

About Internews

Internews Network is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower local media worldwide to give people the news and information they need, the ability to connect, and the means to make their voices heard. Through our programs, we improve the reach, quality, and sustainability of local media, enabling them to better serve the information needs of their communities.

Internews has worked in over 70 countries and trained over 80,000 people in media skills¹. Together with local partners, our activities include establishing and supporting media outlets, journalist associations, and broadcast networks. We also have special programs to improve reporting on the environment, humanitarian crises, public health and women's issues.

Formed in 1982, Internews Network is a 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in California. The organization currently works in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and North America. Internews Network has projected revenues of \$35 million for 2009.

Internews has supported the development of some 4800 independent media outlets to date, including radio and television stations, newspapers and online news sites. Our activities include:

- **Training.** Internews trains 8,000-10,000 people every year in journalism, production, and management. For more advanced media professionals, Internews offers training in topics such as computer graphics, media law, and investigative journalism.
- **Production.** Internews works with local media professionals to produce original, high-quality programming. In 2008 this came to 8,800 hours of quality television and radio programming, with a combined potential audience of over 200 million radio listeners and nearly 100 million TV viewers.
- **Media infrastructure.** Internews provides a broad range of infrastructure support, including providing journalists and stations with production equipment, creating production studios, and building radio stations from the ground up. To strengthen the media sector and promote financial sustainability, the organization has supported the development of 88 broadcast networks.
- **Media law and policy.** Internews has advocated for fair media laws in 21 countries to protect the rights of journalists, and has helped create 171 national media associations, which promote industry reform and advocate for just media policy. Internews has also worked for open and accessible Internet and telecommunications policy in 36 countries.

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¹ Training figure includes each participant at each Internews training. Some individuals participate in multiple trainings.