

REGIONAL

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION		
1.	PROJECT TITLE	BOLSTERING THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF JOURNALISTS IN EASTERN AFRICA
2.	NUMBER	IPDC/55 RAF/09
3.	MEDIA DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS' CATEGORY	Category 3: Media as platform for democratic discourse
4.	IPDC PRIORITY AREA	Promotion of freedom of expression and media pluralism
5.	SCOPE	Regional
6.	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED	Financial
7.	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	US\$ 167 800
8.	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM IPDC	US\$ 39 400
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10.	IMPLEMENTING OFFICE	UNESCO, Nairobi Hezekiel Dlamini and Lydia Kiniti
11.	PROJECT LOCATION	Eastern Africa: Burundi, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, Rwanda and Uganda
12.	PROJECT PREPARED BY	Henry O. Maina, Director Article 19 Kenya and Eastern Africa
DECISION OF THE BUREAU:		

B. PRESENTATION

1. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

The Eastern Africa region comprises twelve countries: Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Mauritius, Uganda, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Seychelles and Tanzania. Most of these (except Eritrea) have liberalised the media sector, ushering in media plurality as opposed to the early post-independence years where all media was state-controlled. Thus, most countries can boast a plurality and diversity of media as they have many newspapers (private and state-owned), radio stations (private, state and community) and television stations (private and state-owned).

In recent years, cases of kidnappings, intimidation, harassment, assaults, aggressions and violence against journalists and media workers in the six countries covered by the project have increased at an alarming rate, especially during election periods. The Committee to Protect Journalists observes that a total of 65 journalists have been killed in the six countries during the past two decades: 33 journalists in Somalia, 23 in Rwanda, 3 in Kenya, 2 in Burundi, Eritrea and Uganda respectively. The majority died in circumstance other than conflict. The assassinations of Jean-Leonard Rugambage, acting editor of the independent bi-monthly *Umuwugizi* (24th June 2010) and Sheikh Mohammed Abkey, Radio Mogadishu producer and trainer (4th May 2010) are recent examples that took place in Rwanda and Somalia respectively. Many others were assaulted, maimed, silenced and/or driven into exile or out of their profession.

Most cases remain unresolved due to the lack of credible investigation and prosecution processes an engrained culture of state impunity. The failure to prevent the killing of journalists and attacks on the media means that state authorities in the six countries are depriving their citizens of a fundamental human right, the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas without frontier, which is guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Civil and Political Rights (Article 19) and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Article 9). The violations also affect the protection and realisation of other fundamental rights and the democratization process. However, there is limited public awareness in the six countries about the scale of the problem and its impact on the protection of fundamental human rights and consolidation of democracy and good governance. Currently, there are no specific formal or informal protection mechanisms for journalists. Most journalists operate in competition with each other, thereby losing opportunities to build professional solidarity as the first line of defence. A safety and protection training needs assessment for target journalists in the 6 countries has been undertaken by Protection International and the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders.

This project concentrates on six of the mentioned countries, where journalists lack safety and protection despite the frequency of threats and violence from multiple sources. It will use a holistic, multi-dimensional approach to provide protection to journalists at risk and link them up with human rights defenders, especially community workers and paralegals.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE TARGET GROUP:

The target group for this project may be classified into two broad categories. First, the primary beneficiaries would be 30 journalists from the six countries covered by the project. That is 5 journalists from Burundi, Eritrea, Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda and Somalia respectively. The secondary targets will be the umbrella journalist organisations in the six countries and the sub-regional body-East Africa Journalists Association.

3. DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE:

The safety and protection of journalists is strengthened by implementing protection measures and providing safety training that is monitored and documented in the Eastern Africa.

4. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE:

Thirty journalists to be trained over a period of 3-days on safety and protection, and a sub-regional safety and protection network to be established in the six countries.

5. PROJECT OUTPUTS:

- A network of 30 trained journalists to monitor, document and report journalists attacks and reprisals;
- A quarterly report on freedom of expression violations and attacks on journalists and human rights defenders;
- A safety and protection manual based on Eastern Africa context developed and published;
- An impact litigation strategy developed and launched in at least two cases.

6. ACTIVITIES:

- Fact-finding missions and documentation of violations against freedom of expression (in-situ and in-depth documentation);
- Training and awareness creation for journalists (2 training sessions for 30 journalism and media trainers on self-protection and safety measures; 2 training sessions for 30 journalists on networking and monitoring, documentation and reporting freedom of expression in the 6 countries);
- Six advocacy meetings with legislators and other policy actors at national levels;
- Three meetings at sub-regional level (East African Community), regional level (African Commission) and international (UN special Rapporteur);
- Preparation and publication of a safety and protection training manual in the Eastern Africa context;
- Advocacy among respective governments and sub-regional bodies for a preventive public policy;
- Information-sharing with the UN Special Procedures Mandate holders on Freedom of Expression;
- Information sharing with the AU Special Rapporteur on the same;
- Awareness-raising among the public and the policy actors;
- Gathering information to monitor and document the extent of violations on freedom of expression;
- Assess protection and humanitarian assistance measures needed and available;
- Examine and facilitate potential for legal security and assistance to journalists facing violence and reprisals;
- Advocate and campaign for policy and legal reforms;
- Lobby for State compliance with regional and international obligations.

7. PROJECT INPUTS

- Two trainers to train 30 journalism trainers on self-protection and safety measures in (2 sessions, 3 days);
- Two trainers to train journalists to network, monitor, document and reporting (2 sessions, 3 days);
- Overhead projector, laptop computer, tripod;
- Stationery;
- Project manager, project officer and administration officer for fact-finding and advocacy;
- Air travel, subsistence and accommodation for 30 participants, trainers and project team;
- 6 advocacy meetings and 3 meetings at sub-regional level.

8. WORK PLAN

ACTIVITIES / MONTHS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fact finding and documentation												
In -depth documentation												
Development of a safety and protection journalists training manual												
Training on safety and protection												

Advocate for preventive policy	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Training on networking, etc.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Support national networks to meet and gather information	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Provide information to special procedures mandate holders of the UN and AU	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Identification and support for 2 litigation cases in the region	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Raise awareness among the public and policy-makers on cases and impact of aggressions against journalists	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Continuous monitoring at mid-term and end-term; Evaluation of the project	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

9. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK:

ARTICLE 19 Kenya and Eastern Africa is an independent civil society organization duly registered under Kenya’s Non Governmental Organizations’ Coordination Act in 2007. It is governed by an international independent Board that meets once a year and offers policy oversight. An executive director and a team of senior directors (operations, law and regional development), directors (Kenya and East Africa, Mexico and Central America, Bangladesh and Brazil) programme officers, a finance and administration staff lead the Secretariat. It is an affiliate of ARTICLE 19, Global Campaign for Free Expression, a company limited by guarantee (Company No 209722) and a registered charity (No 327421) established in 1987 and based in the United Kingdom.

10. SUSTAINABILITY:

The trained journalists would be required to transfer knowledge and skills to their colleagues. A joining of hands and sharing capacities and information among human rights workers and journalists will ensure that violations of freedom of expression, press freedom and access to information are recorded and used nationally, regionally and internationally to advocate for safety and protection.

11. FRAMEWORK OF MONITORING:

ARTICLE 19, together with the UNESCO Cluster Office in Nairobi, will undertake monitoring visits to the respective project countries and will work closely with the East Africa Journalists Association to carry out mid-term and final evaluations.

12. EVALUATIONS CARRIED OUT:

ARTICLE 19 programmes have been evaluated by SIDA a number of times. The latest report found recommended the establishment of a regional office in Nairobi and commended the programmes for being *extremely relevant, innovative and pace setting* in the Eastern Africa region.

13. FRAMEWORK OF BENEFICIARY AGENCY’S REPORTING:

ARTICLE 19 plans to undertake quarterly programme and financial reports that fit well with the organizational culture of tracking both results and expenses. At the middle of the project, ARTICLE 19 plans to undertake a mid-term review to inform subsequent implementation and tune interventions to the realities as the project progresses.

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This project seeks to bring together a number of local and international organizations that promote and defend freedom of expression and human rights protection for better delivery of results. UNESCO is a key partner for technical expertise. The International Media Support, Protection International, International Committee of the Red Cross and Rory Peck are additional organizations that Article 19 plans to collaborate

with for technical and financial support. Two trainers will be drawn from Mexico. One of the trainers, Ricardo Gonzales, has been the lead trainer on safety and freedom of expression issues in Mexico and Central America for Article 19. Information received from the monitoring and documentation processes in each of the 6 countries will be shared with UN bodies to engender further development of standards on protection and safety of journalists.

D. BUDGET			
BREAKDOWN OF IPDC CONTRIBUTION (in US dollars)			
	Qty	Unit price	Total
Mexico / Nairobi airfare for trainers:	2	1 800	3 600
Nairobi / Entebbe airfare for trainers:	2	420	840
Honoraria and DSA for 2 trainers:	6 days	250	3 000
Airfare Somalia / Kenya:	5	250	1 250
Airfare Eritrea / Kenya:	5	300	1 500
Airfare Burundi / Uganda:	5	300	1 500
Airfare Rwanda / Uganda:	5	300	1 500
Accommodation and subsistence for 30 participants:	4 days	120	14 400
Local travel for 30 participants:	2	45	2 700
Visas for participants and trainers:	20	58	1 160
Training materials and rental of training equipment:			1 950
National meetings for 10 participants:	6	100	6 000
<u>TOTAL:</u>			<u>39 400</u>

BREAKDOWN OF THE BENEFICIARY'S CONTRIBUTION (in US dollars)			
	Qty	Unit price	Total
Staff costs: Director (10 % payment):	12 months	405	4 860
Staff costs: Finance Officer (12 % payment):	12 months	120	1 440
Programme Officer:	12 months	1 800	21 600
Communications:			3 000
Local transport:			4 200
Fact-finding missions for 2 experts in 5 countries:	5 days	460	23 000
Adaptation of training manual from A19 Mexico:	14 days	250	3 500
Data gathering activities and 4quarterly reports:	6	2 800	16 800
Study of a framework for monitoring, documentation and reporting of violations on freedom of expression:	14 days	250	3 500
2 African Commission meetings for 2 participants:	4 days	460	7 360
Air travel:	2	570	1 140
Identification and support of strategic litigation cases:	2	2 500	5 000
2 reviews and evaluation missions in 5 countries:	5 days	460	23 000
Consultancies:			10 000
<u>TOTAL:</u>			<u>128 400</u>