##  Human Rights and Democracy Fund Priorities Guide

 **Mexico**

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## Freedom of Expression

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| **Objective**  | **Target Areas**  |
| To contribute to upholding **freedom of expression** including on the internet;  | Bringing in legislation regulating media and the Internet, which has an impact on freedom of expression, into line with international standards. |
| Protection to Journalists and Human Rights Defenders at risk |
| **\*Projects that promote freedom of expression including capacity building for bloggers, journalists and others, that result in, for example, safer operating environments; greater freedom of expression of legitimate viewpoints, and which produce better quality reporting, contributing to improved transparency and accountability and the promotion of better standards.** |

## Torture Prevention

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| **Objective**  | **Target Areas**  |
| To contribute to international efforts to **prevent enforced disappearances**  | Greater adherence to international Human Rights standards in criminal justice systems.  Legal frameworks to prevent and prohibit torture are created and are well enforced. For this bidding round, we will prioritise projects focusing on pre-trial detention or the police.   |
| **\*Enforced disappearances.** |

## Discrimination against Women

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|  **Objective**  | **Target Areas**  |
| To address the structural causes of **discrimination and violence against women** and girls to ensure their equality before the law and their participation in political and public affairs in accordance with international standards. | Discriminatory laws and policies are reformed or removed. Constitutions, legislation and policies tackling violence against women and girls are developed in line with regional and global commitments.  |
| **\*Initiatives that prevent violence against women and girls, particularly by challenging societal attitudes and behaviour.**  |
| Increased participation of women in political and public affairs.  |

## Business & Human Rights

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| Objective | Target Areas |
| Increased State and corporate understanding and implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on **Business and Human Rights** (aka the “Ruggie principles” or the Protect, Respect, Remedy Framework) | State duty to protect: To promote international uptake and awareness of the United Nations Guiding Principles and the OECD guidelines. To support the development of national implementation plans and to collaborate with other states to help them meet their Human Rights obligations. |
| Strengthening institutions responsible for ensuring citizens security.  |
| **\*Corporate respect for Human Rights: - To increase business awareness of the importance of respecting Human Rights throughout business operations. To develop models and examples of best practice to demonstrate benefit of respect for Human Rights. To improve business understanding of the importance of the “Ruggie Principles”, leading to better business practices and new or improved relationships between business, governments and civil society.** |
| **\*Access to an effective remedy: - To assist states wishing to develop their Human Rights protection mechanisms and reduce barriers to remedy within their jurisdiction. To support the access of civil society in accessing effective remedies and promote the protection of Human Rights defenders who are active on business and Human Rights. To support business efforts to provide, adopt or participate in effective grievance mechanisms.** |

**\*Note to readers: - The target areas starred (\*) are areas in which the British Embassy Mexico City would be particularly interested in receiving concept bids.**