



IMPACT REPORT 2019

Inputs

| *Inputs are the resources that we devoted to our activities.*

£310,000 turnover

2.4 FTE core staff and consultants

Our turnover in 2019 was **£310,000**. Of this, **32%** was earned income and **68%** was grants and donations. We received grants from **Oak Foundation, National Endowment for Democracy, Evan Cornish Foundation** and **Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust**.

We ended the year with **2.4 FTE** core staff and consultants and a further **5** programme consultants and **5** advisers.

Outputs

| *Outputs are the activities that we carried out.*

430 number of HRDs and other civic actors that we directly supported

307 number of HRDs and other civic actors that we trained

20+ number of countries we worked in or on

We estimate that we directly strengthened the safety and resilience of **430** human rights defenders and other civic actors across the world during 2019 – a **23%** increase on 2018.

We trained **307** human rights defenders and other civic actors during **28** workshops and other trainings. This was a **75%** increase on 2018.

...defend, strengthen and empower

We responded to **40** requests for support from **17** at-risk organisations. We worked in or on more than **20** countries across **5** continents.

In doing so, we supported organisations protecting **human rights, civilians in conflict, the rights of women and girls, the environment, land rights, LGBT+ rights**, and the **right to privacy**, and others standing against **corruption** and **genocide**. We helped keep human rights defenders and other civic actors safe in **Somalia, Mali, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Nigeria, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, China, Chile** and **Colombia** and a dozen other countries.

Outcomes

| *Outcomes are the effect of the outputs on our beneficiaries.*

86% increase in confidence in their security and/or wellbeing reported by beneficiaries

98% approval rating given by beneficiaries

Beneficiaries and clients that Open Briefing supported during 2019 reported an average **86%** increase in confidence in their organisation's security and/or wellbeing due to our work with them.

Overall, the organisations that we worked with in 2019 gave us a **98%** approval rating.

Impact

| *Impacts are the long-term or indirect effects of our outcomes.*

15% reduction in the total number of civic actors reported killed

111 number of countries with closed, repressed or obstructed civic spaces

As part of the protection ecosystems for human rights defenders and other civic actors, Open Briefing seeks to contribute to the reduction of two key metrics:

1. The total number of human rights defenders, aid workers and journalists killed as recorded by Frontline Defenders, the Aid Worker Security Database and the Committee to Protect Journalists respectively.
2. The number of countries with closed, repressed or obstructed civic spaces as assessed by the CIVICUS Monitor.

There was a **15% reduction** in the total number of human rights defenders, aid workers, and journalists and media workers reported killed in 2019 compared to 2018. Although there was some movement between categories, the number of countries with closed, repressed or obstructed civic spaces remained at **111** in 2019.

In 2020, we remain dedicated to achieving a world where rights are realised and people are free.