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Ten journalists selected for Resilience Fund fellowship on organized crime and security in Mexico

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Ten Mexican journalists have been selected for the “*Voices in Resilience: Journalism in the Face of Security Challenges in Mexico*” fellowship, a programme led by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) through its Resilience Fund and the North American Observatory, to support reporting on organized crime and community responses across the country.

The six-month fellowship will support independent journalists to investigate illicit economies and document community resilience to criminal governance, in a context where security challenges and risks for journalists remain significant.

The selected fellows bring a diverse range of expertise across investigative journalism, human rights reporting, environmental coverage, and narrative storytelling, with strong ties to local communities across Mexico.

Selected Fellows:

- Patricia Ramírez – freelance journalist specializing in environmental and human rights issues.
- Camelia Muñoz – *Noticias MVS* and contributor to *Proceso*.
- Daniela Rea – independent journalist and author focusing on human rights and gender.
- Jesús Bustamante – independent journalist covering organized crime and its social impacts.
- Manu Ureste – journalist and author specializing in violence and organized crime.
- Margena de la O – co-founder of *Amapola, periodismo transgresor*.
- Miriam Ramírez – investigative journalist specializing in organized crime and human rights violations.
- Myrna Susana Gómez – journalist and strategic communications specialist.
- Paul Antoine Matos – freelance journalist published in *The New York Times*, *Gatopardo*.
- Ricardo Hernández Ruiz – freelance journalist focusing on childhood, drugs, and environmental issues.

The fellowship provides financial support, mentorship and training, enabling fellows to produce in-depth reporting while strengthening their safety, skills and professional networks.

“In Mexico, organized crime reshapes markets, institutions, and territories. State capacities are constantly challenged by criminal dynamics that cross borders. Meanwhile, local communities are paying an increasingly high price for living alongside crime and violence. Today more than ever, we need strong journalism that counters disinformation and challenges the silence imposed by those who seek to bury the truth,” said Siria Gastélum Félix, Resilience Director.

The Fellows began their projects in April 2026, with reporting to be published in the months following the programme.

About the Resilience Fellowship

The Resilience Fellowship was launched in 2020 to expand the impact of the GI-TOC Resilience Fund by identifying, incubating, and amplifying responses to organized crime that strengthen community resilience. In each edition, the program selects a theme that reflects the different ways in which organized crime undermines the safety and stability of communities.

About the Resilience Fund

The Resilience Fund is GI-TOC’s civil society support mechanism. It was established in 2019 in Vienna to provide technical and financial support to civil society actors responding to organized crime. Its mission is to identify, support, and protect community actors and their initiatives in regions most affected by criminal governance. [Read more.](#)

About the North American Observatory

The North American Observatory monitors and analyzes criminal markets and changes in the operations of transnational organized crime groups in Mexico, the United States, and Canada, producing rigorous and timely research to inform public policy. It also promotes strategic exchange among authorities, academia, journalists, organized civil society, and other key actors, and strengthens capacities through spaces for dialogue and advocacy. [Read more.](#)

About the Global Initiative

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime is a global network with over 700 Network Experts around the world. The Global Initiative provides a platform to promote greater debate and innovative approaches as the building blocks to an inclusive global strategy against organized crime. [Read more.](#)