



**Region/country:** Azerbaijan

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**Partners:** Article 19

The purpose of this project, jointly managed by Article 19 and MDI, is to strengthen freedom of expression (FoE) in Azerbaijan through advocacy for legal reform, in particular abolition of criminal defamation, and capacity building of the media. While Article 19 is responsible for activities related to legal reforms in the field of FoE, MDI's role focuses on training for journalists on legal awareness and the principles of professional reporting on defamation/FoE issues. In addition MDI is responsible for the design and production of TV debate shows and commissioning of articles on defamation/FoE issues. The project is funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.