

Civil society

FHI 360 helps citizens find a voice and work together to tackle societal challenges and improve governance.



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FHI 360 helps nations build a vibrant civil society that fosters health and development. We help citizens monitor and influence their governments, defend their rights, expose corruption and resolve conflicts that threaten progress. By empowering citizens to engage with and collaborate on issues that affect their lives, we improve their ability to address social and political challenges.

Organizational capacity building

FHI 360 tailors technical assistance to help community-based and voluntary private organizations fulfill their health and development missions. Our projects train leaders across various sectors of society to craft on-the-ground strategies for common problems, such as HIV and AIDS or access to public services. We assess organizations' institutional and financial viability and offer guidance in developing the human resources and policies necessary for sustainability.

Coalition building

FHI 360 projects connect people and institutions with shared interests to spark learning, support innovation and amplify impact. We harness stakeholder energy to create strong national and community-based networks that allow citizens to represent their concerns to each other and to policymakers. These networks broaden the pool of stakeholders so that youth, women, populations emerging from conflict and vulnerable groups are involved in setting the agenda and making the decisions.

Advocacy

In countries where citizens have few channels for raising human rights concerns and influencing decisions on minority rights, we help organizations create platforms for dialogue. FHI 360 has contributed to valuable research projects about human rights violations, such as international trafficking of young girls and women.

Communication for peacebuilding and participation

Our Bridge Media project brings together people from ethnic groups in conflict to create and broadcast joint programming in places such as Sri Lanka and the Balkans. Through television, radio and performances that model how different perspectives can co-exist and be expressed safely, we help people view and value the other side of the story. Using our expertise in communication for behavior change, we also develop media campaigns that increase electoral and political participation.

Governance

FHI 360 strives to create legal and policy environments conducive to civic participation, so citizens can improve their communities in concert with government. Our projects encourage governments at all levels to be more transparent and accountable to their constituencies. We also promote robust civil society organizations that serve as anti-corruption watchdogs while helping authorities more effectively solve problems.

About FHI 360: FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender equality, youth, research, technology, communication and social marketing — creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today's interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 60 countries and all U.S. states and territories.