Evidence for Democratic Transitions

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Project Summary	Help the Office of Transition Initiatives apply cutting edge research and evidence to its programming in complex contexts around the world!
Country	United States

Project Description

Project description (3000) characters: The Evidence for Democratic Transitiins project seeks to provide the Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) with the latest research and evidence on issues related to its work. Illustrative research questions include:

What types of interventions are most effective in promoting democratic transitions and under what conditions?

How do you build resilience to extremist violence in vulnerable communities?

How does disinformation spread in semi-literate communities and how can it best be addressed?

How does foreign influence affect the countries we are working in and the consequences for our programming?

How has COVID-19 changed the types of interventions possible, who the target populations are, and how they should be implemented to prevent democratic backsliding and democratic processes?

Interns will consider academic peer-reviewed literature as well as gray literature from NGOs, think-tanks, and other sources as well as internal evidence collected over 25 year of OTI programming. This project will contribute to OTI's learning agenda and interns will share their work out with the office for review and commentary, giving them the opportunity to learn from the vast experience of OTI staff.

The project will also provide ad hoc research support to country programs working on transitions around the world and contribute to the office research digest.

OTI supports U.S. foreign policy objectives by helping local partners advance peace and democracy. OTI provides fast, flexible, short-term assistance targeted at key political transition and stabilization needs. Strategically designed for each unique situation, OTI has laid the foundation for long-term development by promoting reconciliation, jumpstarting local economies, supporting emerging independent media, and fostering peace and democracy through innovative programming. In countries transitioning from authoritarianism to democracy, from violence to peace, or following a fragile peace, OTI's programs serve as catalysts for positive political change.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Research

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

None