

BRIEF ON THE PROJECT

Most African countries are practising democracy as a system of government, yet freedom of speech and freedom of the press remain a mirage – there is no free environment for journalists and the media to thrive. A lot of journalists have been attacked and killed and media houses destroyed, simply for airing the opinion of government opponents. Most of the laws used against them are linked to fake news and espionage. According to UNESCO, in 2019 alone, 6 journalists have been killed in Africa and over 40 have been imprisoned. This act is threatening and undermining provisions on press freedom enshrined in constitutions of most of these countries.

Africa Media Development Foundation (AMDF), a media development organisation, which provides professional support to journalists and promote press freedom, seeks to raise funds to continue its works around press freedom.

The intended outcome is to ensure that AMDF has resources on ground to act quickly and dynamically to the threats against press freedom and journalists in Africa, by providing emergency medical and shelter support to attacked journalists. AMDF will also carry out advocacy and sensitisation activities to ensure safety of journalists.

Key activities include, support for provision of emergency medical assistance to at least 20 injured journalists, support for provision of emergency temporary shelter to at least 20 journalists under threat, or attacked. These journalists are expected to return to their stations after a while, or change their locations permanently.

It will also support the work of at least 15 in-country volunteers, who will continue to track and report press freedom violations in their various countries, as well as carry out advocacy activities.

AMDF will continue to observe the World Press Freedom Day and the Bagauda Kaltho Memorial Media Lecture, aimed at promoting Press Freedom and Safety of Journalists. on the World Press Freedom Day, AMDF will recognise the effort of one courageous journalist and present him with **Courage in Journalism Award**. This person will be selected through online voting.

PROPOSED BUDGET

S/N	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT (\$)
1	Emergency medicals for at least 20 affected journalists	6,000
2	Shelter support for at least 20 affected journalists	10,000
3	Sensitization activities on safety of journalists	4,000
4	Support for 15 in – country volunteers to track and report press freedom violations	10,000
5	Advocacy activities a. Government agencies b. Media houses / executives	5,000
6	Training, meetings and work shops	15,000
	TOTAL	50,000