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and a guide to key actors

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“Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his or her choice”

Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

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The Millenium Development Goals (MDGs)

“As articulated in the Millenium Declaration, the MDGs are benchmarks for progress towards a vision of development, peace and human rights, guided by certain fundamental values essential to relations in the twenty-first century.”

Human Development Report 2003

The MDGs constitute a global agenda for reducing poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation, and discrimination against women by 2015.

The MDGs:

- 1** Halving extreme poverty and hunger
- 2** Achieving universal primary education
- 3** Promoting gender equality
- 4** Reducing under-five mortality by two-thirds
- 5** Reducing maternal mortality by three-quarters
- 6** Reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis
- 7** Ensuring environmental sustainability
- 8** Developing a global partnership for development, with targets for aid, trade, and debt relief

Frequently Used Acronyms

BDP	Bureau for Development Policy
CIS	Europe & the Commonwealth of Independent States
CO	Country Office
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DEX	Direct Execution
DGG	Democratic Governance Group
DGTTF	Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund
HQ	Headquarters
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
NHDR	National Human Development Report
NICT	New Information and Communications Technology
NEX	National Execution
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OGC	Oslo Governance Centre
ROAR	Results Oriented Annual Report
SHD	Sustainable Human Development
SRF	Strategic Results Framework
SURF	Sub-Regional Resource Facility
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
UNV	United Nations Volunteers
USD	US Dollars

UNDP and Access to Information

E-governance and Access to Information is the newest 'service line' for UNDP's work in democratic governance¹⁾.

An important milestone in developing the Access to Information component on this service line was the completion of a practice note (www.undp.org/policy/practicenotes.htm). The practice note describes UNDP's position and niche in this area of work.

Access to Information and freedom of expression are international human rights norms. Article 19 of both the UN Declaration on Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights state that the right to freedom of expression includes not only freedom to 'impart information and ideas of all kinds', but also freedom to 'seek' and 'receive' them 'regardless of frontiers' and in whatever medium. Article 19 covers both concepts of information and communication. By combining these concepts, people become generators, users and conduits of information.

UNDP's mandate is poverty reduction. This is reflected in UNDP's commitment to democratic governance and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The attainment of these goals will require information to be widely available that is relevant to the needs of those who are poor, vulnerable and frequently excluded from mainstream governance processes and institutions.

1) UNDP's Multi-Year Funding Framework which sets out the organization's strategic goals and service lines for 2004 – 2007
<http://www.undp.org/execbrd/pdf/dp03-32e.pdf>.

E-governance and Access to Information is also a service line in the Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund (DGTTF)
www.undp.org/trustfunds/

The purpose of the guide

This guide is primarily for UNDP Country Offices (COs). It provides brief information on a range of UNDP and other development actors' work in Access to Information. It is structured so that country office staff can readily see the range of Access to Information activity currently underway and know where to find further information.

What the guide contains

Section One

The first section provides summary information on 69 UNDP supported projects and initiatives as of 2002/03. These initiatives were identified primarily by desk research from three main sources: (i) direct feedback from the Sub-Regional Resource Facilities (SURFs)², the COs and Regional Bureaux, (ii) scanning of UNDP intranet databases and internal reporting systems especially the data contained in the ROAR³, and (iii) scanning of the internet including CO, SURF and Regional Bureaux websites and general Internet searches.

This section is organized into three parts:

Part one provides an overview of the regional spread of projects and a description of UNDP's main Access to Information support areas.

Part two, in alphabetical order by country, lists all projects, their primary focus and provides an email contact. This is a quick reference to what is going on in Access to Information across UNDP and notes where to find out more.

In part three, projects are organized by region⁴. Under each region, projects are ordered alphabetically by country. Information provided for each project includes:

- Main Focus of the Project (corresponding to UNDP's main support areas within Access to Information)
- Project Summary (a description of project aims, objectives, activities and outputs)
- Project Timing
- Execution Arrangements⁵

Section Two

The second section provides information on more than 100 international organizations actively working on Access to Information issues. The majority of these organizations work with developing countries to promote freedom of expression and information. They were identified through (i) internet and literature searches (ii) direct feedback from country offices, regional bureaux and SURFs and (iii) referrals from within and outside UNDP.

This section is organized into five parts. Part one provides an overview of over 100 organizations working with Access to Information. Parts two to five present the four different types of organizations included in the guide.

Part two sets out brief information on 43 different organizations that provide assistance with the implementation of Access to Information projects.

Part three outlines brief information on nine foundations and funding organizations that fund Access to Information work. For these two types of organizations, the following information is provided:

- Organization Name, Headquarter Location and Website Address
- Predominant Focus (corresponding to UNDP's main support areas within Access to Information)
- Type of Assistance
- Geographic Focus

Part four provides information on 27 organizations that advocate for greater access to information, particularly the right to information.

Part five describes 25 information and networking organizations that provide and facilitate research, news, virtual network discussions and knowledge sharing. The following information is provided for these last two types of organizations: organization name, Access to Information focus, head-quarter location and website address.

Information on all of these organizations was obtained from their respective organizational websites.

2) The SURFs are sub-regional "units" that provide policy support to clusters of UNDP Country Offices.

3) The Results-Oriented Annual Report (ROAR) is UNDP's principal instrument for reporting on activities implemented by operational units. It provides comprehensive analysis of the performance of UNDP and is a key tool for managing for results and setting guidance for future work.

4) UNDP divides its country and regional programmes into five regions: Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and Latin America and the Caribbean. Visit www.undp.org/undp_by_region/

5) Each UNDP-supported project designates one organization as its "executing agency": UNDP arranges for its support to programmes and projects to be managed in one of four ways: (1) National execution (NEX): management by a national government entity; (2) Agency: execution by a United Nations agency or multilateral development bank; (3) Non Governmental Organization (NGO): execution by an NGO; (4) Direct execution (DEX): management by UNDP itself (this is permitted only in exceptional circumstances).

Section 1

Access to Information projects
supported by UNDP

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Part 1 Overview

The desk research identified 69 Access to Information projects supported by UNDP in 2002/2003.

The table below allocates these projects across the five geographic regions. The greatest number (21) is found in the Africa region.

Region	Number of projects
Africa	21
Arab States	6
Asia & the Pacific	20
Europe/CIS	16
Latin America & the Caribbean	6
Total:	69

UNDP's assistance to Access to Information is focused in four main areas. These are:

- 1 Strengthening the legal and regulatory environment for freedom and pluralism in information (legislation/policy support)
- 2 Supporting capacity strengthening, networking, and elevation of standards of media at national and local levels to promote the exchange of independent and pluralist information (media development)

- 3 Raising awareness on rights to official information and strengthening mechanisms to provide and access information (right to official information)
- 4 Developing communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups.

These four areas not only are used throughout this guide to define UNDP's support to projects but also the work done by other organizations. In addition, projects in which there is a significant e-governance focus have been included in the analysis of project information as e-governance and related ICT initiatives offer new and innovative opportunities to enhance the impact of UNDP's work across the four support areas.

The pie graph below provides a breakdown of UNDP's support to Access to Information across these areas. Of the 69 projects identified, just under a third focus on media development.



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Ensuring Citizen Access to Public Information and E-Services at the Regional Level

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Albania page 56

ICTs to Enhance the Effectiveness and Transparency of Parliament

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Armenia page 57

Support to Information Society and Democratic Governance

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Armenia page 57

E-Governance System for Territorial Administration

Project Focus: Right to Official Information, E-governance
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Azerbaijan page 58

Regional Academy for Online Network Governance and System Administration

Project Focus: E-governance
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Benin page 22

Assistance to the High Authority on Audiovisual and Communication (HAAC)

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Bhutan page 42

Planning Information Networks for Good Governance

Project Focus: E-governance
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Bhutan page 42

Institutional Capacity Building and Policy Support for the Ministry of Communications

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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Bosnia and Herzegovina page 58

Assistance to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Public Broadcasting System

Project Focus: Media development
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Bulgaria page 59

Community Development and Participation through the Chitalishte Network

Project Focus: E-governance
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Bulgaria page 59

National Research Network: Development of Information Society Technologies in Bulgaria

Project Focus: Media development
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Burkina Faso page 22

Preparation of the National Human Development Report (NHDR) 2002 'Corruption and Development'

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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Burkina Faso page 23**Promotion of Information and Communication Technology for Human Development in Burkina Faso**

Project Focus: Right to Official Information, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance
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Cape Verde page 23**Strengthening Democratic Governance Tools to Help Maintain Peace and Stability in the Context of Poverty Reduction and Development Promotion**

Project Focus: Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance
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China page 43**Poverty Reduction through Access to Information and Communication Technologies**

Project Focus: Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance
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Egypt page 36**Enhancing Local Development and Governance Issues using IT Support**

Project Focus: E-governance
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El Salvador page 68**Strengthening of Civil Society to Influence Public Policies in Central America**

Project Focus: Media development
 Contact: antonio.canas@undp.org

El Salvador page 68**Information, Media and Prevention of Violence**

Project Focus: Media development
 Contact: antonio.canas@undp.org

Estonia page 60**Establishment and Operationalization of a Regional E-governance Learning and Training Centre in Tallinn, Estonia**

Project Focus: E-governance
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Fiji page 43**Fiji Good Governance Programme**

Project Focus: Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups
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Ghana page 24**Consolidating Democratic Governance Programme**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support, Media development
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Guinea page 24**Framework Programme for the Development of the National Press**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support, Media development
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Guinea-Bissau page 25**Strengthening the Journalist Network on Sustainable Human Development and Millennium Development Goals**

Project Focus: Media development
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Guyana page 69**Sustainable Development
Networking Programme (SDNP)**

Project Focus: E-governance

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Access to Information**Project Focus: Right to Official
Information, E-governanceContact: pradeep.sharma@undp.org**India page 44****Access to Information**Project Focus: Right to Official
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Access to Information**Project Focus: Media development,
Right to Official InformationContact: pradeep.sharma@undp.org**India page 45****Support to Rural Development
Using Community Radio**Project Focus: Media development,
Communication mechanisms for
vulnerable groupsContact: mithulina.chatterjee@undp.org**Indonesia page 46****Parliamentary Support
and Public Participation**

Project Focus: Media development

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Project Focus: E-governance

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Standards of Media in Kazakhstan**

Project Focus: Media development

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Electronic Archives in Kosovo**Project Focus: Right to Official
Information, E-governanceContact: krenar.losi@undp.org**Kyrgyzstan page 61****Improving Access to Information
and Communication with the
Parliament in the Kyrgyz Republic**Project Focus: Media development,
Right to Official Information,
E-governanceContact: dr@cgov.undp.kg**Lesotho page 25****Civic Education Programme for
the Consolidation of Democracy**Project Focus: Communication
mechanisms for vulnerable groupsContact: joe.feeney@undp.org;
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Information Network**

Project Focus: E-governance

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Macedonia page 62**Information and Communications Technology Support for Municipalities in Macedonia**

Project Focus: E-governance

Contact: matilda.dimovska@undp.org**Malaysia page 46****Access to Information: Challenges and Opportunities for Civil Society to Promote Democratic Governance with Special Reference to New Technologies**

Project Focus: Media development

Contact: anis.yusoff@undp.org**Mauritania page 26****Good Governance National Programme**

Project Focus: Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

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Project Focus: Media development

Contact: carol.flore@undp.org**Morocco page 37****Pilot project on the Use of New ICTs to Fight Poverty**

Project Focus: Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Contact: myrieme.zniber@undp.org**Mozambique page 27****Strengthening Democracy and Governance through Development of Media in Mozambique (Phase II)**

Project Focus: Media development

Contact: habiba.rodolfo@undp.org**Niger page 27****Support for the Development of Rural Radio and the Development of Information Centres (RURANET)**

Project Focus: Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Contact: rene.guiraud@undp.org**Nigeria page 28****National Programme on Governance for Sustainable Human Development**

Project Focus: Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Contact: samuel.harbor@undp.org**Pakistan page 47****Pakistan Action Research & Development in Governance and Management (PARADIGM)**

Project Focus: Right to Official Information, E-governance

Contact: farhan.sabih@undp.org**Palestinian Programme page 37****Support to the Media Sector in the Occupied Territories: A Comprehensive Programme to Strengthen Independent Palestinian Media through Training and Networking**

Project Focus: Media development

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Palestinian Programme page 38**MIFTAH: Media and Information Programme**

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Paraguay page 69**Professional Training Centre for Journalists**

Project Focus: Media development
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Philippines page 47**Enhancing Accountability and Transparency in Governance through Investigative Reporting and Multi-sectoral Dialogues**

Project Focus: Media development
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Poland page 63**Promoting Public Policy Debate on the Information Society in Poland Using the National Human Development Report (NHDR)**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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Romania page 63**Support to the Implementation of the Law on Access to Public Information**

Project Focus: Right to Official Information
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Rwanda page 28**Support to Democratic Governance in Rwanda**

Project Focus: Right to Official Information, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups
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Sierra Leone page 29**Sierra Leone Interim Governance Project**

Project Focus: Media development
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Solomon Islands page 48**People First Network, The Solomon Islands' Rural E-mail Network For Peace and Development**

Project Focus: Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance
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South Africa page 29**Decision Support System for Policy Makers and Civil Society in South Africa**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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Sudan page 38**National Campaign on Human Development and the MDGs**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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Swaziland page 30**Support for the Formulation of a Media, Communication and Information Policy, Strategies for Development Journalism and Community Media**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support, Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

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Swaziland page 30**Capacity Strengthening for Information and Communication Technologies and Media Development**

Project Focus: Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

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Tanzania page 31**Strengthening Capacities to Combat Corruption in Tanzania**

Project Focus: Media Development

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Tanzania page 31**Information and Communication Capacity Building for the Presidents' Offices of the Union and Zanzibar Governments**

Project Focus: Right to Official Information, Media Development, E-Governance

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The Gambia page 32**Assistance to Broadcasting Services**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy

Support, Media development

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Timor-Leste page 49**Strengthening the Role of Civil Society Organisations in Building Democracy**

Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support

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Timor-Leste page 49**Civic Education – Supporting Mobilisation for Poverty Reduction and Good Governance in Timor Leste**

Project Focus: Media development,

Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

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Vanuatu page 49**Strengthening Community Access to Information to Facilitate Development in Pacific Islands Countries**

Project Focus: Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

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Regional projects

Asia and the Pacific page 50
Media Training for Good Urban Governance (The Urban Governance Initiative)
Project Focus: Media development
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Asia and the Pacific page 50
Regional Governance Programme: Participatory Action Research to Advance Governance Options and Networks (PARAGON)
Project Focus: Media development, E-governance
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Latin America page 70
Democratic Development in Latin America: Status, Citizens' Perceptions, Indicators and Agenda
Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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Latin America and the Caribbean page 70
Democratic Dialogue: Promoting Multi-stakeholder Consensus Building as a Tool for Strengthening Democratic Governance
Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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South East Asia page 51
Support to the Development of Cross Border Media Collaboration and Professional Capacity Building in South East Asia
Project Focus: Media development
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South Pacific page 51
Telecommunications Sector Governance in Pacific Islands Countries
Project Focus: Legislation/Policy Support
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Africa region

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The survey identified 21 Access to Information projects supported by UNDP in the Africa region. These are in 18 different countries. More than a third of the assistance provided in Africa is related to media development and just under a quarter focuses on communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups.



Benin

Assistance to the High Authority on Audiovisual and Communication (HAAC)

The main objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of the Audiovisual and Communications Authority (HAAC) for organising the March 2003 legislative elections in an efficient manner. Activities include training and sensitising HAAC analysts through workshops on ways to raise public awareness about the elections and the importance of the rights of the press.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution NEX

Burkina Faso

Preparation of the National Human Development Report (NHDR) 2002 'Corruption and Development'

The aim of this project is to use the National Human Development Report (NHDR) as an entry point to facilitate and combine research, policy dialogue and public awareness raising on the issue of corruption. The project provides support to the consultation process for the development of the NHDR including a qualitative survey on perceptions on corruption in Burkina Faso.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support

Project Timing 2002

Execution NEX

Burkina Faso

Promotion of Information and Communication Technology for Human Development in Burkina Faso

One of the main aims of this project is to utilise new ICTs for strengthening Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Activities include providing training and assistance to enhance the capacities of CSOs for research, archiving, information production and dissemination. A key part of this initiative is the development of a cyber network with a portal to facilitate CSO debate on thematic issues. The project also provides support for strengthening the capacity of community radios. The project includes activities that support community radio capacity development in three pilot areas (focussing on capacities for planning, management and maintenance of radios), evaluation of existing community radios and creating a resource centre for community radios. In addition, the project aims to strengthen the parliament's use of ICTs by establishing a parliamentary website to enhance communication with constituents.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to Official Information,
Communication mechanisms
for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Project Timing 2003 – 2005

Execution NEX

Cape Verde

Strengthening Democratic Governance Tools to Help Maintain Peace and Stability in the Context of Poverty Reduction and Development

Within this comprehensive governance programme there is a number of relevant access to information activities. These include the development of a strategy paper that explores how to enable marginalized people to engage in development policy processes. The project supports the creation of an information system to inform citizens about development issues and enable participation in decision-making. The project also provides support to radio programming aimed at mobilising society around the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Main Focus of the Project

Communication mechanisms
for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Project Timing 2003

Execution NEX

Ghana

Consolidating the Democratic Governance Programme

A key component within this multi-sectoral governance programme is the media/society interface project. This aims to strengthen and review the legal framework for greater media effectiveness and efficiency. The project provides support for a number of workshops for CSOs and media leaders to brainstorm critical governance issues. The project also aims to build the capacity of 15 key governance institutions, including the Ghana Journalists Association and the National Media Commission. The 'Advocacy and Facilitation' component of the governance programme emphasises developing and implementing an effective information, education and communication strategy to increase public awareness and strengthen citizens' commitment to democratic governance values, norms and practices at all levels. Activities include support for workshops, research and public relations campaigns.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support,
Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2005

Execution NEX

Guinea

Framework Programme for the Development of the National Press

This programme seeks to develop a framework that provides both institutional and infrastructure support to Guinea's national press. The main aims of the project are to strengthen the institutional structures of the Ministry responsible for managing the national press and to improve the legal conditions under which the national press operate.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support,
Media development

Project Timing Suspended

Execution NEX

Guinea-Bissau

Strengthening the Journalist Network on Sustainable Human Development and the Millennium Development Goals

The objective of this project is to strengthen citizens' access to pluralist information by supporting media development especially journalist networking and professionalism. The project aims to strengthen journalist understanding of sustainable human development issues and to strengthen journalists' capacities to use new specialised communication techniques and technologies.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2003

Execution DEX

Lesotho

Civic Education Programme for the Consolidation of Democracy

A key component of this project is to strengthen civil society through the preparation of civic education materials and support to independent media. A main activity is to develop civic education manuals for use by Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), churches, traditional leaders and the media in their outreach with stakeholders. Another aim is to support Parliament and the Public Accounts Committee to contribute to creating a culture of transparency that is vital for a democratic society. A final objective, in cooperation with the Senate, is to support the Basotho Traditional Leaders in becoming key actors in reaching out to the Basotho society on the issue of HIV/AIDS.

Main Focus of the Project

Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2003

Execution NEX

Mauritania

Good Governance National Programme

This programme comprises a number of separate components related to access to information. Activities include training journalists in governance and development/poverty reduction issues, establishing a network of journalists and providing a forum for journalists to debate the MDGs and related issues. The programme supports the development of rural community radios, through a partnership with the National Radio of Mauritania, both to improve technology (equipment and infrastructure) and knowledge and information sharing (radio is used as a main tool of dissemination in rural campaigns to promote women's rights and HIV/AIDS). The project also provides for a workshop to share regional experiences on the development of rural community radios.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2003 – 2005

Execution NEX

Mauritius

Indian Ocean Regional Media Training Centre

The main aim of this project is to produce an economic, financial and technical feasibility study for the creation of an open Regional Training Centre for media professionals in the Southwest Indian Ocean and East Africa regions. Ongoing operational costs of a possible centre are assessed and the results of the study used to mobilise international support. The purpose of the centre is to provide advisory services on TV and radio technology and equipment maintenance, and to reinforce media networks in the region.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2001 – 2002

Execution AGENCY (UNESCO)

Mozambique

Strengthening Democracy and Governance through Development of Media in Mozambique (Phase II)

This project is designed to strengthen the human, technical and organizational capacity of communication media in Mozambique. Priority is given to independent and community media as well as public service radio, to enable them to contribute effectively to the process of national development, good governance and democracy. The project aims to improve the quality of communication training, increase access to the media through decentralization and develop media facilities at the provincial and community levels.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2001 – 2004

Execution AGENCY (UNESCO)

Niger

Support for the Development of Rural Radio and the Development of Information Centres (RURANET)

The aim of this project is to combine new broadcasting technology with the Internet in a way that reinforces traditional means of communication. The project is a co-operative effort involving local communities, civil society and international organizations to provide resources and expertise to meet the information and communication needs of rural populations. Activities include support to the establishment and ongoing operation of community radio initiatives plus establishment of development information centres, and training of community residents as announcers, producers, journalists and station managers.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2001– 2002

Execution AGENCY (UNESCO)

Nigeria

National Programme on Governance for Sustainable Human Development

There are fourteen strategic priority areas in this multi-sectoral governance programme, one of which is support for communications, information management and the media. This sub-programme is yet to begin but it is anticipated that key activities will focus on: strengthening feedback mechanisms on policy between local communities and decision-makers; linking participatory development exercises with communication systems including civic education programmes; identifying information and knowledge requirements on gender, population, HIV/AIDS, environment and human rights; feeding key gender, population, HIV/AIDS, environment and human rights information into communications systems; training reporters in electronic and non-electronic techniques, and journalists in reporting on governance and gender issues; and supporting the computerisation of media houses.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2002 – 2004

Execution NEX

Rwanda

Support to Democratic Governance in Rwanda

This project aims to support the Government of Rwanda by educating citizens on democratisation and decentralization processes. This is to enable citizens, decision makers and local authorities to participate fully in key governance and development decisions. Activities include workshops and seminars to help people to understand the need for change and encourage them to participate in the change process, and civic education initiatives that promote public debates on democracy, human rights and constitutional issues.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to Official Information, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2002

Execution NEX

Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone Interim Governance Project

Citizen capacity-building for governance and development is one of the five main components in this interim governance project. An important objective of this component is to strengthen the capacities of media personnel by improving standards of ethics in journalism and increasing interaction between and among government and civil society personnel at all levels. Key outputs include the review and creation by journalists of a Code of Ethics in Journalism and conducting a systematic, multi-media civic education/public information initiative to support democratic processes.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution DEX

South Africa

Decision Support System for Policy Makers and Civil Society in South Africa

During the preparations of South Africa's National Human Development Report, a significant amount of statistical information on all aspects of development, including indicators of progress towards the MDGs, was produced. Building on this existing store of information, the project aims to improve the understanding of development concepts through capacity-building workshops involving a range of stakeholders including South African parliamentarians and research and advocacy organizations.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support

Project Timing 2003

Execution NEX

Swaziland

Support for the Formulation of a Media, Communication and Information Policy

This project has two main aims: (i) to assist the Government in the formulation of a media, communication and information policy and (ii) to support the development of strategies that promote development journalism, community media and increase access to electronic communication mechanisms. The project includes six main components: media awareness training programmes for journalism on gender equity; advocacy work on HIV/AIDS issues; community radio development (feasibility study for UNESCO to establish a community radio); journalism training; community media/youth training in journalism; and policy formulation (funding for a consultant to the government).

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support, Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2000 – 2002

Execution AGENCY (UNESCO)

Swaziland

Capacity Strengthening for Information and Communication Technologies and Media Development

This project aims to create an enabling environment for ICT to be optimally used in addressing issues of poverty reduction and democratic governance. The project supports: developing a comprehensive National ICT Policy; setting up digital villages for improved access to information and technology at grassroots levels; establishing a Local Networking Academy at the University of Swaziland as a means of equipping young people with IT skills; undertaking an assessment study on the Challenges and Opportunities for e-government in Swaziland; and building capacities of media practitioners on reporting on developmental challenges as well as on how to monitor national progress on MDGs.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Project Timing 2003

Execution DEX

Tanzania

Strengthening Capacities to Combat Corruption in Tanzania

This project supports the President's Office to effectively monitor and coordinate the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan (NACSAP). Support is provided for (i) the formulation of Action Plans and for the implementation of strategic activities from selected Ministerial Action Plans; (ii) the Prevention of Corruption Bureau for providing information to the public on its activities and to enlist the support of CSOs and media organizations in the Bureau's fight against corruption; (iii) CSOs and the media to conduct public awareness campaigns and to perform studies in the area of anti-corruption. Within the media and civil society component of this project, UNDP is working with the media on the development of a strategy to combat corruption, including a plan to design and conduct training in investigative journalism. UNDP is supporting the formation of an Artists' Task Force against corruption which makes innovative use of theatre and music for raising awareness on corruption.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2001 – 2004

Execution NEX

Tanzania

Information and Communication Capacity Building for the Presidents' Offices of the Union and Zanzibar Governments

This project is part of the efforts of the two Governments (Government of the Union Government and the Government of Zanzibar) to create a participatory, democratic and transparent decision-making environment in Tanzania through improving the capacity of the Presidents' Offices to inform Tanzanian citizens about the Presidents' focus areas, decisions and statements. There are three areas of support for both projects: (i) Development of communication strategies and guidelines for improved communication practices; (ii) Acquisition of modern communication tools and facilities that facilitate a two-way flow of information (website and digital archiving); and (iii) training for a number of press functionaries of the Presidents' offices, government press staff as well as other journalists to improve their capacity in communication.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to Official Information, Media Development, E-Governance

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution NEX

The Gambia

Assistance to Broadcasting Services

This project supports the preparation of a framework for the development of radio and television broadcasting based on existing technical and economic studies. The aim of the project is to improve the Gambian populations' access to the media (infrastructure), especially national radio broadcasting services and to extend coverage of a national television broadcasting service.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support,
Media development

Project Timing 1998 – 2002

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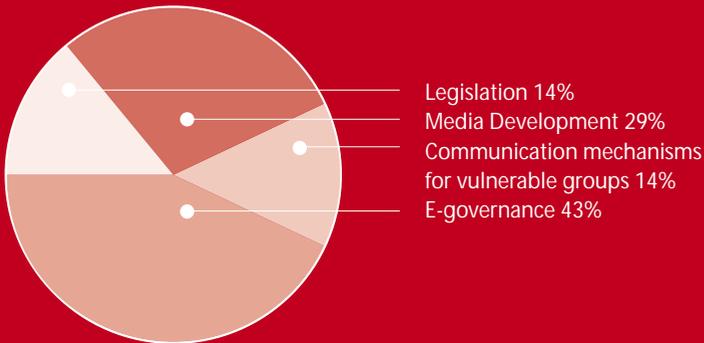
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The survey identified six Access to Information projects supported by UNDP in the Arab States region. These are in five different countries. Almost half of the assistance provided in the Arab States is related to strengthening communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups and more than a quarter focuses on media development.



Egypt

Enhancing Local Development and Governance Issues using IT Support

Using ICTs, this project aims to improve the capacity and service delivery of local government. The institutional capacity of local government to manage development will be strengthened by providing local government staff training in data collection and analysis. Activities also include the development of information systems that integrate key social and economic indicators at the local level.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2002 – 2005

Execution NEX

Jordan

Community Knowledge Centre

This project supports the establishment of a web-based centre – a Community Knowledge Centre (CKC) – to serve as a clearing-house of local, national and global information and best practices on community development. The centre's aim is to foster learning and information-sharing through IT and capacity-building of grassroots organizations. The CKC provides interested individuals and professionals working in the field of community development in Jordan with a "one-stop-shop" for the retrieval and exchange of development information and data. Information available includes expert rosters, upcoming events, job opportunities, and national and country-specific development information. The CKC also aims to serve as the main ICT tool for social development activities and training that will be implemented through 75 'Knowledge Stations' (telecentres) established throughout the Kingdom.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2003

Execution DEX

Morocco

Pilot project on the Use of New ICTs to Fight Poverty

This project provides support to three telecentres that have been established in semi-urban poor areas around Casablanca, Rabat and Sale. The aim of the project is to increase access to information for marginalized sections of society (youth, women and the unemployed) by providing training to enable them to use the centres. Activities include the development of indicators to monitor the impact of the telecentres and mechanisms to disseminate the lessons learned from this initiative.

Main Focus of the Project

Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Project Timing 2003

Execution NGO

Palestinian Programme

Support to the Media Sector in the Occupied Territories: A Comprehensive Programme to Strengthen Independent Palestinian Media through Training and Networking

This project implements the first output of a comprehensive programme to strengthen independent Palestinian media through training and networking that was developed in September 2001. Activities include (i) organizing a national steering group; (ii) holding an initial stakeholder seminar that takes forward discussions and planning for the comprehensive programme, including the training curricula and development of documentation needed for training and sector development, such as the development of a media handbook in Arabic and the selection of background reports and (iii) identifying topics and speakers for up to six issues and networking seminars.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution DEX

Palestinian Programme

MIFTAH: Media and Information Programme

The aim of this project is to strengthen MIFTAH's (a Palestinian Non Governmental Organization) Media and Information programme. It provides support for the expansion of MIFTAH's Public Information Department as well as the production of improved informational materials on key governance issues in the Occupied Territories. Activities include support to update MIFTAH's database of contacts, maintain its record system, input specific information materials such as news, analyses, etc. that are to be disseminated through the media onto its website plus support for a number of outreach activities (briefings, hosting delegations, discussions groups and seminars).

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution NGO

Sudan

National Campaign on Human Development and the MDGs

This project supports the launching of a national advocacy campaign aimed at mobilising CSOs to input into national planning and budgeting debates on human development concepts and the MDGs. The project focuses on bringing together six leading academic institutions with CSOs through workshops, seminars and conferences to stimulate substantive debate around these issues.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support

Project Timing 2003

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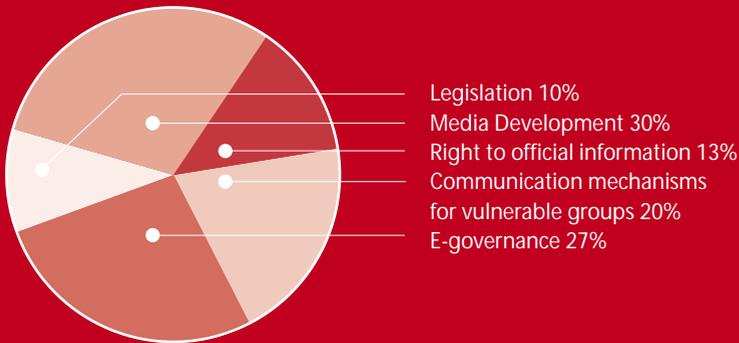
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Bhutan

Planning Information Networks for Good Governance

This project supports the use of ICTs to enhance the government's capabilities to implement decentralization policies. The project provides for the creation of information networks to promote better planning and policy-making. Activities include training of officials, provision of technical support for the creation of a centralized database and the infrastructure to support it, plus the enhancement of awareness and partnerships between data collecting agencies.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2000 – Ongoing

Execution NEX

Bhutan

Institutional Capacity Building and Policy Support for the Ministry of Communications

This project provides support to the Ministry of Communication to assist in the development of a policy, regulatory and legislative framework to develop the information and communications sector. Key activities include strengthening the capacity of the staff within the ministry to draft policy, and establishing the information infrastructure (networks) needed to enable the Ministry to carry out its work.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support

Project Timing 2002 – 2004

Execution NEX

China

Poverty Reduction through Access to Information and Communication Technologies

The aim of this project is to improve access of the rural poor to technical and market information by creating information and communications centres. The centres will provide rural communities with access to information on agricultural and health care concerns and be established in five pilot areas in China. The project is expected to strengthen cross-sectoral coordination among sectors such as agriculture, education and health. It will aim to do so by enabling existing computer facilities in middle schools in targeted townships to serve as communication links bridging gaps in information infrastructure between the county/township level and the community/household level.

Main Focus of the Project

Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Project Timing 2001 – 2004

Execution NEX

Fiji

Fiji Good Governance Programme

Fiji's Good Governance Programme has a number of aims. One is to improve the capacity of civil society to facilitate citizens' interaction with government. Another is to contribute towards increased interest, awareness, input and involvement of citizens in public policy issues/processes. The project provides support to a comprehensive civic education programme to educate citizens (especially vulnerable and marginalized groups) on governance and human rights issues.

Main Focus of the Project

Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2003

Execution NEX

India

Improving Citizens' Access to Information

This project was created to promote a more open regime with freer access to information. It aims to empower citizens, make administration more participatory, ensure greater transparency, and deter the arbitrary exercise of official power. This is to be achieved through sensitising, re-orientation and capacity building of government officials; increasing the awareness of citizens, and building their capacity to make reasonable demands for information; and re-engineering of existing systems. In addition, six separate locations have been chosen for piloting ICT-based Access to Information initiatives.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to official information,
E-governance

Project Timing 2001 – 2004

Execution NEX

India

Access to Information

This project adopts a multi-pronged strategy to ensure people's right to information. The strategy is to sensitize and build the responsive capacity of civil servants; develop citizens' ability to make reasonable demands for information; and provide support to an enabling legal and institutional environment. Activities include: (i) framing of model rules under official information Acts; (ii) building capacities of government officials by means of exposure visits to grass roots initiatives on access to information; (iii) developing a module on the subject for training of civil servants; (iv) a pilot to demonstrate the use of information as a tool to bring about a qualitative improvement in the life of the urban poor; (v) a pilot establishing a budget information service on local government; (vi) a study of the impact and awareness of Right to Information Acts in seven states in India; (vii) establishment of ICT-based information kiosks to bring government services closer to the people in a "remote, difficult terrain" location.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to official information,
E-governance

Project Timing 2002

Execution NEX

India

Media and Citizens' Access to Information

The aim of this project is to develop the capacity of professionals working with print and electronic media and CSOs to promote citizens' awareness of, and ability to make better use of the right to official information. Specific outputs include: (i) documentation of the success (and failure) stories of how citizens are using a legislated right to official information in different states where such acts have been passed; (ii) extensive media reports on such stories and coverage on legal and implementation related issues; (iii) media reports on the use of ICT in promoting citizens' access to information in different parts of the country; and (iv) strengthened interface between the media and CSOs that are working to promote the right to information.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to official information,

Media development

Project Timing 2003

Execution NEX

India

Support to Rural Development Using Community Radio

As part of a wider rural development programme, UNDP is supporting a community radio initiative ('Kunjla Panje Kutchji') to raise awareness and participation in rural development issues. The project combines innovative programme content which combines interactive dialogue between the community and the radio characters. Various means are used to deliver this dialogue – narratives, drama, songs, news from the field and interviews with invited experts and government officials. A feedback exercise ensures that the listeners decide what issues are taken up so influencing the script of the dramatized serial. The project also seeks to improve the portrayal of women in the media by promoting greater involvement of women in developing the programme content.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 1999 – 2003

Execution NEX

Indonesia

Parliamentary Support and Public Participation

A key component within this Parliamentary Strengthening programme aims to increase transparency and accountability of the Parliament and the participation of the public by improving the quality and coverage of Parliament's communication and information functions. The project provides for: (i) the establishment of a media centre within the parliament (ii) assistance with the provision of facilities for parliamentary journalists to enable them to control their own work environment so that they can work more effectively and efficiently and (iii) the organization of training workshops for parliamentary journalists. The project also supports civic education programs conducted by civil society organizations focusing on topics related to parliamentary politics, political parties, democratization and civil society empowerment.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2001 – 2004

Execution NEX

Malaysia

Access to Information: Challenges and Opportunities or Civil Society to Promote Democratic Governance with Special Reference to New Technologies

The main aims of this project are to (i) heighten awareness and increase interest in the role of the media and the usage of new technologies; and (ii) to improve understanding among media practitioners, policy makers, civil society, and academia of the importance of a more independent media. Project activities include research, consultations and workshops involving media personnel, non-governmental organizations, academia and government on access to information issues.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002

Execution NGO

Pakistan

Pakistan Action Research & Development in Governance and Management (PARADIGM)

Within this comprehensive governance programme there are two major access to information components. The first is improvement of public access to official information through the PAKGOVERNANCE.NET initiative. The PAKGOVERNANCE.NET is a Governance Information System aimed at facilitating the free flow of information within and between government entities, and between government entities and the public. It is a combination of both intranet and internet systems. The second component is the establishment of a demonstration land records management system in two urban and two rural areas.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to official information,
E-governance

Project Timing 2000 – 2005

Execution NEX

Philippines

Enhancing Accountability and Transparency in Governance through Investigative Reporting and Multi-sectoral Dialogues

The aim of this project is to strengthen the media's capacity to improve government accountability and transparency by sensitizing and educating journalists on key governance issues. Activities include training of journalists in investigative reporting to enable them to critically identify relevant issues affecting public interest, conduct thorough investigations, and write incisive reports which trigger institutional and policy reform.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 1999 – 2001

Execution NGO

Solomon Islands

People First Network, the Solomon Islands' Rural E-mail Network for Peace and Development

The People First Network, or PFnet, is a rural email network aimed at improving access to communications in rural communities across the Pacific. PFnet has a network of solar powered email stations in remote and rural areas connected to an Internet cafe in the capital. E-mail messages reach the Internet cafe from the email stations by high frequency radio waves effectively allowing remote and isolated communities access to affordable means of communication. A primary objective of the project is to use the infrastructure to disseminate peacebuilding information.

Main Focus of the Project

Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution DEX

Timor-Leste

Strengthening the Role of Civil Society Organizations in Building Democracy

There are three central objectives in this project: (i) strengthening involvement of CSOs in planning, implementation and monitoring of public policy at national and local levels including in development planning processes through a combination of training and small grants initiatives; (ii) improving relationships between government and CSOs by supporting the development of enabling legislation to facilitate CSO operation and CSO accountability; and (iii) improving access to information and awareness on CSOs by focusing on the availability of information on development issues. Activities to improve CSO access to information include provision of information services, establishment of research programmes and strengthening of existing regional resource centres.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support

Project Timing 2003 – 2005

Execution AGENCY (UNV)

Timor-Leste

Civic Education – Supporting Mobilisation for Poverty Reduction and Good Governance in Timor Leste

This civic education programme focuses on three main outcomes: (i) empowerment of citizens through awareness raising, skills development and social mobilization; (ii) awareness raising on citizenship roles, rights and responsibilities; and (iii) promotion of national development objectives.

The aim is to improve communications between government and citizens, especially more marginalized communities. Activities include a nationwide civic education training programme; the strengthening of existing regional resource centres (district level); production of materials on citizens' rights for use with church leaders, youth leaders and the Ministry of Education among others; the strengthening of the government public information office through training programmes for civil servants; and the improvement of systems of information production and delivery (radio stations especially community radio).

Main Focus of the Project

Media development, Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Project Timing 2003 – 2006

Execution DEX

Vanuatu

Strengthening Community Access to Information to Facilitate Development in Pacific Islands Countries

This project provides support to replicate the Solomon Islands PFnet project in Vanuatu. The project will establish two new national email networks and deploy four rural and remote email stations. These will connect rural communities to affordable means of communication.

Main Focus of the Project

Communication mechanisms for vulnerable groups, E-governance

Project Timing 2003 – 2004

Execution DEX

Asia and the Pacific

(The Urban Governance Initiative) Media Training for Good Urban Governance

The main objectives of this project are: to increase public debate and discussion on the principles of Good Urban Governance (GUG); to inform the public and increase the use by policy makers of sustainable human development and governance concepts; and to organize a six-day Awareness Training course for Journalists on GUG. The training course is for a maximum of 30 journalists from various media outlets in South East Asia. A key output of the training programme is the development of a format for a "media kit on GUG".

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution DEX

Asia and the Pacific

(PARAGON) Participatory Action Research to Advance Governance Options and Networks (PARAGON)

A major objective of this programme is to promote the free flow of information between citizens, the media and government through participatory action research. Activities include policy option and advisory service support, networking, learning experience case study- development and capacity building in four main areas. These are: (i) the state-citizen interface with emphasis on the access of poor people and women to public services and information on rights, (ii) public and private sector accountability, (iii) decentralization and local empowerment, and (iv) poverty and gender. The programme will involve officials, civil society organizations, the media, academia and the private sector. Participating countries include Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development, E-governance

Project Timing 2002 – 2004

Execution AGENCY (UNOPS)

South East Asia

Support to the Development of Cross Border Media Collaboration and Professional Capacity Building in South East Asia

The main aim of this project is to strengthen media objectivity and its role in promoting peace and stability in South Asia. The project comprises a number of different activities including the development and pilot testing of a conflict and political reporting training module, the establishment and strengthening of an Asian parliamentarians network and the creation of a multi-media network. Participating countries include the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore and Myanmar.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution DEX

South Pacific

Telecommunications Sector Governance in Pacific Islands Countries

The aim of this project is to create a policy, legislative and regulatory environment favourable to the development of telecommunications and information services throughout the region. The project supports the elaboration of a regionally-harmonised telecommunications sector policy, the development of a legislative and regulatory framework and the necessary national competencies for policy implementation. Participating countries include - Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Palau, Republic of Vanuatu, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support

Project Timing 2001 – 2002

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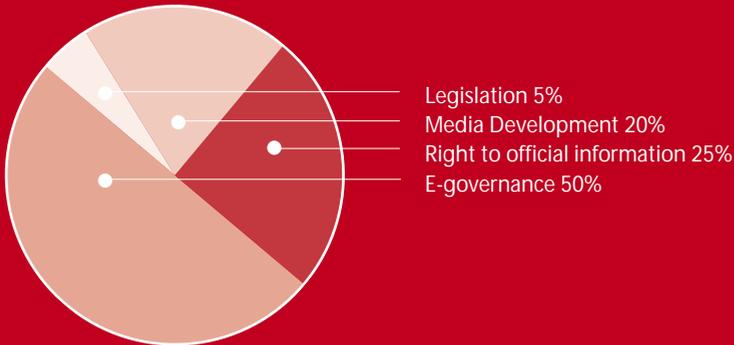
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The survey identified 16 Access to Information projects supported by UNDP in the Europe/CIS region. These are located in 13 different countries. Half of the assistance provided in this region is related to e-governance and a quarter focuses on the right to official information.



Albania

Ensuring Citizen Access to Public Information and E-Services at the Regional Level

This project supports the development of best-practices in providing access to modern telecommunication facilities and training services to populations in remote rural areas in Northern Albania. To develop these models, the project establishes public information and access centres in three selected pilot regions. It uses a public library as a vehicle to introduce Internet access and add-on services to local communities. The project focuses on the facilitation of: point-to-point communications to and from remote provinces; rural development and information flows among all social groups; and the exchange of information between central and local Government, communities and development programmes, NGOs, the media, businesses and other stakeholders.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2003 – 2005

Execution DEX

Albania

ICTs to Enhance the Effectiveness and Transparency of Parliament

The aim of this project is to overcome existing geographical and technical barriers impeding citizens' influence and interaction with elected officials. Activities include creation of a modern computer network in the parliament; introduction of useful and reliable ICT tools to support and improve everyday activities of Members of Parliament (MPs) and their interaction with the media and citizens. Key outputs include: the creation of a high-speed computer network inter-connecting offices of all MPs with a selection of tools for interaction between citizens and MPs (peer-to-peer web-mail, list servers, bulletin boards, opinion polls, news subscription, regular chat-room meetings of the MPs and their constituents on-line). The project also supports the establishment of a parliamentary media centre.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2003

Execution NEX

Armenia

Support to Information Society and Democratic Governance

This project has two main components. The first is support to the development of the information society. Activities under this component include the establishment of public internet access sites, community information networks ('civic communication centres') in six regional libraries. The second component is support to the consolidation of democracy. Activities include assistance to government departments in managing process performance, public service delivery (e.g. e-visa and e-consular services) and interacting with citizens through e-forums.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2001 – 2003

Execution NEX

Armenia

E-Governance System for Territorial Administration

This project supports the creation of a web-based system accessible through Internet public access sites to be established in different communities across the country. The aim of the project is to provide an interface between the public and the administration to facilitate governance processes and provision of public services online. Activities include assistance for the development of a necessary legal framework to support the operation of the e-governance system and assistance for enhancing public awareness and use of the system (training community groups and local government officials).

Main Focus of the Project

Right to Official Information,

E-governance

Project Timing 2002 – 2004

Execution NEX

Azerbaijan

Regional Academy for Online Network Governance and System Administration (RANOGSA)

The aim of this project is to build an independent strategic and operational networking academy to train government officials in advanced network governance and systems management. The primary goals of the academy are to provide training to government officials, business executives and ICT managers in online network governance and to re-skill ICT system administrators.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2001 – 2003

Execution AGENCY (UNESCO)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Assistance to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Public Broadcasting System

The aim of this project is to facilitate the restructuring of the public broadcasting system in a way that respects diversity and the right of access to information. Project activities include establishment of key administrative and managerial functions and the development of new technical structures related to programming, production and transmission.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2001 – 2002

Execution DEX

Bulgaria

Community Development and Participation through the Chitalishte Network

This project aims to strengthen the Chitalishte network (the Chitalishte is a non-profit organization consisting of a network of community, educational and cultural centres) by providing ICT support for greater reach to community based groups. The project includes as a component the creation of a database of useful information on best practices and innovations for engaging communities in policy-making processes at the local level.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2001 – 2004

Execution NEX

Bulgaria

National Research Network: Development of Information Society Technologies in Bulgaria

This project supports the establishment of a National Research and Educational Network. Its primary aim is to incorporate and synchronize national interests and projects in international research networking infrastructures. A main activity is to establish a project management unit and a legal entity responsible for coordination and management of the National Research Network. Key outputs of the project include: creating linkages between the national and international research and academic networks, providing affordable Internet access to national academic and research institutions, and developing a research and academic network exchange point (portal).

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2004

Execution NEX

Estonia

Establishment and Operationalization of a Regional e-Governance Learning and Training Centre in Tallinn, Estonia

This project supports the establishment of an E-Governance Training Centre to serve as a regional hub, networked with relevant institutions and individual experts throughout the region. The centre will offer training sessions to civil servants, conduct research and provide a base for exchanging knowledge on e-governance issues.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2002 – 2005

Execution NEX

Kazakhstan

Strengthening Professional Standards of Media in Kazakhstan

The main aim of this project is to strengthen the human and organizational capacity of the media in Kazakhstan to enable them to effectively contribute to the process of national development, good governance and democracy.

The project has two main objectives:

(i) organizational capacity: improving the quality of information available to the public specifically in terms of the professional standards of the media (journalist independence and ethics) and (ii) human capacity: strengthening journalistic skills in reporting on governance and development issues.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002 – 2003

Execution NEX

Kosovo

Support to Parliamentary Electronic Archives in Kosovo (SPEAK)

The Support to Parliamentary Electronic Archives in Kosovo (SPEAK) project is designed to strengthen the capacity of the Assembly and its staff in terms of efficiency, information sharing and archiving allowing for better decision and policy making. It aims to foster public participation and political awareness by disseminating the work of the Assembly in a way that meets the language requirements of a multi ethnic and multi linguistic society. Activities include: (i) defining the objectives of the Civil Service Reform needs assessment and capacity building initiatives in regards to ICT use and information flows both within the Ministry of Public Services and between the Ministry and citizens; (ii) producing a Strategic Framework for the development of a Kosovar E-Governance /ICT system; and (iii) identifying key counterparts within the Ministry of Public Services and relevant UN specialized agencies that can contribute their expertise to the needs assessment and capacity building aspects of the project.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to official information,
E-governance

Project Timing 2003 – 2004

Execution NEX

Kyrgyzstan

Improving Access to Information and Communication with the Parliament in the Kyrgyz Republic

The main objective of this project is to promote democratic and participatory dialogue between the parliament and citizens by improving the access of CSOs, mass media, and citizens to parliamentary information. A key activity is the establishment of a press room within the parliament which would allow journalists to have access to parliamentary databases and facilitate sharing of information with their respective media outlets. Operational equipment has been provided to journalists for this purpose. The project also provides for on-line distribution of information electronically within the parliament, an improved parliamentary website and websites for different parliamentary groups, and a system for communicating with the regions through e-forums.

Main Focus of the Project

Media Development, Right to official information, E-governance

Project Timing 2002

Execution DEX

Lithuania

Establishment of Local Governments Information Network (LOGIN)

The aims of the Local Governments Information Network (LOGIN) project are to facilitate information sharing among local governments and related organizations within Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, and to improve the effectiveness of government at the local level. Activities include support for an Internet-based information system as well as traditional communication and information sharing mechanisms such as seminars, publications, conferences and training. These activities are expected to promote partnerships between organizations (including civil society and private sector organizations) working with local governments in the region by improving CSO and citizens' groups involvement in decision-making at the local level.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2000 – 2003

Execution NGO

Macedonia

Information and Communication Technology Support for Municipalities in Macedonia

The main aims of this project are to improve the access of local government and municipalities to ICTs and to enhance the electronic exchange of information between them. Key outputs include (i) strengthening of the ICT infrastructure and improving networking between 18 local governments and the Ministry of Local Self-Government; (ii) creating official municipal websites; (iii) developing a 'Municipal Web Forum'; and (iv) establishing ICT Centres and training specific target groups (youth, civil society organizations and government officials at both central and local level), in using the Internet.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 2000 – 2003

Execution NEX

Poland

Promoting Public Policy Debate on the Information Society in Poland Using the National Human Development Report (NHDR)

The aim of this project is to use the recently prepared NHDR: 'Poland on the Road towards Global Information Society' to develop government policy on ICT. Activities include support for: (i) the national launch of the NHDR (logistical preparations and ensuring the presence of strategic media); (ii) regional workshops comprised of representatives of local government, businesses and CSOs, to discuss the report and (iii) a national conference which follows the regional workshops. The expected output from this process is the adoption of a national e-development strategy which incorporates recommendations from the NHDR as well as contributions from regional discussions.

Main Focus of the Project

Legislation/policy support

Project Timing 2002

Execution NEX

Romania

Support to the Implementation of the Law on Access to Public Information

The aim of this project is to build the capacity of CSOs to monitor and support the effective implementation of, and compliance with, the new Law on Access to Public Information in Romania. The project seeks to empower CSOs to facilitate interaction between citizens and public institutions under the new law, promote public awareness, collect and disseminate public information, and provide assistance and training to public institutions.

Main Focus of the Project

Right to Official Information

Project Timing 2003

Execution NGO Execution – Association Pro Democratia

Latin America
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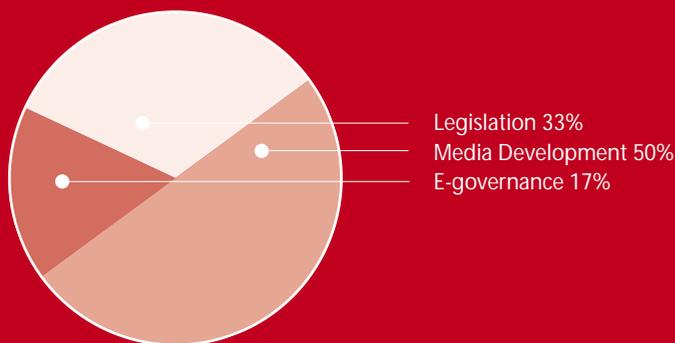
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El Salvador

Strengthening of Civil Society to Influence Public Policies in Central America

A key aim of this project is to strengthen the linkages between CSOs and El Salvador's media to improve the plurality of views in public policy making and public discourse. The project provides support for sensitizing journalists (through workshops) to enhance their focus and reporting on CSOs that currently have limited or no access to the media. The project also establishes the country's first virtual newspaper (the Lantern/Lighthouse) which is expected to provide an alternative 'voice' and opportunity for interaction between CSOs.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2001 – 2002

Execution DEX

El Salvador

Information, Media and Prevention of Violence

This project aims to contribute to building public confidence and preventing violence in El Salvador by establishing professional standards for news journalists on how they report on societal issues. A key focus is to tackle the use of certain language in the mass media that provokes distrust of the authorities' ability to deal with the phenomenon of violence or conveys fatalistic attitudes towards it. The project also supports opportunities for discussion and common understanding between the media and other actors in society.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2002

Execution NEX

Guyana

Sustainable Development Networking Programme (SDNP)

The main objectives of this programme are to: (i) facilitate the sharing of information on sustainable development in Guyana with all sectors of society, by connecting users and suppliers of information (ii) improve the ability of, and empower, participants to engage in informed and participatory decision-making (iii) develop a network, which facilitates access to information, and encourages increased collaboration, participation and communication between stakeholders locally, nationally, regionally and internationally and (iv) to enhance Guyana's capacity to use the computer as a communication tool, with emphasis on the Internet.

Activities include: providing as much development related data on-line as possible and links to relevant local and regional sites; making available a number of public access terminals to the Internet at the SDNP office, and other suitable locations ; and the designing and hosting of web pages of appropriate local organizations, ministries, agencies and institutions.

Main Focus of the Project

E-governance

Project Timing 1997 – Ongoing

Execution NEX

Paraguay

Professional Training Centre for Journalists

This project aims to develop the capacities of 'communicators' including media professionals and others in the communication industry. The project establishes a news agency that provides decentralized news for different regions of the country (supported by a web-based portal) as well as a training programme for communications students and existing professionals. Key activities include: the purchase of equipment for the agency and portal, development of the curriculum for the training programme, holding international seminars and workshops, and facilitating alliances with relevant educational institutions.

Main Focus of the Project

Media development

Project Timing 2003

Execution NGO

Latin America

Democratic Development in Latin America: Status, Citizens' Perceptions, Indicators and Agenda

The main objective of this project is to support the development (consultation and discussion process) of a report on 'Democratic Development in Latin America: status, citizens' perceptions, and indicators'. The report will cover 18 Latin American countries, and will help define criteria for policy formulation that will strengthen and enhance democracy and governance. The project provides for a comprehensive consultation and discussion process involving academics, CSOs and politicians through a series of seminars and workshops. The project also supports the creation of a statistical and indicators database to inform situational analyses of democracy in the region.

Main Focus of the Project
Legislation/policy support
Project Timing 2003
Execution DEX

Latin America and the Caribbean

Democratic Dialogue: Promoting Multi-Stakeholder Consensus Building as a Tool for Strengthening Democratic Governance

The main objective of this project is to increase and improve civic dialogue in Latin America and the Caribbean. The project uses a variety of methodologies and approaches including dialogue processes that encourage discussion on long-standing causes of instability and conflict as well as discussion on conflict prevention. Project leaders, prominent experts and academics are supported to engage in these civic dialogue processes. This community is supported by an electronic learning infrastructure, and finance to participate in a number of conferences, workshops and other learning events in which experiences, best practices and knowledge can be gathered, documented and disseminated. The project provides resources for at least six national civic dialogue efforts. Some of the methodologies used in the dialogue processes are being developed in close collaboration with a specific donor or donors.

Main Focus of the Project
Legislation/policy support
Project Timing 2002 – 2003
Execution DEX

Section 2

International organizations
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Part 1 Overview

This section provides a brief description of a range of international organizations working on Access to Information projects.¹⁾

Although many organizations exist at the national and local level, this guide includes only those that operate at the global or regional level. Some of the major actors described in this guide have embraced the MDGs and are integrating poverty eradication objectives into their strategic priorities and activities. For more detailed information on each of these organizations, individual websites should be consulted.

Context

Since the early 1990s, support for Access to Information has increased substantially and has in turn created a number of challenges particularly in relation to co-ordination, measurement of impact, sustainability and avoidance of duplication. Many actors, including Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and donors, are stocktaking with the aim of defining a more strategic approach to their Access to Information work.

Questions in these reviews include: what are the specific needs in this area? who is doing what at country level to address these needs? who are the specialists? what funding is available and from whom?

There is a significant body of research currently underway within the sub-sectors of Access to Information. Some of the sub-sectors under review are: community media, the impact of new ICTs on Access to Information and poverty reduction, the impact and effectiveness of journalist training and the sustainability and ownership of the media. In addition, there is significant research being done on gender and Access to Information, especially in the area of media development. See <http://www.undp.org/oslocentre/civilsoc.htm> for an updated overview of literature relevant to Access to Information.

¹⁾ Organizations were identified through internet searches, direct feedback from COs, regional bureaux and SURFs and referrals from within and outside UNDP.

Part 2 Implementing organizations

African Women's Media Centre (AWMC)

HQ: Dakar

www.awmc.com

Predominant Focus Media (women)

Type of Assistance The AWMC is a project of the International Women's Media Foundation. The Centre has a wide range of programmes for women journalists throughout Africa with the goal of bringing the voices of African women more prominently into the media – as reporters, producers, managers, executives, CEOs and media experts.

Geographic Focus Africa

AINA

HQ: Kabul

www.ainaworld.com

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance AINA is a non-profit foundation focused on developing independent media and cultural expression in Afghanistan. AINA's projects are directed towards the establishment and operation of media centres and training in audio-visual media technologies. AINA works with governments, UN agencies, national and local NGOs.

Geographic Focus Afghanistan

Arab Women Media Centre (AWMC)

HQ: Amman

www.ayamm.org

Predominant Focus Media (women)

Type of Assistance The AWMC is a non-governmental organization. The centre's objectives include advancing the interests of women in the media through a combination of practical training for women and research. The centre conducts and publishes studies for distribution to other NGOs, arranges

seminars and workshops for women in the media and offers practical training for new graduates and unemployed media women.

Geographic Focus Arab States

ARTICLE 19

HQ: London

www.article19.org

Predominant Focus Right to Information

Type of Assistance ARTICLE 19 is a non-profit organization. It works to promote, protect and fulfil freedom of expression, including access to information, and the means of communication. It does this through advocacy, campaigns, research, litigation and the building of partnerships. The organization engages global, regional and state institutions and the private sector in critical dialogue around access to information laws and policies, particularly in the development of standards in this area. Article 19 provides consultancy and implementation assistance on freedom of information and media laws through the development of manuals and other 'tool kits' for national governments and other key stakeholders.

Geographic Focus All regions

Asia-Pacific Development

Communication Centre (ADCC)

HQ: Bangkok

http://dpu2002.dpu.ac.th/adcc/

Predominant Focus Communication

Type of Assistance The ADCC was established as a resource to increase mutual understanding of development communication in a multi-sectoral and multi-cultural setting. The ADCC develops and implements training for development actors and provides

consultancy services to facilitate more effective communication and appropriate transfer of knowledge and skills in development programmes. It has extensive experience in communication in HIV/AIDS projects.

Geographic Focus Asia-Pacific

Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC)

HQ: Singapore

www.amic.org.sg

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance AMIC is a non-profit organization. It helps individuals and institutions involved in communications to stay abreast of developments in the field by providing a forum for exchange of views and opinions among communication scholars and practitioners in Asia. There are four distinct programmes within the Centre: (i) documentation – maintains a collection of documents and audio-visual materials on communication (ii) publishing – identifies information and publication needs of AMIC's constituents and produces publications (iii) research – initiates and organizes research projects and research publications (iv) training – organizes workshops, seminars, and conferences to discuss communication issues and upgrade skills for institutions in the Asia-Pacific region.

Geographic Focus Asia Pacific

Association for Professional African Women in Communication (APAWC)

HQ: Yaoundé

Predominant Focus Media (women)

Type of Assistance The APAWC is a professional women's association that provides a forum for reflection, study, and action on gender and media issues. It promotes new means of media and communication which reflect on women and development in Africa.

Geographic Focus North and Sub-Saharan Africa

Baltic Media Centre (BMC)

HQ: Copenhagen

www.bmc.dk

Predominant Focus Media (development and peace)

Type of Assistance The BMC is a non-profit foundation. It provides regional, national, and in-house training of media professionals. It also offers initiation of international co-productions, legal advice and expert consultancies, networking and other services to radio, television, independent production companies, and print media. BMC promotes the use of media for democracy, development, peace and stability.

Geographic Focus Afghanistan, Baltic countries, Middle East, Nigeria, North Africa, Poland, Russia, South East Asia, South East Europe

BBC World Service Trust**HQ: London****www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/us/trust****Predominant Focus** Media (conflict/post conflict and civic education)**Type of Assistance** The BBC World Service provides consultancy services and training for journalists and media personnel in developing and post-conflict/transition countries. It has expertise in media development including reconstruction in conflict/post conflict situations, the use of media for civic education campaigns on development related issues (significant experience in dealing with health) and media and communications infrastructure (equipment and production training).**Geographic Focus** All regions**The Catholic Media Council (CAMECO)****HQ: Aachen, Germany****www.cameco.org****Predominant Focus** Media (counselling and research)**Type of Assistance** CAMECO is a faith based non-profit organization providing research and counselling in the field of communication. It gives advice to media initiatives of local churches and non-governmental organizations on the planning and financing of their activities. CAMECO's services include providing advice on: project planning; training; assessment and evaluation; advice on new media; and advice with regard to financial aspects. CAMECO also documents the development of the media in the regions in which it has a presence by maintaining a specialised library and archive.**Geographic Focus** Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe/CIS, Latin America, the Middle East and the South Pacific**Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA)****HQ: London****www.cba.org.uk****Predominant Focus** Media (civic education)**Type of Assistance** The CBA is an association that represents the interests of Commonwealth broadcasting organizations. Its activities include training of broadcast media personnel and broadcast journalists for specific civic education campaigns (HIV/AIDS, malaria etc.). It has substantive experience of arranging training courses, lectures, seminars and conferences for Commonwealth based journalists.**Geographic Focus** Commonwealth countries**Commonwealth Press Union (CPU)****HQ: London****www.cpu.org.uk****Predominant Focus** Media**Type of Assistance** The CPU is an association of Commonwealth newspapers, news agencies and periodicals. It works to advance the freedom, interests and welfare of the Commonwealth press. It provides a network of training courses and general training of print press journalists (ethics, investigative journalism etc.). In addition, CPU facilitates legal assistance on issues of defamation, media law education, press freedom advocacy, advisory and implementation work in the area of establishing self regulation of the press, and monitoring of the press during elections.**Geographic Focus** Commonwealth countries

Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO)

HQ: London

www.cto.int

Predominant Focus Media, e-governance

Type of Assistance The CTO is a partnership between Commonwealth governments and telecommunications businesses to promote ICT in the interests of consumers, businesses and social and economic development. Through a number of different programmes the CTO provides training and advisory services to Commonwealth developing countries. Key areas of focus include telecommunications policy and regulation – supporting the development and implementation of policies that will promote access and use of telecoms, Internet and other information and communications services by all sections of the community.

Geographic Focus Commonwealth countries

European Journalism Centre (EJC)

HQ: Maastricht, Netherlands

www.ejc.nl

Predominant Focus Media (training)

Type of Assistance The EJC is an independent, international, non-profit institute that provides training to journalists and media professionals. The Centre operates as a facilitator and partner in a wide variety of training projects. It does so mainly by supporting research, surveys and publications on media issues and also by providing training courses, workshops and seminars.

Geographic Focus Europe

Fondation Hirondelle

HQ: Lausanne

www.hirondelle.org

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance Fondation Hirondelle is a non-governmental organization. It carries out advisory missions in post-conflict regions as well as countries in which conflict is either endemic or where there are open hostilities. It has specific experience in setting up independent radio stations and news agencies in such locations. The Foundation develops projects with a view to handing them over to local staff. Accordingly it works out budgets and sees to the necessary training of journalists, technicians and management. It also pays particular attention to administration, management, marketing, publicity and human resources.

Geographic Focus All regions

Global Internet Policy Initiative (GIPI)

HQ: Washington DC

www.gipiproject.org

Predominant Focus E-governance

Type of Assistance GIPI is a collaborative project between Internews and the Centre for Democracy and Technology. The project works with local stakeholders in consultative, coalition-based efforts to promote the principles of a decentralized, accessible, user-controlled, and market-driven Internet. It provides upstream advisory services in the area of telecommunications reform, particularly the enabling environment for Internet development.

Geographic Focus Central and Eastern Europe, Indonesia and Nigeria

Institute for Further Education of Journalists (Fojo)

HQ: Kalmar (Sweden)

www.fo.hik.se

Predominant Focus Media (training)

Type of Assistance Fojo is a journalist-training institute. It holds extra-curricular international courses in Sweden and conducts training projects in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Each year Fojo organizes courses and seminars of varying lengths on such topics as the environment, economy, media management, investigative reporting, sports journalism, political journalism and writing for children. Many of the courses are open to all journalists, while other courses and projects are carried out bilaterally in cooperation with journalist organizations or other partners.

Geographic Focus Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe

Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society (IMPACS)

HQ: Vancouver

www.impacs.org

Predominant Focus Media (community, conflict)

Type of Assistance IMPACS is a non-profit organization. It provides a range of communications training, skills development tools, services and materials to not-for-profit organizations of all sizes to develop more effective outreach skills and communication materials. Its International Media Programme is designed to foster the development of a free, critical and effective worldwide media, and to enhance the media's role in the process of democratic development, good governance, and public

sector accountability and transparency. IMPACS currently has two active areas of research: Media and Peacebuilding and Media and Elections. It has recent experience with reconstruction of the media (Afghanistan), strengthening peace processes through workshops with editors and publishers (Sri Lanka) and fostering stronger relationships between ethnically divided media sectors (Guyana).

Geographic Focus All regions

Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ)

HQ: South Africa

www.iaj.org.za

Predominant Focus Media (training)

Type of Assistance The IAJ is a not-for-profit media-training institute. It provides short professional upgrade and refresher courses to working journalists from print and broadcast media in Southern Africa as well as broader performance consultancy and training services to people working with the media in government departments, NGOs and private companies. Its activities focus on delivering effective training; facilitating African media networking; assisting journalists from disadvantaged backgrounds; raising professional standards; and supporting freedom of speech and information.

Geographic Focus Southern Africa

Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)

HQ: London

www.iwpr.net

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance The IWPR is an international media development charity, led by journalists and peace researchers. Its main aim is to strengthen local journalism in areas of conflict by training reporters, facilitating dialogue and providing reliable information. It does this through intensive on-the-job training and practical collaboration between international and regional journalists to transfer skills and experience. It offers a programme toolbox, adapted for each country, and includes investigative and cross-community reporting, training the trainers, collaboration with local human rights groups, regional conferences, and research and consultancy for international media and development agencies.

Geographic Focus Afghanistan, the Balkans, the Caucasus, Central Asia and Iraq

Instituto para la Conectividad en las Américas (ICA)

HQ: Ottawa & Montevideo

<http://www.icamericas.net/>

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance The ICA is a non-profit organization established to promote collaboration between the Americas for better and more innovative uses of ICTs in the Latin America region. Its objective is to connect the Americas by co-funding ICT projects, actively enabling partnerships, and by supporting knowledge creation as well

as capacity building. Working with governments, the private sector and civil society organizations, ICA seeks to facilitate the development of domestic and regional connectivity strategies by adapting and implementing proven models, and promoting the exchange of information and expertise.

International Centre for Journalists (ICFJ)

HQ: Washington DC

www.icfj.org

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance ICFJ is an independent non-profit organization.

It provides a range of services to journalists including arranging workshops and seminars, as well as support for fellowships and exchanges covering basic and specialized reporting, news-writing, editing, television and radio production, professional ethics, freedom of expression and business management. The Centre draws from a pool of journalists and media managers who serve as trainers, consultants, and experts. ICFJ works in partnership with news organizations, journalism schools, professional associations and media training centres. These partners host trainers and professional interns, help develop curricula, and offer in-kind contributions to ICFJ's overall mission. The Centre operates the International Journalists' Network (www.ijn.net.org), an online source for media assistance, news, professional training opportunities, tip-sheets, codes of ethics and media laws.

Geographic Focus All regions

International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD)

HQ: The Hague

www.iicd.org

Predominant Focus E-governance

Type of Assistance IICD is an independent non-profit foundation. It works with its partner organizations (from civil society and the public and private sectors) in selected countries to help local stakeholders to assess the potential uses of ICTs in development and to strengthen the capacities of local partners to formulate, implement and manage development policies and projects that make use of ICTs. The IICD focuses on the education, governance, health, agriculture and environment sectors in three main areas (i) capacity development; (ii) knowledge sharing; and (iii) partnerships (between public, private and non-profit organizations).

Geographic Focus Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ghana, Jamaica, Mali, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia

International Media Institute (IMS)

HQ: Copenhagen

www.i-m-s.dk

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance IMS is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to enhance stability, freedom of expression and pluralism of the press in conflict and conflict-threatened areas through rapid assistance to media practitioners and media institutions. In Afghanistan, Colombia, DR Congo, Indonesia, Liberia, the Middle East, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Ukraine and Zimbabwe, the organization has conducted needs assessment missions

for donors and civil society organizations and provided media professional training (courses, workshops). IMS also assists with establishing institutional structures and processes for improving conditions for the media.

Geographic Focus All regions

International Records Management Trust (IRMT)

HQ: London

www.irmt.org

Predominant Focus Public records and E-governance

Type of Assistance

IRMT is a UK registered charity. It supports governments in the development of strategies for managing public sector records. The Trust's work falls into three main areas: (i) consultancy services: working with local policy makers and records professionals to develop and introduce effective and sustainable legal and regulatory frameworks, policies, systems, procedures and facilities (ii) education: provision of study programmes for public records managers and archivists (iii) development research: to demonstrate the significance of records and information for government business and services to citizens, and to identify effective solutions to particular information management problems.

Geographic Focus All regions

International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)

HQ: Washington DC

www.irex.org

Predominant Focus Media, e-governance

Type of Assistance IREX is a non-profit organization. It specializes in higher education, independent media, Internet development, and civil society programmes. It focuses on strengthening educational, non-governmental, and media organizations as well as conducting research in the social sciences and humanities. Programme activities include training journalists, strengthening media outlets with little or no management experience through training and the provision of small grants, and providing consultancy services on legal/policy issues. IREX also publishes an annual Media Sustainability Index (MSI).

Geographic Focus Asia, Eurasia, Europe, the Near East and United States

International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF)

HQ: Washington DC

www.iwmf.org

Predominant Focus Media (women)

Type of Assistance IWMF is a non-profit organization. Its programmes are designed to promote women into key positions in the news media by providing them with relevant information, skills and connections. Its work is divided into three main activities (i) raising awareness – increasing the level and depth of debate about women's roles in the media through its forums, studies and reports (ii) creating opportunities – holding seminars, training sessions and fellowship opportuni-

ties for women journalists (iii) building networks – establishing a network of women journalists from more than 100 countries to enable women to share approaches and access resources.

Geographic Focus All regions

Internews

California

www.internews.org

Predominant Focus Media, e-governance

Type of Assistance Internews is a non-profit organization. It focuses on strengthening independent media through professional training in a range of areas including operations and journalism, radio and TV production, media law and policy, and Internet law and policy. The organization also supports the establishment of media networks and associations. It develops programming content on war crimes, conflict/mediation, gender and HIV/AIDS issues.

Geographic Focus All regions

Latin American Association of Radio Education (ALER)

HQ: Ecuador

www.aler.org.ec

Predominant Focus Media (community)

Type of Assistance ALER is an association of 107 radio stations and communication centres in 18 Latin American and Caribbean countries. It is one of the main actors involved in popular and community radio in the region. The organization promotes the use of radio to build fairer societies and to democratize speech. It uses many strategies to achieve this, including training, technical assistance and research for civil society and community

based organizations. ALER has been a leader in combining radio with modern ICTs since 1997, when it established its satellite service. ALER also distributes a daily electronic news bulletin via email and the web.

Geographic Focus Latin America and the Caribbean

Media Action International (MAI)

HQ: Berne

www.mediaaction.org

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance MAI is a global network of print, broadcast and Internet professionals with humanitarian, conflict and development experience. It aims to provide reliable information to populations affected by conflicts and disasters; advocate the importance of credible, independent information in all humanitarian, peacekeeping, recovery and development initiatives; explore the root causes of the lack of independent information and build local capacity; promote dialogue between media and other participants in humanitarian situations; advocate the key role of information in the fight against illiteracy, poverty and disease; and increase the transparency and accountability of humanitarian activity through independent reporting and dissemination. Its programmes are targeted to: populations affected by humanitarian crisis; journalists and information professionals; humanitarian and development agencies; and aid professionals.

Geographic Focus All regions

Media Diversity Institute (MDI)

HQ: London

www.media-diversity.org

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance MDI is a non-profit organization. It focuses on regions where news media have played a destructive role in exacerbating ethnic and religious conflicts and violations of human and minority rights. It works with media organizations, journalists, journalism educators, NGOs and governments to prevent and reconcile conflict, promote tolerance of vulnerable groups, and stimulate balanced and non-partisan journalism. It does this by working with local partner organizations to develop the most appropriate tools, training, and hands-on reporting programmes. Examples of its work include cross-ethnic reporting projects, media training for minority NGO groups, and reporting diversity curricula for journalism schools.

Geographic Focus All regions

Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA)

HQ: Namibia

www.misa.org

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance MISA is a non-governmental organization with members in 11 of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries. MISA aims to promote free, independent and pluralistic media by promoting the free flow of information and co-operation among media workers. MISA's role is primarily one of co-ordinator, facilitator and communicator.

The organization assists media networking in the sub-region, undertakes research and provides journalist training.

Geographic Focus Southern Africa

PANOS

HQ: London

www.panos.org.uk

Predominant Focus All

Type of Assistance Panos is a non-governmental organization. It aims to facilitate North-South and South-South dialogue by providing carefully researched, accessible, and balanced information on poverty issues. Panos' media and communication activities involve working with the media, policy-makers and civil society to inform and stimulate debate about development issues. Its core area of work includes implementation of development communication projects, and research and information dissemination. The organization arranges capacity-building workshops on various topics including HIV/AIDS, and offers a feature service for developing-country journalists.

Geographic Focus All regions

Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

HQ: Washington DC

www.sfcg.org/

Predominant Focus Media (conflict)

Type of Assistance SFCG is an international non-profit conflict-resolution organization. It aims to transform the way conflicts are dealt with by moving away from adversarial approaches, toward cooperative solutions. Through its media division, Common Ground Productions (CGP), SFCG seeks to

recognize and support journalists working worldwide to cover conflicts in ways that honour journalistic independence, while creating space in the public arena to discuss differences and to search for common ground. CGP produces radio and television programming that helps people and groups in conflict to recognize their common interests and values.

Geographic Focus All regions

South East European Network for the Professionalization of the Media (SEENPM)

HQ: Bulgaria

www.seenpm.org

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance SEENPM is a network of 18 media centres and institutes from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Serbia and Montenegro. It aims to raise journalism standards, improve the media environment at national and regional levels, encourage cooperation among media professionals, and in this way contribute to mutual understanding and stability in South East Europe. It builds on the regional resources and capacities of its members and partners from Europe and USA. It undertakes research on regional media issues and also provides training for journalists and media professionals on issues relevant to the development of the media.

Geographic Focus South East Europe

UNESCO**HQ: Paris****www.unesco.org/webworld****Predominant Focus** All

Type of Assistance UNESCO is a leading inter-governmental organization working across the full spectrum of access to information support areas. It provides project implementation and counselling in media and broadcasting development (mass, multi and community), gender, youth and indigenous media programming, research/dissemination (tool-kits) and networking, civic education and information sector policy advice. It has also been actively engaged in media development and reconstruction in post conflict and transition countries. UNESCO is heading an international initiative for Community Multimedia Centres (CMCs) that promote community empowerment and development by combining community radio with community telecentre facilities.

Geographic Focus All regions**Voices Media for Social Change****HQ: Bangalore****www.voicesforall.org****Predominant Focus** Media (community)

Type of Assistance VOICES is a non-profit trust. It aims to empower disadvantaged and marginalized sections of society through strengthening communication. It advocates communications for change through communication production and dissemination, communication training and action research, development education, networking and consultancy. Its programmes include

Community Radio, Disability, IT & Social Change, Community Communications, Student Speak and Women in Media.

Geographic Focus Asia**World Association of Christian Communication (WACC)****HQ: London****www.wacc.org.uk****Predominant Focus** All (community)

Type of Assistance WACC is an ecumenical based organization. It aims to broaden people's access to the mass media and new technology by helping them to produce their own programmes or to gain access to their own communication tools. In addition, WACC facilitates the participation of grassroots groups through the use of oral and traditional communication forms; advocates through its support to media workers' human rights, governance and socio-economic justice issues; and trains communicators (secular and church-related). The organization provides training, supports workshops and undertakes research and publications. Each year WACC approves support for approximately 100 projects and activities, which have been recommended by its Regional Associations. They include community radio, video production, information services, books and periodicals, street theatre, projects for women and children, and alternative media.

Geographic Focus All regions

World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC)

HQ: Montreal

www.amarc.org

Predominant Focus Media (community)

Type of Assistance AMARC is a world-wide network of community radio stations. Its members are radio stations, production groups and associations of radio stations which operate for social purposes and are independent of governments and large media organizations. AMARC is a leading organization in community radio development, particularly in influencing policy with the primary goal of improving enabling frameworks under which community radio operates. It undertakes research and publishing (including conference reports, articles, books and newsletters) and training (a network of professionals provide training and consultation for all aspects of community radio).

Geographic Focus All regions

World Association of Newspapers (WAN)

HQ: Paris

www.wan-press.org

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance WAN is a newspaper industry association which represents approximately 18,000 print publications globally. It has three major objectives (i) defending and promoting press freedom and the economic independence of newspapers (ii) contributing to the development of newspaper publishing by fostering communications and contacts between newspaper executives

from different regions and cultures and (iii) promoting co-operation between member organizations. WAN's training programmes focus on ways to increase readership and advertising revenues through study tours, seminars and publications. WAN also has a fund for promoting the growth of free and independent newspapers in developing countries.

Geographic Focus All regions

World Bank Institute

HQ: Washington DC

www.worldbank.org/wbi

Predominant Focus Media (training)

Type of Assistance The WBI is the training arm of the World Bank. It provides comprehensive courses and training to journalists from developing countries. It has significant expertise in capacity building in investigative journalism.

Geographic Focus All regions

Part 3 Foundations and funding organizations

Communications Assistance Foundation (CAF)

HQ: Hilversum (Holland)

<http://villa.intermax.nl/cafsco/index.htm>

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance CAF is a foundation that supports independent media in developing countries. Its objective is to contribute to democratization processes by promoting freedom of information, pluralism of the news and forming of opinion in the developing world. CAF was founded by the Netherlands Association of Journalists, the Society of Chief Editors and the Dutch Newspaper Association.

Geographic Focus All regions

FORD Foundation

HQ: New York

www.fordfound.org

Predominant Focus All

Type of Assistance Ford is a US foundation. Its media programme seeks to strengthen free and responsible media that address important civic and social issues, and to promote policies and regulations that ensure media and information systems serve the public's diverse constituencies and interests. In addition, it supports high-quality productions that enrich public dialogue on such core issues as building democratic values and pluralism.

Geographic Focus All regions

Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries (HIVOS)

HQ: Netherlands

www.hivos.nl

Predominant Focus Media, e-governance

Type of Assistance HIVOS is a non-governmental organization. It provides support to civil society partners to obtain access to the Internet, provides training in online publishing of opinions from developing countries and supports the utilization of network possibilities, as well as e-commerce activities.

Geographic Focus Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, South East Europe, and Southern Africa

Media Development Loan Fund (MDLF)

HQ: New York

www.mdlf.org

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance MDLF is a non-profit organization. In addition to providing loans to media organizations, MDLF also supports training and sharing of knowledge and experiences in the field, as well as online strategy development including e-commerce, adaptation of technology and web architecture at the Centre for Advanced Media-Prague (CAMP). The organization also offers consulting services and fiscal sponsorship.

Geographic Focus All regions

**Netherlands Institute
for Southern Africa (NIZA)**

HQ: Netherlands

www.niza.nl

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance NIZA is an independent institute. It provides support to local partners through three of its programmes: Media, Human Rights, and Economy. All NIZA activities are initiated and carried out at the request of local or regional partner organizations. Support is provided for training, capacity building, institutional development and research but not for core costs. In particular, NIZA's Media Programme supports Southern African organizations that are committed to strengthening the independent media sector in Southern Africa. The programme concentrates on advocacy, broadcasting, training and publishing. In all areas of its work, attention is paid to addressing issues of gender, sustainability, ICTs and donor co-ordination.

Geographic Focus Southern Africa

**Open Society Institute (OSI)
and Soros Foundation Network**

HQ: Budapest

www.soros.org

Predominant Focus All

Type of Assistance OSI and the Soros Foundation Network are interconnected foundations, funds and programmes, supported by George Soros. Through the network media programme OSI provides support to the development of media legislation, media

legal advocacy, and professional media associations. In addition, it supports training for journalists and media managers, and facilitates co-operation among media organizations and civil society to address common issues.

Geographic Focus Africa, Eastern and Central Europe, and South East Asia

Rockefeller Foundation

HQ: New York

www.rockefeller.org

Predominant Focus All

Type of Assistance While predominantly a grant-making organization, the Rockefeller Foundation does provide important support to global networking, research and information dissemination. The Foundation funds a number of programmes including the Africa Regional Programme, Communication for Social Change, Public/Private Partnerships and Global Philanthropy. The Communication for Social Change programme supports work toward defining and testing a more inclusive model of communication for development that moves away from top-down, externally driven models, toward communication that allows people to define who they are, what they want and how they can achieve their goals.

Geographic Focus All regions with a focus on South East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa

**Southern Africa Media
Development Fund (SAMDEF)**

HQ: Botswana

www.samdef.com

Predominant Focus Media

Type of Assistance SAMDEF is an investment company established to provide and facilitate access to affordable financing of the media in the Southern Africa region. It seeks to strengthen existing media and promote the establishment and growth of new independent media by providing loans and financing to media outlets.

Geographic Focus Southern Africa

Campaigns for greater freedom of expression and new legislation, monitoring and reporting of media law violations and lobbying and advocacy have also attracted funding from WFD. WFD also supports political party media projects that aim to develop media presentation skills, PR campaigns and publicity material.

Geographic Focus Africa, Eastern and Central Europe, and South East Asia

**Westminster Foundation
for Democracy (WFD)**

HQ: London

www.wfd.org

Predominant Focus All

Type of Assistance WFD is a London based foundation. It aims to build and strengthen pluralist democracies through support, among other areas, to the development of an independent media. It uses a broad definition of the media sector, encompassing issues related to the constitutional rights to freedom of expression, media law, and allocation of radio/TV frequencies. It provides direct support to media organizations for production costs including equipment, training, expansion of circulation, radio and TV and special broadcasts (human rights and elections).

Part 4 Advocacy organizations

Accuracy in Media

Focus Media
HQ Washington DC
www.aim.org

Amnesty International

Focus Right to Information
HQ London
www.amnesty.org

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression

Focus Media
HQ Toronto
www.cjfe.org

Centre for Journalism in Extreme Situations

Focus Media
HQ Moscow
www.cjes.ru

Centre for Media Freedom in the Middle East

Focus Media
HQ Location London
www.cmfmena.org

Centre for Media Freedom in the Middle East and North Africa (CMF MENA)

Focus Media
HQ London
www.cmfmena.org

Charter 99

Focus Right to Information
HQ London
www.charter99.org

Committee to Protect Journalists

Focus Media
HQ New York
www.cpj.org

Cubanet.org

Focus Media
HQ Havana
www.cubanet.org

Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting

Focus Media
HQ New York
www.fair.org

Free Expression Network (FEN)

Focus Media
HQ New York
www.freeexpression.org

Freedom House

Focus Media
HQ Washington DC
www.freedomhouse.org

Freedom of Expression Institute South Africa

Focus Media
HQ South Africa
fxi.org.za

Freedom of Information Advocates Network (FOIANet)

Focus Right to Information
HQ London
<http://www.foiadvocates.net/>

Human Rights Watch

Focus Right to Information
HQ New York
www.hrw.org

Index on Censorship

Focus Media
HQ London
www.indexonline.org

Inter American Press Association (IAPA)

Focus Media
HQ Miami
www.sipiapa.com

International Federation of Journalists

Focus Media
HQ Brussels
www.ifj.org

**International Press
Institute**

Focus Media
HQ Vienna
www.freemedia.at

**International Women's
Media Foundation**

Focus Media
HQ Washington DC
www.iwmf.org

Privacy International

Focus Right to
Information
HQ Washington DC
www.privacyinternational.org

**Reporters Sans
Frontières**

Focus Media
HQ Paris
www.rsf.org

**South East Asian Press
Association (SEAPA)**

Focus Media
HQ Jakarta
www.seapabkk.org

**South East Europe
Media Organization
(SEEMO)**

Focus Media
HQ Vienna
www.seemo.at

**Transparency
International**

Focus Right to
Information
HQ Berlin
www.transparency.org

**World Press Freedom
Committee**

Focus Media
HQ Reston
www.wpfc.org

Part 5 Information and networking organizations

Association of Independence in Radio

Focus Media
HQ New York
www.airmedia.org

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Focus Media
HQ New York
www.cardozo.yu.edu

CIMERA

Focus Media
HQ Geneva
www.cimera.org

Comunica and Voices21

Focus All
HQ Amsterdam
www.comunica.org

Communications Initiative

Focus All
HQ Victoria, Canada
www.comminit.com

DevMedia

Focus Media,
e-governance
HQ Ontario
www.devmedia.org

Digital Freedom Network

Focus Media
HQ Newark
www.dfn.org

Europe Media Net

Focus Media,
e-governance
HQ Amsterdam
www.europemedia.net

European Institute for the Media

Focus Media
HQ Düsseldorf/ Paris
www.eim.org

Freedom Forum International

Focus Media
HQ Arlington
www.freedomforum.org

Institute for Media, Peace and Security (IMPS)

Focus Media
HQ Paris
www.mediapeace.org

Institute on Governance

Focus Media
HQ Ottawa
www.iog.org

International Centre for Journalists Net (IJNET)

Focus Media
HQ Washington DC
www.ijnet.org

International Communication Association

Focus All
HQ Washington DC
www.icahdq.org

International Consortium of Investigative Journalists

Focus Media
HQ Washington DC
www.icij.org

International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX)

Focus Media
HQ N/A
www.ifex.org

John Hopkins University

Focus Media
HQ Baltimore
www.jhu.edu

Latin American Network Information Center

Focus All
HQ Texas
http://lanic.utexas.edu/

Mediachannel

Focus Media
HQ New York
www.mediachannel.org

**National
Communications
Association**

Focus All

HQ Washington DC

www.natcom.org

OneWorld

Focus All

HQ N/A

www.oneworld.net/

OURMedia

Focus Media

HQ Oklahoma

www.ourmedianet.org/

**Independent Press
Councils**

Focus Media

HQ Paris

www.presscouncils.org

**Programme in
Comparative Media
Law & Policy, Oxford
University**

Focus Media

HQ London

[http://pcmlp.socleg.](http://pcmlp.socleg.ox.ac.uk)

[ox.ac.uk](http://pcmlp.socleg.ox.ac.uk)

**South Asia Media and
Governance Network
(MAGNET)**

Focus Media

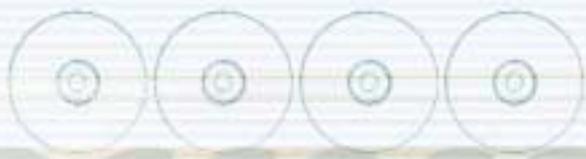
HQ Cardiff

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