

# NOREC PROJECTS IN UGANDA





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# **About Norec**

The Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation (Norec) is Norway's only competence centre for international exchange. As an executive body under the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we are a key part of Norway's integrated approach to achieving the UN's sustainable development goals.

#### **Building Knowledge**

As a centre of competence, we strive to build and expand knowledge on how to build strong global partnerships. In addition, Norec strives to build knowledge in the field of international work exchanges. Multi-method data collections are regularly carried out to inform and improve our trainings and programmes.

Norec has an interdisciplinary team of trainers. They facilitate 35 - 40 trainings for staff and partnerships that work internationally each year.

#### **Grant Management**

Norec supports work exchanges that provide global learning opportunities for staff and organisations. With a grant for a work exchange project, workplaces send employees and volunteers on exchange to another country. Norec also administers the grant Democracy Through Partnerships, which supports Norwegian political parties and youth wings in their work to promote democracy globally.

#### The UN and World Bank

Norec coordinates recruitment of Norwegian citizens to positions funded by the Norwegian government at the UN and the multilateral development banks. This includes positions as Junior Professional Officers and other secondments. We are currently funding 55 Norwegian citizens working for various UN agencies, the World Bank and the Asian Bank on all continents. Norec conducts predeployment trainings and follows up the secondees throughout their contracts, with an overall goal of increasing the number of Norwegian citizens in international organisations.

#### **EVAL**

Norec hosts the The Independent Evaluation Department of Norwegian Development Cooperation. Their task is to provide impartial assessments that hold Norway's development actors accountable and improve the quality and results of Norwegian development cooperation. Operating under a distinct mandate, the department reports directly to the Secretary Generals of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Climate and Environment.







## Overview

# Norec and International Organisations

# Recruitment to the UN and the Development Banks

Norec coordinates Norway's recruitment to the UN and other international organisations on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a link between Norwegian authorities and the multilateral system, Norec works to increase the number of Norwegian citizens in international positions.

A central part of this work is the national secondment scheme, which funds junior and mid-level roles in organisations such as the UN and the World Bank. Reserved for Norwegian nationals, these positions provide valuable experience that can lead to long-term international careers.

Norec manages outreach and selection for these roles, and offers guidance, training, and follow-up to secondees throughout their assignments to ensure professional development and the transfer of strategic knowledge back to Norway. The agency also contributes to policy development and talent pipeline strategies, and is establishing a professional network for Norwegians working in international organisations.

In 2025, Norway is funding 55 positions through Norec to the UN system, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, with a budget of 75 million NOK. The aim is to increase Norwegian representation in international organisations and encourage Norwegian-funded staff to move into regular positions beyond the funding period.

Two deployment modalities are supported:

- Junior Professional Officers (JPO): Usually three years fully funded by Norway, plus one year of co-funding, typically at P2 or GF level.
- Senior Professional Officers (SPO): At P4 or GG level, with two years of full funding, exceptionally three.

The recruitment cycle begins each September, when Norec and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs identify strategically important positions in dialogue with organisations and embassies. Suggestions can be sent to fn\_stillinger@norec.no. Positions to be supported are confirmed in early December, with vacancies posted in late January and deployments expected in September.

# Norwegian Secondees 2025

JPO, SPO AND SDP



#### **ADB**

1 JPO: PHILIPPINES

#### **UN DPO**

1 JPO: NEW YORK

#### **UN DPPA**

2 JPOS: NEW YORK, KENYA

#### FAO

2 JPOS: ETHIOPIA, KENYA

#### ILO

2 JPOS: NEPAL, SRI LANKA

#### **OCHA**

2 JPOS: UKRAINE, YEMEN

#### OHCHR

2 JPOS: UKRAINE, SOUTH AFRICA

#### **NEW: UN DESA**

1 JPO: GENEVA

#### **UNDP**

6 JPOS, 1 SPO, 1 SDP: THAILAND, MADAGASCAR DRC, NEW YORK, GENEVA UKRAINA, MOLDOVA, MALAWI 1 JPO: SUDAN

#### **UNEP**

1 JPO: KENYA

#### **NEW: UNFCCC**

1 JPO: GERMANY

#### UNFP

2 JPOS: UKRAINE, NEW YORK

#### **UNHCR**

2 JPOS: MOLDOVA, CAMEROON
1 JPO: KENYA

#### **UNICEF**

3 JPOS: ZAMBIA, SWEDEN, ETHIOPIA 1 JPO: MYANMAR

#### **UNODC**

1 JPOS: VIENNA 1 JPO: VIENNA

#### **NEW: UNRWA**

1 JPO: JORDAN/NEW YORK

#### **UN WOMEN**

2 JPOS: UKRAINE, NEPAL 2 JPO: UGANDA 1 SPO: OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

#### **WFP**

4 JPOS: SOUTH AFRICA, AFGHANISTAN, KENYA 2 JPOS: ITALY, MOZAMBIQUE

#### WORLD BANK / GEF

2 JPOS, 2 SPOS: WASHINGTON 1 JPO, 2 SPO: WASHINGTON, UKRAINE, OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

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1 JPO: URUGUAY

Overview

# Democracy Through Partnerships

The «Democracy through partnership» scheme is a grant for Norwegian political parties and youth parties. It is aimed at democratic parties and party systems in ODA-approved countries.

Supporting democracy through political parties is a small but important contribution to the development of democracy around the world. Norwegian political parties can play a role in this through their established international networks, their commitment to democracy, and their expertise in party building.

With increasing internationalisation and globalisation, it is also important that Norwegian political parties are aware of, and involved in, international issues and development policy.



2024 - 2025

- Young Liberals of Norway (UV)

  Argentina, Colombia, Peru
  840 000
- The Green Party (MDG) of Norway
  Lebanon
  1300 000
- The Workers' Youth League (AUF)
  Palestina
  1400 000

- Christian Democrats of Norway (KrF)Belarus2 440 000
- Christian Democrats of Norway (KrF)Ethiopia3 890 000
- Young Christian Democrats of
  Norway (KrFU) –
  Collaborative project
  Lebanon

3 880 000

## Mobilization for Democratic Involvement

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant

Project start

Project end

\$140K

2024

2025

The Workers' Youth League (AUF) will collaborate with Fatah Youth Movement (FYM) to strengthen the latter's ability to communicate and mobilise. Particularly, the project aims to strengthen FYM's communication in order to build a stronger and more inclusive organisation. There will be a particular focus on how to use communication tools and social media to get young people democratically involved. The overall objective of the project is to increase gender equality and knowledge on democratic mobilization in FYM. Through the project, AUF members and Norwegian youth are to also gain insight to the situation in Palestine. The applicant emphasises that making sure that neither Palestinian or Norwegian youth lose faith in a political solution to the conflict in Israel and Palestine is vital at this stage, and that the project seeks to build hope and trust in the Norwegian and Palestinian stance of a two-state solution. The project builds upon a previous project under the same scheme with the same partners.

#### PROJECT ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Arbeidernes Ungdomsfylking (AUF)	Norway
Fatah Youth Movement (FYM)	Palestine

# Young Political Engagement in Latin America

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant

Project start

Project end

\$85K

2024

2025

Women, indigenous peoples, and Afro-descendant populations remain underrepresented in the national legislatures of Argentina, Colombia, and Peru. The project aims to promote political participation among young people and address key issues around female and minority representation in Latin America. It also seeks to strengthen collaboration between youth organisations across the region. The target group is young people aged 15 to 30.

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Grupo Joven Fundaciòn Libertad (GJFL)	Argentina
Libertank	Colombia
Norges Unge Venstre	Norway
Instituto Pro Libertad Perú	Peru
La Liga Libertad	Peru

# Inclusive Political Parties Program

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant

Project start

Project end

\$389K

2024

2025

The partnership aims to support the Ethiopian Political Parties Joint Council (EPPJC) in promoting peaceful competition, national dialogue, and inclusive policies in Ethiopia. It will strengthen the EPPJC's capacity to carry out this role effectively. The project also supports the Women and Youth Wings to improve representation of women and youth within Ethiopian political parties ahead of the 2026 elections. A key focus is strengthening regional structures to encourage wider participation beyond Addis Ababa. Overall, the project seeks to foster ongoing dialogue that leads to peaceful and fair elections.

#### PROJECT ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Ethiopian Political Parties Joint Council (EPPJC	Ethiopia
Kristelig Folkeparti (KrF)	Norway

# Deepening Dialogue Program

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant

Project start

Project end

\$245K

2024

2025

The project aims to promote democracy in Belarus. It also seeks to strengthen international collaboration that contribute to democratic development in Belarus.

Swedish International Liberal Center (SILC)	Lithuania
Kristelig Folkeparti (KrF)	Norway

# Youth Political Empowerment Program

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant

Project start

Project end

\$389K

2024

2025

This project aims to increase youth participation in Lebanese politics. It supports young Lebanese politicians by helping them improve skills in working across parties, developing policies, and building strong organisations. The project continues a partnership between Norwegian and Lebanese youth groups that started in 2019.

#### PROJECT ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

National Democratic Institute Lebanon	Lebanon
Kristelig Folkepartis Ungdom (KrFU)	Norway

#### Collaboration between Green Partys of Lebanon and Norway

PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant

Project start

Project end

\$130K

2024

2025

The project aims to strengthen the Green Party of Lebanon (GLP) by enhancing its organisational structure and capacity. It also focuses on increasing the representation of women and youth within the party, fostering better understanding and cooperation between different political groups, and establishing a strong and lasting partnership between the Green Party of Norway (MDG) and tGLP.

Through these efforts, the project seeks to build a more inclusive and effective political organisation.

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Green Party of Lebanon (GLP)	Lebanon
Miljøpartiet de Grønne (MDG)	Norway

Overview

# Norec Work Exchange Projects

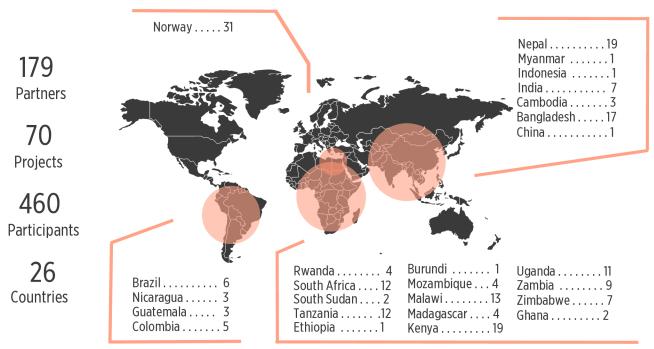
# **Work Exchange Projects**

Yearly, over 175 organisations send their staff to work abroad to learn from partners in other countries, creating new or stronger partnerships through practical experience in different contexts and specialisations.

Norec is founded on the principle that collaboration is essential for addressing global challenges. Whether the partnerships are formed with like-minded or different organisations, they strengthen international alliances and work to reach the UN's sustainable development goals.

The majority of the staff that travel abroad in Norec supported projects, gain valuable work experience. Learning and skill transfer gives exchanged project staff professional growth, which upon their return, contributes to their organisations' efficiency and innovation. Over time, the skills and learning are transferred between those that have been on an exchange, the new staff received on job-exchange and the institutions' staff as a whole. This process also promotes organisational and community advancement.

Norec emphasizes the importance of bridging power imbalances and fostering international relationships as essential strategies for solving global issues. It fosters a sense of unity and shared purpose among diverse groups, laying the groundwork for long-term cooperation and mutual benefits. Through a Norec exchange project, organisations gain the expertise needed to achieve their objectives and push for impactful changes, showcasing Norec's dedication to cross-cultural cooperation in global problem-solving.



#### Former Norec exchanged staff Jeromnie and her story

Jeromnie Akinyi Obwar grew up in an informal settlement in Kisumu, Kenya. She says this about her work exchange to Norway: "That is when I had my self-identity for the first time. I knew who I was. I knew the potentials that I had."

Upon returning, she volunteered to inform young people about sexual health rights: "We realised that there was something going wrong in our community. The community members could not reach the higher people. We became the ladder for them to use."

Jeromnie was selected into the Health Management Committee: "that to me is so big. I can meet with those people. I can now influence change directly."





# Partner Youth Alive! Kenya (YAK) and achievements

Staff from Youth Alive! Kenya learnt how to conduct action research while on exchange with Youth Empowerment Transformation Trust in Zimbabwe. YAK applied this method to map out the situation for youth in Kenya.

A report was compiled, which highlights the gaps in current policies as well as youths' views of what should to be done differently. YAK used the findings to draw attention to the need for change in the electoral process to bring young people out of voter apathy and into politics. The government used key findings from the report to inform governmental youth-focused outreach programmes.

# The Norec Network

Since we started in 1963, Norec has supported the exchange of more than 13 000 staff and volunteers between different organisations. These individuals are a resource we want to continue to support. Therefore, we launched the Norec Network in 2023.

We enable the members of Norec Network to share knowledge and expertise, expand their professional network and join physical and digital network activities, and this way, we help keep their engagement going even after their exchange period has ended.

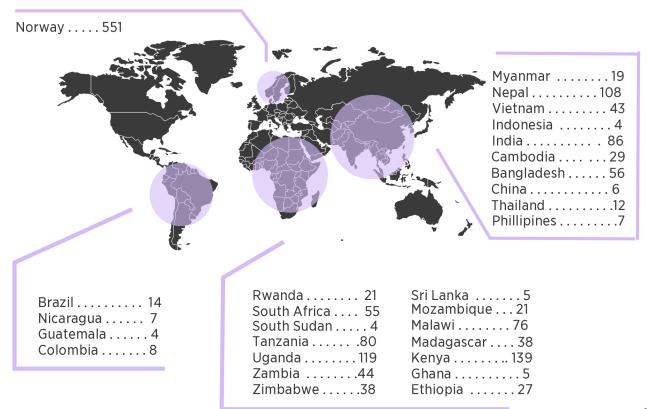
This network works as a resource bank for Norec, where we can gather advice and input from the members. They have helped with facilitation, logistics and interpretation for trainings we have conducted in their home countries.

The Norec Network is available for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and associated embassies to utilise as a resource.

If you wish to get further information on how you can utilise the network, or have any questions related to the network, please contact network@norec.no

Norec Network members as of August 2025

2,300 +



















Overview

# Norec Work Exchange

Projects: **Uganda** 

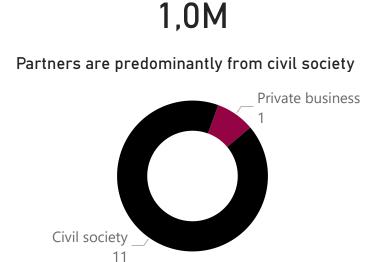
# Norec Projects in Uganda

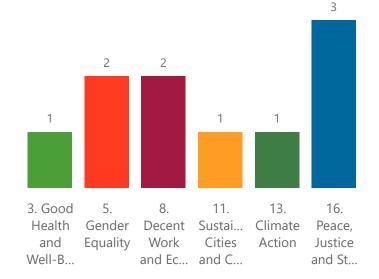
Collaboration Agreements Partner Organisations Norec Network Members

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In 2024 the projects with Norec support received funds (USD) totalling to

Collaboration Agreements are working towards the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)





#### Organisations have partners in the following countries



# Norec Partners in Uganda 2025

Partner	City	Contact Person	E-mail
Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD)	Arua	Amanicia Freda Opima	info@ceford.or.ug
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Advance Afrika	Kampala	Sharon Atukunda	admin@advanceafrika.org
CBS Pewosa	Kampala	Florence Luwedde	md.cbsfm@gmail.com
Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)	Kampala	Sheila Muwanga	fhri@dmail.ug
Global Link Afrika	Kampala	Samuel Baker Okullo	globalinkafrika@gmail.com
Justice Access Point	Kampala	Ndifuna Mohammed	mohndifuna@gmail.com
Starthub Africa	Kampala	Gerald Geria	info@starthubafrica.org
The World Association of Girls Guides and Girls Scouts (WAGGGS) Kampala	S) Kampala	Robina Asiimwe Sentumbwe	robina.sentumbwe@wagggs.org
Uganda Girl Guides Association (UGGA)	Kampala	Catherine Nakazibwe	thegirlguidesuganda@gmail.com

#### **Act Now**

This project aims to strengthen youth participation in civil society and local communities, and support young people to take part in the fight against injustice and poverty. By working closely with civil society organisations, the project promotes youth leadership and helps ensure that young voices are heard and valued. The exchange gives young people the chance to learn how to engage, organise and lead. It also helps the partner organisations improve their work on youth participation.

#### DAC Sub Sector

15150 Democratic participation and civil society

# Sustainable Development Goal

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$2,3M	110	2022	2027

Agro-Forestry, Basic Health and Cooperatives (ABC Nepal)	Nepal
Group of Helping Hands (SAHAS) Nepal	Nepal
Strømmestiftelsen	Norway
Organization for Community Development (OCODE)	Tanzania
CBS Pewosa	Uganda
Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD)	Uganda

# Climate Smart Farming and Circular Economy for Food Security

This project brings together teachers and students in Norway and Uganda to explore climate-smart farming. The goal is to share knowledge on sustainable practices like circular economy, organic farming and the use of seed banks. Pupils will work in school gardens and farms and learn how to grow healthy food in ways that protect the environment. They will also pass on this knowledge to other students, teachers, parents and local communities. Farmers in both countries face serious challenges from climate change, including unpredictable rainfall, soil erosion and the loss of nutrients from the soil. In Uganda, these problems have affected food security for over 20 years. In Norway, similar issues are now becoming more visible. Both partners also see a need to make better use of indigenous knowledge that offers safer, low-cost alternatives, and they aim to find practical and locally adapted solutions.

**DAC Sub Sector** 

31181 Agricultural education/training

Sustainable Development Goal

13. Climate Action

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$178K	8	2024	2026

Sogn Jord- og Hagebruksskule	Norway
Nyenga Foundation	Uganda

#### The YESS Girls Movement

This project empowers young women to lead, speak up, and take action on issues that matter to them locally and globally. Through international exchange of staff and volunteers, it builds stronger organisations, supports girls' leadership, and connects guiding and scouting movements across countries. The project responds to key concerns raised by girls themselves: gender inequality and climate change.

#### **DAC Sub Sector**

15170 Women's equality organizations and institutions

Sustainable Development Goal

5. Gender Equality

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$5,5M	240	2021	2026

Bangladesh Girl Guide Association	Bangladesh
Burundi Girl Guides Association (BGGA)	Burundi
Ghana Girl Guides Association	Ghana
Kenya Girl Guides Association (KGGA)	Kenya
Fanilon'i Madagasikara	Madagascar
Mpanazava Eto Madagasikara	Madagascar
Malawi Girl Guides Association (MAGA)	Malawi
Nepal Scouts	Nepal
Rwanda Girl Guides Association	Rwanda
Tanzania Girl Guides Association	Tanzania
The World Association of Girls Guides and Girls Scouts (WAGGGS)	Uganda
Uganda Girl Guides Association (UGGA)	Uganda
Zambia Girl Guides Association	Zambia
Zimbabwe Girl Guides Association	Zimbabwe

## **Afyabora**

This project strengthens access to basic health services in rural and marginalised communities in Kenya and Uganda. Both partners work with community-based healthcare to improve maternal and child health, increase awareness of malaria prevention, and support youth with better access to services. The project also addresses challenges linked to teen pregnancy, limited health staff and reduced services after COVID-19. By setting up safe spaces for youth and offering preventive health education, the partners aim to reduce disease and improve the well-being of vulnerable groups in areas with limited healthcare infrastructure.

**DAC Sub Sector** 

12261 Health education

Sustainable Development Goal

3. Good Health and Well-Being

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$420K	24	2023	2026

iServe Afrika	Kenya
Global Link Afrika	Uganda

#### Umunthu

The "Umunthu" exchange project brings together partners in Malawi and Uganda to reduce trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation among young people. The project uses sports as a tool to build physical health, teamwork and leadership through tournaments, fitness classes and recreational activities. Alongside this, the partners raise awareness about trafficking and provide vital support to survivors, including education, legal assistance and rehabilitation. The project also focuses on reproductive health education and life skills training to empower youth to make informed choices. By creating safe spaces and engaging communities and local governments, the project strengthens protection and promotes the rights of vulnerable young people.

DAC Sub Sector

15160 Human rights

Sustainable Development Goal

5. Gender Equality

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$270K	8	2024	2027

Chance for Change	Malawi
Advance Afrika	Uganda

# Innovate4FoodSecurity

The Innovate4FoodSecurity project, run by StartHub Africa in Uganda and Ennovate Ventures in Tanzania, helps over a thousand young people build entrepreneurial skills to tackle food security problems worsened by climate change. It supports youth in the agricultural value chain to improve productivity and sustainability, addressing malnutrition and low crop yields. Both countries face food insecurity caused by poor infrastructure, drought, and waste. With young populations eager to become entrepreneurs but lacking guidance, the project trains them to spot challenges, test ideas, start businesses, attract customers, and access funding. The goal is to make these young people key drivers of agricultural innovation and resilience in Uganda and Tanzania.

#### **DAC Sub Sector**

25030 Business development services

#### Sustainable Development Goal

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$250K	12	2024	2025

Ennovate ventures Ltd	Tanzania
Starthub Africa	Uganda

# SDI Youth Leadership Development & Exchange Programme

This project brings together partners from the Slum Dwellers International (SDI) network to improve daily life for people living in slums. The goal is to help slum communities get secure homes, better services and be more prepared for climate change. The partners share skills in housing, mapping, savings groups, and small-scale upgrades like sanitation and safety. They support youth groups and women-led decision-making, and run awareness campaigns in local communities. A big focus is on training young leaders and making sure ideas that work in one country are shared across the whole network. This helps slum dwellers get more power to shape their own future.

**DAC Sub Sector** 

16010 Social/ welfare services

Sustainable Development Goal

11. Sustainable Cities and Commu nities

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$412K	15	2023	2026

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Shack Dwellers International Kenya (SDI Kenya)	Kenya
Centre for Community Organisation and Development (CCODE)	Malawi
Slum Dwellers International (SDI)	South Africa
ACTogether Uganda	Uganda

# Building National, Regional, and International Networks

This project brings together partners from South Africa, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to prevent violence and promote peace. The focus is on youth and human rights. In all four countries, people face high levels of violence, inequality and weak support systems. Gender-based violence, youth unemployment and lack of safe platforms for participation are major challenges. The project helps build stronger networks between peacebuilders across Africa. It creates spaces for learning, dialogue and joint action. By working together, the partners aim to reduce violence and support young people to take an active role in building safer, fairer societies.

DAC Sub Sector

15160 Human rights

Sustainable Development Goal

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$817K	16	2024	2027

Midrift HURINET	Kenya
The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation	South Africa
Children's Education Society (CHESO)	Tanzania
Justice Access Point	Uganda

# Transforming the Justice Sector in East and Southern Africa through Exchange of Legal Expertise

This project brings together partners from Kenya, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe to strengthen justice systems and promote democratic values. Through training and exchange, participants improve their skills in legal research, advocacy, and problem-solving. They also learn how legal systems work in different countries. The aim is to support SDG 16 by building strong institutions, promoting the rule of law, and encouraging fair and peaceful societies. By learning from each other, the partners help bring practical legal solutions to shared challenges across the region.

#### DAC Sub Sector

15130 Legal and judicial development

# Sustainable Development Goal

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

#### PROJECT KEY FACTS

Estimated total grant	Total staff and volunteers	Project start	Project end
\$544K	16	2024	2026

International Commision of Jurists Kenyan Section (ICJ Kenya)	Kenya
Africa Judges & Jurists Forum (AJJF)	South Africa
Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)	Uganda
Legal Resources Foundation (LRF) - Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe



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