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LAC
Cambodia, LAC, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan
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Disinformation Activity Data Sheet - Summary			
Activity Type	Definition	Countries	Funding Amount
Fact Checking	Fact-checking is a process that seeks to verify sometimes factual information, in order to promote the veracity and correctness of reporting. Fact-checking can be conducted before or after the text is published or otherwise disseminated.		
Investigative Journalism	Investigative journalism is a form of journalism in which reporters deeply investigate a single topic of interest, such as serious crimes, political corruption, or corporate wrongdoing.		
Legal and Regulatory	Support to Government or Civil Society to ensure international and democratic norms and principles of human rights and freedoms (ie. association, expression) are respected.		
Alternative Narratives	Communications efforts that seeks to help audiences find common ground independently from fact/counter-fact debates that overwhelm the political and social dialouges.		
Media Literacy/Public Education	Media literacy encompasses the practices that allow people to access, critically evaluate, and create or manipulate media.		
Platform Accountability	Actions to compel social media platforms to take responsibility and be accountable for their own actions to manipulate, rank, filter, moderate and take down content or user accounts.		
Research	Undertaken to understand the prevelence, networks, dynamics or perceptions of information disorder, or to independently inform MEL of interventions		
Media Development	Complex support to independent media (includes legal and regulatory, newsroom support, safety / security, participation, etc.)		
Disinformation Hubs	Support for the establisment or operations of units or coordintion functions coordinating government, civil society and industry activities		
Other			
	International norm setting		
	Innovation		

Cell: D3
Comment: Adam Kaplan
This will get squirrelly here if we are tagging activities with multiple type labels
3/31/2021 9:22 AM
Reply: Joshua Machleder
yeah. maybe we can drop this. i see this summary sheet as useful to just find where you have countries with a particular type of intervention, no?
3/31/2021 1:22 PM

Cell: A7
Comment: Adam Kaplan
I proposed changing this label. Messaging campaigns are little more than a communications tool that might be employed to a host of the other effort types described here. Alternative narratives is specific approach to communications efforts that seeks to help audiences find common ground independently from fact/counter-fact debates
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Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	AID-OAA-I-14-00006
Activity Name:	Peace Support Initiative (PSI)
OU of issue	OTI/Afghanistan
Country of Activity:	Afghanistan
Dates of Activity:	8/2020 - 8/2021
Funding Amount:	$464,368
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	ES-OCO 15/20, ES-OCO 18/19
AOR / Contacts:	Liz Dooghan edooghan@usaid.gov (Asia Team Lead); Molly Wilkin mwilkin@usaid.gov (COR)
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	DAI (Please contact COR if interested in IP correspondance on this program.)
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Peace Process Support
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Counter disinformation
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	Yes
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	Yes
Activity Objective(s):	In order to strengthen and amplify a national consensus for peace with progress, USAID assumes Afghan public consent will be essential for the success of any peace agreement.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	The Taliban and other influential state and non-state groups are effectively using disinformation and hate speech to undermine and exacerbate peace in Afghanistan. Through social listening this activity identified, analyzed and contextualized narrative trends, particularly of disinformation and hate speech, across social and traditional media. Informed by these destructive narratives, the activity proactively supported fact based news and messaging in support of the Afghan peace process. Additionally, understanding of these malign narratives contextualized an intensive three-day workshop with regional Afghan journalists and government communications officials, enabling forthright and fact based reporting to improve Afghans' understanding of, and manage their expectations about, the peace process.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	If the Afghan government, civil society, and media increase accurate and transparent awareness of the peace process while amplifing Afghans' demand for peace, reconciliation and progress, then the influnce of spoilers and beligerents to the peace process will be reduced, and chance of success for the Afghan Peace Negotiations will be strengthened.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	N/A

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet
Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
External)

TBD
The Media Program in Armenia
Armenia
Armenia
Winter 2023-Winter 2028
$15 million
AEECA
Anahit Khachatryan, akhachatryan@usaid.gov
Internews
Standalone
Media Development
DRG
DRG
From the RFA: TMPA is a five-year activity that aims to strengthen the integrity of the information space in Armenia. The activity will enhance the professional and organizational capacity of independent media actors to strengthen their editorial independence and financial viability and to increase their reach and impact across Armenian society. The goal of the activity will thus be achieved through the following four interlinked objectives: (1) Enhance journalistic standards and information quality; (2) Foster financial viability of media actors; (3) Improve enabling legal-regulatory environment for independent information flow; and (4) Advance key institutions and processes for improved media and information literacy.

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Indo-Pacific Transparency Initiative (IPTI)
OU of issue	Asia Bureau
Country of Activity:	Regional Asia
Dates of Activity:	
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Nils Mueller
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	
Type of Activity (Primary)	Democratic development (broadly)
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Information integrity
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Broad DRG program to support Indo Pacific Strategy. Goal 4 of the program specifically focuses upon information integrity.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	The Initiative is managed by USAID/Asia Bureau. Through IPTI, USAID seeks to strengthen democratic systems comprising the institutions, policies, processes, and principles that are being contested in the Indo-Pacific region. The IPTI Theory of Change posits that: IF institutional and fiscal integrity is strengthened (Goal 1); IF political and electoral system integrity is strengthened (Goal 2); IF social attitudes reinforce democratic systems (Goal 3); IF informational integrity is strengthened (Goal 4), and; IF human rights are strengthened (Goal 5); THEN democratic systems, comprised of institutions, policies, processes, and principles that are being contested will be strengthened.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	
Fact sheet	https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1861/USAI
Annual MEL Report on Results	https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00Z59M.pdf

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~~(SBU)~~ Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72011221CA00001
Activity Name:	~~(SBU)~~ The Media and Journalism Activity
OU of issue	Azerbaijan
Country of Activity:	Azerbaijan
Dates of Activity:	July 2021-July 2025
Funding Amount:	$3.5 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Emin Mammadli, emammadli@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media literacy
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	~~(SBU)~~ The Media and Journalism Activity's goal is: Capacity-building for journalists, particularly for using digital media technologies, strengthening media literacy and critical thinking skills among citizens, and improving skills among journalists and citizens to address disinformation efforts coming from foreign and domestic actors. Its objectives include: Objective 1: Improve the ability of local independent media practitioners to develop high-quality, engaging, and socially important content Objective 2: Strengthen media literacy and critical thinking skills Objective 3: Equip media practitioners and citizens with skills to identify, track, expose, and address disinformation.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF independent media outlets and journalists have improved capacity to produce high-quality, engaging information, including improved digital security skills; and IF critical thinking skills and media and information literacy among citizens are strengthened; and IF countering disinformation skills among media practitioners and media consumers are strengthened; THEN the availability of high-quality, socially relevant information is increased; and citizens will use more accurate, objective news and information in their decision-making.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

~~(SBU)~~ Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72011319LA00002
Activity Name:	~~(SBU)~~ The Media Activity
OU of issue	Belarus
Country of Activity:	Belarus
Dates of Activity:	9/2019-9/2026
Funding Amount:	$15 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Edgar Mason emason@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Freedom House/ Internews
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media literacy
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	~~(SBU)~~ The purpose of the Media Activity in Belarus is to increase the supply of quality, socially relevant content and to increase citizens' demand for accurate, objective information. This goal will be achieved by (1) improving the ability of indigenous, independent information providers to develop fact-based, accurate, and engaging content, (2) strengthening media literacy and critical thinking skills, (3) establishing research-based methodologies to counter disinformation efforts, and (4) Provide media practitioners with access to rapid response support.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	~~(SBU)~~ Activities include: 1. Support production of high-quality content, including solutions-oriented journalism (Increase availability of quality content; engage audiences around electoral coverage; innovative media products); 2. Strengthen independent media sustainability and capacity to produce quality content; 3. Provide digital security and legal support; Strengthen professional collaboration/media support organizations; 4. Strengthen media literacy efforts (campaigns, engage teachers); 5. Expand media monitoring and analysis; 6. Promote dialogue on media professionalism; 7. Monitor violations of journalists' rights; 8. Strengthen and expand research efforts on disinformation; 9. Support application of research

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF the capacity of local, independent media practitioners to provide fact-based, accurate, and engaging content is improved; and IF media literacy and critical thinking skills among media practitioners and audiences are strengthened; and IF evidence-based approaches to countering disinformation efforts are enhanced, THEN the availability of quality, socially relevant information is increased; and citizens will demand greater access to accurate, objective news and information.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	https://mediaiq.by/

~~(SBU)~~ Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72011319LA00001
Activity Name:	$5 million
OU of issue	Belarus
Country of Activity:	Belarus
Dates of Activity:	4/2019-9/2024
Funding Amount:	$5 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Edgar Mason emason@usaid.gov
POC:	CEPPS/ NDI/IRI
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Part of larger award
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Political participation
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Alternative narratives
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	~~(SBU)~~ The Increasing Political Participation in Belarus Program defines effective alternatives to Kremlin messaging and fostering constructive public discourse that encourages deliberation and critical thinking to counter malign efforts that discourage independent thought. To that end, the activity provides technical assistance to pro-democratic forces in Belarus.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	~~(SBU)~~ The primary goal is to increase participation in the political process. It also supports citizen reporting, promotes constructive dialogue on issues relevant to Belarusian citizens, and promotes more balanced, alternative views to counter Russia's malign influence. Assistance counters Russian narratives, which promote Soviet nostalgia, glorify the concept of a Russkiy Mir (Russian World), and perpetuate Belarus' dependence on Russia, distort public perceptions of the United States and of Belarus itself. USAID's strategic approach is to support the Belarusian pro-democracy movement who offer Belarusians an alternative to the current regime. To meet the demand for objective information, USAID supports independent media platforms that experience wide outreach inside Belarus to support and promote political discourse. It also helps the democratic forces to present/ communicate an alternative to Belarusians, who demand political change and offer an alternative reform agenda of after-Lukashenko Belarus.

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF democratic actors from civil society, media community and political sphere: Are aware of the threats in the information environment; Understand vulnerabilities of the population; Are equipped with effective countermeasures; THEN democratic actors will be able to communicate the messages and content that build resilience to malign information operations to the public
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

~~(SBU)~~ Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	Associate Award 72011321LA00001 under SCS Global LWA AID-OAA-L-16-00005
Activity Name:	~~(SBU)~~ Belarus Civil Society Activity (BCSA)
OU of issue	Belarus
Country of Activity:	Belarus
Dates of Activity:	5/2021-5/2024
Funding Amount:	At least $1.5 million for media/disinfo-related activities
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Mila Oleksiiuk, loleksiiuk@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	FHI360
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Part of larger award
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Civil Society Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Alternative narratives
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	~~(SBU)~~ Civic literacy and national identity of Belarusian citizens; Increase local legal capacity strengthened and availability of legal resources for civil society; Enhance capacity of civil society, including well established and newly forming civil society groups, to address citizen-identified issues and mobilize domestic resources; Increase civil society resilience through accessible, flexible, and demand-based support to civil society.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	~~(SBU)~~ The purpose of the civil society strengthening activity is to capacitate and empower a wide range of civil society, including formal and informal civic groups, to advance democratic reforms and accountable governance in Belarus.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF a wide range of civil society, including formal and informal groups, are better educated on the basics of democracy and rule of law, capacitated, and empowered THEN civil society will have greater effectiveness in representing citizen interests and advancing democratic reforms and accountable governance in Belarus.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

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Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

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~~(SBU)~~ Belarus Regional Initiative
Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI)
Belarus
4/2021-2/2025
$2.1M
TI (2021, 2022); CCF (2022)
Nat Myers, nmyers@usaid.gov; Molly Wilkin, mwilkin@usaid.gov (COR)
Chemonics International
Part of larger award
Alternative narratives; independent media
Research
n/a
n/a
Support the emergence of a democratic, sovereign Belarus.
~~(SBU)~~ Via the Belarus Regional Initiative (BRI), USAID works with CSOs, independent media, and content producers that strive to: - increase public openness for a democratic transition; - promote alternative media content which challenges regime narratives; - expand the audience of Belarusians receiving tailored non-regime messaging and independent media content; and - sustain and support pro-democratic actors and initiatives inside Belarus. BRI supports independent media outlets and activists to find new ways to reach audiences and develop approaches that maintain reach, including support for alternative content delivery, investigative journalism and independent media, and tailored messaging to reach key audiences.

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Media Engagement Activity
OU of issue	Bosnia-Herzegovina
Country of Activity:	Bosnia-Herzegovina
Dates of Activity:	9/2021-9/2024
Funding Amount:	$10 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Jasna Kilalic, jkilalic@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Internews (via Freedom House)
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	Objective 1: Enhance the operational capabilities of media outlets in business management and strategy, resource mobilization, cybersecurity, and legal protection Activities implemented under this objective will: Increase the quality, quantity, and appeal of content produced by selected media partners throughout BiH Increase their use of innovative and multimedia formats and tools in producing and disseminating media content Expand and diversify their audiences Objective 2: Improve the quality and reach of an expanded and diverse set of media partners/outlets, particularly in the digital space Activities implemented under this objective will: Improve strategic planning and business practices of selected media partners Improve their use of audience analysis and market trends Increase their access to and generation of resources for improving content, staffing, and/or infrastructure Increase their resilience to cyber attacks Create mechanisms for legal protection of journalists Objective 3: Expand collaboration and networking among media outlets
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72016819GR00002
Activity Name:	Investigative Journalism in Bosnia and Herzegovina
OU of issue	Bosnia-Herzegovina
Country of Activity:	Bosnia-Herzegovina
Dates of Activity:	9/2019-9/2024
Funding Amount:	$2.5 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Selma Sijercic Dilber, ssijercic@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Center for Media Development and Research
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Investigative Journalism
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Anti-corruption
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The Investigative Journalism in BiH program helps to ensure that citizens have access to unbiased information. Specific strategic objectives are: to increase the quantity and quality of investigative media reporting on corruption; to provide support to media outlets and journalists/bloggers dedicated to investigative reporting; to increase public awareness on corruption and to provide legal support to media outlets and journalist partners targeted by defamation lawsuits.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	The goals of this Activity are: 1) Expand the network of media outlets and journalists dedicated to investigative reporting on corruption. USAID will search for new local media outlets interested in investigative journalism and provide direct financial support for their activities; 2) Increase the quantity and quality of investigative reporting on corruption in selected sectors; 3) Increase public awareness and engagement on corruption cases by improving citizens' access to accurate information about corruption in these select sectors; and 4) Provide legal assistance for media outlets and journalists for politically motivated defamation lawsuits.

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	The Investigative Reporting Activity is part of USAID/BiH's larger anti-corruption efforts in the civic sphere that also consists of a separate award focused on civil society anti-corruption engagement. Together, these two awards are expected to work towards the goal of increasing citizen participation in the fight against corruption. The Development Hypothesis is therefore the following: IF citizens have access to unbiased information (Investigative Reporting Activity), and IF civil society effectively influences government policy development and decision-making on anti-corruption measures (CS-AC Activity), and IF civil society organizations effectively engage citizens (CS-AC Activity) and IF civil society organizations coordinate their efforts with other stakeholders (CS-AC Activity), THEN we can expect increased participation of citizens in the fight against corruption
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	IJP Y1 Annual Report

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA19C00061
Activity Name:	Digital APEX Support
OU of issue	DDI/ITR/T/Cyber
Country of Activity:	Cambodia
Dates of Activity:	7/2022-Ongoing
Funding Amount:	$200,000.00
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	DA
AOR / Contacts:	mkent@usaid.gov, tchy@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Omelas
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Literacy
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media Development
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	Equip Mission partners with effective tools to recognize and combat MDM that affects them
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	On Wednesday, July 6th, 2022, APEX held training sessions on cyber and disinformation for Cohort II organizations. In total, we had 12 participants from 6 beneficiary organizations. Overall, the participants were impressed and asked for more training. They want at least one training on disinformation and cybersecurity every quarter. Before our next training, they will also send over examples of previous hacks and disinformation campaigns so that we can better help address their specific needs.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Reports

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72011518CA00001
Activity Name:	USAID Central Assia Media Program (MediaCAMP)
OU of issue	Central Asian Republics Mission (CAR)
Country of Activity:	Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan
Dates of Activity:	10/1/2018-9/30/2023
Funding Amount:	15,000,000
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Madina Kusmoldanova mkusmoldanova@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Internews
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	includes Media literacy
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	COVID-19
Activity Objective(s):	This activity promotes a balanced information environment in Central Asia, including Kazakhstan, to increase openness among youth and adults for differing perspectives, and, in turn, increase their engagement in civic participation. Activity will continue to address challenges within the media landscape by strengthening journalistic professionalism, increasing media coverage in Kazakh language, advocating for an improved legal and regulatory environment for media, and improving their financial sustainability. It will also improve the media literacy, enabling the population to become critical consumers of information who are less susceptible to misinformation campaigns. Media literacy will be increased through creating a national pool of media ethics experts, issuing grants to develop tools for building critical thinking among youth, and assisting high school and primary schools adapt their media-related curriculum. This activity will also foster youth engagement through opportunities to co-design content that meets young people's information needs and amplifies youth voices.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	USAID's Central Asia Media Program developed and conducted a multimedia quiz "Media-Gorod" ("Media-City") to increase media and information literacy among students. The "Media-Gorod" quiz covers topics on media literacy, social networks, instant messengers, critical thinking, and working with information. Developed by a joint team from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, the multimedia quiz was promoted on the @quizmediagorod Instagram account which has over 17,100 subscribers. 68 teams consisting of 412 participants from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Tajikistan participated in the "Media-Gorod" quiz competition which was held in several rounds on the Kahoot and Zoom platforms. Based on the results of the semifinals in each country, four teams will reach the final.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	

Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

~~(SBU)~~ Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72068519LA00006
Activity Name:	Chad Civil Society Strengthening Activity (CCSSA)
OU of issue	Sahel Regional Office
Country of Activity:	Chad
Dates of Activity:	2019-2023
Funding Amount:	$8,514,730 (ceiling)
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	FY20 DA, Complex Crisis Funds
AOR / Contacts:	Lesley McBride
POC:	FHI 360
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Civil Society
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Local CSO Grantmaking program. Originally broad ranging CSO capacity building, re-focused work initially on COVID and then on national reconciliation and dialogue in advance of the upcoming National Dialogue following the death of longtime leader Idriss Deby. One of the big focuses of the grantmaking has been increasing local CSOs ability to counter dis- and mis- information in these areas.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	[redacted]

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72051420CA00001
Activity Name:	Partners for Transparency
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	August 5, 2020 - August 4, 2025
Funding Amount:	$19,889,919.00
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Andres Urrego anurrego@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Counter-Disinformation; Media Development and Sustainability Support.
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Support locally-driven solutions to increase transparency, accountability, access to information and reduce corruption in Colombia. Local partner, La Silla Vacía (a recognized independent media in Colombia), has sub-activities on media support and countering mis/disinformation.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Fact sheet

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Combatting Disinformation and Developing Digital Citizenship (Ecuador Verifica)
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Fundamedios (local Ecuadorian NGO)
or part of a larger award?	
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Counter-Disinformation Programs (elections), Media and Digital Literacy
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Strengthen the ECUADOR VERIFICA network and support Fundamedios in detecting and fact-checking potentially false content and malicious disinformation networks throughout the electoral process, while also expanding media literacy to youth, public officials, and at-risk populations. The network will also address disinformation related to COVID-19 and during social unrest.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Citizens Empowered
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	
Funding Amount:	$30.5 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development, safety and digital literacy. Counter disinformation
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	Strengthen social accountability by empowering citizens to demand effective governance.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	El Salvador and Peru
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	The Metropolitan Group
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Research
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Strategic messaging on HH.RR.
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	This global activity was designed to produce formative and actionable research rooted in local values to support strategic messaging that fortifies democratic values that are relevant and resonant in the countries in which USAID works. It will build resilience to propaganda or disinformation that is creating an enabling environment for authoritarian actors to gain legitimacy and power. It will provide capacity building to local research organizations to carry out social science research for strategic messaging campaigns, while working with local CSOs to build strategic messaging plans and carry out campaigns.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	**Strengthening Media and Information Actors in Georgia**
OU of issue	Georgia
Country of Activity:	Georgia
Dates of Activity:	9/2022-9/2027
Funding Amount:	$10 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Corinne Rothblum crothblum@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The goal of the program is to strengthen the quality of media and information in Georgia while preserving an information landscape that is vital to Georgia's citizens and holds Georgia's government to account. The objectives include: (1) Preserve and strengthen an enabling environment that fosters press freedom and access to information; (2) Develop more effective self-regulation among media professionals and information producers that sets standards for quality and ethics; and (3) Increase the availability of civically relevant, fact-based, independent sources of information.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Georgia Information Integrity Program (GIIP)
OU of issue	Georgia
Country of Activity:	Georgia
Dates of Activity:	9/2020-9/2025
Funding Amount:	$7.5 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Keti Bakradze, kbakradze@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Zinc
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Other-Whole of Society
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The Georgia Information Integrity Program will manage a consortium of domestic and international experts developing sustainable solutions for building resilience to disinformation, taking a "whole-of-society" approach to protecting Georgia's information space. The program starts from the premise that, to be effective and sustainable, efforts to combat disinformation must involve actively building institutions, practices, and networks that underpin societal resilience. The program will advance this goal by supporting innovation, co-creating new approaches to map the sources and measure the impacts of disinformation and develop and disseminate fact-based messages accordingly. It will also scale-up domestic efforts to combat disinformation through an accelerator model, partnering with Georgian organizations to pilot, scale, and sustain projects that measurably strengthen Georgia's resilience to disinformation. GIIP works with new partners for USAID, including Zinc Network Limited, which will manage a consortium of domestic and international experts developing sustainable solutions for building resilience to disinformation.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF targeted strategic population groups in Georgia better understand the causes and effects of disinformation, AND have effective tools to combat it, AND are empowered and incentivized to apply these tools consistently, THEN Georgian societal resilience to disinformation and malign influence will increase

Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Report by local partners (based on disinformation mapping project developed under the program)

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA18CA00059
Activity Name:	Advancing Integrity in Media: Media Literacy for New Digital Arrivals
OU of issue	DDI/DRG
Country of Activity:	Indonesia
Dates of Activity:	9/27/2018 - 9/26/2022
Funding Amount:	1,792,898
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Josh Machleder jmachleder@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Notre Dame University (Prime) IREX, Moonshot CVE, GeoPoll (Subs); Dr. Tim Weninger tweninger@nd.edu
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Literacy/Public Education
Type of Activity (Secondary)	includes research + use of image provenance AI
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	COVID-19
Activity Objective(s):	The activity will seek to improve media literacy among new digital arrivals with a goal of reducing their likelihood to engage with and spread disinformation. New digital arrivals are citizens who have recently started receiving and sharing information through digital and social media platforms, but who have not benefited from traditional media literacy education. This may include older adults or marginalized groups who are outside formal education systems.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	1- Employ custom software to identify what kind of socially harmful content and disinformation is prevalent, and how it is being spread within a specific region, event, or social media landscape 2- adapt existing school-based curricula to content that can be easily presented to a digital audience, while addressing specific disinformation events 3 - deliver the digitized media literacy content to target audiences via the “Redirect method” 4 - impact assessment of effectiveness of the media literacy content. Summary of impact: data suggests that exposure to media literacy content has had a positive impact on users' ability to assess the credibility of information online.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Harvard Misinformation Review: “Online Media Literacy Reduced Belief in False News in Indonesia”; Perspectives on Politics: “Images of Deceit: Analyzing Politically Salient Visual Disinformation in Contexts of Political Violence and Instability”

Cell: C12

Comment: Joshua Machleder
@akaplan@usaid.gov what do you think if i just add more lines below?
Assigned to akaplan@usaid.gov
3/31/2021 9:20 AM

Reply: Joshua Machleder
Marked as done
3/31/2021 9:34 AM

Reply: Adam Kaplan
I guess the question for me is what are we thinking of how to include multiple activities in a single country? Will they be farther down the sheet, across the sheet or on separate tabs.
Re-opened
3/31/2021 9:42 AM

Reply: Joshua Machleder
am trying to change the script code for this to allow multiple selectoins, but to no avail. anyone here good at coding?
3/31/2021 9:56 AM

Reply: Adam Kaplan
If not we could just permit additional cells in row 11 to be the additional components? If so for purposes of the summary maybe we suggest some form of prioritization or ranking of tags...?
3/31/2021 10:35 AM

Reply: Joshua Machleder
how does it look now -- i put something in row 13 which could be a write in
3/31/2021 1:21 PM

Cell: A14

Comment: Joshua Machleder
@lpoggiali@usaid.gov I tried to add your comment here. Let me know if the language is good and if there might be other categories that you think would be appropriate.
Assigned to lpoggiali@usaid.gov
3/31/2021 10:58 AM

Reply: Lisa Poggiali
This looks great! Maybe mimic the below with (primary) and (secondary)? I'm thinking, for e.g., of the DRC's Media activity, which is out of the DRG Office, but focuses on COVID, so for that I'd want to put down both. If that sounds OK I'm happy to adjust the table.
4/2/2021 8:47 PM

Reply: Joshua Machleder
let me know what you think. i've just added it
4/4/2021 9:34 PM

Reply: Lisa Poggiali
youre the best!
4/5/2021 10:25 AM

Disinformation Activity Data

Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

Sheet
72026718LA00002-03
Current and future Iraqi elections processes are more resilient to malign influences.
Iraq
30 September 2018 - 29 September 2023
USD 25,400,000
ESF
Jalal Jaafar / jjalil@usaid.gov
IRI - Ashleigh Whelan IFES - Anna Wiktorowska
Part of a larger award
Media Literacy/Public Education
DRG
DRG
To build resilience against Iranian malign influence on democratic and civic institutions, a trend that will likely increase leading up to important national elections and new government formation. CEPPS/IFES will work with IHEC to recognize electoral misinformation and disinformation and to craft security protocols against cyber threats. CEPPS/IRI, meanwhile, will work with local civil society organizations to document and expose Iranian encroachment into Iraq's democratic processes, as well as to support counternarratives through independent media and influencers.
Both cyber-attacks and disinformation campaigns present serious challenges to emerging democracies in Iraq. Cyber threats and attacks reduce confidence in the electoral process, while disinformation campaigns in social and traditional media amplify political and social divisions. Both fuel distrust in fragile democratic institutions and erode citizens' willingness to engage in political processes. Under this objective there are two IRs: 1- Iraqi electoral stakeholders have greater capacity to counter malign influence around electoral processes. 2- Citizen awareness of and ability to identify malign narratives is increased.
If the Government of Iraq is able to stand up inclusive, independent and accountable government institutions and build Iraqi capacity to conduct legitimate and credible elections and other political processes free from foreign malign influences that impinge on Iraq's sovereign authority, and if Iraqi citizens are empowered to freely and effectively advocate for their rights and participate civically, then Iraq will lay a foundation for a more peaceful, inclusive and democratic Iraq.

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	SWIFT Contract No. AID-OAA-I-14-00006, Task Order No. 7200AA18F00019
Activity Name:	Iraq Community Resilience Initiative (ICRI)
OU of issue	OTI/Iraq
Country of Activity:	Iraq
Dates of Activity:	7/2018-2/2022
Funding Amount:	$93,900,000 (Please note: A only sub-set of this funding was used for projects or project components related to dis/misinformation and the information space.)
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	TI, ESF
AOR / Contacts:	John Acree, jacree@usaid.gov; Lisette Anzoategui, lanzoategui@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Chemonics
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Alternative narratives
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Research
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	N/A
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	N/A
Activity Objective(s):	The USAID Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) Iraq Community Resilience Initiative (ICRI) aims to increase stability in Iraq by improving conditions that allow for durable returns in areas liberated from ISIS. CPS/OTI is expanding credible coverage and verification of news across Iraq by producing investigative video reports to counter fake news trends and train news monitors. The manipulation of content on social media has threatened national stability and the lives of many Iraqi citizens. Examples include the spread of misinformation during the protest movement in late 2019, assassinations attacks against famous Iraqi activists, and the COVID-19 outbreak. USAID/OTI's ongoing support to credible voices will provide Iraqis with reliable information that counteracts false narratives that divide communities and promote a false sense of paranoia and distrust.

Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	CPS/OTI supported an Iraqi CSO with technical and material assistance to call attention to hate speech by using memes and cartoons to draw attention to how such speech is employed (intentionally or not) in everyday life. Topics include violence against women, forced marriage, racism, tribalism, and minority culture. The campaign has reached a wide audience and campaign managers typically engage their audience in ongoing conversations about the provocative issues they cover. CPS/OTI is supporting Tech4Peace with basic operational costs and equipment, funding for the production of weekly videos tackling emerging fake news trends, and training courses for 70 participants to learn to identify and highlight fake news stories on Iraqi online platforms. This activity will increase intra-community engagement by countering rumors, misinformation, and online incitement to violence and will promote a better understanding of local circumstances that can be used to prevent inter and intra-community tensions and conflict. CPS/OTI also conducted a social media analysis in 2020 that identified overarching narratives, influencers and influencing groups, and inauthentic behavior that influenced Iraqi social media.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	N/A
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	N/A

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	TBD
Activity Name:	Strengthening Civil Society System (Sawt) Activity
OU of issue	Jordan
Country of Activity:	Jordan
Dates of Activity:	Estimated: 1/2022-12/2026
Funding Amount:	Approx. $1.5 million for disinformation related activities
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Kipp Efinger; kefinger@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	TBD
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Part of larger award
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Civil Society Advocacy and Capacity Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Digital Media and media literacy
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	-Online media provides ethical and verifiable information that citizens can rely on for constructive contribution to civic discourse. -Citizens and civil society organizations effectively participate in civic spaces and advocate for policies through collective action. -CSOs demonstrate measurable improvements related to their networks, organizational development, and advocacy. -CSOs and media content creators more effectively serve marginalized communities.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	The Sawt “Voice” activity aims to position Jordanian civil society to effectively represent and advocate on behalf of citizen-driven interests, while leveraging the use of digital media to enhance civic knowledge and discourse. A more active and effective civil society and better informed public will assist the Government of Jordan (GOJ) in producing policies that respond to citizen’s needs, while also promoting increased trust between government institutions and those whom they govern.

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	CSOs and media have the potential to be a vehicle for civic engagement. A mental model for such engagement describes a virtuous cycle with four domains, which include knowledge, participation, accountability, and inclusion. **Knowledge** relates to citizens' understanding of their rights as well as policy issues that affect their lives. Media and outreach by CSOs can play a large part in building citizenship through knowledge. Once citizens gain knowledge, they may be inspired to participate in processes of policy development, service delivery, and social change. CSOs provide an avenue for participation, particularly when they enjoy a strong constituent base and engage in knowledge strengthening. The knowledge that participation is possible and effective may be an important driver of citizen engagement. If **participation** is effective and government actors believe it is constructive, the government may demonstrate a form of **accountability** by acknowledging citizen demands and inviting dialogue about how to improve policies and services, thereby building trust and partnership between citizens and government. At this stage policies are likely to be more responsive to the desires of citizens. However, the virtuous cycle is not complete until **inclusion** occurs, thereby bringing in more participants, advancing social cohesion and giving voice to minorities into the policy-making process. In summary, the group of knowledgeable participants expands; a growing sense emerges that civic participation is possible and effective for all citizens. This generates more demand for reform and more nuance within that demand. The government then acknowledges the desires of citizens and works in partnership with civil society to advance policies with public input. In the final stage of the virtuous cycle, Sawt should consider the inclusion not only of more citizens, but of minorities and vulnerable populations,
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Refer to USAID/Jordan media analysis, which can be requested from the point of contact listed above.

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	
Activity Name:	CULTIVATING MEDIA INDEPENDENCEINITIATIVE (MEDIA-K)
OU of issue	Kyrgyz Republic
Country of Activity:	Kyrgyz Republic
Dates of Activity:	09/30/2017 - 09/30/2022
Funding Amount:	10,650,000
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Erkin Kornurbaev, ekornurbaev@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Internews
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Platform Accountability
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	Elections
Activity Objective(s):	1) Stimulate the market for domestic production and increase hosting of more engaging multimedia. Engaging content responds to the preferences of viewers, widen audiences and increase advertising revenues. 2) Support media organizations to better identify and exploit opportunities to increase advertising revenues. Partners use reliable audience research to maximize the full range of airtime, better target audiences, and demonstrate value to advertisers. Growing revenues exert greater independence. 3) Stakeholders better coordinate efforts to develop the sector. The support will prioritize advocacy efforts to foster media freedom, enable greater advertising market, and stimulate professional among media.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	1- Employ custom software to identify what kind of socially harmful content and disinformation is prevalent, and how it is being spread within a specific region, event, or social media landscape 2- adapt existing school-based curricula to content that can be easily presented to a digital audience, while addressing specific disinformation events 3 - deliver the digitized media literacy content to target audiences via the “Redirect method” 4 - impact assessment of effectiveness of the media literacy content. Summary of impact: data suggests that exposure to media literacy content has had a positive impact on users' ability to assess the credibility of information online.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	If media outlets adopt a more professional market approach -- using data to better understand their consumer base, respond with more engaging content to grow their audience share, and attract more advertising revenues -- then they will become more viable businesses capable of claiming their financial and editorial independence. In addition, if these media outlets work with other media stakeholders to address sector-wide needs, and focus joint messaging on policy concerns, then they will promote and protect both a business and a regulatory environment that enables media businesses to thrive. Together these efforts will ensure the media can play its role in empowering citizens' informed participation in democratic processes.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	[redacted]

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA19C00061
Activity Name:	Digital APEX Support
OU of issue	DDI/ITR/T/Cyber
Country of Activity:	Kyrgyz Republic
Dates of Activity:	10/2021-10/2021
Funding Amount:	$60,750.00
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	DA
AOR / Contacts:	mkent@usaid.gov, ekonurbaev@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Stratigos Security
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Literacy
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	Media disinformation training
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	"Media Disinformation" webinar, total number of participants: 66; female 48; male: 18. (record here). This webinar was conducted in hybrid format due Zoom connection with journalists from "School of Versatile Journalist" offline training that was being conducted at Internews Training Center.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Reports

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	AID-OAA-I-14-00006
Activity Name:	Libya Transition Initiative 3
OU of issue	OTI/Libya
Country of Activity:	Libya
Dates of Activity:	5/2017-2/2022
Funding Amount:	Approx. $631,350 for disinformation related activities
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Andrew Sinclair, asinclair@usaid.gov; Laura Feehs, lfeehs@usaid.gov (COR)
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Chemonics
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Alternative narratives
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media Development
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	Through activities that counter hate speech and disinformation, CPS/OTI supported civic actors to fill social vacuums that would otherwise be filled by entities seeking to exploit regional and other divides for political gain. CPS/OTI helped civic actors produce and disseminate moderate messaging relevant to current issues. Through this process, moderate voices are entering the mainstream, where they can participate in dialogue and influence public opinion. Supporting moderate voices and creating forums for safe, open discussion are important steps towards shaping an environment conducive to stability and a peaceful political transition.
	CPS/OTI supported a Libyan CSO with technical and material assistance to support the implementation of a campaign to calls attention to hate speech by using memes and cartoons to draw awareness to how such speech is employed (intentionally or not) in everyday life. Topics include violence against women, forced marriage, racism, tribalism, minority culture, and the Libyan East/West divide. The campaign has reached a wide audience and campaign managers typically engage their audience in ongoing conversations about the provocative issues they cover.

Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	CPS/OTI helped the Libyan National Center for Disease Control provide critical health information to citizens by amplifying their nationwide COVID-19 prevention campaign under the slogan “United Against Coronavirus.” The campaign reached millions of Libyans through billboards, posters, text messages, videos, and Facebook. Over two dozen Libyan civil society groups, relief organizations, and media outlets amplified these messages, leading to more than five million online impressions in the first few weeks of the campaign. Accurate information about COVID-19 is critical to counter disinformation about the pandemic. This campaign also demonstrated that civic actors across the country were uniting despite conflict to respond to COVID-19.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	AID-117-A-17-00001
Activity Name:	MEDIA-M (Media Enabling Democracy, Inclusion and Accountability in Moldova)
OU of issue	Moldova
Country of Activity:	Moldova
Dates of Activity:	4/2017-9/2023 (note, cost and time extension underway, can update soon)
Funding Amount:	$8.3 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Roman Purici (rpurici@usaid.gov)
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Internews, Corina Cepoi
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media Literacy, Legal and Regulatory
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	MEDIA-M aims to promote the development of an independent, professional media that gives citizens access to a variety of perspectives, and to create a media sector that is more resilient to political and financial pressures. By focusing on the supply of and demand for objective information, the activity will strengthen the ability of independent media to fulfill its role as a watchdog over the government and serve as a space for citizens to engage in public policy dialogue. Moreover, the Activity's focus on the legal enabling environment will reinforce existing protections for freedom of speech, facilitate better implementation of laws, and advocate for media sector regulation in accordance with international norms. MEDIA-M will focus on three programmatic and one cross-cutting objective, as follows: 1. Support independent media and production and dissemination of alternative content through grants and needs-based technical assistance; 2. Build consumer understanding of and demand for independent, reliable, and high quality news and information through targeted media literacy activities; and 3.Improve the enabling legal and regulatory environment for independent media by strengthening the capacity of media support organizations. The cross-cutting objective is to nurture the organizational capacity of local media institutions for transition to direct local awards.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF: (1) existing and emerging independent media outlets expand their operations and outreach, (2) the general public is sensitized to media manipulations (internal and external misinformation), and (3) there is a strong and committed coalition to monitor and improve the enabling environment for independent media; THEN the Moldovans will have improved access to a diversity of opinion and alternative sources of news to make informed choices and engage in the country's future democratic consolidation.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Media Perceptions survey; Legal analyses (Freedom House)

~~(SBU)~~ Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	7200AA22F00003
Activity Name:	~~(SBU)~~ Moldova Resilience Initiative (MRI)
OU of issue	CPS/Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI)
Country of Activity:	Moldova
Dates of Activity:	4/2022-5/2023
Funding Amount:	$2.6M
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	TI-UKR-22
AOR / Contacts:	Benjamin Long, blong@usaid.gov (Country Representative); Chelsea Morrell, cmorrell@usaid.gov (COR)
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Dexis
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Part of larger award (EXPLORE Europe Task Order)
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Democracy and governance support, independent media
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Research
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	n/a
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	n/a
Activity Objective(s):	To ensure that Moldova's reform efforts withstand the destabilizing effects of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated crisis. Objectives include: 1) Build confidence in the GoM's European integration efforts and crisis management capabilities; 2) Increase consumption of independent, accurate media; 3) Unite Moldovans around shared civic and cultural values.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	~~(SBU)~~ OTI's Moldova program provides alternative, fact-based information by supporting Moldovan independent media outlets, strategic communications, and by implementing activities that aim to unite Moldovans around shared civic and cultural values. By supporting independent media, OTI contributes to an increased availability of alternative, fact-based, non Kremlin-aligned Russian-language media content accessible to all Moldovans. Further, OTI partners with local NGOs to engage young people, including Russian speakers, to boost media activism, counter increased polarization and negative narratives (which have increased following Russia's invasion of Ukraine), and to promote pro-reform media outlets. As Moldova recently achieved EU candidacy, OTI also supports the Government of Moldova's strategic communication efforts through technical assistance to help provide accurate narratives around EU membership and its reform efforts.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	N/A
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	N/A

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Protección de Defensores y Periodistas
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	Mexico
Dates of Activity:	2021-2026
Funding Amount:	13.4 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Tetra Tech
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	HH.RR defense to journalists
Type of Activity (Secondary)	CSO strengthening
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	To improve journalist protection
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	This activity partners with governmental and non-governmental actors to protect journalists, human rights defenders and environmental activists, including support to the GOM's National Protection Mechanism. It supports an enabling environment in which they can safely, without fear of harm or harassment, engage in their important work and reduces impunity for crimes committed against them.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Strengthening Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (SAFE)
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	Mexico
Dates of Activity:	2021-2024
Funding Amount:	2 million

Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Article 19
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development and Sustainability Support, Media Safety
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	To improve journalist protection
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	This activity works to enhance criminal analysis and promote accountability and transparency in government institutions to increase protection and reduce rates of impunity in cases of attacks against journalists and the media. Also supports advocacy efforts and monitoring/analysis of aggressions against journalists and human rights defenders.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	720-523-18-CA-00006
Activity Name:	Mexico-US Border Investigative Reporting Hub
OU of issue	Mexico
Country of Activity:	Mexico
Dates of Activity:	August 2018- August 2023 (processing a NCE that will take the activity until June 2024)
Funding Amount:	6 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Georgina Rangel - grangel@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	International Center for Journalists / [redacted] - [redacted]
or part of a larger award?	Standalone

Type of Activity (Primary)	Empowerment and strenghtening of journalists to produce high-quality evidence-based investigative journalism
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media Development and Sustainability Support, Media Safety
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	To deter corruption and support transparency by improving journalists' ability to investigate issues related to corruption in the Northern border states and municipalities (Baja California, Baja California Sur, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Sonora)
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	This activity seeks to support journalists' ability to produce responsible, well-sourced, and original investigative reporting that exposes corruption and promotes transparency and accountability in targeted northern border states and municipalities. The activity also helps journalists use necessary digital and physical security protocols to perform their work safely.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	If we build the capacity of journalists and civil society actors to investigate and report on corruption-related issues and identify vulnerabilities, then public oversight of government activities will improve, resulting in increased accountability in the use of public funds
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	AID-OAA-I-14-00006
Activity Name:	Malaysia Resilience Initiative (MARI)
OU of issue	OTI/Malaysia
Country of Activity:	Malaysia
Dates of Activity:	10/2018-1/2022
Funding Amount:	Approx. $488,160 for disinformation related activities
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	TI-X19-OCO, TI-X20
AOR / Contacts:	Liz Dooghan edooghan@usaid.gov (Asia Team Lead); Molly Wilkin mwilkin@usaid.gov (COR)
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	DAI (Please contact COR if interested in IP correspondance on this program.)
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Legal & Regulatory
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	Yes
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	Yes
Activity Objective(s):	CPS/OTI is supporting public engagement in the ongoing political transition by increasing collaboration between government, civic actors and their constituencies on key issues, including disinformation, internet freedom, right to information, freedom of expression and digital rights.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	right to information and freedom of expression that require
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF MARI increases collaboration between government and civic actors on key issues, THEN we will increase public engagement in the ongoing political transition BECAUSE civic actors will aggregate and represent public interests to the government and there is political will on the part of the government to engage with civic actors. IF MARI increases civic actors' outreach to constituencies of support on key issues, THEN we will increase public engagement in the ongoing political transition BECAUSE there are significant numbers of Malaysians across the country that want Malaysia to come through the political transition with stronger democratic processes and civic actors, such as civil society organizations, the media, or other influential people can aggregate and represent public interests and influence in the political transition.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	N/A

Disinformation Activity Data Sh

Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

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72068818C00002
Peace, Stabilization and Reconciliation Project; *Tigne ni Maya* Radio Campaign
Mali
07/2022-05/2023
$1,000,000
CCF Funding
Moussa Bambara (AOR) mbambara@usaid.gov
Creative Associates;
Part of a larger award; Peace Stabilization and Reconciliation Project (04/2018-07/2023)
Alternative Narratives
Fact Checking
DRG
DRG
Created to promote increased knowledge about mis and disinformation and to fact-check information to ensure that citizens are consuming and seeking only credible information from news and online sources.
If communities are better able to identify and respond to threats to social cohesion and security, if relations between citizens and the state are improved [and confidence strengthened] and if youth, women and marginalized groups are meaningfully engaged in development and democratic change, then communities' resilience to violence and conflict will be strengthened and the foundations for peace building, stabilization and reconciliation will be strengthened.
Waiting on IP to send final report since activity ends 07/31/2023

Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

Procurement sensitive at this time
Basiki ni Tagne Kunafoni (Information for Peace and Development)
Procurement sensitive at this time
Mali
Procurement sensitive at this time
$4,500,000
2021 CCF Funds
Avani Mooljee (AOR) amooljee@usaid.gov
Procurement sensitive at this time
Standalone
Media Literacy
Research
DRG
DRG
A four-pronged approach to countering disinformation and promoting media literacy: 1) targeting the **supply** of information to Malian citizens, 2) increasing Malian **demand** for higher quality information, 3) continually **researching** the evolution of Mali's information ecosystem, and 4) improving the **tracking** of disinformation.
The overall goal of this activity is to address information integrity in the Malian information ecosystem by enhancing publicly available content that provides timely, relevant, and accurate information to Malian citizens; and to use data-driven approaches that promote media literacy, mitigate harm from inaccurate information, and optimize the reach of quality information.
If traditional media and other purveyors of information to citizens are able to improve the supply of timely, accurate, and relevant information to Malian citizens; and **if** Malian citizens improve their media literacy and increasingly demand higher quality information; and **if** media and other information actors better understand the Malian information ecosystem and more effectively reach citizens; **Then**, there will be increased resilience within Mali's information ecosystem

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Media Strengthening Program
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	June 2014 - June 2023
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Fundacion Violeta de Chamorro (local NGO)
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media development / investigative journalism
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The objective of this activity is to promote quality independent media journalists committed to freedom of the press and informing Nicaraguan citizens. The activity supports journalists adversely affected by the socio-political crisis and improves their physical and digital security, assists journalists who are prepared to undertake investigative reporting that exposes pervasive corruption, violations of human rights,and raises national and international awareness.

Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	The objective of this activity is to promote quality independent media journalists committed to freedom of the press and informing Nicaraguan citizens. The activity supports journalists adversely affected by the socio-political crisis and improves their physical and digital security, assists journalists who are prepared to undertake investigative reporting that exposes pervasive corruption, violations of human rights,and raises national and international awareness.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Voices for All
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	Feb 2015 - Feb 2024
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Support
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG

Activity Objective(s):	The objective of this activity is to support media outlets in and outside of Nicaragua to carry out their role as providers of independent journalism, especially following the April 2018 socio-political crisis. This activity provides technical support to ensure the survival of a critical core of independent media to expose human rights abuses and corruption, both in Nicaragua and in exile, while combating government generated misinformation, especially related to elections and pro-democracy coalitions.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	The objective of this activity is to support media outlets in and outside of Nicaragua to carry out their role as providers of independent journalism, especially following the April 2018 socio-political crisis. This activity provides technical support to ensure the survival of a critical core of independent media to expose human rights abuses and corruption, both in Nicaragua and in exile, while combating government generated misinformation, especially related to elections and pro-democracy coalitions.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Promoting Security and Freedom of Expression for the Media (PROSAFE) Program
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, and Peru. Will incorporate El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Eastern and Southern Caribbean this fiscal year.
Dates of Activity:	
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Cara Thanassi
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	International Committee for Journalists and CONECTAS
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development and Safety
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Support investigative journalism in environments where they are under threat from criminal organizations and/or facing pressure and censorship.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	PROSAFE Evaluation Summary YR10 Q2

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	
Dates of Activity:	
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	
award?	
Typle of Activity (Primary)	
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
(primary)	
(secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
available/applicable)	
(Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	CREDIBLE-Voces de la Juventud
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	Guatemala, Peru and DR
Dates of Activity:	FY 2022-2026
Funding Amount:	$5M
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Luis Azurduy
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media literacy
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Promote digital literacy in specified populations in Peru, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic for audiences to discern dis/misinformation vis-a-vis independent, fact-based reporting.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Fact sheet

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA19C00061
Activity Name:	Digital APEX Support
OU of issue	DDI/ITR/T/Cyber
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	12/21-7/22
Funding Amount:	$38,180.00
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	DA
AOR / Contacts:	mkent@usaid.gov, rdemar@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Omelas
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Literacy
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media Development
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	Assist independent media with social media and cybersecurity
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	This project aimed to assess partner organization social media and website vulnerabilities, develop andrecommend mitigation strategies, and train their selected staff on Omelas' dashboard, WolfTotem. The desired result of these activities was to enable partners to defend against malignattacks targeting their website infrastructure, social media accounts, and editorial narratives.Omelas conducted 5 training sessions between December 2021 and July 2022 to meet thesegoals. The project ended in July 2022 with all of the goals achieved and strong interest from partners to continue working with Omelas.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	AID-596-A-16-000001
Activity Name:	Regional HH.RR. and Democratic Activity
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Pan American Development Foundation
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	HH.RR
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media and CSOs
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	Objective 1: Improved Enabling Environments for Prevention of Human Rights Violations Objective 2: Strengthened Responsive Actions to Address Human Rights Violations Objective 3: Sustainable Early Warning and Protection Systems for Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Place Objective 4: Strengthened labor rights, access to labor justice and decent working conditions.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Improve the operating environment and public policies, so that human rights defenders, media, civil society organizations and other individuals can promote and defend human rights without fear of violence or retaliation.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	AID-OAA-I-13-00032, Task Order No. AID-OAA-TO-14-00041
Activity Name:	Security Sector Governance (SSG) task order, under the International Rule of Law Technical Assistance Services Contract
OU of issue	
Country of Activity:	Niger
Dates of Activity:	January 2021
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Chemonics
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Security Sector Research
Type of Activity (Secondary)	CVE
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	The purpose of this research is to provide USAID with a better understanding of disinformation in Niger. The research is built upon the identification of disinformation as an emerging concern in Niger through an earlier study conducted by the SSG project related to TOC. This research will serve to: • Aid in identifying the producers/disseminators of disinformation, understanding types of disinformation, and the pathways of disinformation in the media ecosystem of Niger; • Provide recommendations for how the U.S. government, Nigerien government, donors, citizens, and their Nigerien partners including local civil society organizations (CSOs) and media could mitigate and/or counter the influence of deliberate disinformation; and • Explore options for enhanced public, media, civil society, and Nigerien governmental collaborations to mitigate and/or counter the destabilizing effects of transnational organized crime and violent extremist organizations (VEOs), specifically in the context of these groups using/leveraging disinformation to further their cause(s).
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00X8TH.pdf

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	Cooperative Agreement No: 72016521CA00003
Activity Name:	YouThink
OU of issue	North Macedonia
Country of Activity:	North Macedonia
Dates of Activity:	May 5, 2021 - May 4, 2026
Funding Amount:	$4.4 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Natasha Buleska, nbuleska@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Literacy
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The overall goal of YouThink is to increase youths' resilience towards disinformation campaigns and political manipulation by enhancing their media literacy and critical thinking skills as media consumers and active participants in society. Working with youth ages 10-35, this goal contributes to the higher purpose to increase North Macedonia's stability, cohesion, and its resilience to malign influence. YouThink's objectives include: 1) increase media literacy and critical thinking skills of youth by enabling them to discern high-quality, fact-based information from that which is biased, poorly researched, false, or malign, and empower them to assess the value, authenticity, authority, and intention of the information they encounter by deepening their understanding of the relationships between media, audiences, and information; 2) enable youth to practise these new skills i.e. use information to form, present, and defend positions on issues of concern to them via constructive participation in decision-making processes that affect youth; 3) enhance the quality, quantity, and relevance of information targeting youth in the media by strengthening training offered to journalists, both through the country's journalism schools and via honing skills of young practicing journalists, as well as by enabling youth to develop media content that is fact-based and presented in ways to achieve the intended impact. It will include working with the Ministry of Education and Science to create school curricula; working with local outlets to create media content for and by youth; and partnering with civil society, academia, and media outlets to amplify civic
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF youth in North Macedonia gain and apply media literacy and critical thinking skills as part of their education and via engaging with other youth-friendly formats, and IF they become champions of creative, responsible, empathy-driven use of information to engage with each other and with leadership in their communities to help drive the development agenda, and IF they demand and drive increased volume of high-quality, fact-based, and relevant professional media content, THEN youth will be able to not only navigate, but also shape an information ecosystem that informs and engages as opposed to divides and polarizes, resulting in increased resilience of the entire nation to disinformation and other efforts to undermine democracy.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	-

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72052721IO00002
Activity Name:	Citizen Voices and Engagement Activity
OU of issue	Peru
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	June 7, 2021 to December 6, 2023
Funding Amount:	$2,346,445.00
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	DV 2018/2019/2020
AOR / Contacts:	Martin Castro
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IDEA International
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Political participation of vulnerable groups
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Civic education program for secondary schools
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	To empower citizen with knowledge they need to hold elected officials more accountable
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	This activity promotes policy dialogue among citizens, candidates, and elected officials to better match pubic polity with constituen needs. This activity works with historically marginalized populations to define and articulate their concerns. It encourages media partners, artists, and public figures to raise awareness of key issues. It also establishes demographically representative citizen assemblies to further study and discuss policy choices and then translates policy preferences into concrete legislative proposals ready for debate by congressional committees. The activity trains journalists to inform issuebased debate, supports candidates and political parties to develop issue-based political platforms, and contributes to the development of Peru's democratic political culture through civic education in secondary schools. Ultimately, this activity aims to reduce Peruvians' sense of alienation from political processes and build faith in Peru's democracy by involving citizens in governmental decision-making.

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	**IF** civil society organizations (CSOs), journalists and the education system provide citizens the information needed to better understand their civic duty and channel their clear expectations to candidates and elected officials, and political parties conduct substantive campaigns based on issue-based platforms that are debated in the public dialogue. **THEN** civic engagement will be increased, thereby motivating political parties, candidates, and elected officials to conduct the business of government in more participatory, representative, and transparent ways, thereby enabling citizens to hold officials more accountable for their decisions in office through peaceful means in the public dialogue and at the ballot box.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Factsheet

Award Number:	
Activity Name:	INITIATIVE FOR MEDIA FREEDOM
OU of issue	Philippines
Country of Activity:	Philippines
Dates of Activity:	
Funding Amount:	7,000,000
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Gerry Porta gporta@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Literacy/Public Education
Type of Activity (Secondary)	includes research + use of image provenance AI
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	COVID-19
Activity Objective(s):	**Objective One** Improve the environment for a free press Strengthen media stakeholders' understanding of the laws that protect freedom of expression and build coalition capacity to support the enabling environments • Understand the issues and developing coalitions • Build community ownership and trust in media • Promote safety of journalists **Objective Two** Bolster capacity of media and other organizations to address disinformation Confront information disorder at critical points on both the supply and demand sides of information dissemination • Map disinformation ecosystem • Build awareness and report disinformation • Hold media outlets and platforms accountable • Improve access to quality content **Objective Three** Strengthen self-regulation Mobilize media stakeholders to update the industry code of ethics and design an auditable accounting mechanism, while targeted capacity building will increase awareness of and adherence to the code of ethics • Develop agreed standards and reporting mechanism of ethical violations • Empower community on digital rights

Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Supporting an independent and free press to counter disinformation, promote political inclusion, and enhance democratic governance. Despite the myriad challenges confronting the media sector, Internews and its partners note a number of opportunities that exist to preserve and widen the space for healthy, pluralistic, democratic discourse in the Philippines: history of holding the line, diverse coalitions in place, youth potential, and openings on self-regulation.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Media Initiatives and Partnerships Support
OU of issue	Serbia
Country of Activity:	Serbia
Dates of Activity:	8/2019-8/2023
Funding Amount:	$3 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Marko Pjevic, mpjevic@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Propulsion One
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Literacy
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The purpose of the Media Initiatives and Partnerships Support program (MIPS) is to help Serbian citizens to safely and smartly navigate a complex media and information landscape to become better informed and thus more capable of effectively participating in modern economic, social and political life. The Program raises citizens' understanding and knowledge about key concepts, skills and issues relevant to media digital and information literacy. The activity is undertaken in partnership with institutions, educators, the media, non-profit and corporate sectors. MIPS has four objectives: 1. Increasing public awareness and knowledge about key media and information literacy issues and concepts; 2. Strengthening media consumers' abilities to critically assess digital content and communicate safely and responsibly in the digital sphere, with an emphasis on the education system; 3. Enlarging the body of public knowledge and understanding of media, digital and information related issues and trends; and 4. Fostering cross-sectoral partnerships among citizens, government, corporate and civil society actors to advance dialogue and engagement on digital rights and responsibilities. The Activity is coordinated with the Government of Serbia's media and digital literacy efforts, complements and expands on media literacy activities currently underway, and seeks to institutionalize these efforts with Serbian institutions and society.

Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	MIPS is aiming to increase the skills of Serbian citizens to navigate a complex information landscape, to demand high-quality content and thus more effectively participate in modern socio-economic, and political life. This will be supported through: •Improvement in citizens' critical thinking skills through increasing their awareness and knowledge about key media and information literacy issues and concepts. •Increasing citizens' capabilities to critically assess digital content and communicate safely and responsibly in the digital sphere, with a specific emphasis on the education system (teachers and students). •Increasing the body of public knowledge and understanding of key media, digital and information related issues and trends. •And fostering cross-sectoral partnerships among citizens, government, corporate and civil society actors to advance dialogue and engagement on digital rights and responsibilities.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	If citizens obtain the skills to critically assess information and information sources, and if consumers, civil society groups and media organizations effectively advocate for increased journalist adherence to existing ethical and professional standards, there will be an increase in demand for professional, accurate and unbiased reporting across media platforms.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	MIPS survey (internal)

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Media.Innovation Activity
OU of issue	Serbia
Country of Activity:	Serbia
Dates of Activity:	2/2022-2/2027
Funding Amount:	$14 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Marko Pjevic, mpjevic@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The Media Innovation Activity will improve the economic sustainability and business development of Serbian digital media, information, and communications sector Beneficiaries through four objectives: 1) Implementation of business and technological development; 2) Leveraging USAID funds with third party funds (commercial or development assistance partners) to incentivize firm-level investments, or secure better access to loans for Beneficiaries; 3) Improving Beneficiary access to finance and investment readiness; and 4) Outlining design and investment partnerships for establishment of a stand-alone Fund for Media, Information and Digital Environment Innovation.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Media. Innovation Activity (M.I) is a five -year, $13.9 million activity that will improve the economic sustainability and business development of Serbian digital media, information, and communication sector stakeholders that support public access to fair, accurate, and relevant information. M.I is a joint endeavor of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID/Serbia) and Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	https://www.irex.org/project/medijiinovacije-serbia-media-innovation-activity

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet
Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

Media Investment Fund
Serbia
Serbia
Winter 2023-Winter 2028
$8 million
AEECA
Marko Pjevic, mpjevic@usaid.gov
TBD
Standalone
Media Development
DRG
DRG
USAID/Serbia aims to support the establishment of an investment vehicle (the Fund) that will focus on financing innovative products and services in the media, information, and communications sectors in the West Balkans region. To do so, USAID will issue a Grant or Cooperative Agreement (in further text the Grant) to support a Fund that will make investments in products and services that directly or indirectly increase citizens' ability to access information or increase critical thinking skills with a focus on, but not exclusively, to support: small and medium-sized enterprises; new and existing companies that provide media, information and communications services; industry stakeholders, including entrepreneurs, that develop supporting technological infrastructure and architecture, or increase innovation in the media, information and communications space for consumers and businesses; and personal and organizational ability to safely and securely utilize digital technologies and platforms

USAID will provide a grant that will be invested by the Recipient, which will serve as a Fund Manager, General or Limited Partner in an investment vehicle (the Fund). The USAID grant is intended to be used as catalytic capital to attract additional/third party investors to capitalize the fund. The Fund should incorporate the following investment principles: ● Support to freedom of expression and access to information in the public interest: The Fund will support media and other information products and services that contribute to freedom of expression and work in the public interest, directly or indirectly, and may come from a variety of industries and sectors ranging from media, information and communication platforms and related technologies, education, and/or are part of the emerging technology ecosystem such as AI, 5G and IoT. ● Ethical conduct: The Fund clients, specifically those that are information services, must adhere to the highest professional and ethical standards. The Fund, and Fund clients, must adhere to principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and gender sensitivity. ● Focus on access to finance, product quality and clients' growth: The Fund will support clients that have limited access to business development finance or investment capital, while at the same time have a high-quality product or service, sizable audience or market share, and a significant potential for growth.	
N/A	

Award Number:	AID-383-A-17-00001
Activity Name:	Media Empowerment for Democratic Sri Lanka (MEND)
OU of issue	Sri Lanka
Country of Activity:	Sri Lanka
Dates of Activity:	8/15/17-8/14/22
Funding Amount:	7,996,904
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	Other
Activity Objective(s):	USAID's Media Empowerment for a Democratic Sri Lanka (MEND) activity will improve citizens' access to balanced, reliable, and objective news by strengthening the media sector. Since 2014, Sri Lanka's ranking on the World Press Freedom index has improved from 165 to 127 due to reduced threats against media, investigations into unsolved journalist deaths, and the right to information codified in the 19th Constitutional Amendment and implemented by the Right to Information Commission. Despite this progress, issues remain that stymie a professional and free media. MEND activities address these issues by strengthening the media sector, advancing citizen access to reliable and objective news, improving media governance and enabling environment, increasing media capacity to provide balanced, informed, and ethical reporting, and acting as a forum for national dialogue. MEND engages with media sector institutions, professionals, journalists, editors, and state and private commissions and agencies to improve media sector institutions.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Technical assistance will improve journalist professionalism, facilitate cross-ethnic and regional collaboration within the media industry, and improve media literacy among the public. MEND will provide customized support to selected media institutions to improve the quality of production, content, and online capacity through mentorship and training. The activity will also work with the media to foster public dialogue on reconciliation and areas of public interest. MEND will strengthen the demand for accurate and unbiased media reporting by raising public awareness on disinformation and misinformation. Empowering the media contributes to stability in Sri Lanka in line with the Integrated Country Strategy objective 2.2 to empower media capable of serving all Sri Lankans while holding state institutions accountable.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	

Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

Disinformation Activity Data

Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

Sheet
72066420LA00001
Political Transitions Project
Tunisia
Tunisia
September 2020 - August 2025
$19M ($2M focusing on Combatting Disinformation activities)
ES-OCO/2019/2020
Asma Ben Aicha/ abenaicha@usaid.gov
[redacted]
Part of a larger award (Objective 2)
Media Literacy/Public Education/ Research/ Investigative Journalism/ Fact-checking/ Media Development/ Platform Accountability
DRG
DRG
Objective 1: Increase the capacity of key electoral and political processes (EPP) institutions to independently and effectively perform their duties, and respond to citizens' needs. Objective 2: Better inform and engage Tunisian citizens and civil society groups in elections and political processes. Objective 3: Improve electoral and political reform processes through oversight and advocacy by civil society and other relevant stakeholders.
A decade after the Jasmine revolution, Tunisia's democratic advancements and gains include organization and participation in credible and competitive elections and an active civil society that continues to champion many of the causes that provoked the Jasmine Revolution. Nevertheless, progress in the Government of Tunisia's ability to deliver on concrete citizen needs hampers citizen trust and government credibility. The Political Transitions Project (PTP) aims to strengthen key electoral institutions, civil society organizations, media and elected officials in order to increase public trust and inclusive participation in the political process.
IF key EPP institutions, political parties, candidates and elected representatives have the capacity to perform their legal and constitutionally assigned roles (with limited international assistance), AND are independent and responsive to citizens' needs, THEN public trust in Tunisia's electoral and political process will increase. IF all citizens have access to authentic and quality information about the democratic process and mechanisms to get engaged politically, THEN citizens will be better informed, AND empowered to hold government institutions and elected representatives accountable. IF civil society organizations' capacities are increased and sustained AND legal and electoral frameworks are reviewed and revised based on inclusive and collaborative processes with key EPP institutions, THEN electoral reforms are likely to be adopted and implemented.

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	72012120C00003
Activity Name:	~~(SBU)~~ Transformation Communications Activity
OU of issue	ODG/Ukraine
Country of Activity:	Ukraine
Dates of Activity:	7/2020-6/2025
Funding Amount:	$24.7 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Iuliia Nechyporenko (COR), inechyporenko@usaid.gov; Nadia Shah (A/COR), nashah@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Chemonics, [redacted]
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Alternative narratives
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Disinformation hub
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	The purpose of the USAID Transformation Communications Activity (TCA) is to increase the resilience of Ukraine's democracy with innovative communications initiatives about democratic transformation and European integration. This will be achieved through three primary objectives: 1) equip USAID and its partners to conduct data-driven communications; 2) increase the quality and quantity of strategic communications on reform dividends; and 3) broaden the use of social impact content by Ukraine's civic leaders and creative sector.
words)	Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and media industry actors
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF USAID enhances the ability of and fosters relationships between key actors - including Ukraine's government, civil society, media, and creative sector - to effectively engage Ukrainians in a discussion about change and reform through diverse, data-driven, audience-focused communication initiatives, THEN national media narratives will shift away from division and skepticism to one of optimism for democratic transformation and national unity.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	FY2021 Q2 Progress Report; PitchUA Contest and Educational Platform

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet
Award Number:
Activity Name:
OU of issue
Country of Activity:
Dates of Activity:
Funding Amount:
Fiscal Year / Funding Type
AOR / Contacts:
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?
Typle of Activity (Primary)
Type of Activity (Secondary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)
Activity Objective(s):
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)

72012118CA00001
~~(SBU)~~ Media Program in Ukraine
Ukraine
Ukraine
10/2018-10/2026
$75 million
AEECA
Victoria Marchenko, vmarchenko@usaid.gov; Oksana Bedenko, obedenko@usaid.gov
Internews, [redacted]
Standalone
Media Development
DRG
DRG
The purpose of the Media Program is to strengthen the civically relevant role of media in democratic processes in Ukraine and to expand citizens' access to quality information to counter malign influence and support European integration. At least 50% of the $35 million total will be sub-granted to Ukrainian organizations. MPU is intended to: (1) Increase high-quality, engaging content, particularly in the East and South; (2) Increase public demand for quality information; (3) Implement critical media reforms; and, (4) Strengthen and sustain key media institutions and processes.
This program is a media strengthening program, primarily. Interventions include: support for public broadcasting, content production on policy reforms, improving elections coverage, strengthening professional development and cross-regional linkages, investigative journalism, supporting legal assistance to journalists on access to information, media literacy, media monitoring, and expanding media partnerships and coalitions.
The Media Program's underlying hypothesis is that IF transformational media reforms are implemented, high-quality, engaging content is increased, public demand for quality journalism grows, and self-governance of the sector improves, THEN the civically relevant role of media will be strengthened and citizens will be equipped with quality information that counters malign influence and supports European integration.

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA19D00015
Activity Name:	Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative
OU of issue	Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI)
Country of Activity:	Ukraine
Dates of Activity:	4/2017-9/2026
Funding Amount:	~~(SBU)~~ Approximately $14M since February 2022
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Shadrach Ludeman, sludeman@usaid.gov; Hannah Selles, hselles@usaid.gov (COR)
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Chemonics
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Part of larger award
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Alternative narratives
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Media Development
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	To support a resilient, democratic, and united Ukraine that overcomes Russia's war and aggression.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	~~(SBU)~~ Via its Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative (UCBI) USAID works with CSOs, media and content producers to: - Increase narratives that strengthen Ukrainian unity and democracy - Increase alternative content that encourages Russian-speaking audiences to oppose the war and challenges Kremlin aligned narratives - Strengthen narratives that encourage international audiences to condemn Russia and continue strong support for Ukraine's independence
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	IF OTI supports helps Ukrainian government, civil society, and media partners more effectively reach key national, international, and Russian-speaking audiences THEN Ukrainian voices will build support for Ukraine's unity, democracy, and independence BECAUSE Ukrainians and the international community require continued engagement through compelling narratives to maintain unity amongst Ukrainians and maintain external support for Ukraine's independence.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	NA

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Assisting Independent News Supply
OU of issue	LAC/SA/VZOU
Country of Activity:	LAC
Dates of Activity:	04/01/2014-03/31/2024
Funding Amount:	$19,906,259.00
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	ESF and DV
AOR / Contacts:	Rosanna Gomez
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	International Republican Institute
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development and Counter-Disinformation
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	USAID assistance is part of a larger U.S. Government effort to promote democratic representative governance in Venezuela by contributing to media freedom and access to information.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	To counterbalance the state-controlled media monopoly, this activity supports independent media outlets, journalists, and civil society organizations in creating and disseminating unfiltered content on political, economic, and social themes relevant to low and middle-income families.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	
Activity Name:	Supporting and Sustaining Independent News in Venezuela
OU of issue	LAC/SA/VZOU
Country of Activity:	Venezuela

Dates of Activity:	04/01/2014-03/31/2024
Funding Amount:	$12,798,000.00
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	ESF and DV
AOR / Contacts:	Rosanna Gomez
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Freedom House
or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development and Counter-Disinformation
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	USAID assistance is part of a larger U.S. Government effort to promote democratic representative governance in Venezuela by contributing to media freedom and access to information.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Increase the capacity of news outlets to provide unbiased and objective news and information on political, economic, and social conditions to low and middle-income families. Support a network of independent media outlets, professional journalists, and community reporters and promote links between local media outlets and regional/international media outlets. Develop research methodologies to track trends in media consumption.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	(COAG) 72061121LA00002
Activity Name:	Open Spaces
OU of issue	Zambia
Country of Activity:	Zambia
Dates of Activity:	
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Charlene Bangwe; cbangwe@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	FHI 360, Internews, MISA-Zambia, Panos, and "Bloggers of Zambia"
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development & Independence
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Cybersecurity/digital authortiarianism
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	support of achieving the project's overall goal: Objective 1: Strengthen and Promote a Viable, Independent Media Objective 2: Promotion of Digitally Literate and Cybersecure Users and Inclusive, Online Spaces of Engagement Objective 3: A Strengthened Enabling Environment for Independent and New Media Under Objective 1, Open Spaces will provide an integrated package of training and technical assistance for selected media houses to: 1) better understand their audiences' information needs; 2) improve their content; 3) increase their capacity to incorporate new technologies and digital platforms into their work; and 4) strengthen their management and financial viability. Under Objective 2, Open Spaces will work with a diverse cohort of Zambian CSOs: journalists, students unions, bloggers and freelancers, digital rights activists, human rights defenders, and leaders, including traditional leaders to provide the critical building blocks of practices and tools to protect against a wide range of risks online, from harassment to cybercrime, as well as threats from the international rise in digital authoritarianism. Under Objective 3, Open Spaces will engage government and build advocacy for legislation and regulation that meet international standards to protect free expression, digital rights, and support media regulation and self-regulation.

Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	The goal of the project is to strengthen the democratic foundations of freedom of speech and assembly, and independent and new media, and safeguard space for activists, human rights defenders, and oppositional voices to protect shrinking democratic space in Zambia.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	Open Spaces is based on the development hypothesis that if the enabling environment for independent and online media in Zambia is strengthened; and if the viability of targeted independent media outlets is enhanced; and if more quality, balanced, independent and locally relevant content is produced; and if opportunities for constructive dialogue, discourse, and debate using media and online spaces between the public, including activists, oppositional voices and human rights defenders are enhanced; then, the civic and democratic space in Zambia will be protected, enhancing Zambia's potential for greater open and accountable governance.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA22CA00009
Activity Name:	Strengthening Transparency and Accountability through Investigative Reporting
OU of issue	EE
Country of Activity:	E&E (UMB, Caucasus, Western Balkans, Central Europe)
Dates of Activity:	9/2022-9/2027
Funding Amount:	$20 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Shannon Maguire, smaguire@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (sub-prime)
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Investigative journalism
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Anti-corruption
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	STAIR is a five-year, $20 million program that will build on USAID support for investigative journalism in the region since 2007. It will strengthen the role of investigative journalism in promoting greater government accountability and transparency in Europe and Eurasia (including Central Europe), including building resilience against authoritarian influence, and improve the sustainability of the investigative journalism sector. The objectives include: Objective 1: Collaborative Journalism. Support collaborative investigative journalism networks, including the next generation of investigative reporters and editors, to expose crime, corruption, and corrosive capital across Europe & Eurasia; Objective 2: Capacity. Foster investigative outlets' organizational and financial viability; and Objective 3: Security. Develop and advance proactive, holistic approaches to safety and security support for investigative journalists. This includes support for Reporters Mutual, a global insurance vehicle that will provide access to defense coverage/litigation support, pre-public review support, and legal assistance. RM aims to be operational in mid-2023.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

~~(SBU)~~ Disinformation Activity Data Sheet

Award Number:	7200AA18CA00005
Activity Name:	~~(SBU)~~ Strengthening Eurasian News
OU of issue	EE
Country of Activity:	E&E (UMB, Caucasus)
Dates of Activity:	3/2018-3/2024
Funding Amount:	$7.5 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Shannon Maguire, smaguire@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Free Press Unlimited
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	~~(SBU)~~ SEN aims to increase access for citizens to objective, fact-based news in Russian through tailored, comprehensive support to independent media in the Europe and Eurasia region. By bringing Russian-language independent media outlets together from across the region to form a cooperative news exchange that is financially viable, innovative, and competitive, SEN supports a strong, networked alternative news base in response to Kremlin disinformation efforts. Objective 1: Improved access to independent news, analysis, and high-quality journalism on regionally relevant topics for Russian-speaking audiences through increased cross-border reporting and content sharing. Objective 2: Improved sustainability of independent Russian-language media through a cooperative network of media partners that are more financially viable, innovative and competitive.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	~~(SBU)~~ The activity's interventions include support for increased cross-border reporting and content sharing among the members of the news cooperative; and intensive mentoring on business management, strategic financial development and revenue diversification, and modernizing members' digital presence. They also include strengthening the connections across the key and associate partners of the news cooperative; and a content commissioning fund.

Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	If more high-quality, engaging and reliable journalistic content is available to Russian-language speakers through more competitive, networked, and innovative media, then audiences will be better informed and the independent media sector will become more financially viable and resilient to internal and external pressures.
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	Performance Evaluation available upon request ~~(SBU)~~

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA19CA00036
Activity Name:	Vibrant Information Barometer (VIBE)
OU of issue	EE
Country of Activity:	E&E (UMB, Caucasus, Western Balkans, Central Asia)
Dates of Activity:	9/2019-9/2024
Funding Amount:	$1.465 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Shannon Maguire, smaguire@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	IREX
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Research
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	VIBE's goal is to better capture and measure the way information is produced, spread, and used.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	1. Develop and deploy VIBE methodology, tools, guidance, and trainings. 2. Publish and promote VIBE report.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	N/A
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	VIBE's unpublished year 1 report Public reports for year 2 and going forward: https://www.irex.org/resource/vibrant-information-barometer-vibe

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	AID-OAA-A-17-00032
Activity Name:	Trusts to Unite Societies in Transatlantic Space (TRUSTS)
OU of issue	EE
Country of Activity:	E&E (UMB, Caucasus, Western Balkans, CEE)
Dates of Activity:	9/2017-9/2025
Funding Amount:	$5.3 million (this is just the figure for disinfo-related activities, not the total award amount)
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Erin McCarthy, emccarthy@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	U.S.- German Marshall Fund
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Part of a larger award (this only includes media-related components)
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Civil Society and Independent Media Support
Type of Activity (Secondary)	Grants for local organizations cover the following disinformation categories from Tab 1: fact-checking, alternative narratives, research, media development, and media literacy.
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	Trusts to Unite Societies in Transatlantic Space (TRUSTS) awards small grants to local entities with the goals of promoting civic participation, empowering youth leadership, facilitating the development of local philanthropy, strengthening government accountability, and improving cooperation between government and civil society.

Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	Grants for local organizations cover the following disinformation categories from Tab A: fact-checking, alternative narratives, research, media development, and media literacy. Interventions in the Black Sea region aim to: (1) Strengthen civic participation and promote democratic reforms (2) Increase the capacities of future democratic youth leaders (3) Increase the relevance of regional issues in policy making. Interventions in the Balkans aim to: (1) Promote civic engagement: Strengthening citizen participation in decision-making process and public participation more broadly (2) Empower youth leadership: Engaging young civic activists, community leaders, and youth political elite (3) Strengthen government accountability and transparency: Improved oversight of government performance; dissemination of findings to public; implementing reform-oriented laws and initiatives (4) Enhance the culture of giving: Facilitating development of local philanthropy (individual and corporate) and increasing inter- sector and inter-country collaboration (5) Further Euro-Atlantic integration: Improve cooperation and dialogue between governments and civil society on key priorities and challenges of integration process (6) Improve dialogue and reconciliation: Improve cooperation in political, economic, and cultural spheres among governments and civil society actors.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Evaluations (Internal or External)	Performance Evaluation: https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pa00tq95.pdf

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	7200AA21LA0000
Activity Name:	Balkan Media Assistance Program Forward
OU of issue	EE
Country of Activity:	Western Balkans (BiH, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia)
Dates of Activity:	9/2021-9/2025
Funding Amount:	$10 million
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	AEECA
AOR / Contacts:	Shannon Maguire, smaguire@usaid.gov (AOR)
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	Internews
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	Standalone program under the HRSM LWA with Freedom House
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Media Development
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	DRG
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	DRG
Activity Objective(s):	BMAP Forward's goal is to strengthen the competitiveness of independent media in the Western Balkans in the local and regional marketplaces and improve the sustainability of the sector across the region through creative partnerships and collaboration. Working in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia, the Activity's objectives include: (1) Increase strategic business practices of key media partners to operate as viable enterprises and better understand their markets and audiences; (2) Reinforce the ability of content producers to produce data-driven content, engage wider audiences, improve digital security efforts, and expand reach across the region; and (3) Foster stronger partnerships between media outlets and the technology, commercial, and entrepreneurial sectors to advance solutions on common challenges in the information space. BMAP Forward builds on the successes of BMAP, which ends in June 2022. Building on BMAP's successes and lessons learned—and leveraging the networks and connections BMAP has established among diverse stakeholders across media, civil society, the private sector, and international donors—BMAP Forward will continue to promote the development of a vibrant and sustainable independent media ecosystem that is resistant to sharp power and malign influence and empowers all Balkan citizens to take an active role in their lives and democratic processes.
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	

Disinformation Activity Data Sheet	
Award Number:	GS-10F-083CA / 7200AA18M00015
Activity Name:	Asia Emerging Opportunities; # 1011.1017
OU of issue	Asia Bureau
Country of Activity:	Case Studies (Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and Thailand)
Dates of Activity:	December 2021
Funding Amount:	
Fiscal Year / Funding Type	
AOR / Contacts:	Kaley Nash, knash@usaid.gov
Implementing Partner(s) / POC:	
Was this standalone or part of a larger award?	
Typle of Activity (Primary)	Research Authoritarianism and Disinformation
Type of Activity (Secondary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (primary)	
Was this part of a cross-sectional issue (secondary)	
Activity Objective(s):	
Summary of Activity (under 250 words)	To understand how distorted information is being used to gain and maintain unchecked and unaccountable power in Asia and the Pacific, USAID/Asia Bureau's Technical Services requested, under the Asia Emerging Opportunities mechanism, an analysis of how information disorder affirms authoritarianism and destabilizes democracy in Asia and the Pacific. In discussing the scope of work with the USAID/Asia Bureau, the research team received guidance that the analysis should present a series of in-depth country case studies that examine if and, if so, how information disorder affirms authoritarianism and destabilizes democracy in Asia and the Pacific. The team approached this question through a series of in-depth country case studies that concentrated on identifying supply- and demand-side factors that contribute to information disorder at the national and subnational levels in four countries in Asia and the Pacific. The case study countries are the Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and Thailand. The countries represent regime types ranging from relatively democratic political systems to de facto military dictatorships.
Theory of Change (if available/applicable)	
Links to any Reports or Evaluations (Internal or External)	https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00Z3JC.pdf AEO Presentation