
Who We Are

The Eurasia Program is a team comprised of 17 staff members located in OSF's New York, London, and Budapest offices.

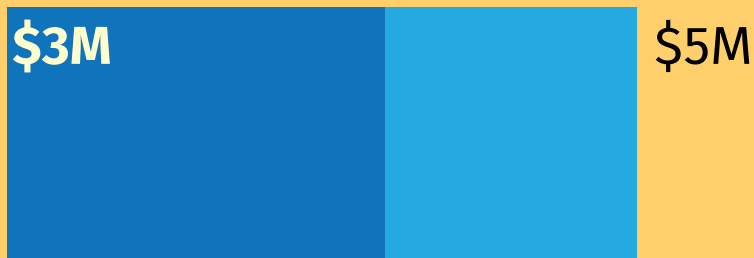


Who We Are

The Eurasia Program's total budget is \$12.2M, with \$10.6M allocated to programmatic activities.



There is also a \$5M Eurasia Regional Reserves Fund, to which all OSF programs and national foundations can apply, for unanticipated or emergent opportunities in the region. In 2015, \$3M was allocated from the reserve.



Where We Work

We work in the Eurasian region with a focus on building transboundary initiatives, and complementing OSF national foundations' efforts.



* Though we do not work directly in these countries, the program maintains expertise on the key issues affecting them, and advances advocacy and grant making opportunities, when appropriate.

Eurasia Program Tools



Grant
Making

Research

Advocacy

Convening

Eurasia Program Priority Areas

Challenging State Power

Supporting human rights defenders seeking redress for abuses

Exposing new repressive tactics deployed by authoritarian regimes to stifle independent voices

Supporting journalist investigations and seeking remedy for the victims of grand corruption

Mobilizing Social Power

Integrating Eurasian voices into the global exchange of ideas

Fostering varied platforms for debate and discussion

Supporting online independent media outlets

Strengthening vulnerable and marginalized groups (specifically women, LGBT communities, ethnic minorities, drug users, persons with disabilities)

Soros Foundation—Moldova

The Soros Foundation—Moldova is a national foundation based in Chisinau, comprised of staff members working on the following themes:

Journalism

Economic Governance & Advancement

Health & Rights

Human Rights Movements & Institutions

Equality & Anti-Discrimination

Justice Reform & the Rule of Law



CHISINAU

The total budget for the Soros Foundation—Moldova for 2016 is \$1.8M

Key Partner Thematic Programs



Open Society
Justice
Initiative



Public
Health
Program



Human
Rights
Initiative



Education
Support
Program

Enlarging public space and mitigating the impact of political manipulation

Challenging corrupt and inefficient public management and upholding the integrity of public office holders

Supporting community initiatives and sectorial reform processes to stimulate citizen participation in public decision-making processes

Enabling independent journalists to use new media instruments, platforms and ventures

Advancing human rights and social justice by

Facilitating the reform of criminal investigative procedures to safeguard pretrial rights

Pursuing a human rights approach to advancing health policies and practice

Monitoring and responding promptly to systemic violations of human rights

Protecting the health and rights of persons with disabilities

Legally empowering the poor and most vulnerable populations by

Creating a nation-wide, high quality, credible and financially sustainable legal services model (OSF Legal Empowerment Shared Framework)

International Renaissance Foundation

The International Renaissance Foundation is a national foundation based in Kyiv, Ukraine with field offices in Odessa, Lviv and Kharkiv comprised of staff members working on the following themes:

● KIEV

Democratic Practice

Health & Rights

Equality & Anti-Discrimination

Human Rights Movements
& Institutions

Justice Reform &
the Rule of Law

The total budget of the International Renaissance Foundation for 2016 is \$5.8M

Key Partner Thematic Programs

**OSF
Advocacy
Offices**

**DC &
BRUSSELS**

**Education
Support
Program**

**Public
Health
Program**

**Human
Rights
Initiative**

**Open
Society
Justice
Initiative**

**Early
Childhood
Program**

Enable civic participation in the implementation of reforms by establishing value-based policy-making

Expand public spaces beyond NGOs, strengthen new leaders, and foster critical-thinking, communication and public debate on the society's agenda of change

Empower communities to benefit from decentralization, public health, education, community policing and other reforms

Support anti-corruption watchdogs, counter state capture and boost open data for advocacy and accountability

Enhance international support and leverage on reforms and peace-building in Ukraine

Ensure that mechanisms and practices for the protection of human rights, dignity, equality, and anti-discrimination are in place and working

Prevent impunity for grave crimes by documenting human rights violations and designing internationalized justice mechanisms

Foster access to community-based free legal aid and provide a national perspective to the OSF Shared Framework on legal empowerment

Ensure right to health for the vulnerable

Build social cohesion and facilitate reintegration for those affected by the armed conflict

Empower a new generation of Roma leaders and activists

Open Society Foundations–Armenia

The Open Society Foundations–Armenia is a national foundation based in Yerevan, comprised of staff members working on the following themes:

Justice Reform & the Rule of Law

Health & Rights

Higher Education

Democratic Practice

Education & Child Development

Economic Governance and
Advancement

Human Rights Institutions
& Movements (including
Womens' Rights and Anti-
discrimination)

● YEREVAN

The total budget of Open Society Foundations–Armenia is \$2.4M

Key Partner Thematic Programs



Building an effective firewall against efforts to degrade human rights

Safeguarding fundamental rights to assembly, association, and expression through documentation, advocacy, and litigation

Defending the health rights of marginalized and vulnerable populations, supporting a robust field of partners

Upholding democratic norms and practices before, during and after the 2017 parliamentary elections

Upholding democratic institutions and accountability in governance

Expanding and protecting public space with a special focus on youth

Combatting government corruption

Leading the transformation toward an issue-based society

Promoting integrity and ensuring equity in the education system

Open Society Georgia Foundation

The Open Society Georgia Foundation is a national foundation based in Tbilisi, comprised of staff members working on the following themes:

Journalism

Democratic Practice

Equality & Anti-Discrimination

Health & Rights

Early Childhood & Education

Economic Governance
& Advancement

Justice Reform &
the Rule of Law

Human Rights Movements &
Institutions

● TBLISI

The Open Society Georgia Foundation's budget is \$3.7M

Key Partner Thematic Programs



Public
Health
Program

Open
Society
Justice
Initiative

Human
Rights
Initiative

Program on
Independent
Journalism

Early
Childhood
Program

Empowering marginalized and vulnerable groups through inclusion, access to information, and healthcare

Supporting journalism in ethnic minority languages

Ensuring that marginalized and vulnerable groups have equal access to healthcare

Building the capacities of minority community leaders, particularly women and youth, to prevent discrimination and cause positive change in minority rights protection

Promoting good governance through transparency and accountability, a rights-based justice system, and independent media

Promoting participatory decision-making at the local self-government level and encouraging stronger decentralization

Pushing for reforms in the justice system

Promoting safeguards against, and seeking accountability for, grave crimes on the local and international level

Enhancing government accountability and advocating for policy changes, using the European integration process as leverage for reforms

Boosting content production in the field of journalism for the most successful independent partners with the biggest potential for impact and audience reach

Soros Foundation Kazakhstan

The Soros Foundation Kazakhstan is a national foundation based in Almaty, comprised of staff members working on the following themes:

Democratic Practice

Education & Childhood
Development

Health and Rights

Journalism

Economic Governance &
Advancement

Policy Research Support &
Innovation

Human Rights Movements &
Institutions

● ALMATY

The total budget for the Soros Foundation Kazakhstan for 2016 is \$3.4M

Key Partner Thematic Programs

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**Fiscal
Governance
Program**

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on Economic
Advancement**

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**Program on
Independent
Journalism**

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**Education
Support
Program**

Defending and broadening civic space by

Encouraging civil society activists, human rights defenders, artists, and experts to use innovative ways to participate, express themselves, and work collaboratively, and protect rights.

Increasing capacities and diversity in the field of journalism

Transforming public spaces into civic spaces

Building the critical independent policy capacity of local think tanks, young policy scholars, and enabling development of discussion platforms for liberal scholars

Promoting economic advancement and good governance by

Providing the government of Kazakhstan with quality economic policy analysis and recommendations that help advance social justice, inclusion and public sector accountability through economic reforms

Spurring ongoing public debates on the management of natural resource revenues at both local and national levels

Supporting informed civil society involvement in the development, implementation, and monitoring recommendations aimed at good governance and public finance transparency

Defending human rights and promoting inclusion by

Strengthening core human rights organizations, especially pertaining to freedom of speech and expression, and the rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups

Promoting social and educational inclusion for persons with mental disabilities through effective public awareness campaigns, and legislative frameworks

Training a new generation of human rights defenders

Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan

The Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan is a national foundation based in Bishkek, comprised of staff members working on the following themes:

Justice Reform & the Rule of Law

Information & Digital Rights

Health & Rights

Democratic Practice

Early Childhood & Education

Journalism



● BISHKEK

Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan's total budget for 2016 is \$2.7M

Key Partner Thematic Programs

Information
Program

Program on
Independent
Journalism

Human
Rights
Initiative

Public Health
Program

Education
Support
Program

Defending and promoting human rights and access to justice

Supporting partners engaged in policy analysis and legal advocacy

Advancing the rights of marginalized communities

Bolstering civic participation and youth engagement in the public sphere through education and urban development

Promoting inclusive learning and accessibility in the education sector

Utilizing urban spaces to foster civic identity and rights-awareness

Promoting good governance through information and media

Increasing oversight of state governance through access to public information and support for independent media

Creating and building the capacity of data journalism networks and open data initiatives

Supporting the Smart Kyrgyzstan Program, an initiative designed to increase transparency and effective governance through use of innovative technologies

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation—Tajikistan

The Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation—Tajikistan is a national foundation based in Dushanbe, comprised of staff members working on the following themes:

Economic Governance & Advancement

Child Development & Education

Human Rights Institutions & Movements

Journalism

Health & Rights

Democratic Practice

Information & Digital Rights

● DUSHANBE

The total budget for OSI Tajikistan is \$2.6M

Key Partner Thematic Programs



Refocusing economic assistance on returning migrants and entrepreneurs among the poor

Demonstrating the viability of a “pro-poor” loan guarantee program

Piloting a government-civil society partnership to assist returning migrants

Strengthening social resilience in critical dimensions of education and public health

Bolstering the fields of early childhood and inclusive education

Developing a culture of assessment in education

Boosting public health and drug policy reforms

Fostering a human rights approach to health

Defending fundamental rights and the civic space

Consolidating gains in basic human rights

Safeguarding independent expression

OSIAF-Tajikistan Priority Areas 2017-2020

Enhancing independent oversight over public and private sectors

Enhancing civil society capacity for oversight

Where Collaboration Unfolds

Anti-torture

Combatting torture and ill-treatment in the criminal justice system, by strengthening coalitions of local activists who are monitoring and reporting violations, seeking redress for victims, and conducting advocacy at domestic and international levels. The Eurasia Program is working with National Foundations to connect coalitions across the region, to share best practices and conduct joint advocacy.



Where Collaboration Unfolds

Anti-discrimination

Anti-discrimination coalitions in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, and Kyrgyzstan bring together a cross-section of groups traditionally reluctant to cooperate: LGBTI and Roma organizations, women’s rights activists and religious minorities, persons with disabilities and mainstream human rights defenders. We connect our strongest partners with their peers in the region to become more effective at strategic communications and advocacy, to help them become authoritative voices for the concerns of their constituents, and to give them the tools they need to provide alternative narratives to that of “traditional values.”

**Eurasia
Program**

**Human Rights
Initiative**

**International
Renaissance
Foundation**

**Open Society
Foundations—
Armenia**

**Open Society
Georgia
Foundation**

**Open Society
Initiative for
Europe**

**Soros
Foundation
Kyrgyzstan**

**Soros
Foundation—
Moldova**

Civic Engagement and Inclusive Participation

We support a range of discussion platforms, meeting spaces, and locally-focused initiatives that can enable civic mobilization and grassroots activism, focusing on topics that can motivate a withdrawn public with abiding mistrust in the state to reengage on issues relevant to their daily lives, and which do not carry as much risk for activists as more politically-sensitive themes.

**Eurasia
Program**

**Open Society
Foundations—
Armenia**

**Soros
Foundation
Kazakhstan**

**International
Renaissance
Foundation**

**Soros
Foundation—
Moldova**

**Soros
Foundation
Kyrgyzstan**

Economic Advancement

The Economic Advancement Program is collaborating with NFs to identify the most important economic advancement issues in the region and to explore the development of a joint economic advancement strategy.

**OSIAF-
Tajikistan**

**Soros
Foundation
Kazakhstan**

**Program
on Economic
Advancement**

**Soros
Foundation
Kyrgyzstan**