

## **SUSTAIN TOOL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

Internews is committed to maintaining openness and clarity in the decision-making process when selecting teams to be part of the SUSTAIN initiative. To determine which applicants will be chosen, Internews will rely on a specific set of criteria outlined below:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<b>Tool is Open Source (uses an OSI-approved license)</b>	Mandatory
<b>Tool is a digital safety tool widely used by – or with the potential to benefit – at-risk and vulnerable populations, such as journalists, human rights defenders, women, LGBTQIA+, migrants, and/or indigenous peoples. Whether the tool is “widely used” could be demonstrated through telemetry, user research or surveys, or evidence from user forums (such as reddit channels or mailing lists).</b>	Mandatory
<b>Tool team can designate primary points of contact for sustainability-strengthening activities and reporting and has capacity to mentor and support experts joining their project.</b>	20 Points
<b>Tool team maintainers work on volunteer time / are not paid OR tool team has been unable to accept grant funding (due to lack of a formal organization or similar barriers) OR is a tool developed in the “Global South” and received little/any funding to date.</b>	15 points
<b>Tool team has no reliable revenue to cover necessary expenses.</b>	15 points
<b>Tool community has had fewer than 10 "external" contributors (not on the core team/from the sponsoring organization) in the past 2 years.</b>	5 points
<b>Tool team has or expresses willingness to implement open-source community building practices, to include publicly published code of conduct and reporting channel, first time contributor support, issue templates or guidance for friendlier bug reporting, etc.</b>	15 points
<b>Tool team has or expresses willingness to implement Clean Insights SDK.</b>	20 points
<b>Tool team has participated in prior efforts/projects to improve user friendliness and/or increase tool team capacity.</b>	10 Points

**BONUS: Teams with a demonstrable commitment to sustainability planning.**