



INTERNEWS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Internews is a nonprofit that supports independent media in 100 countries. Internews trains journalists and digital rights activists, tackles disinformation, and offers business expertise to help media outlets thrive financially. For nearly 40 years, it has helped partners reach millions of people with trustworthy information that saves lives, improves livelihoods, and holds institutions accountable.

In the **Philippines**, we work with our partners from media, academia, civil society, and the business community to protect and improve a healthy information ecosystem, responding to challenges like attacks against media, disinformation, closing civic space, climate crisis, and public health.

INITIATIVE FOR MEDIA FREEDOM (IMF)

This five-year USAID-funded IMF supports media capacity and independence to enhance democratic governance. Internews is implementing the IMF in partnership with a consortium of ten partners. The coalition promotes free press and journalist safety, foster efforts to tackle disinformation, and support media self-regulation.

PHILIPPINE FACT-CHECKER INCUBATOR (PFCI)

Internews, with support from Facebook, implemented PFCI in 2021-2022 to incubate new fact-checking organizations ahead of the 2022 Philippine general elections. Selected organizations receive training, technical and financial support, and mentorship.

SIX-TRACK ENGAGEMENT AGAINST DISINFORMATION INITIATIVE (STEAD-i)

The Six-Track Engagement Against Disinformation Initiative (STEAD-i) aims to mobilize a diverse coalition of Filipino stakeholders to identify solutions to the disinformation phenomenon and conduct strategic interventions to effectively respond to the information disorder issue. Internews is implementing the project in partnership with AI4GOV, Break the Fake Movement, Core Theory Multimedia, the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (FOCAP), PumaPodcast, and leading Filipino researchers in disinformation studies.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON ELECTORAL DISINFORMATION (MDED)

In 2021, MDED supported cross-sectoral collaborative work to strengthen the information environment and mitigate the impact of disinformation on the May 2022 elections, using innovative and action-oriented research methods and network-building activities.

UNDERSTUDIED DIGITAL PLATFORMS IN THE PHILIPPINES (UDPP)

In 2021, UDPP investigated the role of lesser-known digital platforms, such as TikTok and WeChat, in the Philippine information environment and drew out strategies to mitigate disinformation in these platforms, using Internews Information Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) research methodology.

ROOTED IN TRUST (RIT)

In 2020, USAID-funded RiT worked on misinformation about COVID-19 and its consequences in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), by tracking rumors and encouraging better collaboration between public health agencies, humanitarian organizations, local media, and community leaders.

EARTH JOURNALISM NETWORK (EJN)

EJN launched the Philippine Network of Environmental Journalists in 2010 to bolster the capacity of media to cover environment and natural resource management issues. EJN provides training, webinars, documentary films, podcast and resources for reporting, story grants, capacity building, fellowships, and distribution support.

GREATER INTERNET FREEDOM (GIF)

To advance digital rights and help enhance digital safety for civil society and media and increase citizen engagement in internet governance, GIF works with the support of USAID in the Philippines to improve organizational security, technical support, and incident response, while training experts.

HEALTH JOURNALISM NETWORK (HJN)

In the wake of COVID-19, Internews established the HJN to empower journalists and provide them with opportunities to rapidly mobilize vital health information. With an in-house health reporting expert for Asia, HJN plans to expand in the Philippines.

2021 INTERNEWS FELLOWS PROGRAM

Internews provided a year-long fellowship to the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ), including technical assistance, organization's exposure, as well as support to collaborate with Internews in joint initiatives and events.

