

## Partnerships

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*National government aid agencies*, including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Britain's Department for International Development (DFID) and Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the French Centre National des Oeuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (CNOUS), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs Matra Programme, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs FRESTA Programme, the German Foreign Ministry and Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and a number of Austrian government agencies, including the ministries of education and foreign affairs, that operate bilaterally.

*National governments* in several countries, including Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States, that cofund programs sponsored by Soros foundations in those countries, especially in education.

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*European private foundations* such as AVINA, the Robert Bosch Foundation, the King Baudouin Foundation, the Sigrid Rausing Trust, the Oak Foundation, the European Cultural Foundation, and some of the German political party-affiliated foundations;

*European and North American institutions* that administer assistance funds obtained from their governments, such as the Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Press Now (Netherlands), Hivos (Netherlands), International Media Support (Denmark), the British Council, Norwegian People's Aid, Medienhilfe (Switzerland), Freedom House (U.S.), IREX (U.S.), the National Endowment for Democracy (U.S.), the Eurasia Foundation (U.S.), the Nazi Persecutee Relief Fund (U.S., France, Britain), Norwegian and Danish Burma Committees, Olof Palme International Center (Sweden), the Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation (Germany), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Germany), Rights and Democracy (Canada), International Republican Institute (U.S.), and the Asia Foundation (U.S.).

*Institutions of Higher Learning* such as the Central European University in Budapest, an internationally recognized institution of postgraduate education in social sciences and humanities established and supported by George Soros and OSI; Columbia University in New York City; the American University in Bulgaria; the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences; the National Institute of Development Administration in Thailand; the Economics Education and Research Consortium in Kyiv; the City University of New York; the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Essex in the United Kingdom; the University of Ottawa in Canada; and the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands.

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### **NGO Partners**

Another form of partnership is also of enormous importance to the Soros foundations: the relationships with grantees that over the years have developed into alliances in pursuing crucial parts of the open society agenda.

These partners include, but are not limited to the following:

*AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa* for promoting a human rights approach to HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis in Southern Africa

*American Civil Liberties Union Foundation* for championing the rights of Americans, and the *Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund* for its defense of civil rights and civil liberties in the United States

*American Councils for International Education* for supporting and developing independent educational advising centers in the Caucasus and Central Asia

*Arab Fund for Art and Culture* for empowering contemporary artists and facilitating cultural exchanges in literature, filmmaking, performing, and visual arts in the Arab region

*Association for Civil Rights* (Argentina) and *Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa* (Colombia) for seeking to curtail soft censorship, including government manipulation of advertising to control media coverage, throughout Latin America

*Baacha Khan Trust* for educational programs that provide underprivileged people in Pakistan with the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking

*William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice* for its intellectual leadership in devising legal approaches to issues of civil liberties and democracy in the United States

*The Campaign for Youth Justice* for its work to end the U.S. practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating children under the age of 18 in the adult criminal justice system, and the *National Juvenile Defender Center* for its efforts to improve access to counsel and quality of representation for children in juvenile and criminal proceedings nationwide

*Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network*, for advancing human rights responses to HIV/AIDS internationally

*Center on Budget and Policy Priorities* for its expertise on budget and tax policy questions in the United States, and also for its International Budget Project, which promotes budget transparency and accountability in transition countries

*Center for Community Change* for its efforts to give low-income people a voice in American democracy, and the *American Institute for Social Justice* for providing staff

and leadership training, technical assistance, research, and strategy support on issues relevant to this group

*Center for Educational Development BILIM–Central Asia* for its work supporting educational advising services in Eurasia and promoting international educational opportunities

*Center for Global Development* for efforts to reduce global poverty and inequality by assisting the newly democratic Liberian government, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the reform process in Latin America

*Center for Public Interest Research* for its support of student-directed civic and political engagement programs

*Centro Edelstein de Pesquisas Sociais* for strengthening democratic governance in Latin America and promoting the region's voice in international forums

*Committee to Protect Journalists and Article 19* for their work defending and upholding freedom of expression

*Council of State Governments* for providing state legislators and policymakers in the United States the resources to establish effective public policies and government programs, and the *Progressive States Network* for connecting progressive state legislators around common principles and developing campaigns on these issues

*Democracy Coalition Project* for working to strengthen the intergovernmental Community of Democracies process as a mechanism for democratic change

*Drug Policy Alliance* for its promotion of an alternative drug policy in the United States

*Earth Island Institute* for its work to educate 18- to 35-year-olds in the United States and Canada about the climate crisis

*Economic Policy Institute* for economic research in the United States to improve the well-being of low-income families and empowering international research institutions

*Equal Justice Society* for its work to advance racial justice in the United States, with a focus on judicial nominations and limitations on civil rights claims

*Eurasian Harm Reduction Network*, for their work to ensure access to sterile injection equipment, essential medicines, and discrimination protection for injecting drug users

*European Network Against Racism* for working to combat racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia in all EU member states

*European Roma Rights Center* for its defense of the rights of a minority that is severely persecuted in many countries, and the *Roma Education Fund* for its efforts to close the gap in educational outcomes between Roma and non-Roma populations

*European Stability Initiative* for its influential analysis of the European integration process in the Balkans

*Global Fund for Women* for its advocacy on human rights for women around the world

*Global Witness* for its investigations of the connections between resource exploitation, corruption, the arms trade, and severe abuses of human rights

*Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights* in Poland for its human rights training efforts in Central Asia and Russia, as well as in Poland

*Human Rights Watch* for its leadership in protecting civil and political rights worldwide

*Institute for International Education* for its pioneering effort with the Scholar Rescue Fund, which offers safe haven to endangered scholars around the world

*Institute on Medicine as a Profession* for promoting professionalism in U.S. medicine

*Interights* for promoting respect for human rights through strategic litigation in critical areas

*International Bridges to Justice* for ensuring basic legal rights in China, Vietnam, and Cambodia, and working for long-term change in criminal justice systems

*International Center for Transitional Justice* for its assistance to transitional countries wishing to pursue accountability for mass atrocity or human rights abuse under previous regimes

*International Crisis Group* for its research and advocacy in addressing armed conflicts and other crises in international relations

*International Step by Step Association* for fostering democratic principles and promoting parent and community involvement in early childhood education, especially among minority ethnic and linguistic groups

*International Women's Health Coalition, Center for Reproductive Rights, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America* for their work protecting and expanding reproductive health advocacy and services around the world

*Justice at Stake Campaign* for its efforts to keep the U.S. courts fair and impartial

*Margaret Mead Film and Video Festival* for presenting international documentaries on diverse and challenging subjects

*Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City* for helping to reduce poverty in New York City and stabilize neighborhoods affected by the subprime mortgage crisis

*Médecins Sans Frontières, AIDS Foundation East-West, Doctors of the World, and Partners in Health* for their efforts in addressing crucial public health emergencies that are often connected to abuses of human rights

*Media Development Loan Fund* and the *Southern Africa Media Development Fund* for their role in assisting independent media to develop as self-sustaining businesses

*Memorial Human Rights Center* for monitoring and working to remedy human rights violations in the North Caucasus, particularly in Chechnya and Ingushetia

*Mental Disability Rights International* and the *Mental Disability Advocacy Center Foundation* for their protection of the rights of the mentally disabled

*National Council for Civil Liberties (Liberty)* in the U.K. for promoting of democratic participation, justice, openness, the right to dissent, and respect for diversity

*National Senior Citizens Law Center* for its research and advocacy on constitutional and statutory issues affecting the aged in America

*Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration* for fostering academic and training programs in public administration and public policy in postsocialist countries

*Network on Police Reform in Nigeria (NOPRIN)* for promoting civil society involvement in safety and security issues in Nigeria

*New America Foundation* in the United States for its efforts to oppose privatization of public airways, ensure nuclear security, and foster a new social contract among workers, employers, and the government

*Nurcha* for helping build hundreds of thousands of low-cost houses in South Africa

*Partners Foundation for Local Development* in Romania for serving as a regional support center to training institutions on innovative anticorruption approaches

*Peace Institute* in Slovenia for its efforts to promote open society principles and practices

*Penal Reform International* for its worldwide efforts to reduce incarceration and protect the rights of prison inmates

*Policy Association for Open Society (PASOS)* for harnessing the resources of think tanks to promote open society and democracy in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union

*Project Syndicate* for providing diverse commentaries to over 240 newspapers worldwide

*Project Vote/Voting for America* for registering voters in the United States and analyzing election law

*Proteus Fund* for its support of organizations working to advance social justice and the common good in the United States

*Public Interest Law Initiative* for advancing human rights around the world by stimulating public interest advocacy

*Public Interest Projects* for its U.S. work to strengthen affirmative action, human rights, immigrant's rights, and nonpartisan civic engagement work

*Revenue Watch Institute* for its role promoting the responsible management of oil, gas, and mineral resources for the public good

*Refugees International* for advocating for lifesaving assistance and protection for displaced people

*Renace* for its work in pretrial detention reform in Mexico

*The Sentencing Project* for leading efforts in the United States to reduce excessive imprisonment

*Southern Center for Human Rights* for its work to protect the rights of the poor, people of color, and the disadvantaged in criminal courts and prison systems in the American South, and the *Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama* for providing legal assistance to disadvantaged people in the region

*The Tides Center* for its support of forward-thinking activists and organizations;

*TIMAP for Justice* for its pioneering efforts to provide basic justice services in Sierra Leone

*Tiri* for its efforts to promote transparency and integrity in government, business, and civil society

Local chapters of *Transparency International* for their work with Soros foundations on anticorruption measures

*TESEV (Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation)* for contributing to further democratization and better governance in Turkey through policy-oriented research and training

*Vera Institute of Justice* for its innovative efforts to pursue criminal justice reform programs in such countries as Russia, South Africa, and the United States

And a great many others

The pages of this and previous reports also mention numerous independent organizations that were created by OSI or that spun off from OSI or Soros foundation programs. All of these institutions obtain support from many donors. In many cases, the funding OSI provides is only a small fraction of their total revenue. The support they obtain from multiple donors enhances their independence and, of course, helps to ensure their long-term survival as institutions that can help to build open societies.