

MEXICO
SWOT Analysis

<p>STRENGTHS</p>	<p>The strength of the government narrative could be directed to raising awareness of the importance of the exercise of freedom of expression in our country. This would reinforce the role of journalists and create a first circle of protection for their physical safety in social circles of their immediate communities.</p> <p>The government's role today is of such magnitude that the other internal forces of the State would move in the direction of sending a message of non-impunity for crimes committed against freedom of the press.</p>
<p>WEAKNESSES</p>	<p>The enforcement of laws prone to broad interpretation by public officials to restrict, penalize, coerce, harass, and intimidate the free exercise of freedom of expression.</p> <p>The use of military forces opens the door to opacity and puts at risk those who publish information about them. Continuously polarizing discourse from the highest echelons of government power, and high rates of impunity promote and encourage violent actions against the physical safety of journalists.</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>The Mexican government has the opportunity to build, design, and implement a collaborative blueprint with civil society organizations to strengthen the Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders and Journalists. This includes a comprehensive strategy in cases of forced displacement, by means of an inter-institutional coordination taskforce, and the devising of a comprehensive public protection policy.</p>
<p>THREATS</p>	<p>Corruption and collusion of organized crime with local authorities constitute the main risk factor for the safety of journalists.</p> <p>Lack of collaboration by various authorities of the country with the Mechanism for the Protection of Journalists, which became a lonesome entity or one-stop shop for these issues. If there is no urgent coordination between the three levels of government, the phenomenon of violence against journalists can spread.</p>

