

SCS Global Update



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SCS Global Projects Pivot to Address COVID-19 Pandemic

As the world sees and feels the impact of COVID-19, SCS Global projects are integrating activities to address the pandemic. We begin this issue of the SCS Global Update newsletter with current examples.

SCS Global Media Projects Support Journalists to Report on COVID-19 and Combat Misinformation

SCS Kyrgyz Republic is mobilizing several newsrooms to support grantee [Factcheck.kg](#) in combatting fake news and disinformation and monitoring publications and articles that require special attention from groups like media lawyers, factcheckers, and the Internews website team.

SCS Cambodia is disseminating approved COVID-19 messaging materials (posters and pamphlets that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) co-funded with United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization) to citizen journalists, professional journalists, and provincial radio stations.

SCS Myanmar organized an online talk show about the COVID-19 pandemic to provide journalists with accurate and trusted information from reliable sources. The talk show featured three experts and covered updates of COVID-19 in Myanmar, the Government's response, information about transmission and prevention, and coverage on social media—including disinformation and misinformation.

SCS DRC, Honduras Back COVID-19 Media Campaigns

SCS Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is supporting a campaign on COVID-19 prevention, titled Together Against Coronavirus in DRC (*Ensemble Contre le Coronavirus en RDC* in French), in collaboration with the DRC Online Information Media Association, the Congolese Media Women's Union, and the Congolese Association of Women of The Written Press.



Screenshot of the new SCS DRC Facebook page on preventing COVID-19.

This social media campaign has a dedicated [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#) to disseminate information on COVID-19 response through videos, infographics, and [song](#). To expand its audience, the campaign is working with 76 community radio stations to disseminate campaign information on the air.

SCS Honduras is working with the GENESIS campaign—Join Against Corruption (*Únete Contra la Corrupción* in Spanish)—to design and disseminate messages to promote government transparency in COVID-19-related decisions and actions.

COVID-19 Resources

Below are links to a few resources about COVID-19 that may be helpful. (A longer list can be found at [NGOConnect.net](#).)

- [USAID: COVID-19 Guidance for Implementing Partners](#)
- [WHO: COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [ICNL's COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker](#)
- [Philanthropy University: COVID-19 Resources](#)

Learning under SCS BMAP, Zambia Goes Virtual to Encourage Physical Distancing

SCS BMAP has released COVID-19-related resources and stories on its [web portal](#) for education and training of journalists. To enable remote learning, SCS Djibouti has adapted project activities to virtual capacity-development sessions and provided IT equipment and data bundles to civil society organizations (CSOs) to participate in these sessions.

SCS Zambia has transitioned to virtual trainings for youth participants. To accommodate this transition, the project is purchasing data bundles for participants and breaking down the training into two-hour sessions to maximize participation.

SCS Global understands that this is only the beginning of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to monitor the situation in all countries and adapt our projects to serve those with whom we work.

SCS Global Promotes Local Philanthropy and Self-Reliance

In March 2020, SCS Global released a new resource that is part of our Development Practitioner Resources series: *Local Philanthropy and Self-Reliance*, which focuses on the role of local philanthropy as a means to contribute to Financing Self-Reliance (FSR), one of the four pillars of the Journey to Self-Reliance. The development of this resource was inspired by the SCS Global Learning Forum, “Integrating Local Philanthropy into the Journey to Self-Reliance,” hosted by USAID’s Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) Center in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation (AFK) and FHI 360 in April 2019.

Local Philanthropy and Self-Reliance unpacks the concept of local philanthropy and provides an overview of the ways USAID Missions and other donors can foster local philanthropy in their partner countries. The resource notes that Missions are well positioned to assist in FSR through investments that promote and enable community philanthropy, either through stand-alone assistance programs, such as the [Yetu Initiative](#) in Kenya, or by incorporating relevant activities into existing programs.

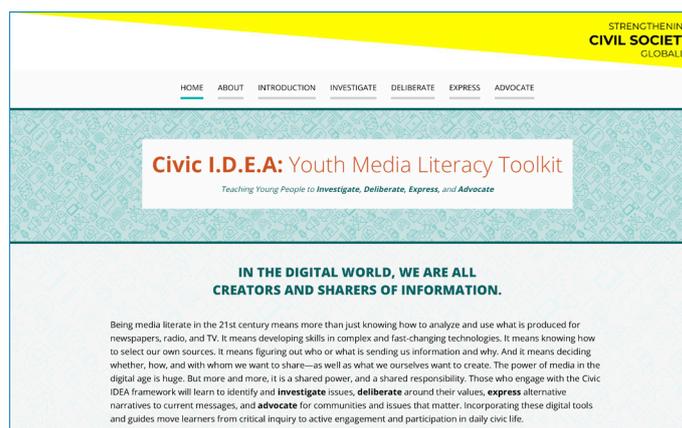
Recommendations for donors supporting community philanthropy from *Local Philanthropy and Self-Reliance* include:

- Take direct actions to convene stakeholders; advocate at the policy level; and share expertise, networks, business contacts, and global experience with local actors. One way to do this is through existing donor coordination groups.
- In forming partnerships, invest in philanthropy support organizations and networks that work in a locally rooted and responsive way. Consider support to community funds/foundations.
- Be prepared to encourage partners to engage in experimentation and trust-building with communities and stakeholders; this requires offering flexibility to partners throughout the program cycle.
- Use grant funding strategically. Build in matching funds and challenge grants that incentivize and reward local organizations’ and communities’ asset mobilization efforts.
- Support research and learning on local giving and support policy and governance interventions that encourage philanthropy.

For additional recommendations and examples and best practices for each, please download the report [here](#).

Local Philanthropy and Self-Reliance was featured in the virtual panel discussion, “[The Untapped Power of Local Philanthropy](#),” the first in the DRG Center’s new virtual “[DRG Tipping Point](#)” series. Featuring David Jacobstein, Democracy Specialist, and Lauren Kirby, Senior Civil Society Specialist, with SCS Global consultant Megan McGlynn Scanlon, the discussion explored how promoting local philanthropy can help ensure local buy-in, generate trust, and strengthen the sustainability of joint efforts to help countries advance on their journeys to self-reliance.

Civic IDEA Toolkit Released



In the age of social media and disinformation, media literacy and digital skills are critically important for youth to engage constructively in civic space. To help build these skills, SCS Global consortium partner Engagement Lab at Emerson College developed [Civic I.D.E.A.](#)—a framework of media literacy tools to help youth be more engaged citizens by analyzing, creating, and distributing digital media that matter.

Each of the four modules in the I.D.E.A. framework—Investigate, Deliberate, Express, and Advocate—is anchored by an interactive digital learning tool and series of activity guides that teachers and civic leaders can use to facilitate fun and engaging group activities for young learners.

- In *Investigate*, participants analyze media content through word clouds and network diagrams to better understand the power of data visualization and the impact of word choice in media.
- In *Deliberate*, participants develop debate and mediation skills and learn to advocate on civic issues through the [@Stake](#) role-playing game.
- In *Express*, participants use *MediaBreaker/Studios* to analyze commercials and other visual messaging for biases and remix them to change media narratives.
- And lastly, in *Advocate*, participants play multi-player games in which they can create social media hashtags and memes to engage with culturally and politically relevant topics.

All facilitator guides and tools in Civic I.D.E.A are designed to be flexible and adaptable to local contexts, allowing facilitators to upload media in local languages and use relevant examples from their communities, countries, and regions. The DataBasic tool, part of the Investigate module, is also available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Danish.

SCS Azerbaijan helps CSOs, Governments Adopt Best Practices to Prevent Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism



Honored speakers at the workshop include Mission Director Dr. Jaidev Singh (at microphone).

SCS Azerbaijan's Empowering Civil Society Organizations for Transparency (ECSOFT) project hosted an international workshop in December 2019 to disseminate best practices on preventing the abuse of CSOs in relation to money laundering and financing of terrorism.

The workshop brought together government, civil society, and international experts to discuss the role government and CSOs play in preventing the abuse and exploitation of CSOs. They also discussed Azerbaijan's current legislation on CSO reporting obligations related to the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism and how legislation can better align with the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) international best practices.

Speaking at the event, USAID Mission Director Dr. Jay Singh emphasized the vital role CSOs play in advancing the economy and providing essential social services. Dr. Singh noted that USAID recognizes the difficulty but also the importance of striking the right balance in order to prevent money laundering and financing of terrorism while avoiding the imposition of overly restrictive or burdensome reporting requirements on CSOs.

Workshop participant Natalia Bourjaily, Vice President of the International Center for Non-For-Profit Law (ICNL), said, "It is important to note that any effective counter-terrorism strategy must strengthen, not weaken, civil society. Imposing burdensome reporting requirements on all non-profit organizations often does not contribute to combating financing of terrorism, but instead causes ineffective spending of government resources, which otherwise could have been dedicated to fighting terrorism."

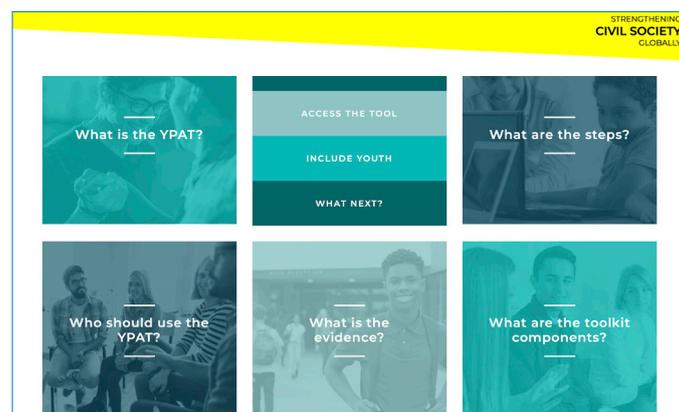
In 2019, SCS Global partner ICNL collaborated with the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) to develop the [Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Laws and the Financial Action Task Force \(FATF\) Standards and Procedures: A Toolkit for Non-Profit Organizations](#). The toolkit helps non-profit organizations and CSOs understand FATF standards, procedures, and options for engagement; map relevant local laws and actors; evaluate local laws related to money laundering and terrorism financing to determine how well they comply with FATF standards; and develop advocacy strategies that anticipate and counter government arguments for restrictive policies based on inaccurate understandings of FATF standards.

SCS Azerbaijan's ECSOFT project is implemented by FHI 360, ICNL, and MG Consulting. The workshop was co-hosted by SCS Azerbaijan in partnership with USAID, the Financial Monitoring Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Open Government Platform.

SCS Global Launches New Home for Youth Programming Assessment Tool, Adapted YPAT for DRC

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The Youth Programming Assessment Tool (YPAT)—an SCS Global development practitioner resource that helps youth-serving civil society organizations (YSOs) reflect on their internal programming and institutional practices and identify areas for improvement—has a new home! The YPAT is now available at its new interactive website, <https://ypat.fhi360.org/>.

After successfully piloting the [YPAT with the SCS Zambia Youth Lead Activity](#), SCS Global explored other opportunities to integrate the tool into youth-focused projects. In September of 2019, FHI 360 adapted the tool and translated it into French for the USAID-funded Integrated Youth Development Activity (IYDA) in the DRC and sent technical advisors to train the team to facilitate the YPAT with YSOs. After this training—and a pilot session with a local organization—the IYDA team completed the YPAT with its seven other partner organizations to help them evaluate their challenges and successes in supporting youth and find opportunities for improvement.

Each organization developed an action plan to improve their organizational capacity and their services for young people. Plans included goals, activities, implementation strategies, and indicators. *Generation Epanouie*, a partner organization, created a plan with 13 goals and relevant activities—such as extending training to rural and outlying areas, developing policies and protocols for youth protection, and partnering with networks and institutions that serve young people.

SCS Myanmar Drafts Civic Education Curriculum that Promotes Inclusivity and Tolerance



Local CSOs in Myanmar helping draft civic education and tolerance content for the country's 5th grade student curriculum.

Partnering with the Burmese Ministry of Health and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), SCS Myanmar and its local CSOs have helped draft civic education and tolerance content for the country's 5th grade student curriculum. Civic education, tolerance, and intercommunal harmony are central to SCS Myanmar's objectives.

To support the curriculum development, SCS Myanmar held a Civic Education Conference in January 2020. Fifty-seven participants (representing organizations working on civic education, education reform, child education, or intercommunal harmony) shared lessons and successful approaches to guide the joint undertaking. They also worked in groups to draft educational stories that promote tolerance and inclusivity.

These stories are awaiting approval by the Ministry of Education, to be included in the Morals & Civics curriculum for 5th graders. A few examples include:

- **Understanding & Demonstrating Fairness**—features a lion and his son, addressing the needs of different individuals
- **Good Friendships with and Caring for Others**—features a girl with a physical disability who moves to a new school
- **Moral Hazards of ICT**—features students spreading discriminatory misinformation received from the Internet, leading to a conflict in the classroom
- **Respecting Culture & Tradition of Different National Races**—tells of a Kachin girl moving to a new school in Kayin State and how she learns local culture and makes new friends
- **Living in Society with Peace & Unity**—features a group of students who learn diversity can be beautiful

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SCS Kenya Tackles Local Crime Prevention with Rural Women Peace Link and Kenya Community Supports Centre



Communities and law enforcement pledging to work for peace in Kisauni, Kenya.

SCS Global's Strengthening Democratic Space in Kenya (SADES-K) project is supporting multiple strategies to prevent crime and violence through local partnerships and prevention efforts.

After the brutal insurgency of the Sabaot Land Defense Force in Mt. Elgon was crushed in 2010, many young insurgents went into hiding and continued to attack residents. SADES-K is partnering with the Rural Women Peace Link (RWPL) to ignite a reconciliation process between the youth and the rest of Mt. Elgon society.

In September 2019, RWPL convened the women's *Bunge* (Parliament) focusing on threats in the community and recognizing that many youth needed urgent help. They led a three-day Trauma Healing and Counselling Workshop in October 2019 for 25 youth. According to Benson Mustuni, one of the ex-militia: "The women working with RWPL gave us our lives and families back...Today I am changed." Benson now chairs *Toywondet*, a group of ex-militia who visit youth who have not surrendered, working to extend the reconciliation.

The Kisauni community in the touristic Mombasa County is also affected by juvenile gangs and rising crime. Some stakeholders say lack of trust between law enforcement and the community fuels gang activity; civil society groups claim police have committed extrajudicial killings of suspects.

Through the support of SADES-K, the Kenya Community Supports Centre (KECOSCE)—in collaboration with local CSOs, peace committees, community, youth organizations, women's organizations, and national and county governments—organized an International Day of Peace event in Kisauni on September 21, 2019.

Community members and police officers took part in joint tree planting and dancing to indigenous music as a show of good faith to bridge the gap between them and signed a banner, pledging for peace.

The event also introduced an online platform for community and police engagement in Kisauni. *Kisauni tumebadilika* (or peace platform) is jointly hosted on a whatsapp group by KECOSCE project staff and the area's Deputy County Commissioner (DCC). Members can post security concerns for joint response. Since September 25, 2019, more than 30 reports have been posted. Law enforcement has addressed some directly; the office of the DCC has organized community *barazas* to respond to others.

SCS Jamaica Repeats Co-Creation Success Targeting Youth Crime and Violence, Harnesses Youth Voice

Preventing crime and violence in communities requires intense collaboration—especially with youth who are either at risk or have already committed crimes or violent acts. SCS Jamaica has relied on a co-creation approach for each step of its crime- and violence-prevention programming, ensuring it is driven by host-country, cross-sectoral actors and informed by youth voices.

In February 2020, SCS Jamaica held a series of co-creation workshops to design evidence-based interventions for high-risk youth in the most volatile and vulnerable communities across the country. Representatives from SCS Jamaica's four core partner organizations—Multicare Youth Foundation, Peace Management Initiative (PMI), RISE Life Management Services, and Violence Prevention Alliance—explored issues and designed a coordinated set of interventions together with key stakeholders, including youth.

A carefully designed session gave at-risk youth a safe space to share personal experiences and offer advice about the proposed interventions, including pitfalls to avoid.



Me did under a whole heap of influence since my father dead in 2018... PMI get involved cause me know me did a go down a wrong path.. PMI come in and dem tek me up and ting and I start work with them... if a never for that, maybe me woulda .. look fo fight the next side or something."

Youth participant, speaking in Jamaican Patois

By the final workshop, participants had agreed on interventions, monitoring and evaluation elements, and initial intervention locations—Whitfield Town and Trench Town—two Kingston inner-city communities that experienced 69 reported murders in 2019.

The workshops built on earlier SCS Jamaica collaborative efforts, beginning with a SCALE+ Whole System in the Room event in December 2018 to launch co-creation (reported in our [Winter 2019 newsletter](#)) efforts to prevent youth crime and violence in Clarendon. Five locally-developed and locally-implemented initiatives resulted and now receive assistance from SCS Jamaica to support 150 at-risk youth. Youth receive coordinated services, including psychological support, help reintegrating into the school system, support

to learn business skills, and mentorship, in partnership with Clarendon Police. Parents of at-risk children and youth also receive support and guidance.

SCS Jamaica is a six-year program strengthening CSOs, government, and businesses to prevent youth crime and violence and foster cross-sectorial partnerships. Through co-creation, it nurtures strong dialogue between these organizations and at-risk youth in high-crime communities across the island.



SCS Jamaica works directly with youth and youth-serving organizations to help prevent crime and violence in communities.

SCS Zambia Puts Youth in the Lead on Civic Action

Capstone projects are an integral part of the SCS Youth Lead Activity (YLA) in Zambia. Participating youth have the opportunity to apply civic engagement skills—gained through the YLA training, along with internships—in projects they themselves design and implement, addressing women's rights, health, and good governance.

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first YLA cohort, five groups (8 to 10 youth each) chose topics and then sought partnerships with community and government organizations to carry out their projects.

For example, one group was concerned about young girls who live on the streets in Lusaka. They designed a project to provide training to these youth on menstrual hygiene, sexual and reproductive health, and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention. They worked closely with the USAID-funded DREAMS program to teach the vulnerable girls to make reusable sanitary pads that could be sold in the market.

Two groups focused on primary schools in the most vulnerable areas of Lusaka. Students had no access to computers or books. Working with school officials, one group helped equip a library, and the other established a basic computer lab and also offered training to students in literacy and computer skills.

Each Capstone group received a small program grant for its work and raised from \$200-500 in in-kind support from

their partner organizations. They received technical and logistical assistance from FHI 360 and host organizations. The real “pay off,” however, has been the sense of agency developed in these youth, who have seen that they can make a difference.

YLA supports, networks, and elevates outstanding young leaders ages 18–35 from across Zambia to amplify the impact of their work, inspire civic innovation, and promote a culture of sustained leadership.

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SCS Tanzania Better News Project Highlights Impact of Community Radio in Zanzibar



SCS Tanzania data journalist receiving Excellence in Journalism Award (Internews, 2019)

As part of World Radio Day celebrations on February 13, *Boresha Habari* (the SCS *Better News* project in Tanzania) created a [video](#) to highlight the impact one of the community radio stations—Chuchu FM—is having on listeners in the Zanzibar community.

Boresha Habari has played an important role in the station’s development, emphasizing the importance of programming that focuses on women, youth, and local issues. The project has also provided equipment to the station, conducted training for its staff, and connected the station with local CSOs to get information on issues of concern to local communities.

This focus has not gone unnoticed by the listeners—who laud Chuchu FM for its coverage of issues important to the community. Extensive coverage of gender-related issues such as successful women entrepreneurs, in particular, has helped women feel valued and empowered.

Boresha Habari (implemented by SCS Global partner Internews with support from FHI 360) supports an open, inclusive environment in which Tanzanian media and civil society can provide accurate and impartial information that promotes participation, inclusion, and accountability.

SCS BMAP Promotes Fair Media Coverage of Ethnically Charged Issues



Protest organized by Serbian Orthodox Church in front of the Parliament of Montenegro. Photo credit: Savo Prelević, Vijesti

Balanced coverage of potentially ethnically charged issues is critical in the Balkans. A controversial law on freedom of religion was recently passed in Montenegro, giving rise to increased tensions in Serbian communities, where many people perceived the law as an attack on the Serbian Orthodox church.

Following adoption of the new law—and the resulting protests—the SCS Balkan Media Assistance Program (BMAP) key partner In Montenegro, Vijesti, played an essential role in providing accurate, up-to-date coverage of the law and the ongoing situation.

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Vijesti’s coverage attracted record traffic to its website, thanks in part to use of video blogs, livestreaming, and web platforms developed with BMAP support.

A [live blog feature](#) was viewed more than half a million times as events unfolded—a huge number, considering Montenegro’s population is only 630,000 people. The blog was developed with support from a BMAP Engaging Content Grant. Vijesti received training and equipment for livestreaming through a BMAP Technology Investment Grant. Vijesti journalists also used skills developed through BMAP trainings in [multimedia](#) and mobile journalism.

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BMAP is implemented by SCS Global partner Internews, with support from FHI 360, and works to strengthen independent media in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia.

CSO Sustainability Index (CSOSI) Project Discusses Latest Data in Learning Forum

In December 2019, SCS Global’s CSO Sustainability Index (CSOSI) project hosted “Civil Society Amid Authoritarianism and Crisis,” a Learning Forum where the [2018 CSOSI reports](#) were presented and discussed. An estimated 70 participants joined.

Don Chisholm, Deputy Office Director, DRG Center, kicked off the Forum. A distinguished panel of speakers presented on cross-cutting trends: Civic Space Under Attack/ Authoritarian Resurgence, Emerging Technology and Restrictions of Fundamental Freedoms, and Civil Society Serving in Crisis. Speakers included Saskia Brechenmacher, fellow in Carnegie's Democracy, Conflict, and Governance Program; Zach Lampell, Legal Advisor for ICNL; and David Saldívar, Senior Policy Advisor at Oxfam.



The event featured active breakout sessions on Legal Environment, Service Delivery, Public Image, and Organizational Capacity/Financial Viability—four of the seven key CSOSI dimensions—addressing both advances and setbacks in the sustainability of civil society sectors in the countries covered by the Index.

The annual CSOSI reports cover 72 countries in Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa. SCS Global's CSOSI project is implemented by FHI 360 and ICNL, along with local partners in each of the 72 countries.

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SCS Global Professionalizes Media in Balkans, Myanmar, Kyrgyz Republic, and Tanzania

Professionalizing media outlets and increasing technical expertise are priorities as media projects under SCS Global look to increase the capacity of media actors and organizations.

Capacity for livestreaming is one focus. Last year, SCS BMAP provided livestreaming training and equipment to Vijesti—a partner in Montenegro—through a BMAP Technology Investment Grant. In December, Vijesti applied their knowledge and resources in reporting on the adoption of a controversial law on freedom of religion. (See the BMAP article on page 6.) Key BMAP partners are select media outlets in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia.)

SCS Myanmar conducted a six-day digital livestreaming training in February to teach 12 journalists technical and editorial broadcast techniques, with a focus on livestream reporting and posting to Facebook live.

Radio is another area of SCS focus. Last year, SCS Kyrgyz Republic helped upgrade Salam Media's radio studio in Kyrgyzstan, allowing them to broadcast on YouTube and other social media platforms. As their radio audience has

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increased, Salam Media—located in a poor region where the majority of the work-capable population is working abroad—has begun paying for private advertisements on social networks for labor migrants living outside the country. Advertising revenue is helping Salam Media plan future improvements.

Chuchu FM, a radio station in Zanzibar, Tanzania, receives support from SCS Tanzania to improve the station's broadcasting. In addition to mentorship and equipment, SCS Tanzania has connected the station with local CSOs to provide better, more relevant broadcasts to the community. (See article on page 6.)

SCS Global media activities are implemented by consortium partner Internews with support from FHI 360.

SCS Guinea Hosts First-Ever Health Government Media Week



Participants celebrate Guinea's first Health Governance Media Week.

To motivate journalists to produce more health governance reporting and improve the quality of reporting, SCS Guinea hosted the country's first Health Governance Media Week from November 24–December 2, 2019. The project mobilized 98 radio stations, 24 online media outlets, two print outlets, and the national television station (including all of Guinea's major media organizations) to create media addressing health reform and health governance.

To kick off the week, SCS Guinea participated in a nationally-televised panel that included the director of Guinea-Bissau National Radio and Television, the chairman of the *Association Guinéenne de la Presse en Ligne* (AGUIPEL), and the director of the Rural Radio of Guinea network.

Additional media week activities included:

- the national radio station aired a two-hour show on health governance
- 33 rural radio stations broadcast shows on health reform issues
- 63 private radio stations, members of *Union des radios et télévisions libres de Guinée* (URTELGUI), broadcast their own programming on health governance
- 26 online and two print outlets published articles on health reform and health governance

On December 4–5, 2019, SCS Guinea organized a peer learning forum for 29 journalists and five government officials from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, and the National Assembly. Participants shared recommendations on how to sustain media coverage of health governance, including trainings for journalists on health issues and health governance and improvements to the Ministry of Health's website.

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SCS Guinea aims to improve citizens' understanding of and participation in Guinea's health system reforms to contribute to Guinea's post-Ebola recovery, strengthen public trust in Guinea's health sector governance, and improve service delivery.

SCS Global Developing Online Tool to Address Emerging Technology and Digital Threats to Civic Space

In December 2019, an SCS Global team led by Internews and including FHI 360 and ICNL surveyed local and international civil society leaders about their experiences with *Emerging Technologies and Digital Threats to Civic Space* to determine CSOs' interests and needs for information and guidance.

One hundred seventy-one respondents—61% of whom are from the field—identified the following emerging technologies as top choices to support civil society and democracy work: apps and tools, social media, data management, and artificial intelligence. Respondents identified cybercrime, disinformation, and government control of data and surveillance as the biggest digital threats to their work and civic space.

SCS Global presented the survey results and gathered additional feedback from participants at the DRG Center's Civil Society and Media Division's Partners' Meeting in December 2019. Based on the survey responses and feedback, SCS Global is developing an online tool to provide succinct, accurate information on technology trends and threats, explaining their relevance for civil society and those operating in the DRG space.

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SCS Global Associate Awards

USAID/AZERBAIJAN

Anti-Corruption, Transparency, Citizen Engagement
\$2.5 million, 2018 – 2023

USAID/BALKANS

Media and CSO Strengthening
\$7 million, 2017 – 2021

USAID/BOTSWANA

PEPFAR HIV/AIDS Services, CSO Strengthening
\$25 million, 2019 – 2024

USAID/BURMA

Civil Society and Media Strengthening, Peacebuilding
\$25 million, 2018 – 2023

USAID/CAMBODIA

Citizen Engagement and Participation, Local Government Transparency and Accountability
\$15 million, 2019 – 2024

USAID/Chad

Civil Society Strengthening
\$8.5 million, 2019 – 2024

USAID/Democratic Republic of Congo

Media and CSO Strengthening
\$15 million, 2019 – 2024

USAID/DJIBOUTI

CSO Strengthening, Community Development
\$2.9 million, 2018 – 2020

USAID/DRG

CSO Sustainability Index
\$9.5 million, 2017 – 2022

USAID/GUINEA

Civic Activism, Strengthening Health Governance
\$12.17 million, 2017 – 202

USAID/HONDURAS

Civil Society and Media Strengthening, Anti-Corruptio
\$9.962 million, 2018 – 2022

USAID/INDONESIA

CSO Capacity Development, Governance
\$19.8 million, 2019 – 2024

USAID/JAMAICA

Local Partner and Social Enterprise Development, Youth Engagement, Countering Violence
\$15 million, 2017 – 2023

USAID/KENYA

Governance Reform, Institution Strengthening, Rule of Law
\$6.35 million, 2018 – 2021

USAID/KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

Media and CSO Strengthening
\$6 million, 2017 – 2020

USAID/TANZANIA

Media Strengthening, Gender and Youth Integration
\$9.7 million, 2017 – 2020

USAID/ZAMBIA

Youth Engagement, Civic Leadership
\$2.818 million, 2018 – 2021

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