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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 November 2024.

Activities

- The Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) finalised a study on the digital rights knowledge and capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) in Cambodia, involving 85 local CSO representatives. The study highlighted the need for enhanced digital literacy, capacity building and policy support to empower CSOs in using digital tools and addressing digital violence in Cambodia. As a follow-up to this study, the first learning session on "digital security, safety and well-being" was facilitated by a local digital security specialist for over 30 active youth in Phnom Penh, to equip them with essential skills and practical solutions to help them and the communities they work with be safe online.
- As part of the ReCIPE project implementation in Tunisia, a workshop was organised on 11-12 November in Tunis to delve deeper into civil society's needs in terms of digital rights and digital security. Participants from different backgrounds attended the workshop, including human rights activists and journalists working in associative media. The workshop was the final step in identifying the needs of organisations and activists, a process that began with an online survey of key players to determine the status of digital rights and digital security in Tunisia.





- Somalia Non-State Actors (SONSA) delivered a two-day workshop on digital security and rights for Somali civil society organisations, in partnership with the National Telecommunication & Technology Institute of Somalia.
- Fundación InternetBolivia.org, in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo, delivered a workshop for women human rights defenders in Bolivia to learn how to prevent, and protect themselves from, tech-facilitated harms and other attacks against their freedom of expression, during the national Forum for the Protection of Women Human Rights Defenders held on 26 November in La Paz, Bolivia.
- Oxfam participated at the Symposium on Cybersecurity & Data Protection in Humanitarian Action, hosted by the ICRC in Nairobi, Kenya. The Symposium provided an opportunity for exchange and learning on emerging issues on data protection, cybersecurity, emerging risks and new technologies in humanitarian action. The Symposium also brought together digital rights and humanitarian work experts, allowing for exchange and discussions on the crosscutting issues from different perspectives.
- Oxfam represented the ReCIPE project in the first meeting of the Open Consultation Process aimed at preparing for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.







Reports & Publications

- Oxfam published a <u>blog post</u> summarising key takeaways from a virtual session co-hosted with ReCIPE partner organisations during the recent 2024 NetHope Global Summit.
- Oxfam joined a coalition of civil society organisations leading on human, digital and consumer rights, social and environment justice and corporate accountability – <u>calling</u> the new European Commission to centre public interest in EU technology policies and practices.

Events

- Oxfam, AMATE El Salvador and Fundación InternetBolivia.org (in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo) actively contributed to the <u>LAC Internet Governance Forum</u> where they facilitated a session on the topic of digital inclusion and safety for women and LGBTQIA+ people in the region (4-6 November in Santiago, Chile).
- Oxfam represented the ReCIPE project and contributed to critical discussions on the role of women in cybersecurity and on enhancing multistakeholder partnerships and collaboration in the digital age at the EastCon Cybersecurity Symposium (7 November in Kampala, Uganda).
- Oxfam and Mzalendo Trust (Kenya) participated in the 13th <u>Africa Internet Governance Forum</u>, engaging in discussions on current challenges and opportunities to advance inclusive digital policies, address internet affordability, and enhance digital literacy and security across the continent (20-22 November in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).





- Fundación InternetBolivia.org, in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo, participated in a summit organized to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, with a focus on key challenges and opportunities for women in the digital ecosystem (23 November in La Paz, Bolivia).
- Fundación InternetBolivia.org, in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo, actively contributed to an
 event on integrated youth health care, highlighting the challenges related to violence online and
 sharing good practices on digital security (26-27 November in Riberalta, Bolivia).
- Oxfam represented the ReCIPE project at the ICSC's <u>Global Perspectives 2024</u> gathering on the topics of 'Truth, Trust and Technology' (26 November, online).
- Oxfam and SONSA participated in the first <u>Somalia Internet Governance Forum</u>, actively contributing to a milestone in the nation's efforts to build a more inclusive digital ecosystem (30 November in Mogadishu, Somalia).

Coming up

- CCC, with the support of Oxfam, will hold a two-day training for CSOs in Cambodia on "digital security, safety and violence".
- Oxfam and AMATE El Salvador will hold an event to socialise the outcomes of two researchbased activities conducted under the framework of the ReCIPE project, in relation to the digital rights' knowledge and capacities of civil society organisations and the situation facing digital platform workers in El Salvador.
- SONSA, with the support of Oxfam, will run a digital rights awareness raising campaign via broadcast and social media, primarily targeting women and girls in Somalia.
- Fundacion InternetBolivia.org, in collaboration with Asociación Aguayo and with the support of Oxfam, will convene civil society representatives and human rights activists to form a network aimed at addressing tech-facilitated gender-based violence in Bolivia, through joint policy influencing and programmatic actions.
- MIFTAH (Occupied Palestinian Territory) will publish a report on the current challenges to Palestinians' digital rights and cybersecurity.

Spotlighting our partners

Oxfam is proud to work with the <u>Cooperation Committee for Cambodia</u> (CCC). CCC has 183 non-governmental organisations as members. Its work focuses on issues of good governance, digital advocacy and policy reforms that include the government, CSOs, academics and the private sector.

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





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