

David D. Dodge
FOUNDATION

2025
IMPACT REPORT

Human Rights *Remain Under Attack*

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Dedication – Razia Jan



"We will continue to support Afghan girls and their families, no matter what tomorrow brings."

Razia Jan, Founder

1944-2025

Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation

Letter From The President

Trevor Timm, Executive Director of Freedom of the Press, said “the year 2025 was unlike any we’ve seen in the United States.” While Mr. Timm was speaking about the attacks on journalists and other press freedom violations, the same can be said for virtually all other attacks on freedom and the basic human rights of U.S. citizens, immigrants and others.

At our Foundation, we and our grantees saw this coming. During the past year we were prepared to provide needed support to some of the nation’s leading human rights organizations including Human Rights Watch, the Southern Poverty Law Center, Death Penalty Action, Freedom of the Press Foundation, and others as they undertook their important work - all designed to protect the rights of the most vulnerable among us.

In 1948, the United Nations Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document codifies some of the rights and freedoms of all human beings. It acts like a global road map for freedom and equality. Its message resonates today as much as ever. It serves as a guidepost for our mission and all we do.

Many of the charities that our Foundation has chosen to support during 2025 are those we’ve supported in the past. Others including Execution Intervention Project and the University of Richmond School of Law are new. Our approach to serving our grantee charities highlighted in this Impact Report continues to build upon the personal relationships between us and the dedicated leaders of the charities we serve. Never before has this work been more important.


Foundation President

The Trump Administration and Human Rights

Donald Trump's second term as United States president has already undermined human rights in the US and around the world. From women's rights and reproductive freedom to immigrants' rights, lesbian, gay, and transgender rights, and risks to environmental progress, people are experiencing diminished rights and much remains at stake. The current Trump administration has doubled down on its rights-abusing first-term record, its embrace of white supremacist supporters and ideology, the extreme antidemocratic and anti-rights policies enacted, the mass raids, detention, and deportation of thousands of immigrants, including some citizens, and elimination of government accountability and transparency, plus weaponization of government against political opponents. The current Trump administration has also drastically and lethally cut foreign aid including human rights efforts, and is partnering with rights-abusing governments in ways that fuel rising authoritarianism around the world.

Human Rights Watch
February 2026

Our Mission

The David D. Dodge Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the human rights movement in the U.S. and globally. The Foundation's grants provide funds for projects and programs to protect the human rights of those served by grantee organizations.

By the Numbers – 2025

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ELEVEN Charities Served

11

**TWENTY
THREE** Grants Made

23

Projects Supported

Southern Poverty Law Center

The Foundation has supported the SPLC with numerous grants over the past eight years. In 2025 the Foundation made two grants to support the SPLC's four pillars of hope and action - defending democracy and protecting voting rights, countering hate and extremism, ending unjust imprisonment, and reducing poverty and economic inequality.

Human Rights Watch

In 2025 the Foundation made two grants to HRW, one supporting its work in Yemen documenting harms suffered by migrants and the other in Iran where executions and all types of human rights abuses were documented. Iran remains one of the world's top practitioners of the death penalty, applying it to individuals convicted of crimes committed as children, in cases of individuals charged with vague national security charges and has sometimes used it for non-violent offenses.

Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation

Since the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban in 2021, girls in grades 7-12 at Razia's school and throughout the country have been prohibited from attending classes. However, during the ensuing years, our Foundation has continued to provide support enabling the younger girls to further their education. This support, along with hundreds of student sponsorships allow the younger students to continue their education uninterrupted through grade six at Razia's School.

Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

During 2025 our Foundation was grateful for the opportunity to provide initial funding for a special MSW Student Internship Project. We anticipate continuing to provide such support as this new Project takes hold within the FADP.

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Projects Supported

Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty

All eyes were on Alabama during 2025 as it led the nation in executing inmates by nitrogen gas, a method it had introduced in 2024. Project Hope is the only statewide anti-death penalty organization having its board comprised exclusively of inmates on death row. Its executive director is uniquely qualified to lead the organization in meeting the challenges of the spree of state killings by natural gas. Our Foundation is grateful for the opportunity we have to support Project Hope's work to shine a bright light on Alabama's horrific new method of state killing.

Freedom of the Press Foundation

Founded in 2012, FPF is the leading nonprofit organization that protects and defends press freedom. Our Foundation appreciates FPF's executive director who opened the door for us to support one of their foundational programs, SecureDrop, for the past few years. SecureDrop is the premier open source submission system for journalists and sources to exchange information anonymously. It's used by newsrooms all over the world to make governments more transparent and accountable.

Execution Intervention Project

Our Foundation is grateful for being given the opportunity to support EIP, a new charity formed in 2025. EIP got off to a fast start taking on a major project, the Nitrogen Gas Book Project. The Project culminated in the authorship, publication, and distribution of "Suffocation by Design - The Story of America's Newest Execution Method."

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Projects Supported

University of Richmond School of Law

In 2025, “Secrets of the Killing State - The Untold Story of Lethal Injection” was authored by a Law School Professor and distributed widely among state legislators, death penalty activists and others. Our Foundation is grateful for the opportunity we were given to support this important research project.

Death Penalty Action

DPA works to stop executions and abolish the death penalty through advocacy, education and action. Our Foundation has supported DPA’s work for many years including the past year. The death penalty is cruel, unjust and beyond repair. Our Foundation looks forward to supporting DPA in its important work in the journey ahead.

South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

SCADP’s mission is to abolish the death penalty in the state and catalyze criminal justice reform through public advocacy, grass roots organizing and community mobilization. SCADP excels at community organizing due to the unique talents of its executive director. Our Foundation is grateful for the opportunity we’ve had to support its Community Organizing Activity during 2025.

Project Shekula

The sole mission and goal of Project Shekula is to provide clean, reliable water to the traditional villages of Zambia’s Barotse flood plain. The Project has made significant progress towards its goal of installing 200 wells and pumps in 2025. Our Foundation appreciates the opportunity we’ve been given to support this Project which has brought clean water to thousands of Zambians along the country’s Barotse flood plain over the past several years.

Foundation Source

Foundation Source is the largest provider of services for private foundations. Now in its second decade, Foundation Source manages more than 1,500 family, corporate and professionally staffed foundations, of all sizes, nationwide. Our Foundation was aided in its establishment in 2018 by Foundation Source and has maintained a management arrangement with the firm since inception.

Benefits to our Foundation include:

- An entire team of private foundation experts under one roof
- Oversight by the country's top compliance professionals
- A web-based "command center" for anytime, anywhere foundation management
- Tools to simplify and organize foundation grants
- Advisory services to unleash the full power of foundations philanthropy
- Instant access to a community of foundation donors, resources, tools and knowledge.

Looking Ahead – 2026

Philippe Boloipon, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch, recently wrote:

“The global human rights system is in peril. Under relentless pressure from U.S. president Donald Trump, and persistently undermined by China and Russia, the rules-based international order has been crushed, threatening to take with it the architecture human rights defenders have come to rely on to advance norms and protect freedoms. To defy this trend, governments that still value human rights, alongside social movements, civil society, and international institutions, need to form an alliance to push back.”

For our Foundation, we recognize that for the remainder of the current administration, times will be challenging. Building upon our current relationships will be essential to see us through the coming years. However, the future is not entirely bleak—hope is essential, and hope is eternal.