

Networks Providing Support

Referral guide to legal, financial, medical, evacuation and other-type of support to journalists and HRDs

Below is the list of organizations that offer specialized support in risk mitigation. For each organization, you can find information on their geographical scope and the type of support the organization is able to provide.



[Access Now](#)

Access Now defends and extends the digital rights of people and communities at risk. By combining direct technical support, strategic advocacy, grassroots grantmaking, and convenings such as RightsCon, Access Now fight for human rights in the digital age.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Equipment



[Agir Ensemble](#)

Agir Ensemble's mission is to create alliances with local civil society actors around the world in the battle against human rights violations. Their actions contribute to reinforcing their capacities and supporting their growth.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic Living support, Equipment, Medical Support, Journalists in Exile, Legal Support, Emergency Relocation



[Article 19](#)

Article 19 focuses on defending freedom of expression and protecting journalists' safety. It works globally to address legal, physical, and digital threats faced by media workers, advocating for stronger protections and safer environments.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic Living support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Legal support, Safety consultations, Safety training



[Canadian Journalists for Free Expression \(CJFE\)](#)

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE) defends free expression and those with the courage to seek and report the truth. For more than 40 years, CJFE have championed free media and the role it plays in creating a just and equitable society.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic Living support, Equipment, Legal support



[Coalition for Women in Journalism](#)

The Coalition for Women in Journalism is committed to improving the conditions of how women work in journalism worldwide. Their core work is done through mentorship and encouraging supportive relationships with colleagues in the field.

Scope: global, focus on women | *Support provided:* Psychosocial support, Safety consultations



[Committee to Protect Journalists \(CPJ\)](#)

CPJ can intervene whenever local and foreign correspondents are in trouble. CPJ is prepared to notify news organizations, government officials, and human rights organizations immediately of press freedom violations.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Prison support, Safety consultations



[Defend Defenders](#)

Defend Defenders is the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project. It seeks to strengthen the work of human rights defenders (HRDs) throughout the region by reducing their vulnerability to the risk of persecution and by enhancing their capacity to effectively defend human rights.

Scope: Africa | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Equipment, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Journalists in exile, Security measures, Legal support, Prison support, Safety consultations, Safety training



[English PEN](#)

English PEN campaigns on behalf of writers, literary professionals, journalists, artists, cartoonists and musicians who are unjustly persecuted, harassed, imprisoned, and even murdered in violation of their right to freedom of expression.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Journalists in exile, Prison support



[European Centre for Press & Media Freedom \(ECPMF\)](#)

The European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)'s mission is to promote, preserve and defend media freedom by monitoring violations, providing practical support and engaging diverse stakeholders across Europe.

Scope: Europe | *Support provided:* Emergency relocation, Journalists in exile, Legal support



[Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders \(EMHRF\)](#)

The Foundation provides financial assistance to regional, national and local human rights NGOs and institutes as well as individuals who promote, support, protect and monitor the observance of human rights in the South-Mediterranean region.

Scope: Middle East and North Africa | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Legal support, Prison support, Safety consultations



[Forbidden Stories](#)

Forbidden Stories protects the information of threatened journalists. If they are imprisoned, abducted or murdered, Forbidden Stories and its international network of media partners will be able to continue their investigations and publish them worldwide. To ensure that their investigations do not disappear with them, Forbidden Stories has created the SafeBox Network.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Investigative reporting, Safety consultations



[Free Press Unlimited \(FPU\)](#)

FPU is an international press freedom organization that collaborates with local media partners in more than 50 countries. With them, FPU works on their mission to make independent news and information available to everyone.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Security measures, Legal Support, Prison support, Safety consultations



[Frontline Defenders](#)

Frontline Defenders (FLD) works to improve the security and protection of human rights defenders and organizations at risk. FLD responds to protection and security needs by providing support through grants, capacity building, visibility, networking, and advocacy, at the international, regional and local levels.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Security measures, Legal support, Prison support, Safety consultations



[Hannah Arendt Initiative](#)

The Hannah Arendt Initiative is a network of civil society organizations that protects and supports journalists who are under threat as they conduct their important work. Among the initiative's projects are trainings, regional scholarship programs and exile journalism centers in countries abroad as well as corresponding measures for journalists living in exile in Germany.

Scope: focus on Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus | *Support provided:* Journalists in exile, Safety training



[ICORN](#)

ICORN is an international network of cities that provides protective residencies for writers, journalists and artists that face persecution due to their professional activities.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support

ICORN



[International Media Support \(IMS\)](#)

International Media Support (IMS) combines rapid response with long-term efforts to create a foundation of trust and collaboration. IMS works together with partners to find local solutions to global problems.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Legal support, Prison support, Safety consultations



[Internews](#)

Internews is a media support nonprofit working in 100+ countries. IMS trains journalists, advances internet freedom, and helps media outlets become financially sustainable.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support



[International Women's Media Foundation \(IWMF\)](#)

Through its programs and grants IWMF empowers women and nonbinary journalists with the training, opportunities, and support to become leaders in the news industry.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Equipment, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Journalists in exile, Security measures, Prison support, Safety consultations, Safety training



[IREX](#)

IREX's flagship program, Securing Access to Free Expression (SAFE), seeks to enable journalists and social communicators to continue their work as safely as possible. SAFE equips these individuals with the means to resiliently continue their important work, and manage—as well as mitigate—the risks and threats they face in their day-to-day work.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Psychosocial support, Safety consultations, Safety training



Marie Colvin Journalists' Network

The Arabic-English network offers mentoring from women who speak the same language and have decades of experience working in the region. The network works closely with leading press freedom advocates, mental health professionals, media outlets, safety and security experts, lawyers and training providers.

Scope: Middle East and North Africa | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support, Psychosocial support



Media Defence

Media Defence (or Media Legal Defence Initiative) provides legal assistance to journalists, citizen journalists and independent media institutions. It also supports training in media law and promotes the exchange of information, litigation tools and strategies for lawyers working on media freedom cases.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Legal support



Media Freedom Rapid Response

The Media Freedom Rapid Response (MFRR) tracks, monitors and reacts to violations of press and media freedom in EU Member States and Candidate Countries. This project provides legal and practical support, public advocacy, and information to protect journalists and media workers.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Legal support, Safety consultations



Media in Cooperation and Transition (MiCT)

MiCT facilitates the training of journalists and media producers, program and content development, radio and film production, media research and monitoring, in addition to supporting the financial viability of their partners.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Equipment, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Journalists in exile, Security measures, Legal support, Safety consultations



[PEN America](#)

PEN America works to ensure that people everywhere have the freedom to create literature, to convey information and ideas, to express their views, and to access the views, ideas, and literatures of others.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Equipment, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Journalists in exile, Security measures



[People in Need](#)

People in Need (PIN) is a Czech nonprofit implementing humanitarian relief and long-term development projects, educational programs, and human rights programs in crisis affected regions internationally.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Equipment, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Journalists in exile, Security measures, Legal support, Prison support, Safety consultations, Safety training



[Rory Peck Trust](#)

The Rory Peck Trust supports freelance journalists and their families in crisis. It provides practical assistance and support to freelance journalists worldwide, to raise their profile, promote their welfare and safety, and support their right to report freely and without fear.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Safety consultations, Safety training



[Reporters Shield](#)

Reporters Shield is a membership program that defends investigative reporting from legal threats meant to silence critical voices. A Reporters Shield membership gives journalists the confidence and legal support to do the brave reporting they want to do.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Legal support



[Reporters Without Borders](#)

RSF works on the ground in defense of individual journalists at risk and at the highest levels of government and international forums to defend the right to freedom of expression and information. It provides assistance to journalists at risk and training in digital and physical security, as well as campaigning to raise public awareness of abuse against journalists and to secure their safety and liberty.

Scope: global | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Equipment, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Journalists in exile, Security measures, Legal support, Prison support, Safety training



[Skeyes Center for Media and Cultural Freedom](#)

Skeyes Center's principal goals are twofold, to monitor violations of freedom of the press and culture on the one hand, and defend the rights and freedom of expression of journalists and intellectuals on the other.

Scope: Middle East and North Africa | *Support provided:* Psychosocial support, Emergency relocation, Legal support, Safety consultations, Safety training



[Vital Voices](#)

Vital Voices' Crisis Response Program supports women leaders with small and short-term emergency funds to cover immediate assistance needs such as legal, relocation, mental health, well-being and more. The program works with women leaders and organizations in the Vital Voices Global Network, but it is also open to other women leaders outside the network.

Scope: global, focus on women | *Support provided:* Basic living support, Equipment, Medical support, Family support, Psychosocial support, Journalists in exile, Emergency relocation, Security measures, Legal support, Prison support, Safety consultations, Safety training