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ReCIPE Project Bulletin

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ReCIPE (which stands for "Recentering the Civic Internet through Partner Engagement") is a project led by Oxfam Ireland and co-funded by the European Union with the aim of cultivating a rights-respecting digital ecosystem. ReCIPE is implemented with partners in 10 countries: Bolivia, Cambodia, El Salvador, Kenya, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Senegal, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda and Vietnam.

This Bulletin covers key highlights from project implementation during December 2024 and January 2025.

Activities

- The Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC), with the support of Oxfam, held a two-day training for civil society organisations (CSOs) in Cambodia on "digital security, safety and violence".
- Fundación InternetBolivia.org, in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo and with the support of Oxfam, convened civil society representatives and human rights activists to form a network aimed at addressing tech-facilitated genderbased violence in Bolivia, through joint policy influencing and programmatic actions. The network includes 21 representatives from a diverse range of feminist groups, CSOs and independent activists.







Oxfam and AMATE El Salvador organised a meeting with key stakeholders to socialise preliminary
findings of two research-based activities conducted under the framework of the ReCIPE project, in
relation to the digital rights' knowledge and capacities of CSOs and the situation facing digital
platform workers in El Salvador.





- In Uganda, the Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) and Oxfam hosted a webinar under the theme, "The Context of Digital Rights as Uganda Prepares for Elections."
- Somalia Non-State Actors (SONSA), with Oxfam support, delivered a two-day online workshop on digital security, engaging 30 participants with sessions covering encryption, two-factor authentication, and data protection measures.
- SONSA, with the support of Oxfam, ran a digital rights awareness raising campaign via broadcast
 and social media, primarily targeting women and girls in Somalia and empowering them to
 recognise and protect themselves against tech-facilitated gender-based violence. The campaign
 also aimed to reach members of government entities responsible for digital policies and private
 sector digital service providers, to push for stronger response mechanisms to address techfacilitated gender-based violence through protective policies and practices.
- Oxfam represented the ReCIPE project in the second meeting of the Open Consultation Process aimed at preparing for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.
- Oxfam shared early findings from the project's mapping assessment of CSOs' and community
 members' digital capacity and digital rights knowledge with members of NetHope's Digital
 Programs & ICT4D Working Group, with the aim of increasing collaboration between CSOs in the
 Global North and Global South around digital rights and applying a rights-based analysis to digital
 technologies in the development and humanitarian sectors.

Reports & Publications

 SONSA issued a policy brief to support the development of Somalia's ICT policy framework, calling for greater integration of internationally recognised digital rights and principles in the forthcoming national ICT policy. The policy brief was developed thanks to input from digital rights and policy experts who attended a consultative session held by SONSA, with the support of Oxfam.



Events

 SONSA and Oxfam participated in the Somali Internet Governance Forum (SIGF) hosted by the National Communications Authority, where they presented on "The Role of Multi-Stakeholder Engagement" and contributed to a panel discussion on digital rights, advocating for a strong commitment to inclusive and secure internet governance in Somalia.



Coming up

- CCC and Fundación InternetBolivia.org (in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo) will attend
 RightsCon 2025, where they will engage with digital rights advocates, government representatives,
 technologists and business leaders to build strategies and drive forward change toward a more free,
 open and human-centric digital world.
- Oxfam, SONSA, the Center for Constitutional Governance (Uganda) and Fundación
 InternetBolivia.org (in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo) will hold a virtual parallel event during
 the civil society forum happening alongside the 69th UN Commission on the Status of Women
 (taking place in New York City on 10-21 March 2025), addressing the topic of women's digital
 inclusion and safety for achieving gender equality.
- CCG and Oxfam will participate in the Forum 2000 Geo-Political Conference for Africa to be held in Nairobi, with a focus on the topic of Digital Rights & Al Governance.

- Fundación InternetBolivia.org (in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo) will participate in a training workshop for feminist organisations running helplines for people facing on gender-based violence in digital spaces. The workshop is organised by MariaLab, a Brazilian feminist non-profit organisation working at the intersection of gender, technology and politics, with the objective of jointly developing digital forensic analysis tools that respond to local needs in relation to the collection and use of digital evidence in cases of gender-based violence for monitoring and legal accountability purposes.
- Fundación InternetBolivia.org (in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo) will participate in the First
 Latin America Digital Defenders Summit to be held in Mexico City, together with other members of
 the recently established network aimed at addressing tech-facilitated gender-based violence in
 Bolivia.

Spotlighting our partners

Oxfam is proud to work with <u>AMATE El Salvador</u> to defend the digital rights of the Salvadoran population. AMATE El Salvador use a feminist approach to do this and particularly focus their work on the economic, social and cultural rights of the LGBTIQ+ population. They promote inclusion and equity through research, training, advocacy and work to help those affected by human rights violations to articulate their narratives and collective memories.

Learn more about their work in the framework of the ReCIPE project.





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