

# Innovation for Change (I4C)

## Global Helper Hub

### Challenge

NGOs across the global south are experiencing restrictions in funding and operations. This is causing civil society organizations (CSOs) and activists to leave the space due to the lack of funds, increased security risks, or imprisonment for their advocacy work.

While there are challenges unique to each region, CSOs need to find innovative tools and strategies to strengthen and defend existing civic spaces and roll back restrictions on freedom of expression, association and assembly.

### About Us

The **Innovation for Change (I4C) network** is a network of people and organizations across the global south who connect, partner and learn together to overcome restrictions to freedoms of assembly, association and speech. Members learn about advocacy, applied research, civic tech, digital literacy, fundraising, and innovation processes.

The Helper Hub comprised of Counterpart and CIVICUS, who provide direct technical support, and Tides, the fiscal agent, assist the regional hubs to become viable and self-sufficient for identifying and addressing civic space challenges and potential solutions.

93 COUNTRIES

815 MEMBERS

INNOVATIONS

ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

ADVOCACY

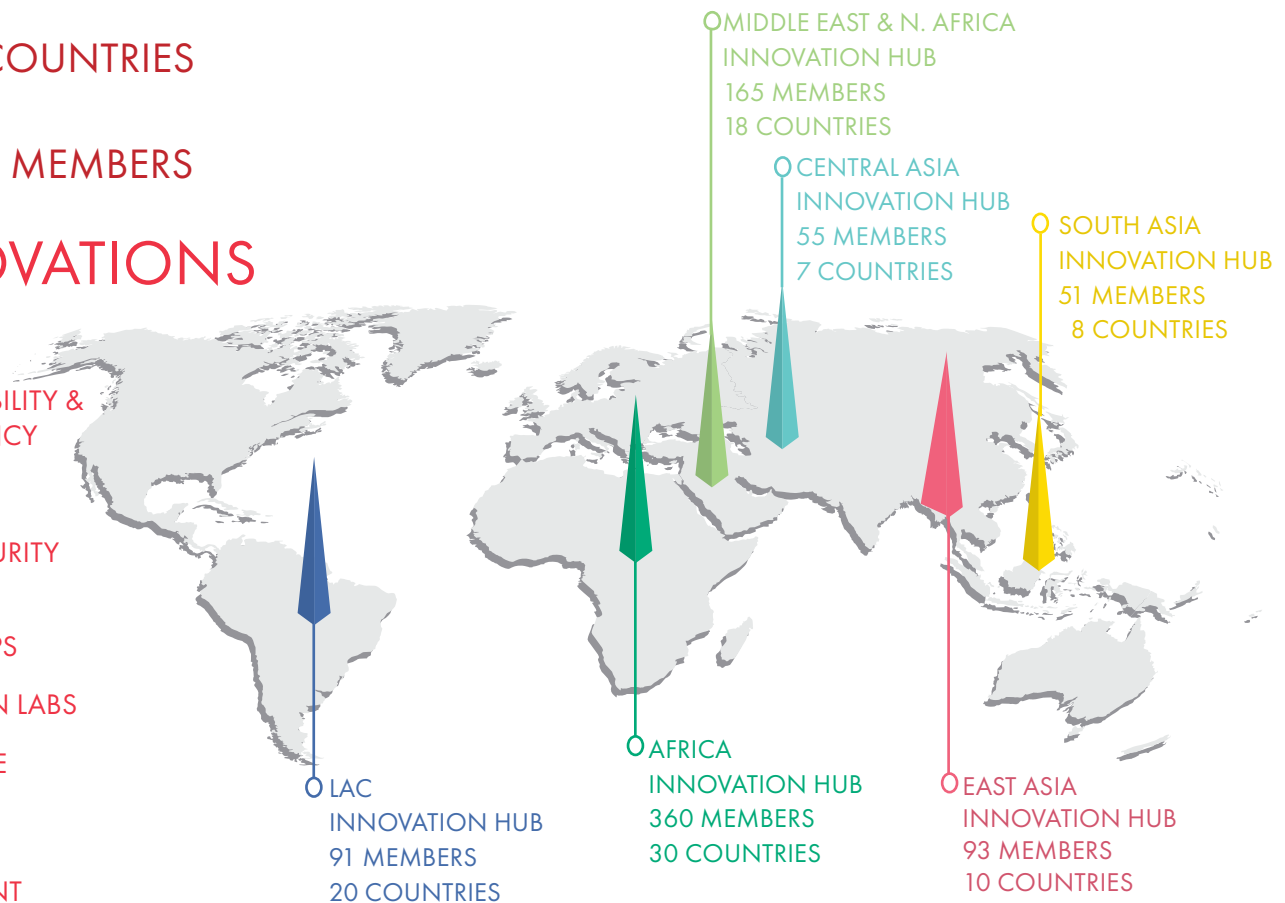
DIGITAL SECURITY

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

INNOVATION LABS

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT



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## Innovations



**Accountability & Transparency:** Tackling corruption while promoting good governance



**Advocacy:** People-powered campaigns to open up civic space



**Digital Security:** Securing online and offline interactions



**Global Partnerships:** Connecting people and organizations for shared impact



**Innovation Pipeline:** Innovation labs and funding for new tools and strategies



**Knowledge Sharing:** Sharing ideas, strategies, and experiences



**Research & Development:** Applied research on civic space challenges

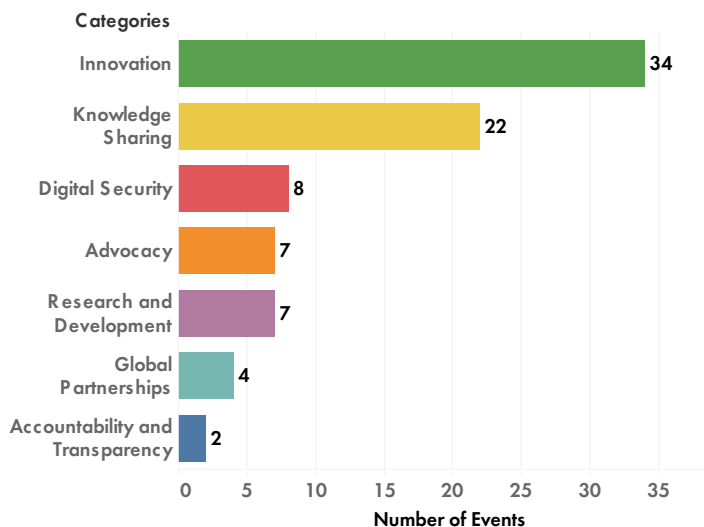
## Impacts

**Regional Hub Co-Creation Process:** Assisted regional hubs to cultivate their own networks with supporting governance processes, identified regional civic space challenges, and developed an agenda to address those challenges. Expanded the network to include practitioners and experts involved in facilitating innovation, including the development of partnerships with regional and global networks.

**Global Helper Hub Capabilities and Services:** Creation of a global knowledge sharing platform, online toolkits and resources, trainings, and customized support for advocacy campaigns, along with network and funding support for regions to implement their agenda.

**Global Innovation Process:** Development of a network-wide innovation pipeline to pilot solutions locally and regionally that can be scaled network-wide. Developed an innovation lab format to cultivate new ideas, which are funded through flexible funding mechanisms and then scaled up.

## Global Engagements



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### Background on Project

<https://goo.gl/R5HUa2>

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