

## Tips for Funders Sharing Grants Data

### *What to Consider Before Sharing?*

[Advancing Human Rights: Knowledge Tools for Funders](#) gives funders and advocates a picture of the human rights funding landscape to facilitate more strategic decision-making, increase collaboration and information-sharing, and highlight funding gaps. As human rights work increasingly comes under threat, we encourage you to ensure that you, your grantees, and the communities they support are comfortable with any data you share, for this research and in all of your work.

Foundation grants management staff are often responsible for sharing grants data with external audiences. These staff can consult with colleagues who work directly in the specific contexts and understand potential risks when reflecting on the following questions:

- **Ask yourself: Would any of this information put my grantees at risk if seen publicly?** If yes, consider the following steps to help de-identify the grantee:
  - List the grantee as “anonymous”
  - **Ask yourself: Is listing this grantee as “anonymous” sufficient or could the group still be identified by the location or issue information provided?** If yes, consider one of the following options:
    - List the grantee as “anonymous” and only provide the country and “human rights” as the general purpose
    - List the grantee as “anonymous” and only provide the region and “human rights” as the general purpose
    - Send an aggregate total of funding for a particular issue/region, so that no information is provided at the grant-level
    - Do not send any information about that grant (last case scenario)

### *How to Modify Grants Data After Submission?*

- Due to constantly changing and unpredictable contexts for human rights work, funders always have the option to request to remove specific information from past grants or for these grants to be deleted entirely from Foundation Center’s database.
  - Process: Funder makes the request to Ariadne or directly to Foundation Center. The change will be made within 30 days and can be more quickly if there is an immediate security risk.
  - Funders need to specify the exact desired changes when making the request. Ariadne will also ask funders why they would like to make those changes, as a means for continually tracking issues and geographies of concern.
  - Once a grant has been removed from Foundation Center’s database, it will not be added at a later date if the security concern is resolved.

- Foundation Center will not delete information that is publicly available (e.g. on a funder's website or for US foundations, on its 990 form).
- Grants data that was once accessible online may still be stored in the cache on the user's computer or in web-based archives, which cannot be changed by Foundation Center or Ariadne.

## Select Examples of Sensitive Contexts and Ariadne Members Concerns

- Grants to Egypt, due to a law criminalizing foreign funding and crackdown on civil society [concerns: naming grantees, providing grantee locations; naming funders; showing money for human rights going into Egypt]
- Grants to Algeria [concerns: naming grantees, providing grantee locations; naming funders; showing money for human rights going into Algeria]
- Grants to Russia, due to "foreign agent" law and crackdown on civil society [concerns: naming grantees; providing grantee locations; naming funders; showing money for human rights going into Russia]
- Grants to Hungary [concerns: naming some grantees in light of Hungarian government's repressive actions]
- Grants to China, due to repression of civil society [concerns: naming grantees, providing grantee locations]
- Grants to support LGBT rights in Uganda [concerns: naming grantees, providing grantee locations]
- Grants to support human rights in Ethiopia [concerns: naming grantees, showing money for human rights going into Ethiopia]
- Grants to support human rights in Burma [concerns: naming grantees; providing grantee locations]
- Grant to Syria [concerns: naming grantees; providing grantee locations]