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PROFILE





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About Us



WHO WE ARE

A non-government organization that offers tailored, practical, contextualized security and safety options to civil society.

We are driven by the passion to mitigate the impact of threats faced by Human Rights Defenders as they promote and protect human rights.

WHY US

We pride ourselves in employing unique and innovative approaches as our contribution to a safer working environment for civil society.

Our norm is a continuous cycle of learning where both DPI and its partners learn from each other through participatory approaches

RESOURCES

My Security Companion - <https://bit.ly/3upeyOp>

Evaluation of the National Security Committee - <https://bit.ly/3gUcKd9>

Risk Assessment matrix - <https://bit.ly/3UtVb12>

The Legislative Climate of HRDs in Uganda: A glance at the Legal excesses- <https://bit.ly/3XSyir6>

Oil and Gas CSO Advisory - <https://bit.ly/3VleRze>

WHAT WE DO

- Security management trainings
- Protection,
- Emergency, and rapid response
- Safety of NGOs against AML/CTF
- Advocacy on the working environment of HRDS
- Research, and studies
- Digital security tools and software
- Coordination mechanisms
- Consultancy
- Security Audits
- Physical and digital security clinics
- Innovation and product development
- Security Advisory Services (Risk Assessments | Post Incident Reviews | Conflict Resolution)

300+

Organisations empowered and equipped with digital security skills and tools.



200+

Organisations received Digital Security Advisory services and technical support.

800+

Individual HRDs equipped with personal safety and security skills.

200+

HRDs and activists supported through digital security clinics.

200+

HRDs offered timely rapid response to resolve security incidents, risks and threats.

800+

COVID-19 relief of PPEs and food supplies to the Key Populations and HRDs.



ACHIEVEMENTS



#1

Digital Security Alliance (20) members offering digital tools and software to HRDs.

#2

Security Working Group (10) members offering emergency and rapid response to the Key Populations.

#3

100+ relocation support services to Human Rights Defenders.

Procured and distributed protective gears like helmets and secure reporting gadgets to the journalists.

Built the capacity of the Open Society Foundation (OSF) grantees (HRDs) in Cambodia on risk assessment and developing security protocols.

Supported Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) to review and develop a strategy for their protection mechanism.

Compiled a comprehensive Risk Assessment on the operations of Philanthropy in East Africa 2022 for CIVSource Africa

DPI coordinates four (4) loose network models including The Security Working Group, National NPO Working Group on FATF-Uganda, NPO Coalition on FATF-East and Southern Africa Chapter and the Digital Security Alliance.

Held the annual #DigiSeCon, Digital Security Conference for Human Rights Defenders since 2017 with over 1000 participants in attendance.

Led and facilitated country wide consultative meetings to discuss the now gazette copy of the Human Rights Defenders Protection Bill 2020.

Petitioned the Financial Intelligence Authority Uganda (FIA-U) to delist NGOs from the list of accountable persons under the 2nd schedule to the AML ACT 2013 (as amended).

30 Security Focal Persons (SFPs) based regionally to swiftly attend to threats faced by Human Rights defenders, and also act as early warning systems.

Citizens Eye an online application that enables submission, collaboration and verification of security incidents reported all over the country.

Security trainings and safety vests for Journalists nationwide in partnership with USAID/Freedom House Uganda, including but not limited to frontline and investigative journalists.



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