

Gift Acceptance Policy

Global Press exists to create a more just and informed world by creating ethical, authentic journalism from some of the world's least-covered places.

In order to produce exceptional journalism, we hold ourselves to the highest standards of dignity, excellence and diversity. As such, we work to develop integrity-rich relationships with all stakeholders of our work, including local and global readers, partners and funders.

Global Press is a registered 501c3 not-for-profit organization. We seek to both raise and earn mission-aligned funds that propel our work to its highest level.

As such, we follow these key principles when accepting funds of any kind:

Transparency

Global Press does:

- Work to ensure that all reporting projects and in-country programs are supported by at least two funders and earned income streams to guard against conflicts of interest, real or perceived.
- Work with funders who understand that journalism has maximum impact when funding relationships are transparent.

Global Press does not:

- Accept anonymous gifts and discloses all funding relationships publically.
- Allow for sponsored content.

Independence

Global Press does:

- Work with funders who support our commitment to complete editorial independence, and as such do not seek to control or influence news coverage in any way.
- Communicate thorough and transparent progress reports to funders in ways that do not compromise editorial independence.
- Maintain a strong firewall between development and editorial departments to ensure that reporters and editors have total freedom to produce stories, often without knowledge of which funding dollars are supporting their work.

Global Press does not:

- Allow funders to review stories in advance of publication.
- Allow funders to have direct access to Global Press reporters, and as such denies all requests for donor visits to Global Press news bureaus.
- Accept gifts that are restricted in ways that harm our ability to operate as a cohesive organization or funds that would damage our reputation or have a negative effect on future giving.

Primary Benefit

Global Press does:

- Accept gifts that support the primary mission and activities of the organization.
- Seek out funding partners who make gifts where the primary benefit is the quality and integrity of Global Press journalism.

Global Press does not:

- Accept funds from any sources, including governments, that seek to invest in journalism as a means to a different end, such as influencing political systems.