscape, the organization will facilitate conferences, discussions, and collaborative spaces, provide tailored support to strengthen publications, foster cross-border partnerships, and host a gathering of media directors to showcase projects and address regional issues.

**Promoting Debate and Reflection for a Democratic Opening****\$ 130,000**

To strengthen a network of independent thinkers working to advance a democratic opening in an authoritarian regime, the organization will publish studies and analysis on the country's economic, social, and political situation, and collaborate with civil society organizations and experts on public events, campaigns, and academic panels.

**Promoting and Protecting Freedom of Religion and Belief****\$ 135,893**

To strengthen the capacity of human rights defenders to document and raise awareness of religious freedom violations, the organization will train religious freedom activists and support a network of defenders who document cases while utilizing this evidence to conduct advocacy within international legal and human rights bodies and raise awareness of threats to freedom of religion and belief.



**Fostering Partnerships with Independent Media to Develop Investigative Journalism****\$ 138,178**

To strengthen independent media's capacity for investigative journalism, the organization will support collaboration between Cuban and regional media outlets, connect journalists to resources and experts, raise awareness of Cuban journalism in Latin America, and include Cuban journalists as panelists in the Latin American Conference for Investigative Journalism.

**Advancing Free Expression Through Independent Journalism****\$ 150,000**

To promote freedom of information, the organization will operate a digital media outlet publishing articles, opinion pieces, podcasts, and videos on social, political, and economic issues, advocating for civic space and peaceful solutions to national crises.

**Strengthening Democratic Values****\$ 153,621**

To promote critical thinking, access to information, and independent writing, the organization will produce digital publications on cultural and artistic developments, expand its digital archive of local and regional history and art, and engage regional cultural and academic circles by hosting online discussions and fostering collaborations with peer organizations and universities.

**Advocating for Human Rights****\$ 155,000**

To tackle impunity for human rights violations and strengthen citizens' capacity to resolve conflicts peacefully, the organization will support partners to document violations, enhance an observatory for social conflict cases, collaborate with community activists, and publish a weekly newsletter, special reports, and audiovisual materials to raise awareness.

**Promoting Social Cohesion and an Active Citizenry****\$ 159,364**

To promote citizenship, social cohesion, and community engagement while providing independent information about local and international issues, the project will support a group that collects and documents community concerns to present before local authorities while producing a newsletter that raises awareness of these challenges and connects citizens with its accountability initiatives.

**Promoting Access to Independent Legal Analysis and Assistance****\$ 163,675**

To promote access to information and independent analysis on legal issues, the organization will provide coverage and analysis of key events, utilize creative content such as videos, podcasts, illustrations, and comics, maintain a platform to educate the public on legal issues, and provide legal consultations.

**Promoting Access to Local News through Community Reporting****\$ 172,900**

To promote access to uncensored information and empower citizen accountability, the organization will equip and support six independent micro-press agencies to produce and distribute news bulletins to local communities.

**Monitoring the Economy and Informing Civic Debate****\$ 176,400**

To raise awareness and inform civic debate on the island's economic situation, the organization will establish an observatory on the government's economy to analyze trends and propose political and economic alternatives to the crisis while presenting research at academic conferences, sharing analysis with the public, and facilitating courses for students, activists, and researchers.

**Supporting Independent Media****\$ 184,000**

To provide coverage of cultural and artistic issues and raise awareness about violence against women, the organization will support independent journalists and writers to publish in two online magazines, and manage an observatory to monitor and report on violence against women and related issues.

**Raising Awareness about Human Rights Violations****\$ 191,609**

To bring international attention to the human rights situation and promote access to justice, the organization will collect data, analyze violation trends, publicly denounce abuses to hold the government accountable, and support local projects that foster civic values and empowerment

**Exposing Political Manipulation of Economic and Social Rights****\$ 224,084**

To monitor and raise awareness of social, economic, and cultural rights with a focus on food security and elderly rights, the organization will conduct research and produce analytical publications and audiovisual materials while submitting reports to international human rights bodies and fostering dialogue among experts, media, and activists to promote informed debate on its findings.

**Strengthening Independent Labor and Promoting Freedom of Association****\$ 230,000**

To enhance global awareness and solidarity with independent labor organizations and strengthen the capacity of independent labor activists and self-employed workers, the organization will gather data and submit reports on labor rights violations to international institutions, and provide technical assistance to unions to strengthen their documentation and advocacy efforts.

**Spurring Debate and Awareness on the Rise of Oligarchic Actors****\$ 250,000**

To raise awareness on the oligarchic nature of the regime and promote consensus building among civil society on democracy strategies, the organization will conduct research and publish reports on the regime's oligarchic evolution and its impact on citizens; disseminate findings through media and public events; and work with various civil society actors to consolidate a pro-democracy agenda based on common objectives and values.

**Promoting Greater Access to Information for Pro-Democracy Activists****\$ 325,000**

To promote greater access to credible information and facilitate communication among activists inside and outside the island, the organization will produce and broadcast independent news via its radio station and support civic activities carried out by civil society activists.

## **Core Institute**

**Center for International Private Enterprise**

**Empowering Entrepreneurs to Advance Democracy, Human Rights, and Prosperity**

**\$ 439,199**

To strengthen emergent associations and provide reliable information about the economy to national and international actors, the Center will support efforts of local nascent civil society organizations and provide reliable independent information about the Cuban economy.

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

### **Core Institute**

**Solidarity Center**

**Promoting Respect for Worker Rights Through Democratic Organizations**

**\$ 1,024,761**

To strengthen freedom of association, promote civic engagement, and enhance democratic organizations' capacity to protect worker rights, the Center will focus on precarious sectors with high human rights violation rates by providing worker organizations with research-based technical assistance, organizing training, and legal support for labor cases while collaborating with civil society to drive improvements in working conditions through social dialogue, policy reform, and rule of law advocacy.

## **ECUADOR**

**Promoting Conflict Resolution and Human Rights Amid Increased Militarization**

**\$ 62,843**

To preempt cycles of violence and repression linked to civic protest, the organization will provide trainings and host exchanges between civil society activists and the national police while monitoring human rights violations by security forces and litigating cases of such violations at the international level.

**Promoting Judicial Independence in Defense of Human Rights**

**\$ 64,820**

To strengthen judicial independence and protect anti-corruption defenders both inside and outside the courts, the organization will monitor and raise awareness on threats to judicial independence and security of anti-corruption actors, carry out litigation on major human rights violation cases, and host public events and trainings to advocate for protective measures for the judicial sector and anti-corruption actors.

**Leveraging Local Radio to Promote Informed and Active Citizen Participation**

**\$ 84,949**

To strengthen community radio stations as a civic engagement tool in remote communities, the organization will enhance radio stations' journalistic rigor, boost their audio-visual production capabilities, and cultivate citizen participation within programming while fostering civil society efforts to influence local planning and advocate for community priorities.

**Improving Democratic Governance in Quito****\$ 114,303**

To promote responsive and accountable local government through civic engagement, the organization will conduct surveys and research on critical challenges facing the city and provide local civil society actors with results from that research along with tools to advocate for policy reforms.

**Promoting Women's Rights at the Municipal Level****\$ 125,536**

To bolster the capacity of women-led organizations to advocate for their rights at the municipal level, the organization will provide technical training on rights, political participation, and advocacy strategies while encouraging local governments to incorporate women's concerns in their public policies and budgets.

**Fostering Transparency Through Investigative Journalism****\$ 132,780**

To strengthen independent journalism in border zone and outlying areas and raise awareness of threats to journalism, the organization will provide training, coaching, and scholarships for journalists with a focus on 2025 elections as well as monitor and raise awareness of unfolding trends at both national and regional levels.

**Strengthening Journalism During Electoral and Political Volatility****\$ 151,939**

To promote independent journalism on issues of transparency and human rights during electoral periods, the organization will conduct in-depth investigative reporting for public consumption while training young journalists in storytelling and photojournalism techniques for human rights investigations.

**Exposing China's Influence****China in the World****\$ 153,359**

To foster increased public awareness at the national and regional levels on China's role in influencing the country's democratic institutions, the organization will publish monthly investigative pieces that shed light on questionable public contract agreements between the government and Chinese corporations while providing domestic actors with actionable information to support prosecution efforts and regulatory reforms.

**Utilizing Open Data to Increase Transparency****\$ 160,802**

To strengthen the right to public information at both the national and local levels, the organization will strengthen civil society and media groups' ability to utilize open data for citizen oversight, and build the capacity of staff at three public institutions to publish data of public interest.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Rapid Response Election Technical Assessment**

**\$ 400,000**

To reinforce free and fair elections in the Western Hemisphere, the Institute will conduct a technical assessment of Ecuador's presidential elections run-off, deploying analysts and a technical team to observe election day voting and producing a report with findings and recommendations on the election's conduct for Ecuadorian and U.S. stakeholders.

## **EL SALVADOR**

### **Increasing Resiliency of Civil Society and Countering Anti-Democratic Advances**

**\$ 70,000**

To bolster civil society resilience, the organization will support democratic actors in strengthening digital security practices, provide data to identify corruption patterns, and enhance advocacy efforts.

### **Supporting Independent Media Coverage of Legislative and Executive Politics**

**\$ 84,887**

To raise public awareness about the impact of legislative and executive decisions on citizens' livelihoods, the organization will produce investigative pieces, reports, and multimedia content such as infographics, podcasts, and videos for its social media accounts.

### **Strengthening Grassroots Advocacy for Public Service Accountability**

**\$ 90,000**

To strengthen government accountability and public service delivery, the organization will support local consumer rights associations to present service complaints and advocate for legislative and policy solutions.

### **Defending Human Rights in Rural Communities**

**\$ 100,000**

To defend human rights and promote a culture of respect in rural communities, the organization will facilitate workshops, forums, and develop radio programs to educate those communities on democratic values, while advocating for human rights nationally and regionally.

### **Expanding Digital Journalism for Human Rights and Democracy**

**\$ 100,000**

To strengthen the focus on human rights and democratic values across digital platforms, the organization will produce content in various formats, including text, videos, podcasts, and interactive digital pieces, while strengthening its regional and global alliances.

### **Preparing a Generation of New Leadership to Respond to Citizens' Needs**

**\$ 109,798**

To strengthen a new generation of civic leaders, the organization will train emerging leaders on civic participation and support their engagement in working groups addressing pressing community issues.

### **Monitoring and Disseminating Data on Institutional Practices of Transparency**

**\$ 119,984**

To raise awareness about practices impacting government transparency and democracy, the organization will collect data on government institutions and political party financing, produce reports on performance, transparency, and electoral financing, and share them with media, civil society, and inter-governmental bodies.

### **Supporting Investigative Journalism on Public Interest Issues**

**\$ 121,512**

To foster the ability of civil society and citizens to hold government accountable, the organization will produce investigative reports on corruption, dismantling of democratic institutions, and human rights violations while creating complementary multimedia content for its social media platforms to broaden public awareness.

### **Strengthening Community Dialogue and Youth Engagement**

**\$ 148,000**

To promote dialogue and civic engagement among members of underserved communities, the organization will support civil society organizations—particularly youth—in strengthening advocacy skills and operate a collaborative space for dialogue among victims of human rights violations.

### **Strengthening Business Voices to Defend Democracy**

**\$ 150,000**

To strengthen the private sector's ability to advocate for democratic public policies, the organization will bolster the democratic values of small-business leaders and students, strengthen links within the private sector, and empower them to advocate for policies that address citizens' needs.

## **GUATEMALA**

### **Fostering Democratic Youth Leadership**

**\$ 90,000**

To enhance youth leadership in Eastern Guatemala, the organization will train over 500 young people in democratic principles through workshops, community events, and dialogues, preparing promising participants to run for office or take on public roles in upcoming elections.

### **Enhancing Transparency and Participation in Local Governments**

**\$ 95,778**

To promote political participation among indigenous communities and strengthen transparency in municipal governments, the organization will train indigenous leaders and municipal staff on the right to information, participation in local government, open government principles, and digital tools to increase access to public information.

### **Supporting Political Leadership Training for Indigenous Women**

**\$ 100,006**

To strengthen indigenous women's leadership and advocacy skills for defending their political rights, the organization will establish a governance and leadership training program that enhances participants' ability to advocate for their rights and increase their participation in political and decision-making spaces.

**Strengthening Democratic Values Among Indigenous Youth****\$ 108,540**

To strengthen indigenous youth's ability to participate in democratic change within their communities, the organization will conduct structured workshops with participants from local youth and community-based groups, establishing dialogue spaces for youth, community leaders, and democracy advocates to share experiences, build shared understanding, and advance pro-democracy initiatives.

**Journalists Holding Municipal Governments Accountable****\$ 119,000**

To strengthen citizens' capacity to hold municipal governments accountable, the organization will use a reporter network and access to information laws to investigate municipal fund usage and educate citizens through existing manuals on accountability practices.

**Strengthening Regional Electoral Authorities Through Dialogue with Civil Society****\$ 119,562**

To strengthen free and fair electoral processes, the organization will foster dialogue and collaboration between civil society and regional electoral authorities, facilitate workshops for regional electoral bodies to assess system weaknesses, and jointly produce a manual to train local electoral officials on best practices.

**Fostering Transparency in the Context of Democratic Backsliding****\$ 130,000**

To increase public awareness of threats to democracy, the digital media outlet will expose issues powerful business and political figures seek to conceal while producing investigative reports on corruption, power structures, and rule of law setbacks with analysis and complementary multimedia content for social media to broaden audience engagement.

**Improving the Judiciary Selection Process****\$ 149,542**

To improve the accountability and transparency of selection process for judicial officials, the organization will work to increase participation of legal professionals and civil society in judicial selection processes, while building a network of civic partners promoting ethics and transparency in the judiciary.

**Supporting Independent Media to Support Democracy and Citizen Participation****\$ 149,985**

To hold political, social, and judicial actors accountable, the organization will produce a digital media platform reporting on salient issues and their impact on citizens' lives, including non-democratic efforts to control the judiciary and health and education policies, while emphasizing audience collaboration in their reporting.

**Preventing Corruption at the Sub-National Level****\$ 200,000**

To promote transparency, accountability, and prevent corruption, the organization will establish a network of anti-corruption advocates, train them to monitor public resources, and support the network in acting as an early warning system, and, in cases of suspected corruption, engage government representatives to address the problem.

## **Core Institute**

### **Center for International Private Enterprise Strengthening Economic Ecosystems and Democracy**

**\$ 363,538**

To strengthen government officials' capacity to implement accountable economic, social, and security reforms, the Center will support a think tank that conducts policy analysis and advocacy targeting causes of stagnant growth, poverty, and insecurity, including corruption.

### **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs Promoting Responsive Governance**

**\$ 1,348,385**

To advance key reforms in Guatemala, the Institute will provide legislators with nonpartisan information, methodologies, and technical assistance to identify policy priorities, build issue-based alliances, engage in dialogue with civil society, and draft reform legislation.

## **HAITI**

### **Improving Human Rights and Access to Justice**

**\$ 75,000**

To reduce impunity and excessive pre-trial detention while improving the rule of law, the organization will investigate atrocities through field surveys, victim focus groups, and justice institution monitoring, and use these findings as a basis for international advocacy to advance human rights and rule of law reforms.

### **Promoting Civic Education Among Displaced Communities**

**\$ 95,700**

To promote rights protection and political participation of displaced people, the organization will document and analyze conditions in displacement camps, monitor vigilante justice, and provide training and legal support to help citizens assert their civil rights.

### **Supporting Public Discussions on Human Rights**

**\$ 140,000**

To support public discussions on human rights and encourage responsive policy development, the organization will produce investigations, mini-documentaries, and explainer videos in partnership with international media while organizing public debates where politicians, experts, and activists address human rights topics and questions proposed by citizens.

### **Promoting a Culture of Dialogue and Consensus Building**

**\$ 164,300**

To promote a culture of dialogue and consensus building, the organization will consolidate a network facilitating conversations among diverse actors on nationally significant issues while convening participants from all societal levels and training citizens in dialogue and mediation practices to peacefully resolve local issues and incorporate community concerns into national discussions.



### **Strengthening the Rule of Law and Access to the Justice System**

**\$ 187,196**

To improve access to justice and foster the rule of law, the organization will train lawyers and magistrates, hold retreats with bar associations to promote best practices, assess the justice system's shortcomings, and advocate for legislative and constitutional reforms.

### **Strengthening Political Party Accountability and Civic Engagement**

**\$ 224,873**

To improve political parties' transparency and responsiveness to citizens, the organization will build a nationwide party network ahead of elections, helping them craft coherent platforms while working with civil society organizations and journalists to develop democratic oversight strategies.

## **HONDURAS**

### **Protecting Journalists During the Electoral Process**

**\$ 69,179**

To safeguard freedom of the press and promote journalist safety, the organization will support a national journalist network to identify threats, advocate for stronger protections, and document violations during the electoral process.

### **Uncovering Corruption and Challenging Impunity**

**\$ 71,045**

To increase public understanding of corruption and state impunity, the organization will investigate corruption networks and human rights abuses, highlight their impact on democracy, and report on the 2025 elections with a focus on actors undermining electoral integrity.

### **Promoting Investigative Journalism for Accountability**

**\$ 81,692**

To hold government institutions accountable, the organization will publish daily news and monthly investigations exposing corruption and abuse, with a focus on educating citizens and scrutinizing electoral institutions ahead of the 2025 elections.

### **Defending Information Rights and Fighting Corruption**

**\$ 86,000**

To advance government accountability and defend freedom of information, the organization will publish a series investigating organized crime and its political connections, analyze electoral data, and operate an observatory that monitors online threats against journalists.

### **Promoting Government Transparency and Independent Electoral Institutions**

**\$ 192,084**

To advance government transparency and fair elections, the organization will strengthen legislative efforts to repeal impunity pacts and promote pro-transparency laws while documenting electoral violence and assessing electoral institutions' performance during primaries and general elections.

### **Fostering Dialogue and Consensus Among Emerging Leaders**

**\$ 200,000**

To enhance dialogue and consensus among emerging leaders, the organization will train youth leaders from across the political spectrum in policy development, advocacy, and political negotiation, equipping them to act as change agents within their organizations, promoting dialogue and collaboration, and supporting them in collectively developing policy proposals to present to decision-makers to foster meaningful discussions and negotiations.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Promoting Democratic Electoral Processes**

**\$ 625,000**

To promote a democratic and transparent electoral process, the Institute will assess the pre-election environment and provide recommendations to strengthen the process.

# **MEXICO**

### **Defending Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law**

**\$ 70,045**

To monitor judicial reform and its impact on the rule of law, the organization will evaluate practices that undermine judicial independence, advocate for international standards in judicial nominations, and coordinate a civil society coalition dedicated to protecting the judiciary.

### **Fostering Citizens' Networks to Defend Democratic Institutions**

**\$ 75,600**

To foster political participation and advance civic and political rights, the organization will conduct civic laboratories to build the capacity of at least sixty organizations and activist networks, and implement campaigns for democratic reform, including efforts to increase citizen participation.

### **Promoting Citizen Participation and Oversight**

**\$ 80,000**

To promote civil society engagement in democratic reform, the organization will connect legislators with civil society organizations to advance a pro-democracy agenda and support meaningful civil society participation in legislative processes.

### **Empowering Civil Society to Foster Government Transparency and Accountability**

**\$ 80,000**

To foster citizen participation and oversight of anti-corruption policies, the organization will strengthen the capacity of a network of twenty women-led civil society organizations to advocate for improved transparency laws and mechanisms, and lead a campaign promoting stronger anti-corruption institutions and legislation.

**Documenting the Impact of Organized Crime on Political Processes****\$ 100,000**

To document and raise awareness among decision-makers about the impact of organized crime on political and electoral processes, the organization will map electoral violence, analyze how organized crime exerts political control, and share strategic policy recommendations with political authorities to address the issue.

**Fostering Transparency in Public Spending****\$ 100,000**

To foster transparency and accountability in public spending and combat corruption and impunity at the federal and state levels, the organization will compile and roll out a database analyzing multiple data sources to identify irregularities and corruption patterns in public contracting and spending, and raise awareness to build public support against corruption.

**Raising Awareness About the Risks to Democracy from Militarization****\$ 110,000**

To raise awareness among civil society, journalists, and the public about the impact of militarization on democracy, the organization will document the transfer of civilian duties, budgets, and powers to security forces and explain the risks this poses to democratic and civilian institutions.

**Strengthening Citizen Oversight of Public Institutions****\$ 110,077**

To enhance citizen involvement in democratic reform and judicial election oversight, the organization will mobilize a coalition to monitor legal changes and advocate for transparency and constitutional integrity in policymaking.

**Raising Awareness on Increased Militarization****\$ 140,000**

To highlight the human rights impact of increased militarization, the organization will host women-led seminars and workshops, support an anti-militarization alliance, and launch a sustained audiovisual campaign against militarized security.

**Fostering Transparency and Independence of the Judiciary****\$ 160,000**

To foster judicial autonomy and transparency, the organization will produce policy recommendations to strengthen the independence and accountability of the judiciary, advocate for their adoption, and raise awareness among decision-makers and electoral candidates over the next year.

**Strengthening State-level Anti-Corruption Systems****\$ 191,013**

To foster transparency and accountability within the National Anti-Corruption System, the organization will expand a national observatory, train local civil society organizations on transparency laws, and build advocacy coalitions across all states.

**Documenting and Raising Awareness of Corruption****\$ 200,000**

To document and raise awareness about grand corruption and impunity, the organization will consolidate its observatory to centralize inputs from media monitoring, civil society organizations, bar associations, and public defenders to identify, document, and analyze high-level corruption, and lead advocacy campaigns to foster the prosecution of emblematic cases.

**Fostering Transparency and Accountability of Anti-Corruption Institutions****\$ 240,000**

To increase citizen participation and improve the transparency and accountability of local anti-corruption efforts, the organization will provide capacity building for civil society, journalists, and experts to strengthen their advocacy, and offer technical assistance to local systems implementing comprehensive anti-corruption policies and initiatives.

**Core Institute****Solidarity Center****Consolidating Democratic Representation of Workers to Strengthen the Implementation of Institutional Labor Reforms****\$ 598,032**

To strengthen democracy and social protections in Mexico, the Center will assist workers in organizing independent unions and advocating on such topics as fair wages, social security, job stability, and greater transparency in labor relations, with a focus on informal and export-sector workers.

**Solidarity Center****Consolidating Democratic Representation of Workers in Non-Standard Forms of Employment****\$ 855,466**

To promote greater democracy and enhanced governability in labor relations, the Center will empower workers to build strong organizations and coalitions, advocate for improved labor and economic protections under the new legal framework, and support partner and emerging groups to expand membership and advance sector-wide organizing strategies.

**NICARAGUA****Empowering Youth for Civic Engagement****\$ 55,000**

To strengthen the capacity of youth excluded from political processes, the organization will train a network of young leaders on land rights and citizenship, produce a report on the challenges they face, and develop podcasts on cultural identity and related issues to raise awareness of youth concerns.

**Strengthening a Network of Pro-Democracy Leaders to Advance Democracy****\$ 77,500**

To enhance the capacity of pro-democracy leaders to communicate a shared vision and navigate political challenges, the organization will facilitate dialogue sessions, foster information-sharing among diverse actors, train grassroots leaders in peaceful strategies, and disseminate data from citizen consultations through reports and presentations.

**Promoting Strategic Thinking about a Democratic Transition****\$ 84,961**

To promote strategic analysis of current trends and challenges to a democratic transition, the organization will produce specialized reports and a monthly publication, disseminate findings through social media, and organize forums and workshops with civil society, independent media, and human rights defenders to develop proposals for a successful transition.

**Expanding Independent Media and Access to Information****\$ 85,000**

To promote greater access to information free from government censorship, the organization will provide daily coverage of political and economic developments through its website and social media platforms while growing its video channel and newsletter to engage new audiences.

**Building the Leadership Skills of Pro-Democracy Activists****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen the leadership skills and economic independence of grassroots pro-democracy activists, the organization will establish a training center and implement a capacity-building program to equip activists with practical skills for improving their livelihoods and advancing democratic participation in their communities.

**Legal Advocacy and Public Awareness Raising on Behalf of Political Prisoners****\$ 100,000**

To advocate for the release of political prisoners, the organization will engage legal mechanisms through UN and OAS bodies, coordinate advocacy trips with families, and maintain a dedicated webpage with case updates and progress reports.

**Improving Accountability and Justice for Victims of Human Rights Violations****\$ 100,000**

To advocate for greater accountability for communities facing human rights violations, the organization will strengthen its advocacy strategy through research on international financial institutions, engagement with political actors in Latin America, and a communications campaign to raise global awareness.

**Promoting Citizen Participation****\$ 119,166**

To promote citizen participation and strengthen the social fabric of communities, the organization will partner with activist networks to identify opportunities for collaboration, support independent community initiatives, and encourage critical thinking and public dialogue through writing and a communications campaign focused on citizen concerns and democratic values.

**Documenting and Raising Visibility of Cases of Torture****\$ 127,234**

To document and expose cases of torture, sexual violence, and other human rights violations while supporting victims, the organization will help survivors document their cases, provide psychosocial support, systematically monitor and report new abuses, and advocate for justice before international bodies and decision-makers.

**Protecting Freedom of Religion and Belief****\$ 130,000**

To document violations of freedom of religion and belief and advocate internationally for their respect, the organization will produce briefings and reports to share with regional and international rights bodies and raise awareness of violations against faith communities.

**Supporting Pro-Democracy Activists****\$ 132,187**

To strengthen the strategic vision and organizing skills of pro-democracy activists, the organization will provide workshops on civic participation, communication, and advocacy, and supporting participants to launch their own initiatives.

**Supporting Victims of Repression****\$ 141,782**

To strengthen a network of psychologists supporting victims of political repression, the organization will train them to lead therapy sessions for survivors of torture and repression, foster community resilience, and equip civil society organizations with project management and organizational development skills.

**Supporting Resilient Journalism to Overcome Censorship of Information****\$ 144,957**

To provide Nicaraguans in-country and in exile with access to uncensored information, the media organization will support three outlets to produce digital campaigns, weekly interviews, audiovisual content, satirical segments, and in-depth reporting for online radio streaming.

**Defending At-Risk Communities Through Human Rights Documentation and Advocacy****\$ 150,000**

To protect the rights of populations at risk of political repression, the organization will train human rights defenders and community leaders to document violations using new technologies, produce reports for international bodies, and provide legal support to victims.

**Empowering Youth for Civic Engagement and Democratic Leadership****\$ 150,000**

To strengthen youth leadership and promote civic engagement, the organization will train and coach young people in three new regions, support community initiatives that foster democratic participation, and expand a national network to connect participants and facilitate knowledge-sharing across regions and training-cohorts.

### **Strengthening Youth Democratic Leadership**

**\$ 160,000**

To build the capacity of youth organizations defending human rights, the organization will empower youth and student groups to organize events that rebuild the social fabric and strengthen their ability to protect human rights; improve their digital communication skills; and conduct a workshop for pro-democracy youth activist networks working across the region.

### **Expanding Access to Information and Strengthening Freedom of Expression**

**\$ 181,816**

To expand access to information and promote freedom of expression, the organization will provide daily news coverage on political, social, economic, and human rights developments across various online platforms; strengthen strategic alliances; and foster direct audience engagement through a newsletter.

### **Expanding Independent News Access for Youth**

**\$ 182,300**

To provide youth with access to independent information free from government censorship, the organization will operate a digital media platform and maintain a strong social media presence to deliver news and analysis on democracy, corruption, and issues affecting youth.

### **Promoting Greater Civic Engagement and Democratic Values Among Youth**

**\$ 184,000**

To promote civic engagement and foster democratic values, the organization will organize debates and civic activities to engage youth on human rights and democracy; solicit and publish articles from youth to promote freedom of expression; and incorporate the arts and social media to amplify democratic values.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Strengthening Democratic Political and Social Movements**

**\$ 625,000**

To strengthen the capacity of democratic political and social movements in Nicaragua and abroad, the Institute will provide technical assistance on digital security and strategic planning to help these actors develop organizational structures and strategies to operate in closed contexts.

## **PARAGUAY**

### **Empowering Young Activists to Advocate for Women's Rights**

**\$ 40,000**

To enhance advocacy for women's rights and raise awareness of violence against women, the organization will provide capacity-building workshops for young female activists, engage in public debates, and establish a community-driven response network across seven cities.

**Fighting Corruption and Protecting Civic Space****\$ 80,000**

To empower citizens to advocate for judicial accountability and shed light on corruption, the organization will train civil society members and journalists in investigating corruption and advocate against restrictive legislation targeting civil society's work.

**Promoting a New Generation of Political Leaders****\$ 140,000**

To foster a new generation of local leaders from grassroots organizations and political parties, the organization will support newly elected mayors, train young community leaders preparing to run for office in the 2025 municipal elections, and expand its national network of youth municipal leaders to promote cooperation and support in drafting and implementing new public policy initiatives.

**Ensuring Access to Reliable Information and Fostering Civic Engagement****\$ 140,000**

To promote access to information among youth and strengthen the capacity of journalists and activists, the organization will train media professionals, create a communicators' network, and publish reports targeting young audiences on democracy-related issues.

**Promoting Evidence-Based Public Policies****\$ 184,501**

To strengthen elected officials' ability to identify citizen priorities and improve policy transparency, the organization will provide tools and training to newly elected leaders to develop citizen-responsive policies, publishing the proposals in accessible language in its magazine.

**Promoting Youth Civic Participation and Oversight of Public Expenditures****\$ 190,000**

To empower youth in anti-corruption efforts and promote transparency in public education sector infrastructure funds, the organization will provide training and tools to empower youth to monitor government expenditures impacting their communities.

## **PERU**

**Identifying Threats to and Defending Peruvian Democracy****\$ 96,365**

To promote critical analysis of challenges to democratic norms, the organization will produce multimedia content investigating corruption, elections, and institutional instability; support a network of correspondents to highlight regional concerns; and foster collaboration among media groups to defend press freedom.

**Fostering Political Participation****\$ 138,840**

To foster leadership in student and indigenous community groups and increase their participation in democratic dialogues, the organization will conduct capacity-building workshops, facilitate collaborations, and support their engagement in multisectoral dialogues with civil society and political actors.



**Promoting Regional Voices Through Independent Media****\$ 140,700**

To increase the capacity of an independent media network to promote regional views in the national agenda, the organization will strengthen a regional media alliance, develop the capacity of members for collaborative investigations and content production, and ensure regional concerns are raised in national discourse.

**Consolidating a National Youth Platform of Democratic Activists****\$ 179,575**

To strengthen political participation of youth, the organization will hold forums to establish a nationwide youth network of civil society and political actors, support the election of national and regional coordinators, conduct trainings, develop advocacy strategies with legislative candidates, and organize a debate for youth to directly question presidential candidates.

**Strengthening Political Party Representation****\$ 180,000**

To strengthen the representativeness of political parties, the organization will promote reforms through seminars and workshops, support the implementation of legislation on party finance, primary elections, and representation for women and other groups, and collaborate with media organizations to encourage political participation.

**Countering State Capture and Closing Civic Space****\$ 200,000**

To strengthen civil society coordination in defending democratic institutions, the organization will collaborate with partners to engage legal mechanisms against state capture and restrictions on civic space, develop campaigns to educate citizens on the impact of state capture, and document actions undermining judicial and electoral independence and fundamental freedoms.

**Promoting Democratic Dialogue Across Sectors and Regions****\$ 250,000**

To strengthen consensus in support of democratic values, the organization will build a national coalition of civil society groups and organize regional town halls and public debates to promote coordinated initiatives and proposals for addressing national challenges.

**Fostering Political Participation of Indigenous Communities****\$ 277,916**

To foster the political participation of indigenous peoples in democracy, the organization will support a coalition of indigenous organizations from the Andes and Amazon to draft and promote a common political agenda, facilitate trainings to build indigenous youth capacity for civic and political engagement, and organize a conference with indigenous actors from South America to discuss democratic values.

# VENEZUELA

## **Strengthening Human Rights Organizations in Central and Western States**

**\$ 56,500**

To strengthen local human rights defenders, the organization will train civil society and citizen associations in documentation, advocacy, and security, and disseminate reports to national and international audiences.

## **Promoting Independent Reporting on the Political and Socio-Economic Crises**

**\$ 60,000**

To deepen public understanding of political and socio-economic crises through storytelling, the organization will train journalists to report on political repression and produce audiovisual content highlighting the human cost of authoritarianism.

## **Empowering Citizens to Defend and Mobilize for Democracy**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote civic engagement in support of democracy and human rights, the organization will document abuses, conduct public awareness campaigns, and use digital tools, art, and international outreach to mobilize citizens domestically and abroad.

## **Countering Authoritarian Narratives**

**\$ 61,000**

To document and raise awareness of authoritarian narratives, the organization will investigate and report on such narratives while supporting media organizations to empower citizens in recognizing and responding to information distortion campaigns.

## **Strengthening Democratic Activism Amongst Labor Unions**

**\$ 61,494**

To promote democratic renewal in trade unions, the organization will support union elections, train emerging leaders in rights and leadership, and collaborate with civil society to raise awareness of labor rights violations.

## **Protecting the Right to Peaceful Assembly**

**\$ 69,900**

To document and raise awareness on infringements against the right to peacefully assemble, the organization will monitor and report abuses, develop periodic reports, and disseminate updates through media and human rights bodies to advocate for increased accountability.

## **Protecting Judicial Independence Through Analysis and Advocacy**

**\$ 70,000**

To document judicial independence, the organization will analyze Supreme Court actions through reports and publications and share findings with human rights bodies and domestic stakeholders.

**Promoting Rule of Law and Human Rights Protections in Remote Regions****\$ 80,000**

To raise international awareness of the underreported crisis in remote regions, the organization will document criminal activity and human rights violations, highlighting their impact on local communities.

**Raising Awareness of Human Rights Violations****\$ 85,000**

To strengthen the protection of human rights defenders, the organization will monitor and document violations, publish reports, advocate internationally, and empower civil society members to identify and mitigate security risks.

**Promoting Access to Information in Low Income Communities****\$ 90,683**

To expand access to independent reporting in communities with limited connectivity, the organization will disseminate news using creative, accessible formats and train university students in alternative media practices through direct community engagement.

**Strengthening Human Rights Defenders****\$ 100,000**

To provide support to at-risk civil society, the organization will build resilience and capacity among human rights defenders, leaders, and organizations through psychosocial support networks.

**Documenting Human Rights Violations and Advancing International Accountability****\$ 100,000**

To strengthen international accountability for human rights abuses, the organization will consolidate case files for human rights bodies, coordinate with legal institutions, and sustain international awareness of serious abuse cases.

**Strengthening a Democratic Leadership Platform****\$ 100,000**

To build consensus among political and civil society leaders, the organization will strengthen a broad civic platform to facilitate discussions, coordinate joint responses to democratic challenges, and promote civic participation toward a peaceful democratic transition.

**Safeguarding Freedom of Expression and Access to Information****\$ 100,017**

To increase awareness of freedom of expression violations, the organization will update a database, support a network of journalists to monitor violations, and provide training, while also hosting a national competition to highlight outstanding investigative journalism.

**Fostering Accountability for Human Rights Violations****\$ 120,000**

To increase international accountability for human rights abuses by senior regime officials, the organization will document violations, provide legal support to victims, and share findings to support investigations and accountability efforts.

**Fostering Democratic Participation and Academic Freedom****\$ 120,000**

To defend academic freedom and foster democratic participation, the organization will coordinate a national coalition of civil society groups, education sector leaders, and student organizations in support of academic freedom and democratic practices in higher education.

**Strengthening Youth Leadership and Engagement****\$ 131,243**

To strengthen the leadership and political skills of emerging youth leaders and foster activism for free and fair elections, the organization will conduct a training program to build civic leadership and community organizing abilities, while expanding its network of leaders aiming to run in the 2025 subnational elections.

**Mobilizing Citizen Networks for Election Monitoring****\$ 132,055**

To strengthen a national network of citizen activists supporting democratic initiatives, the organization will organize weekly community assemblies, develop and deliver trainings with partners, and support the network to disseminate relevant information and monitor elections.

**Fostering Accountability for Human Rights Violations and Crimes Against Humanity****\$ 142,550**

To foster accountability for crimes against humanity and strengthen the resilience of civil society actors, the organization will work with victims to document violations, engage human rights mechanisms, conduct workshops on human rights norms, and provide psycho-social support for victims, activists, and civil society actors.

**Promoting Freedom of Expression****\$ 148,620**

To foster freedom of expression and independent thinking about human rights and democracy, the organization will publish six books on critical topics and engage new audiences through book launch events and podcast episodes to promote awareness and critical discussions.

**Fostering the Political Participation of the Diaspora****\$ 148,676**

To strengthen diaspora participation in political processes, the organization will lead a network of youth activists, organizing workshops, forums, and campaigns to advocate for mechanisms that enhance diaspora involvement in elections and promote democratic values.

**Promoting High-Quality Electoral Coverage and Combating the Regime's Narratives****\$ 149,150**

To promote informed voting and counter regime narratives in upcoming elections, the organization will train journalists in independent electoral coverage, develop safety protocol modules, and engage communities on digital literacy.

**Building Resilience to Defend Civic Space****\$ 150,000**

To defend civic space, the organization will convene human rights defenders, share best practices, improve coordination, and raise international awareness of threats to civic space and freedom of assembly.

**Defending the Human Rights of Political Prisoners****\$ 150,000**

To strengthen access to due process and the right to a fair trial, the organization will provide legal aid to political prisoners, document human rights violations, and advocate for improved civilian oversight of security forces.

**Challenging Censorship and Promoting Open Access to Information****\$ 150,000**

To defend freedom of expression and access to information, the organization will support a national network of news teams producing daily reports and crisis coverage, and create programs on political, economic, and social issues.

**Supporting Human Rights Defenders Amid Post-Electoral Repression****\$ 150,549**

To enhance activist security and ensure operational continuity, the organization will conduct online and in-person trainings on risk and crisis management and provide emergency legal aid and relocation support.

**Enhancing Awareness of International Justice Mechanisms****\$ 158,519**

To increase understanding of international processes for investigating crimes against humanity, the organization will train local civil society organizations, assist ongoing investigations, and raise international awareness, particularly in the legal community, about the country's case and human rights violations.

**Building Partnerships for International Advocacy****\$ 159,950**

To foster greater coordination between the international community and pro-democracy actors, the organization will convene human rights and humanitarian partners to develop a joint advocacy strategy, organize closed-door events, public forums, and press conferences, and produce communication materials to raise awareness of relevant public developments.

**Fostering Informed Debates****\$ 160,960**

To promote a comprehensive understanding of the country's political decline and challenge authoritarian normalization, the organization will produce investigative journalism and conduct in-depth reporting on electoral processes, while facilitating online discussions on the implications for democratization.

**Mobilizing Youth to Defend the Vote****\$ 166,090**

To promote youth participation in electoral activities and mobilize democratic forces for a political transition, the organization will work with a national network of youth activists to raise awareness about voter registration and electoral participation through campaigns and artistic events, and will train electoral observers to monitor and report on potential election fraud and voter suppression.

**Fostering Democracy Through Research and Dialogue****\$ 179,000**

To increase dialogue and mutual understanding among political and civil society actors in support of democracy, the organization will publish a bi-monthly journal, host forums, produce an annual study on democratic development, and train youth activists and leaders in peaceful activism.

**Documenting Crimes Against Humanity****\$ 180,000**

To document crimes against humanity and increase understanding of international documentation standards, the organization will collect evidence and testimonies of human rights violations and raise awareness among civil society organizations and media outlets about ongoing cases in international bodies.

**Promoting Civic Participation and Oversight of Local Political Processes****\$ 180,000**

To promote civic participation and oversight of local political processes, the organization will strengthen its network of community leaders through workshops on overseeing political processes, participating in electoral observations, advocating for solutions to public problems, and mobilizing citizens to demand transparency and accountability from local institutions.

**Documenting Detention Conditions****\$ 210,000**

To monitor and report on prison conditions and human rights violations, the organization will visit prisons, police stations, and courts, document abuses, and provide recommendations to domestic and international stakeholders, including human rights mechanisms.

**Documenting Human and Socioeconomic Rights Violations****\$ 225,000**

To document and raise awareness of human, social, and economic rights violations, the organization will build the capacity of civil society organizations and activists to monitor and report on these issues.

**Fostering Civic Engagement Among Youth****\$ 231,736**

To foster civic participation and coordination among emerging youth leaders, the organization will connect them with established democratic leaders and support advocacy and voter registration campaigns across eighteen states of the country.

**Fostering Democratic Leadership Development****\$ 240,000**

To foster democratic development, the organization will support a network of leaders by providing legal and psychological assistance, leadership training, mentorship, and professional development, while facilitating alliances among civic, political, and union activists and connecting them with international partners.

**Mobilizing Local and Regional Actors for National Elections****\$ 249,930**

To foster free and fair elections, the organization will train emerging local and regional leaders from political parties and civil society networks on leadership, strategic communication, and election monitoring in preparation for the general elections.

**Reducing Polarization and Fostering Consensus Building****\$ 254,170**

To foster democratic values and reduce polarization, the organization will engage citizens through workshops on democratic values and governance and host cross-sectorial dialogues to encourage joint advocacy and shared positions among political and social movements.

**Fostering Accountability for Human Rights Violations****\$ 324,397**

To foster accountability for human rights violations and crimes against humanity, the organization will work with local partners to provide legal support to victims, document evidence of alleged crimes committed by high-ranking officials, and present its findings in public events and reports shared with international human rights mechanisms.

**Promoting Access to Information****\$ 509,420**

To foster access to information and electoral coverage, the organization will provide news, conduct investigations, expand its reach, focus on electoral coverage to inform citizens of their political rights, and adapt information for offline dissemination to low-income communities.

**Promoting Recognition of Election Results****\$ 827,715**

To support democratic actors and their effort to seek recognition of the July 28, 2024 election results, the organization will implement a nationwide engagement strategy and mobilize citizens domestically and abroad to foster a peaceful democratic transition.

**Core Institute****Center for International Private Enterprise****Countering Authoritarianism Through Resiliency, Reform, and Transparency****\$ 615,814**

To strengthen the independent private sector's resilience amid Venezuela's economic collapse, the Center and partners will provide actionable solutions emphasizing free competition and democratic governance to counter harmful authoritarian policies.

## CENTRAL AMERICA REGIONAL

### **Strengthening Independent Research and Investigative Reporting on Democracy Issues**

**\$ 115,971**

To strengthen knowledge of democratic challenges among civil society and decision makers, the organization will conduct research on authoritarianism, human rights violations, corruption, crime, and violence and disseminate findings throughout the region and hosting events for key stakeholders to discuss challenges to governance and everyday life in the region.

### **Understanding Chinese Influence**

**China in the World**

**\$ 272,000**

To promote understanding about Chinese government influence on democracy, the organization will monitor and report on the impact of Chinese investment on democratic development while disseminating findings to key stakeholders and training local journalists to strengthen their coverage of China-related issues.

### **Supporting Judicial Independence and Integrity**

**\$ 280,000**

To promote judicial independence and strengthen judges' capacity to act independently, the organization will provide judges with tools to defend their independence, facilitate best practice discussions on addressing barriers to independence, establish support networks among legal professionals, and produce reports and events raising awareness about regional judicial independence challenges.

## **Core Institute**

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Strengthening Trade Unions for Worker Rights and Policy Advocacy**

**\$ 1,693,090**

To strengthen trade unions to better organize, represent workers, and advocate for labor rights, the Center will provide outreach to workers in agriculture, apparel, domestic work, and call centers, helping them develop skills in organizing, negotiation, and representation, while enhancing unions' ability to engage in collective bargaining, legal defense, human rights documentation, and policy advocacy.

### **Solidarity Center**

#### **Building and Strengthening Democratic Unions in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras**

**\$ 1,810,060**

To strengthen the capacity of workers to organize trade unions, engage in social dialogue, and counter labor violence, the Center will support partners in key sectors to engage in collective bargaining, legal defense, and public policy advocacy.



# **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN REGIONAL**

## **Enhancing International Visibility of Human Rights Violations**

**\$ 52,250**

To raise international awareness of worsening democratic and human rights conditions in Latin America, the organization will engage decision-makers in Europe and the Americas, highlight political prisoners, and lead campaigns demanding their release.

## **Advancing Adherence to International Human Rights Standards**

**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen international human rights standards for incarcerated women, the organization will support a network of civil society groups, formerly incarcerated women, and advocates with technical assistance and pro-bono resources and engage with regional and international human rights bodies to promote policies that improve detention conditions for women.

## **Exposing and Countering Russian Influence in Latin American Media Environments**

**Russia in the World**

**\$ 100,000**

To strengthen media's ability to counter Russian influence and increase citizen awareness of its impact on democratic development, the organization will monitor propaganda and alert local newsrooms; engage mainstream media outlets across the region; and organize a virtual conference with experts, academics, and journalists to address Russia's influence on the information landscape.

## **Documenting Chinese Investments**

**China in the World**

**\$ 110,000**

To raise awareness about threats posed by Chinese state-owned enterprises' regional activities to local and democratic institutions, the organization will research and document investments; collect and analyze data on projects, joint ventures, subsidiaries, and labor practices; identify cross-border patterns of corruption and irregularities; and disseminate findings through a series of events.

## **Bolstering a Regional Network of Journalists-in-Exile**

**\$ 111,453**

To bolster regional journalists working from exile, the organization will facilitate newsroom access to newly exiled media professionals in their new countries and provide them with relocation and legal support.

## **Countering State-Sponsored Digital Censorship**

**\$ 126,578**

To strengthen regional investigative capacity to identify and counter state-sponsored censorship and authoritarian digital influence, the organization will coordinate a civil society consortium for research, capacity-building, and advocacy for access to a transparent and equitable digital space.

**Documenting and Denouncing Kleptocratic Practices****\$ 150,000**

To counter the kleptocratic reach of country in democratic countries, the organization will analyze and expose the kleptocratic network's reach and impact both domestically and internationally through published reports and public events.

**Promoting Democratic Solidarity****\$ 173,000**

To strengthen regional advocacy for democracy and human rights, the organization will foster cooperation and exchange between pro-democracy actors; support the network in organizing annual regional conferences; participate in a global democracy conference; and coordinate online forums and collective solidarity initiatives.

**Raising Awareness of Transnational Corruption****\$ 175,000**

To expose domestic corruption and its international linkages, the organization will publish weekly investigative reports; explore creative information dissemination strategies to attract new readers; and strengthen syndication agreements with other media outlets to expand coverage.

**Mobilizing a Network of Youth Leaders for Democracy****\$ 175,000**

To mobilize youth leaders for democracy and human rights in the region, the organization will connect and train young activists on democratic principles, civic participation and digital advocacy; convene regional forums during high-profile events including the OAS General Assembly; and engage youth and decision-makers through targeted advocacy actions and campaigns.

**Strengthening Democratic Governance in Municipal Governments****\$ 182,000**

To strengthen municipal leaders' capacity for innovative, open, and participatory governance across the region, the organization will convene officials and civil society from five countries to create a regional assessment and action plan and help local governments implement customized versions using the project's methodology.

**Strengthening Human Rights Protections****\$ 190,000**

To uphold Inter-American and international human rights norms, the organization will enhance the capacity of its coalition members through a political training school, launch a strategic communications campaign, implement an advocacy strategy for regional and international human rights mechanisms, and organize its second regional human rights conference.

**Strengthening Investigative Journalism****\$ 199,498**

To empower journalists to investigate and collaborate on national and transnational corruption and organized crime reporting and promote public debate on threats these problems pose to democratic governance, the organization will conduct intensive training for editors on corruption reporting and leading teams in challenging environments; support in-depth investigative pieces; and convene discussions on key governance and security issues affecting the region.

**Strengthening LAC's Democratic Voices in the Global Digital Policy Debates****\$ 250,000**

To strengthen advocacy for human rights-focused digital policy debates, the grantee will convene working sessions, produce informational materials, and participate in decision-making and global forums to advance Latin American perspectives on digital rights.

**Countering the Global Authoritarian Rise in Latin America****\$ 345,458**

To enhance regional organizations' capacity to map Russian authoritarian influence and strengthen community resilience against that influence, the organization will analyze patterns of economic influence and patronage networks while developing policy proposals to mitigate vulnerabilities and reinforce democratic institutions.

**Supporting Municipal Democratic Governance Leaders****\$ 728,455**

To enhance local public officials' capacity to address democratic governance challenges across seven countries, the organization will provide peer-to-peer mentoring and training to promote innovation and strengthen democratic practices while developing a network of local leaders to facilitate experience-sharing and the exchange of governance best practices.

**Core Institute****International Republican Institute****Amplifying Civil Society Voices****\$ 150,000**

To support civil society consensus-building efforts around the 2025 Summit of the Americas, the Institute will equip organizations to collaborate on shared priorities and convene a public panel to amplify their advocacy among key stakeholders including governments, the private sector and other relevant actors.

**International Republican Institute****Enhancing Collaboration to Counter Transnational Threats to Democracy****\$ 350,000**

To advance democratic resilience, regional stability, and strengthen U.S. alliances, the Institute will work with political parties and leaders to develop policies that promote free markets, transparency, and accountability, supporting activities to promote responsible reforms, improve party responsiveness to citizens, and counter authoritarian influence through democratic, pro-growth alternatives.

**International Republican Institute****Free Markets and Political Party Platforms in the Americas****\$ 450,000**

To strengthen democracy and regional security, the Institute will foster cross-border cooperation against transnational organized crime and authoritarian influence from the People's Republic of China by convening government and civil society stakeholders to promote information sharing and develop joint strategies that address shared threats and close governance gaps exploited by malign actors.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Strengthening Political Party Reform, Consensus-Building, and Legislative Transparency**  
**\$ 500,000**

To enhance democratic political party practices and promote legislative transparency, the Institute will facilitate peer exchanges, provide reform resources, support dialogues between civic groups and lawmakers, and assist legislators in developing open parliament action plans in target countries.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Fostering Leadership and Economic Opportunities for Women (FLOW)**  
**\$ 560,294**

To strengthen the participation of businesswomen and women business associations in the private sector in Latin America, the Center will implement entrepreneurship training grounded in democratic principles, promote regional collaboration, and connect women-support organizations to enhance economic opportunity.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Enhancing Private Sector Engagement for Transparency and Dialogue**  
**\$ 582,846**

To strengthen the private sector's role in promoting transparency, fostering dialogue, and developing innovative media financing strategies in Mexico, Peru, and Brazil, the Center will advocate for transparency and accountability in Mexico's energy sector, facilitate trust-building among business stakeholders in Peru, and encourage corporate and civil leadership in building new media financing models in Brazil.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Leveraging Private Sector Organizations to Strengthen Andean Region's Democracies**  
**\$ 792,457**

To support the private sector in strengthening democratic institutions in the Andean region, the Center and partners will develop policy recommendations, convene public-private dialogues, and design initiatives to promote transparency, reduce corruption, and expand market participation.

**Solidarity Center**  
**Supporting Trade Union Strengthening in Peru and Ecuador**  
**\$ 1,062,027**

To strengthen labor movements in advocating for workers' rights and improved working conditions, the Center will provide unions with technical assistance, training, and legal tools to enhance collective bargaining, social dialogue, and accountability from state institutions.

**Solidarity Center**  
**Strengthening Democratic Unions in Brazil and Paraguay**  
**\$ 1,136,881**

To strengthen worker organizations' capacity to organize and advocate for labor rights in Brazil and Paraguay, the Center will support local partners with strategic planning, research, communication strategies, and public policy advocacy across key economic sectors.

# MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

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## AFGHANISTAN

### **Independent Uzbek Language Multimedia Platform**

**\$ 33,500**

To expand the reach of independent media for the Uzbek-speaking community in northern Afghanistan, the organization will maintain and enhance its multimedia platform, produce daily news reports and analyses on political, security, social, and economic developments in Uzbeki.

### **Strengthening Youth Entrepreneurship**

**\$ 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.

### **Supporting Local Women Journalists**

**\$ 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.

### **Defending Women's Rights**

**\$ 45,000**

To promote women's rights and facilitate access to justice, the organization will offer free legal aid and advice to women in Kabul, Baghlan, and Nangarhar provinces, and hold advocacy meetings to call for enforcement of legal protections granted to Afghan women under the current justice system.

### **Supporting Independent Local Media**

**\$ 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.

**Advancing Women's Rights through Legal Training and Advocacy****\$ 50,000**

To enhance the capacity of women legal professionals to promote women's rights and access to justice, the organization will provide legal training and mentorship to lawyers and law students in four provinces to strengthen their skills in advocacy, human rights, and effective communication.

**Empowering Women Journalists and Promoting Women's Political Rights****\$ 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.

**Disseminating Civic Values on Local Radio****\$ 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 affairs in Dari and Pashto via its FM radio news channel, and train reporters and university journalism students.

**Promoting Democratic Values and Pluralistic Leadership****\$ 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.

**Promoting Democratic Values through Art and Supporting at-risk Artists****\$ 80,000**

To protect and promote the rights of artists and foster collaboration with civic activists, the organization will support and mentor a network that uses art to advance democratic values, lead workshops and networking events, and facilitate advocacy initiatives.

**Maintaining Space for Women Journalists****\$ 90,000**

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 Public Debate and Youth Agency****\$ 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.

**Promoting Youth Engagement****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Promoting Democratic Values and Principles****\$ 101,000**

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.

**Documenting Human Rights Abuses****\$ 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.

**Strengthening Dialogue and Coalition Building among Women Leaders****\$ 111,100**

To facilitate coalition building among women civic and political leaders, the organization will coordinate a platform for Afghan women to develop and implement strategies and advocacy campaigns to enhance women's inclusion in decision-making.

**Building a Network of Democracy Advocates****\$ 120,000**

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

**Defending Women's Political Rights****\$ 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.

**Protecting Women's Political Rights****\$ 120,000**

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.

**Promoting Youth Leadership and Debate****\$ 125,000**

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.

**Empowering Women Through Research, Training, and Advocacy****\$ 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 Grassroots Women's Political Rights Organizations****\$ 188,000**

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.

**Preserving Freedom of Expression and Access to Information****\$ 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****\$ 600,000**

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.

**Strengthening Independent Satellite Television****\$ 680,000**

To promote free expression and democratic values, the organization will operate an independent satellite TV channel delivering timely news and in-depth analysis on political, security, social, and economic developments in Afghanistan, and provide a platform for civil society to promote democratic ideas and human rights.

**Core Institute****Center for International Private Enterprise****Strengthening Private Sector Leadership in National Discourse****\$ 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.



**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Strengthening Private Sector Leadership in Confronting Authoritarianism**  
**\$ 388,000**

To empower broad-based coalitions to resist increasing Taliban authoritarianism, the Center will support a chamber of women business owners and a youth entrepreneurship organization to advocate for democratic principles and market access, and support the private sector to promote accountable humanitarian aid delivery.

**International Republican Institute**  
**Preserving Afghan Civil Space**  
**\$ 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.

## **ALGERIA**

**Defending Human Rights**  
**\$ 50,000**

To promote respect for human rights and seek accountability for abuses against civic activists, human rights defenders, and journalists, the organization will monitor and document human rights violations and advocate for adherence to human rights conventions.

**Strengthening Citizen Participation**  
**\$ 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**  
**\$ 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.

**Advancing Human Rights and Transitional Justice**  
**\$ 226,000**

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.

## **Core Institute**

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

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

**\$ 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.

## **EGYPT**

### **Enhancing Participatory Democracy**

**\$ 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.

### **Empowering Workers to Exercise their Rights**

**\$ 26,300**

To bolster independent unions and promote collective rights in rural communities, the organization will provide technical and legal support for unionization, and build union capacities in collective action, bargaining, fundraising, and administrative management through trainings and labor rights reports.

### **Developing a New Generation of Independent Media Professionals**

**\$ 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.

### **Promoting Citizen Participation in Local Governance**

**\$ 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.

### **Informing the Public on Political Developments**

**\$ 30,000**

To enhance reporting and public understanding of political news, the organization will provide multimedia coverage of political affairs through its online outlet, including reporting on election law debates, public policy, political party and syndicate developments, and analysis by prominent individuals promoting civic participation and accountability.

**Promoting Rights of Religious Minorities and Youth Participation****\$ 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 Accountability for the Treatment of Political Prisoners****\$ 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.

**Negotiating for Democratic Reforms****\$ 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.

**Promoting Investigative Journalism****\$ 46,200**

To diversify the independent media landscape and support an investigative media initiative, the organization will produce in-depth reports and news articles on political, economic, and social developments.

**Supporting Community Demands for Accountability****\$ 47,000**

To promote accountability for human rights abuses, the organization will publish regular reports and advocate for accountability through outreach to the public, civil society organizations, and multilateral agencies.

**Promoting Policy Debate and Solutions****\$ 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.

**Strengthening Local Governance****\$ 60,000**

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.

**Promoting Human Rights Online****\$ 82,400**

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.

**Renewing Democratic Leadership****\$ 90,000**

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.

**Building Networks, Consensus, and Action for Democratic Reforms****\$ 94,300**

To support civil society engagement in shaping a path toward democracy, the organization will convene online and in-person dialogue sessions with politically diverse Egyptian stakeholders, summarize and disseminate recommendations through its network, and seed promising initiatives that emerge from these discussions.

**Documenting and Archiving Human Rights****\$ 100,000**

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 Civil Society****\$ 103,400**

To sustain independent civil society organizations, the organization will provide technical and financial support for institutional development and deliver training and consultations to help partners overcome administrative, operational, and legal challenges to enhance efficiency, capacity, and impact.

**Supporting Strategic Litigation to Promote Reform****\$ 128,800**

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****\$ 140,000**

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 a Platform for Democratic Discourse**

**\$ 196,000**

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.

### **Supporting Forums for Emerging Policy Leaders**

**\$ 292,600**

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.

## **Core Institute**

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

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

**\$ 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**

### **Conducting Public Opinion Polling**

**\$ 60,000**

To promote evidence-based debate on democracy-related topics, the organization will survey and analyze public attitudes on social and political issues, network with like-minded civil society organizations, and stimulate discussion on democratic ideas, values, and norms.

### **Empowering Frontline and Exiled Activists**

**\$ 100,500**

To support and strengthen emerging and frontline democracy advocates, the organization will build a secure, skilled network of recently exiled Iranian activists to support peers in Iran by delivering security training, safe activism tools, and emergency assistance.

### **Strengthening Independent Labor Unions**

**\$ 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.

**Establishing a New Digital Media Platform****\$ 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.

**Promoting Accountability and Combating Corruption****\$ 154,000**

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.

**Fostering Internet Freedom and Digital Connectivity****\$ 161,500**

To promote internet access and the free flow of information, the organization will develop solutions to improve satellite internet accessibility for civic activists, provide ongoing security updates, and collaborate with local tech groups to enhance connectivity and protect internet users in repressive environments.

**Amplifying the Voices of University Student Leaders****\$ 170,000**

To support Iranian student leaders through increased visibility and targeted advocacy, the organization will elevate the voices of university student leaders advocating for freedom and justice in Iran by expanding coverage of their democracy and human rights advocacy efforts.

**Advancing Policy Analysis, Debate, and Collective Actions on Democratization****\$ 178,000**

To foster collaboration between Iranian civil society and political activists on a democratic vision and raise awareness on civic rights within the legal community, the organization will facilitate debate on transition models from authoritarianism to democracy and publish and disseminate an electronic law journal.

**Promoting Independent Journalism****\$ 184,200**

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.

**Monitoring Human Rights Violations and Building Civic Activists' Capacity****\$ 207,000**

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.

### **Promoting Accountability in Water Management and Investigating Corruption**

**\$ 220,000**

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.

### **Promoting Human Rights Education and Advocacy**

**\$ 240,000**

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.

### **Monitoring Human Rights**

**\$ 310,000**

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.

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

**\$ 340,000**

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.

### **Promoting Human Rights Accountability**

**\$ 450,000**

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.

## **Core Institute**

### **Empowering Marginalized Groups**

**\$ 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.

### **Strengthening Youth Advocacy Networks for Democratic Change**

**\$ 650,000**

To strengthen leadership and advocacy among Iran's future youth leaders, the organization will support youth-led networks to raise awareness of youth challenges and demands, expand public support for their priorities, and implement local advocacy initiatives.

# IRAQ

## **Engaging Civil Society in Electoral Reform**

**\$ 10,000**

To promote a participatory electoral reform process in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, the organization will collaborate with civil society groups and political parties to produce a comprehensive reform law, conduct a survey, draft legislation, and engage media and decision-makers in advocacy campaigns.

## **Engaging Citizens through Alternative Media**

**\$ 20,000**

To promote civic participation through alternative media, the organization will lead citizen advocacy and awareness initiatives on democracy and freedoms in Iraq using documentaries and short video programs, and provide access to its in-house studio for media production by civil society organizations and community activists.

## **Enhancing Civic Engagement and Human Rights**

**\$ 25,000**

To strengthen civic participation and understanding of civil liberties and human rights, the organization will train emerging activists in leadership, communications, human rights monitoring and documentation, and support trainee-led initiatives to promote civic and human rights and expose rights violations.

## **Promoting Parliamentary Accountability**

**\$ 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.

## **Promoting Better Governance**

**\$ 25,000**

To promote government transparency and accountability through citizen monitoring, the organization will evaluate government performance and implementation of governance recommendations, hold dialogue sessions, publish an annual monitoring report, and organize an advocacy campaign.

## **Fostering Peaceful Discourse**

**\$ 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.



**Promoting the Principles of Fair Trial****\$ 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.

**Advocating for Budget Transparency****\$ 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.

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

To empower youth to participate in civic life and address local governance challenges, the organization will lead initiatives, advocacy campaigns, and dialogue sessions with citizens and government officials on local governance priorities.

**Promoting Accountability and Good Governance****\$ 47,800**

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.

**Promoting Voter Participation****\$ 49,400**

To increase voter registration, participation, and awareness of electoral processes among women and young voters, the organization will lead an outreach campaign using traditional media, digital content, and direct in-person engagement to reach a wide audience.

**Strengthening Women's Legal Rights and Leadership****\$ 50,000**

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.

**Promoting Democratic Values at Universities****\$ 50,000**

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.

**Supporting Press Freedom and Legal Support for Journalists****\$ 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 Transparency and Rule of Law****\$ 50,000**

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.

**Strengthening Women's Leadership****\$ 50,000**

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.

**Promoting Government Transparency and Accountability****\$ 60,000**

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.

**Promoting Transparency in the Energy Sector****\$ 60,000**

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.

**Supporting and Enhancing Independent Media****\$ 70,000**

To strengthen an independent outlet to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance, the organization will research, collect information, and publish investigative reports on budgetary transparency, oversight bodies, parliamentary functions, and public spending.

**Supporting Community Radio and Human Rights Journalism****\$ 70,000**

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.

**Promoting Independent Media****\$ 70,000**

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.

**Strengthening Women's Leadership****\$ 74,000**

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 Local Accountability****\$ 80,000**

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.

**Advocating for Budget Transparency****\$ 80,000**

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.

**Enhancing Women's Legal Protection****\$ 80,000**

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.

**Supporting Women's Political Empowerment and Participation****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Enhancing Accountability of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq Parliament****\$ 100,000**

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 Information Accuracy****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Supporting Investigative Reporting on Issues of Public Interest****\$ 104,000**

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.

**Promoting Accountability and Independent Reporting****\$ 140,000**

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.

**Empowering Citizens to Advance Good Governance****\$ 150,000**

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.

**Monitoring Parliamentary Performance****\$ 156,000**

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 the Capacity of Emerging Activists****\$ 170,000**

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.

**Advancing Economic Reform and Transparency****\$ 200,000**

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.

### **Monitoring Government Performance**

**\$ 220,000**

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.

### **Providing Independent Media in Southern Iraq**

**\$ 450,000**

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.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

#### **Enhancing Women's Political Representation**

**\$ 500,000**

To support political pluralism, the Institute will work with pro-reform candidates ahead of the 2025 parliamentary elections by conducting campaign training and coaching, and will strengthen linkages between political leaders by engaging sitting and former members of parliament to serve as mentors.

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

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

**\$ 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.

## **JORDAN**

### **Promoting Policy Advocacy**

**\$ 31,000**

To strengthen civil and social movements' advocacy at the local level, the organization will train civil society organizations on advocacy skills, mentor them in discussions with decision makers, publish research, and highlight challenges to promote freedom of association reforms.

### **Enhancing Parliamentary Oversight by Youth**

**\$ 34,800**

To enhance civic and political engagement on legislative issues, the organization will lead a parliamentary monitoring initiative to encourage youth participation in oversight beyond elections and produce social media content that invites commentary and public feedback on legislative performance.

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

**\$ 100,000**

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**

## **Strengthening Accountability and Justice**

**\$ 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.

## **Supporting Economic Policy Leadership**

**\$ 40,000**

To promote economic reform policies aligned with a free market, the organization will hold a leadership academy to build knowledge of reform practices and policy advocacy skills, focusing on local challenges and solutions, with participants drawn from activists and influencers engaged in economic platform development.

## **Supporting a National Campaign for the Disappeared**

**\$ 73,900**

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.

## **Strengthening Independent and Democratic Trade Unions**

**\$ 80,000**

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.

## **Challenging Censorship**

**\$ 82,100**

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.

## **Promoting Youth Engagement with Elections**

**\$ 100,000**

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.

### **Enhancing Reporting on Issues of Accountability**

**\$ 116,000**

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.

### **Energizing Civic Debate Through Media**

**\$ 208,500**

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.

## **Core Institute**

### **International Republican Institute**

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

**\$ 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.

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

#### **Catalyzing Private Sector-Led Solutions for Recovery and Reform**

**\$ 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.

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

#### **Strengthening Competitive Elections**

**\$ 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**

### **Strengthening Independent Media**

**\$ 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.

### **Promoting Accountability and Justice**

**\$ 45,000**

To raise awareness and advocate for justice and redress of human rights violations, the organization will train and mentor local civil society organizations in Libya to document and monitor abuses, produce a context-specific guide and monitoring reports, and use the findings to advocate adherence to international human rights standards and Libya's commitments.

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

**\$ 50,000**

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.

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

**\$ 120,000**

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.

## **Core Institute**

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

#### **Cultivating Voices for Economic Reform**

**\$ 170,000**

To help business organizations prepare for Libya's post-conflict phase, the Center will identify and convene Libyan business organizations for a conference on advancing reforms that support open markets and a dynamic business environment.

## **MAURITANIA**

### **Promoting Independent Unions' Voice**

**\$ 26,000**

To strengthen the institutional capacity and advocacy skills of independent unions, the organization will conduct workshops on labor laws and constitutional rights, lead campaigns to boost union membership and engagement, and advocate for meaningful participation of labor and trade unions in national policy debates.

### **Enhancing Women's Leadership**

**\$ 50,000**

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.



**Promoting Participatory Public Policy Making****\$ 52,000**

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.

**Promoting Youth Community Engagement****\$ 60,000**

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****\$ 60,000**

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.

**Promoting the Rights of Marginalized Communities****\$ 126,000**

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.

## **MOROCCO**

**Strengthening Youth Political Engagement****\$ 30,000**

To promote youth leadership and public participation, the organization will mentor youth to engage in local politics through dialogue with officials and civil society leaders, conduct workshops on political leadership and electoral engagement, and support youth-led community initiatives.

**Advocating a Just Taxation Policy for Civil Society****\$ 35,000**

To promote conditions that strengthen the operating environment for civil society, the organization will analyze taxation impacts, strengthen a network for advocacy, launch a public and policymaker awareness campaign, and draft a proposal with recommendations for submission to parliament.

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

To promote policy debate on legal reforms and strengthen strategic cooperation among policy centers, the organization will support youth in conducting public policy research and presenting recommendations to stakeholders, and convene think tanks and civil society to collaborate and advance contributions to Morocco's reform agenda.

**Strengthening Women's Leadership and Political Participation****\$ 45,000**

To promote women's political participation, the organization will train women candidates, build the capacities of newly elected women for leadership roles, convene multistakeholder forums, and produce a report on progress in women's representation.

**Empowering Rural Communities****\$ 50,000**

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.

**Strengthening Consultative Process in Governance****\$ 50,000**

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.

**Promoting Participatory Local Governance****\$ 54,000**

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.

**Promoting Women's Political Rights and Leadership****\$ 54,000**

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 Government Transparency and Accountability****\$ 55,000**

To promote participatory budgeting and foster transparent public spending, the organization will conduct workshops for elected officials and civil society on laws requiring citizen input and oversight and produce policy papers advocating for citizen participation and transparent budgeting within Morocco's decentralization strategy.

**Promoting Participatory Policy Development****\$ 80,000**

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.

**Promoting Participatory Democracy****\$ 80,000**

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.

**Promoting Access to Justice****\$ 80,000**

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.

**Promoting an Enabling Environment for Professional Independent Media****\$ 80,000**

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 Women's Participation in Public Life****\$ 80,000**

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 Youth Participation Through Media****\$ 82,000**

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.

**Advancing Human Rights and Rule of Law****\$ 82,600**

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.

**Promoting Citizen-Centered Policy and Governance****\$ 85,000**

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.

**Enhancing Civil Society's Role in Governance****\$ 100,000**

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 Civil Society-University Engagement****\$ 100,000**

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 Citizens' Rights****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Strengthening Parliament's Capacity****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Supporting Good Governance in Youth-Centered Institutions****\$ 106,000**

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.

**Advocating Effective Policies****\$ 110,000**

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 Public Policy Research****\$ 133,000**

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.

**Strengthening Parliamentary Transparency****\$ 150,000**

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.

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Supporting the Next Generation of Young Political Leaders****\$ 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.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Advancing Business Leadership in the Economy****\$ 500,000**

To strengthen business voices to advance economic freedom, the Center will develop a community of practice among business association leaders and convene roundtables and policy fora to advocate economic reforms.

**International Republican Institute****Bolstering Regional Political Party Branches in Sousse Massa Region****\$ 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.

**Solidarity Center****Strengthening Worker Voice and Freedom of Association****\$ 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

## **Enhancing Accountability through Investigative Reporting**

**\$ 35,000**

To enhance accountability regarding repatriation efforts to Syria, the organization will lead an investigative journalism initiative spotlighting property confiscation and collaborate with journalists and researchers to develop stories on financial gains and legal mechanisms behind property repossession.

## **Empowering Emerging Youth Leaders**

**\$ 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.

## **Strengthening and Supporting Independent Journalists**

**\$ 40,000**

To strengthen the role of media in advancing democratic transformation and transitional justice, the organization will enhance the capacity of journalists, activists, and community leaders to adhere to journalism standards, conduct dialogue forums to develop actionable recommendations, and monitor violations against journalists and media figures.

## **Establishing a Rule of Law Culture**

**\$ 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.

## **Reporting on Human Rights Violations**

**\$ 60,000**

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**

**\$ 60,000**

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.

## **Promoting Independent Media**

**\$ 60,000**

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.

**Promoting Independent Media****\$ 62,000**

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.

**Informing Citizens During Conflict****\$ 66,400**

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.

**Consolidating Professional Media across Zones of Conflict****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Strengthening Independent Media****\$ 114,800**

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.

**Core Institute****International Republican Institute****Reorienting Civil Society to Preserve Democratic Space****\$ 300,000**

To support the potential for a democratic political transition, the Institute will conduct an exploratory assessment and stakeholder mapping exercise to re-orient pro-democracy Syrians around a united vision, identify achievable priorities, and lay the groundwork for future projects.

**TUNISIA****Defending Civil Society****\$ 50,000**

To promote public support for freedom of association and speech, the organization will produce a video and podcast series on the stigmatization of various social, economic, and political groups, highlighting freedom of association and human rights.

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

To promote and protect freedom of speech and expression, the organization will monitor and document violations, train human rights defenders in monitoring methodologies, lead advocacy campaigns, provide legal assistance to defend citizens prosecuted for freedom of speech, and strengthen a freedom of expression advocacy network.

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

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.

**Supporting Women's Political Participation****\$ 70,000**

To strengthen women's civic and political participation, the organization will study the legal framework, convene seminars to present findings and recommendations, coordinate advocacy efforts, organize a conference on rural women's rights, and develop a strategy and future road map.

**Supporting Independent Journalism****\$ 75,000**

To support independent journalism, the organization will operate a branch outside Tunisia, build a network of contributing journalists, and publish articles, podcasts, and other media content on political, economic, and social issues relevant to Tunisian audiences.

**Promoting Citizen Oversight of Lawmaking****\$ 78,000**

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.

**Enhancing Independent Media's Content Production Capabilities****\$ 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.

**Supporting Local Independent Radios****\$ 100,000**

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.



**Promoting Public Accountability****\$ 120,000**

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.

**Protecting Rights and Freedoms****\$ 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.

**Facilitating Inclusive Dialogue****\$ 150,000**

To support a participatory dialogue process on the economic crisis, the organization will conduct consultations with political, union, business, and civil society leaders, convene stakeholder roundtables to develop policy recommendations, and synthesize findings in a final report.

**Supporting a Democratic Electoral Framework****\$ 175,000**

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.

**Empowering Informal Workers****\$ 206,000**

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.

**Core Institute****Solidarity Center****Revitalizing Worker Voice in Closing Civic Space****\$ 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.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Fostering Economic Advocacy and Democratic Success****\$ 500,000**

To enhance the capacity of Tunisian organizations to advance market reforms, the Center will support business associations' advocacy efforts, and train youth in policy reform and communications to promote democracy and economic freedom.

# **TURKEY**

## **Enhancing Freedom of Information**

**\$ 30,757**

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.

## **Strengthening Independent Media**

**\$ 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.

## **Supporting Women's Rights**

**\$ 50,000**

To strengthen a nascent women's rights group, the organization will develop a five-year strategic plan, enhance its volunteer network, and empower women, particularly from conservative communities, through knowledge, skills, and support for civic engagement.

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

**\$ 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 Investigative Journalism**

**\$ 70,000**

To promote transparency and accountability, the organization will produce and publish investigative reports, podcasts, and videos on political, economic, governance, and human rights issues, and disseminate them through its website and social media platforms.

## **Supporting Local Media**

**\$ 80,000**

To strengthen the digital transformation and sustainability of local media, the organization will train local outlets in ten major cities on digital skills, artificial intelligence tools, and multimedia storytelling, and enhance national coordination through regional meetings, a national gathering, and weekly local news programming.

## **Supporting Legal Assistance to Journalists**

**\$ 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.

**Supporting Media Freedom at the Local Level****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Strengthening Youth Participation in Political Parties****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Strengthening Youth Participation in Decisionmaking Processes****\$ 100,000**

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.

**Promoting Informed Public Discourse****\$ 120,000**

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.

**Promoting Structural Reforms****\$ 147,000**

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.

**Promoting Democratic Engagement and Transparent Parliament****\$ 200,000**

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.

**Defending Independent Media and Free Expression****\$ 240,000**

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 Freedom of Information****\$ 400,000**

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.

**Core Institute****International Republican Institute****Supporting A Youth and Policy-Driven Democratic Future****\$ 500,000**

To foster issue-based policy development and cross-party dialogue among political parties, the Institute will train young political leaders, convene forums for parties to discuss and develop public policies, and commission public opinion and policy-based research on citizen concerns and priorities.

**International Republican Institute****Supporting A Youth and Policy-Driven Democratic Future****\$ 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.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Building Strong Networks of Change Agents****\$ 570,163**

To empower civil society to foster good governance, the Center will train business organization members in supply chain management and ethical standards, and support civil society in translating government data for use by businesses, researchers, journalists, and citizens.

**Center for International Private Enterprise****Building Strong Networks to Protect Democratic and Economic Freedom****\$ 625,000**

To empower civil society to foster accountable governance in Turkey, the Center will collaborate with private sector partners to improve the business enabling environment, and support civil society in compiling and analyzing government economic data to promote transparency.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Enhancing Local Democratic Governance****\$ 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**

### **Preserving Accountability-focused Youth Leadership**

**\$ 25,000**

To sustain youth engagement in accountability initiatives, the organization will prioritize support for its youth-led social audit teams and civil society coalition focused on promoting accountability among decision makers.

### **Enhancing Local Government Accountability**

**\$ 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.

### **Preserving Youth Leadership in the Gaza Strip**

**\$ 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.

### **Empowering Women in Journalism**

**\$ 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.

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

**\$ 50,000**

To support peaceful and inclusive dialogue on internal reform and democratization, the organization will lead a series of fora and produce policy papers that reflect the insights of key Palestinian experts on topics including political reform, governance, economic strategies, Gaza reconstruction, security, and social cohesion.

### **Expanding Knowledge of Democratic Action**

**\$ 70,000**

To strengthen democratic values among youth leaders, the organization will facilitate regional peer-to-peer exchanges and post-trip workshops with community organizations for cohorts of previously engaged young men and women.

### **Supporting Democratic Electoral Reform**

**\$ 90,000**

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.

**Advancing Public Accountability****\$ 350,400**

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.

**Core Institute****National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Encouraging Youth Leadership in Political Life****\$ 500,000**

To increase youth participation in civic and political life, the Institute will implement a university-based civic education and community advocacy program in the West Bank and Gaza and support broader community-based civic dialogue efforts.

**YEMEN****Advocating Internally Displaced People's Rights****\$ 21,000**

To engage civil society organizations in advocating for the rights of internally displaced people in Marib, the organization will work with local partners to monitor government response, conduct field visits to IDP camps, convene monthly public meetings, and maintain an online platform and field presence to promote responsiveness to IDP needs.

**Supporting Youth Expression and Community Engagement****\$ 25,000**

To promote youth leadership and civic participation, the organization will train and mentor youth in Hadramawt province to engage their communities on local priorities, support youth-led initiatives and creative productions, convene roundtable discussions on key issues, and engage stakeholders to share recommendations and advocate solutions.

**Defending Freedom of Expression****\$ 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.

**Strengthening Women's Networks****\$ 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.

**Enhancing Civil Society's Role in Peace Processes****\$ 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.

**Supporting Independent Media Coverage of Peace Negotiations****\$ 60,000**

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.

**Promoting Women's Political Rights and Access to Justice****\$ 65,000**

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.

**Laying the Foundation for Post-Conflict Governance****\$ 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****\$ 120,000**

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.

**Fostering Regional Dialogue on Democracy****\$ 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**

**\$ 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.

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

#### **Strengthening Political Unity for Representative Governance**

**\$ 500,000**

To strengthen representative governance, the Institute will support political parties and civil society coalitions to engage in national and local dialogue, raise their profile, foster democratic governance amid instability.

## **GULF REGIONAL**

### **Monitoring and Documenting Human Rights Violations**

**\$ 45,000**

To promote and defend human rights, the organization will engage a network of local activists to monitor and document violations, publish an annual report, provide guidance and support to victims, and connect them with local and international human rights organizations.

### **Promoting Political Reform through Open Dialogue**

**\$ 50,000**

To promote dialogue among civic activists on democratic reforms, the organization will hold events and conferences on freedom of expression, human rights, institutional reform, and freedom of movement, and publish media content on its website and social media to promote democratic ideas and values.

### **Enhancing Human Rights Advocacy**

**\$ 65,000**

To enhance the integration of local human rights defenders in regional and international forums, the organization will collaborate with Gulf-focused researchers to monitor and document human rights conditions for advocacy campaigns, support activists' participation in international consultations, and provide emergency fellowships for at-risk defenders.

### **Tracking and Advocating for the Implementation of Reform Promises**

**\$ 65,000**

To monitor promises made by decisionmakers, the organization will track and analyze government processes and statements on democratic reforms, convene roundtable discussions with local and international stakeholders to present findings, and lead advocacy efforts to promote the adoption of its recommendations.



### **Promoting Freedom of Expression**

**\$ 85,000**

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**

**\$ 90,000**

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.

### **Promoting Political Participation**

**\$ 148,600**

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.

### **Defending Human Rights**

**\$ 305,000**

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.

## **MENA REGIONAL**

### **Establishing a Regional Movement for Women's Political Empowerment**

**\$ 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.

### **Strengthening Youth Leadership in Public Policy**

**\$ 85,000**

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**

**\$ 100,000**

To strengthen expertise on rule of law and constitutional governance and contribute to debates on reforms, the organization will hold two annual academies for regional scholars, jurists, and decision-makers, mentor participants in developing country-specific policy papers, and lead activities to promote their policy recommendations.

**Strengthening Understanding of Democratic Transitions Models****\$ 100,000**

To reinforce democratic transitions in Lebanon and Syria, the organization will build technical capacity and stakeholder consensus on transitional reforms to address challenges to achieving democracy through working groups, national convenings, and policy papers addressing security sector reform, governance, national dialogue, elections, and economic tradeoffs.

**Supporting Dialogue on Contentious Political and Economic Issues****\$ 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.

**Advancing Democratic Development through Intergenerational Learning****\$ 100,100**

To enhance youth civic engagement and facilitate intergenerational learning, the organization will convene online discussions and training sessions between youth and experienced democratic political leaders and host an in-person regional youth camp to develop leadership and political skills and foster connections.

**Supporting Human Rights Advocacy****\$ 114,000**

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.

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

To protect and sustain the work of at-risk Egyptian, Libyan, Syrian, Tunisian, and Algerian human rights defenders, the organization will offer direct rapid, financial assistance to human rights defenders and provide coordination and coaching services to ensure continuity of their activities.

**Enhancing Constitutional Law, Institutions, and Processes****\$ 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.

**Promoting Accountability Through New Media and Technology****\$ 127,100**

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.

**Amplifying the Impact of Investigative Journalism****\$ 134,000**

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.

**Strengthening Investigative Journalism****\$ 148,200**

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 Community Radios****\$ 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.

**Supporting Electoral Reform****\$ 191,300**

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.

**Challenging Authoritarian Narratives****\$ 200,000**

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.

**Promoting Understanding of Kleptocracy and its Impact on Democracy****\$ 208,400**

To promote understanding of kleptocratic influence on democracy, the organization will produce a short film on accountability case studies, connect MENA anti-kleptocracy actors with international networks, and release podcast episodes with investigative journalists on safety protocols and secure research strategies.

**Advancing Data-Driven Policy Through Public Opinion Research****\$ 235,000**

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.

**Promoting Media Reform****\$ 250,000**

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.

**Engaging Policy Makers on Economic Reforms****\$ 260,000**

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.

**Strengthening Independent Reporting on Corruption****\$ 500,000**

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.

**Supporting New Tactics in Human Rights Advocacy****\$ 520,900**

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.

**Core Institute****Center for International Private Enterprise****Advancing Women's Leadership in the Economy and Policy Reform****\$ 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.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs****Encouraging Greater Political Engagement****\$ 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.

**Center for International Private Enterprise**  
**Strengthening Business Association Connections in the Maghreb**  
**\$ 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.

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**  
**Strengthening Political Actors' Resilience**  
**\$ 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.

**Solidarity Center**  
**Strengthening Trade Union Advocacy**  
**\$ 623,693**

To strengthen trade union advocacy, the Center will train workers to lead campaigns on labor rights and workplace protections, facilitate virtual cross-border exchanges, and support union-led advocacy campaigns to amplify workers' voices before decision-makers.