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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 March 2025.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- In Bolivia, the S.O.S. Digital center run by Asociación Aguayo (in collaboration with Fundación InternetBolivia.org) began the process of strengthening digital gender-based violence response skills with the organisation SEPAMOS, which provides psychosocial support to survivors of sexual violence.
   As a result, this civil society organisation will now be able to extend its support to victims of digital sexual violence.
- Mzalendo Trust hosted a two-day training event for Kenyan civil society organisations and human rights defenders on digital rights, safety and governance frameworks. The training involved 31 participants and will be followed up by further online training sessions.
- The Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) conducted 2 online training sessions with partners on cyber threats especially digital safety, disinformation, misinformation and fake news. Together with Oxfam Uganda, the CCG also held a face-to-face training on digital rights and emerging technologies.
- Additionally, the Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) held a Youth Round Table discussion on Civic Space TV discussing how emerging technologies shape our digital rights, democracy and governance. Recording available <a href="here">here</a>.



• Provincial NGOs who received digital security training from the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) conducted 2 digital security training courses to their NGO members and CBOs, with 43 participants including 13 women and 22 young people at the provincial and community level.

#### **EVENTS**

Oxfam hosted a virtual session on challenges and opportunities for the rights of women and marginalised groups in a digital age at the NGO CSW69/B+30 Forum, a civil society event which took place alongside the 69th UN Commission on the Status of Women. The session involved panellists from Fundación InternetBolivia.org, Femtech Law Initiative (Uganda) and Oxfam in Somalia. A recording of the session is available <a href="here">here</a>, and the presentation slides are available <a href=here</a>.

#### **REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS**

- Oxfam published a <u>blog\_post</u> summarising the discussion held during the NGO CSW69/Beijing+30 Forum virtual session, 'How are digital rights for women and marginalised groups going?'
- Oxfam compiled an extensive report on mapping research conducted in ReCIPE focus countries to find
  out more about the current digital context, the issues people are facing and how these might be
  addressed from the perspective of civil society organisations (CSOs), activists and community
  members.
- Narayani Rivera of Centro S.O.S. Digital, a feminist helpline for people facing gender-based violence in digital spaces run by Asociación Aguayo (in collaboration with) Fundación InternetBolivia.org, published an <u>article</u> about her experience attending the first Latin American Summit of Digital Women Defenders.
- MIFTAH has published a comprehensive research report on Internet Access and Palestinian Digital Rights in Arabic, available <a href="here">here</a>. They also created an <a href="mailto:animated visual summary video">animated visual summary video</a> in English to accompany this research.

## SPOTLIGHTING OUR PARTNERS: FORUM CIVIL, SENEGAL



Oxfam is proud to work with Forum Civil, Transparency International's national chapter in Senegal. Since its creation, Forum Civil has focused on promoting good governance, transparency, and the fight against corruption. The activities of Forum Civil for the emergence of an active citizenship have contributed to a greater participation of citizens and enhanced accountability of policy-makers. Forum Civil is extending its work into the digital space by developing and influencing policy, empowering civil society on digital rights, advocating for stronger digital infrastructure, and enhancing community capacity through digital skills, safety, and online content discernment trainings.

Learn more about their <u>work</u> in the framework of the ReCIPE project.

#### **COMING UP:**

- The Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) will support the sustainability of Civic Space TV for continued engagements and awareness creation.
- Oxfam will publish key findings and takeaways from the mapping research.
- SONSA will expect to facilitate roundtables and forums connecting CSOs and human rights defenders with decision-makers (governments, tech companies etc.) in the digital arena.
- SONSA will conduct capacity building trainings and workshops on digital literacy, digital security and content discernment (pre-bunking) with target groups.



## New Deal For Technology workshop, Senegal

Oxfam and Forum Civil will hold a workshop on the formulation, content and implementation of the New Deal For Technology, a comprehensive digital strategy recently launched by Senegal's government.



# Digital Rights Working Group (DRWG) Meeting

The Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) will coordinate the Digital Rights Working Group (DRWG) Meeting.



## Preventing TF-GBV seminar, Bolivia

On April 22, in commemoration of International Girls in ICT Day, in Bolivia, our partners Asociación Aguayo (in collaboration with Fundación Internet Bolivia), in alliance with the Vice Ministry of Opportunities, will hold a seminar on Preventing Gender-Based Violence Perpetrated Through Technology. The event will also feature a theatrical performance as a means of raising awareness.



#### Digital literacy and security workshop, Uganda

The Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) will hold an in-person workshop on digital literacy and digital security.



## Public service training workshop, Bolivia

In Bolivia, Asociación Aguayo (in collaboration with Fundación InternetBolivia.org) will hold a training workshop for public servants in partnership with the Gender Directorate of the Santa Cruz Governor's Office. The aim is to strengthen their technical and interpersonal skills to respond to cases of digital gender-based violence.



#### Uganda Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Kampala

Oxfam and the Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) will contribute to the <u>Uganda</u> Internet Governance Forum (IGF).



## Digital Rights and Inclusion Forum (DRIF), Zambia

Oxfam will facilitate a session on the role of multistakeholder partnerships in advancing rights in a digital age with speakers from Kenya, Somalia and Uganda, at the <u>Digital Rights</u> and Inclusion Forum (taking place in Lusaka on 29 April – 1 May 2025).



## Kenya Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Nairobi

Oxfam and Mzalendo Trust will contribute to the <u>Kenya Internet Governance Forum (IGF)</u>, which takes place 12-16 May.



## Palestine Digital Activism Forum, Online

MIFTAH will participate in the <u>Palestine Digital Activism Forum</u> (taking place online on 20-21 May 2025).



#### Ireland Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Dublin

Oxfam Ireland will represent the ReCIPE project at the <u>Ireland IGF</u> with Jim Clarken, Oxfam Ireland's CEO, participating in a panel titled 'Geopolitics and Internet Governance'.

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