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Your application - contact [UZ]

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12 August 2025 at 20:29

Dear Miraziz,

Greetings from Front Line Defenders. We have well received your application and we started to review it. We would like to ask you a few questions:

1/ Where did you live before relocating to Georgia ?

2/ **Professional destruction:**

Forced closure of therapeutic practice (1000+ sessions for persecution survivors)

Elimination of independent media platform reaching hundreds of thousands

Complete professional activity ban enforced by Uzbek courts (2021-2024)

-Can you please give us more details about your human rights work and your ФБК 2.0 project?

-What human rights topics / issues do you mainly focus on ?

-Are you a therapist as well ?

2/ What have been the latest threats you have faced due to your journalistic activities ?

What do you mean by «**cross-border criminalization**» ?

3/ When did you relocate to Georgia ?

4/ **Defrauded by AHRCA organization (\$6,000 lost), resources depleted by August 2025**

Could you please elaborate on that ? Please note that nothing will be shared and will be kept strictly confidential

5/ Regarding the budget requested:

Secure housing (3 months) (€850 * 3 = €2,550)

How do you plan to cover the rent after 3 months ? How have you managed to cover the rent so far ? Please note that Front Line Defenders provides short-term support.

Individual security measures (€400 * 2 = €800)

-We are not sure how you calculated this budget. Why do you need secure transportation to go embassy or medical appointment, if you are already abroad ?

-What is «safety protocols for refugee programme operations» ?

-What do you mean by «emergency communication systems» ?

Digital security equipment (€200 * 3 = €600)

-Again, we don't understand what do you mean and what you are requesting ? A phone, a laptop ?

-What phone are you using at the moment ? What laptop are you working with ?

-What are the main issues with your current devices ? Why do you need to change them ?

Family medical support (€300 * 3 = €900)

Did your family relocate with you ?

Medical Support (€400)

What treatment are you taking ?

What will this 400 EUR cover ? Medication ? Therapy ?

Emergency communication/transport (€350 * 1 = €350)

What is emergency transport and communications ? In what case will you be using them ?

6/ You have applied to several organisations: when did you apply for support to these organisations ? What type of measures did you apply for ?

Norwegian Helsinki Committee (€12,000 for media work), NED approved \$36,000+ (never received due to persecution). When did you receive these grants?

7/ Do you have NED contact details so we can verify with them about their grant ?

Thank you in advance for your answers and patience. Please note that due to the high volume of requests it might take some time to come to a final decision.

Kind regards,

The Grants Team

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Pablo Garcia
Grants Coordinator


Working from Mexico City until August, will respond during those working hours (CST Time Zone).

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13 August 2025 at 01:39

Response to Front Line Defenders Inquiry

Date: August 13, 2025

Re: Emergency Protection Grant Application - Miraziz Bazarov

Dear Front Line Defenders Grants Team,

Thank you for reviewing our application. I provide detailed responses to your questions with supporting documentation attached.

1. RESIDENCE BEFORE GEORGIA

Where did you live before relocating to Georgia?

I lived in Tashkent, Uzbekistan until July 2024 under court-imposed **ограничение свободы** (restriction of freedom) with comprehensive prohibitions:

- **Complete ban** on therapeutic, media, and public activities until July 2024
- **Prohibition** on leaving Tashkent city limits
- **Mandatory reporting** to authorities
- **Ban** on using internet and social media platforms

Legal basis: Mirabaad District Court decision under Article 139.3 Criminal Code (attached: court decision document)

The restriction period ended July 2024. I then prepared documents and relocated to Georgia in **September 2024**.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS WORK AND ФБК 2.0 PROJECT

Professional Background

Therapeutic Practice (2018-2021):

- **1000+ sessions** conducted for 600+ clients
- **Specialization:** Body-oriented trauma therapy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and political persecution
- **Legal status:** Not licensed therapist but practiced as body-oriented counselor
- **Court prohibition:** This work was **OFFICIALLY BANNED** by Uzbek courts as part of my criminal sentence

Independent Media (#bazarov2021, 2020-2021):

- Telegram channel reaching **3,000+ subscribers** with posts getting 10-20K views
- **TikTok content reaching hundreds of thousands of views** (this platform was subsequently blocked nationwide)
- **Content focus:** Electoral fraud exposure, corruption analysis, LGBTI rights advocacy
- **Impact:** So effective that TikTok was **blocked nationwide** in Uzbekistan
- **Result:** Physical assassination attempt, criminal prosecution

Mahalla Media Project (2022-2023):

- **25,000+ subscribers** across platforms
- **100+ contributing authors**
- **International grants:** €12,000 from Norwegian Helsinki Committee
- **Coverage:** Police violence, corruption, anti-war content after February 2022
- **Closure:** Forced by security services at peak success

Current ФБК 2.0 Project (February 2025-present)

Structure:

- **Participants:** 50+ Russian-speaking political refugees in Tbilisi
- **Methodology:** Body-based trauma therapy adapted for political persecution context
- **Documented results:** 8 of 12 participants from temporary shelters showed significant PTSD improvement
- **Uniqueness:** Only specialized service for Russian-speaking refugees in Georgia
- **Funding:** Personal resources, no external support

Activities:

- Weekly closed group therapeutic sessions
- Individual crisis interventions
- Outreach to other Georgian cities (Batumi, Gori)
- Trauma recovery protocols specifically for political persecution survivors

Human Rights Focus Areas

- **Media freedom** and independent journalism
- **LGBTI rights** in restrictive environments
- **Anti-corruption** exposures and transparency
- **Trauma recovery** for persecution survivors
- **Political refugee support** and rehabilitation

3. LATEST THREATS AND "CROSS-BORDER CRIMINALIZATION"

Recent Escalation (2023-2025)

May 19, 2023 - Media Platform Destruction:

- **Kidnapping:** Security services detained and tortured me for hours
- **Ultimatum:** "Delete all content and cease human rights activities or face severe consequences"
- **Impact:** Forced closure of Voilà Mahalla at peak success (25,000+ subscribers)
- **Result:** 100+ contributors scared away from independent media

March 2025 - Russian Government Escalation: After I officially inquired about legal status of ФБК 2.0 refugee support work, Russian Ministry of Justice responded with **official letter № 10-36017/25 dated 03.04.2025** stating my humanitarian activities could be classified as:

- **EXTREMIST** under Federal Law 114
- **"Foreign agent" activity** under Federal Law 255
- **Subject to criminal or administrative prosecution**

"Cross-Border Criminalization" Explanation

This term describes being persecuted by **multiple governments for the same human rights work:**

Uzbekistan persecution:

- Criminal case Article 139.3 (media defamation)
- Physical assassination attempt (March 29, 2021)
- Professional activity ban (2021-2024)
- Forced media platform closure

Russian persecution:

- Official extremism warning for same humanitarian work
- Threat of criminal prosecution for refugee psychological support
- "Foreign agent" classification risk

Result: Return to either country of citizenship now impossible

4. RELOCATION TO GEORGIA

When did you relocate to Georgia?

September 2024 - relocated to Batumi, then Tbilisi on advice of human rights organizations citing immediate security concerns after restriction period ended.

5. AHRCA ORGANIZATIONAL FRAUD

Complete Timeline (September 2024 - May 2025)

The Perpetrator: Nadejda Ataeva, head of Association for Human Rights in Central Asia (AHRCA)

False Promises:

- **September 2024:** Contacted claiming ability to secure French humanitarian visa "within 1-2 months"
- **Financial transfer:** \$6,000 sent with promise she would return money once we reached France
- **8 months of sabotage:** Despite regular follow-ups, **ZERO actual services provided**

Systematic Deception:

- **Unknown applications:** Claimed to submit grant applications "on our behalf" without providing evidence, copies, or results
- **Psychological manipulation:** Told my mother behind my back that some foundation considered me a "Z-patriot" and she was "explaining to everyone that he's mentally unstable"
- **Active sabotage:** Prevented independent applications by claiming "we're handling everything"

Financial Impact:

- **Direct loss:** \$6,000 with no help delivered
- **Opportunity cost:** 8 months of dependency preventing other applications
- **Additional expenses:** \$19,000+ spent in Georgia waiting for promised results
- **Tragic culmination:** Our cat Afina, transported from Uzbekistan, fell from window and died in France while in her care

Official Termination: May 23, 2025 - Formal termination letter documenting fraud (attached: AHRCA termination memo)

CRITICAL WARNING: If Front Line Defenders received ANY applications from AHRCA/Nadejda Ataeva claiming to represent our case, please disregard as completely unauthorized.

6. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

CRITICAL PRIORITIES: Housing and Medical Care

Our request focuses on two **life-saving essentials** during the 3-month transition period:

Housing Security (€850 × 3 = €2,550) - TOP PRIORITY

Current situation: Paying rent from rapidly depleting savings

Critical need: Safe, stable accommodation for family of 3, including 65-year-old diabetic mother

After 3 months: French humanitarian visa decision expected (October-November 2025) through **Sakharov Center** coordination

Why essential: Homelessness would expose elderly persecution victim to life-threatening health deterioration and compromise ongoing refugee support work.

Family Medical Support (€300 × 3 = €900) - LIFE-CRITICAL

Family relocation: Yes, my wife **Saida (25)** and mother **Gulnora (65)** relocated with me.

Mother's critical medical needs:

- **Age:** 65 years (born March 23, 1962)
- **Conditions:** Type II diabetes, hypertension, post-stroke complications
- **Requirements:** Daily insulin, blood glucose monitoring, regular medical consultations
- **Status:** No Georgian health insurance, limited access to care
- **Monthly costs:** €300 (medications €200 + consultations €100)

Life-threatening risk: Without consistent medication and monitoring, diabetic complications could be fatal.

Secondary Support Needs

Housing (€850 × 3 = €2,550)

Current situation: Paying rent from depleting savings

After 3 months: French humanitarian visa decision expected (October-November 2025) through **Sakharov Center** coordination

Backup plan: Wife seeking employment, additional emergency grant applications submitted

Note: Front Line Defenders support would bridge critical gap until French protection secured

Individual Security Measures (€400 total) - Supporting Priority

Secure transportation (€200):

- Medical appointments for mother's chronic conditions (diabetes, hypertension)
- French embassy visits if required during visa processing

Emergency communication (€200):

- Backup Android phone (€100) to ensure communication continuity
- VPN services and secure messaging platforms (€100)

Digital Security Equipment (€300 total) - Supporting Priority

Current devices:

- Phone: Basic smartphone (functional but aging)
- Laptop: Standard laptop (works but occasional reliability issues)

Digital security needs (€300):

- **Backup Android device (€150):** Ensuring communication continuity for refugee work and French visa coordination

- **VPN services and secure platforms (€150):** Annual subscription for secure communications

Main issues: Need reliable backup systems for refugee crisis interventions and embassy coordination

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Medical documentation: Available upon request, can provide health records and treatment history

Emergency Communication/Transport (€350) - Supporting Priority

Emergency transport scenarios:

- Medical emergencies for mother with diabetes (age 65) - urgent hospital visits
- Administrative transportation for document processing and visa appointments
- Basic emergency mobility fund for unexpected necessary travel

Emergency communication needs:

- Maintaining contact with refugee support participants during personal crisis
- Backup communication methods during French visa processing
- Secure communication with family and support networks

SUMMARY: €5,200 Request Breakdown

1. **Housing Security (€2,550)** - 49% of budget - **CRITICAL FOR SURVIVAL**
2. **Medical Care (€900)** - 17% of budget - **LIFE-THREATENING WITHOUT**
3. **Security & Communication (€1,050)** - 20% of budget - Supporting needs
4. **Emergency Buffer (€350)** - 7% of budget - Crisis response
5. **Administrative (€350)** - 7% of budget - Document processing

Core message: 66% of requested funds address basic survival needs (housing + medical) for elderly persecution victim and family during critical transition to French protection.

7. PARALLEL APPLICATIONS

Current Applications Timeline (August 2025)

Currently pending:

- **ProtectDefenders.EU:** €4,350 - August 2025
- **OMCT (World Organisation Against Torture):** €3,000 - August 2025
- **Civil Rights Defenders:** €3,000 - August 2025
- **Reporters Sans Frontières:** In correspondence process - August 2025
- **Front Line Defenders:** €5,200 - August 2025 (this application)

Organizations that declined/specified organizational grants only:

- **Free Press Unlimited:** Declined - grants only to organizations

Transparency commitment: All organizations will be immediately notified of any funding received to prevent duplication

Previous Grants

Norwegian Helsinki Committee (2022-2023):

- **Amount:** €12,000 total for Mahalla Media project
- **Management:** Professionally managed with full financial reporting
- **Verification contact:** Marius Fossum (recommended and facilitated grant)

NED (National Endowment for Democracy):

- **Status:** \$36,000+ grant **preliminarily approved** but never received due to persecution-forced project closure
- **Verification process:** Informal presentation by representative in Shymkent, told "everything looks great, will approve at next committee meeting"
- **Result:** Project was destroyed by authorities before formal approval
- **Verification contact:** Former assistant Mirzokhid [can provide contact details upon request]

8. NED VERIFICATION CONTACTS

Primary verification: Former assistant **Mirzokhid** who can confirm preliminary approval process and circumstances

Secondary verification: **Marius Fossum** (Norwegian Helsinki Committee) who recommended and facilitated various applications

Note: NED relationship was severed due to persecution-forced project closure, not performance issues

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED

(please note that some in Russian and I can translate them if necessary, some of the documents are described further)

Primary Legal Documents

1. **UN Special Rapporteurs communication AL UZB 3/2021** (June 2021) - Official international recognition of persecution
2. **Russian Ministry of Justice letter № 10-36017/25** (April 3, 2025) - Cross-border criminalization evidence
3. **Uzbek court decision (Mirabaad District Court)** - Article 139.3 conviction with professional activity ban (2021-2024)
4. **Medical records from March 2021 attack** - Physical evidence of assassination attempt with photographic documentation

French Humanitarian Visa Applications (Complete Dossiers)

5. **Miraziz Bazarov - Official visa application** (Russian language) - Comprehensive persecution timeline prepared for French authorities
6. **Gulnora Abdunazarova - Official visa application** (Russian language) - Mother's case as veteran journalist, family persecution pattern
7. **Saida Djumanova - Official visa application** (Russian language) - Wife's case, family unity documentation

Project Documentation

8. **ФБК 2.0 project materials** - Participant outcomes, methodology, evidence of continued human rights work under threat
9. **AHRCA fraud termination memo** (May 23, 2025) - Complete timeline of organizational deception with financial evidence

International Recognition

10. **International media coverage** - Eurasianet, AsiaTerra publications documenting systematic persecution
11. **Previous grant documentation** - Norwegian Helsinki Committee funding evidence, professional track record
12. **Medical documentation** - Mother's chronic conditions (diabetes, hypertension, post-stroke) requiring constant care - can be acquired upon request

Note: All documents are available in original languages with certified translations upon request. The French visa applications contain the most comprehensive persecution documentation prepared for official governmental review.

VERIFICATION REFERENCES**Available upon secure request:**

1. **Oleg Yelanchik** - Sakharov Center, Paris (coordinating French humanitarian visa)
2. **Thomas Sukhavishvili** - International Partnership for Human Rights, Tbilisi (can verify current situation)
3. **Marius Fossum** - Norwegian Helsinki Committee (previous grant coordination)
4. **ФБК 2.0 participants** - Can provide anonymous testimonials about program effectiveness

Note: Full contact details available upon Front Line Defenders' secure request to protect reference safety

CONCLUSION

This case represents exactly the type of emergency Front Line Defenders was created to address:

- **Escalating persecution** with documented international recognition
- **Cross-border threats** requiring international protection
- **Continuing HRD work** despite systematic suppression (serving 50+ refugees)
- **Vulnerable family** including elderly diabetic defender
- **Clear temporary nature** with documented exit strategy (French visa)

Time critical: Every day increases risks of medical emergency for diabetic mother (age 65), program closure affecting 50+ vulnerable refugees, and potential loss of French visa opportunity.

Your emergency support will:

- Save three lives during critical transition period
- Preserve refugee support services for 50+ vulnerable individuals
- Enable successful transition to French protection system
- Demonstrate that persecution cannot stop committed human rights defenders

Ready to provide immediate clarification, additional documentation, or verification within hours of your request.

Thank you for Front Line Defenders' crucial work protecting human rights defenders worldwide.

With urgent solidarity,

Miraziz Bazarov

Human Rights Defender

ФБК 2.0 Psychological Rehabilitation Initiative

Currently serving 50+ political refugees in Tbilisi, Georgia

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Current Location: Tbilisi, Georgia

Family:

- **Saida Djumanova** (wife, 25)
- **Gulnora Abdunazarova** (mother, 65, veteran journalist)

Submission Date: August 13, 2025

Priority: CRITICAL - August resource depletion deadline



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13 August 2025 at 20:30

Dear Miraziz,

Thank you for your response. We have some follow up questions:

1/ Could you please indicate what measures did you apply to for each organisations you mentioned ?

Currently pending:

- **ProtectDefenders.EU:** €4,350 - August 2025
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Media Defence also told us, that they have received your request.

2/ What are the current risks (since you relocated last year) that you have faced and that are related to your work ?

3/ Are you planning to relocate to France ?

Thank you again for your answers and patience. Please note that we won't have a final decision until next week the earliest.

Kind regards,

The Grants Team

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Response to Front Line Defenders Follow-up Questions

Date: August 14, 2025

Re: Emergency Protection Grant Application - Miraziz Bazarov

Dear Front Line Defenders Grants Team,

Thank you for your continued review. I provide complete transparency on all questions:

1. DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF PARALLEL APPLICATIONS

Currently Pending Applications:

ProtectDefenders.EU - €4,350 (August 2025)

Type: Individual Support Request

Focus: Emergency survival support

Specific request: Housing (€2,550) + Medical (€900) + Security/Admin (€900)

Justification: Cross-border HRD persecution, family emergency

OMCT (World Organisation Against Torture) - €3,000 (August 2025)

Type: Emergency Material Assistance

Focus: Basic survival needs

Specific request: Housing + Medical + Food for 3 months

Justification: HRD under systematic torture/persecution

Civil Rights Defenders - €3,000 (August 2025)

Type: Emergency Fund for HRDs at Risk

Focus: Protection during asylum process

Specific request: Survival bridge until French protection

Justification: Individual HRD facing multiple-country persecution

Reporters Sans Frontières - In correspondence (August 2025)

Type: Assistance for persecuted journalists

Focus: Journalist family relocation support

Specific request: €3,000-4,000 for veteran journalist (mother) + family

Justification: 24-year journalism career destroyed by persecution

Media Defence - £3,500 (August 2025)

Type: Legal support for journalist persecution

Focus: Legal strengthening of French humanitarian visa application

Specific request: Legal consultation for asylum case (NOT financial survival)

Justification: Cross-border criminalization of journalistic work

Key Differences in Applications:

- **FLD/ProtectDefenders/OMCT/CRD:** Direct survival support (housing/medical/food)
- **RSF:** Focus on veteran journalist mother's protection
- **Media Defence:** Legal services only (visa application strengthening)

Complete Transparency: I forgot to mention Media Defence in my previous response - thank you for noting this. It's the only legal services application, all others are survival funding.

2. CURRENT RISKS IN GEORGIA (Since Relocation)

A. Intelligence Services Activity

Friends interrogated in Uzbekistan (July-August 2025):

- Multiple contacts report being called for questioning about my activities
- Specific questions about NED grant and current "anti-state work"
- Indicates active monitoring despite my absence from country

Digital surveillance concerns:

- Use encrypted communications for all ФБК 2.0 coordination
- Participants report suspicious social media monitoring
- Some participants' phones show signs of interference

B. ФБК 2.0 Program Risks

Participant vulnerability:

- 50+ Russian-speaking refugees in program, many facing criminal cases in Russia
- Several participants are from high-risk regions with ongoing family conflicts
- Many participants request meeting location secrecy due to fear of identification
- Unanimous use of encrypted communications and pseudonyms for safety

Program infiltration risk:

- Russian intelligence services known to operate in Georgia
- Risk of participant information being reported to home country authorities
- Need for secure venues and strict confidentiality protocols
- Some participants report suspicious approaches from unknown individuals

C. Legal Status Vulnerability in Georgia

Visa limitations:

- Tourist status only - 365 days maximum per year
- No work authorization (contributing to financial crisis)
- Potential complications if overstay or if Georgia changes policy toward Russian refugees

Deportation risk:

- Rumors of potential cooperation between Georgian and Russian authorities on "extremist" cases
- Russian Ministry letter classifying my work as potential extremism creates legal vulnerability
- No protection status in Georgia - can be expelled at any time

D. Cross-Border Pressure**Uzbek government activity:**

- Friends report continued questioning about my location and activities
- Official channels seeking information about my status
- Pressure on family members remaining in Uzbekistan

Russian Ministry warning implications:

- Official letter № 10-36017/25 creates legal basis for extradition requests
- ФБК 2.0 activities could be presented as "foreign agent" work
- Risk increases as program gains visibility and effectiveness

3. FRANCE RELOCATION PLANS**Official Status Through Sakharov Center**

Coordination: Oleg Yelanchik, Sakharov Center, Paris

Application status: Documents prepared and submitted collectively (batch processing)

Expected timeline: 2-3 months maximum processing time (standard for humanitarian visas)

Current stage: Awaiting official response, expected October-November 2025

Specific Visa Type

Applied for: French humanitarian visa for persecuted human rights defenders

Family inclusion: All three family members (myself, wife, mother) in joint application

Legal basis: UN Special Rapporteurs recognition + cross-border persecution evidence

Documentation: Complete dossier including all persecution evidence, medical records, project documentation

Transition Plan**Immediate plans upon arrival:**

- Explore opportunities in trauma counseling and refugee support (pending licensing requirements)
- Intensive French language acquisition for professional integration
- Academic documentation of therapeutic methodologies for political trauma
- Research collaboration opportunities with French human rights organizations

Self-sufficiency strategy:

- Apply for work authorization upon humanitarian status grant
- Leverage experience in refugee support services for employment opportunities
- Potential consultation work with organizations supporting persecution survivors
- Gradual professional development while learning French legal/medical framework

Backup considerations:

- Austria (research Vienna Fellowship - 10-20% probability)
- Turkey (emergency option if all EU routes fail)
- Continue ФБК 2.0 work remotely if forced to relocate

Why France is Optimal Solution

Professional opportunity: Strong human rights infrastructure, potential for therapeutic practice

Family considerations: Healthcare access for mother's chronic conditions

Safety: EU protection, distance from both Uzbek and Russian reach

Community: Existing network through Sakharov Center for integration support

TIMELINE AND FINANCIAL BRIDGE

Critical gap: August 2025 resource depletion → October-November 2025 French decision

Bridge needed: Exactly 2-3 months as requested from FLD

Why this specific timeframe is crucial: This situation coincidentally concentrates in these few months - afterward, whether in Georgia or France, I will be able to establish financial stability through various work and income opportunities I'm already exploring

Post-decision plan:

- **If France approves:** Immediate relocation and gradual professional integration
- **If France delays/declines (unlikely):** Focus on legal resolution of Russian threats through Media Defence consultation and alternative income generation in Georgia
- **Current preparation:** Already researching work opportunities, potential collaborations, and income sources for both scenarios

Key point: The primary need is to resolve the visa uncertainty and address the current legal threats from Russian authorities. Once these two critical issues are resolved in the next 2-3 months, financial independence becomes achievable regardless of location.

COORDINATION TRANSPARENCY

Commitment: All funding organizations will be immediately notified of any grants received

Prevention: Clear communication prevents duplication while ensuring critical survival needs met

Documentation: Full financial accountability with receipts and reporting for any support received

URGENCY FACTORS

Medical emergency risk: Mother (65) with diabetes requiring consistent medication

Program continuity: 50+ refugees depending on ФБК 2.0 psychological support

Visa timing: French application processing window aligns exactly with funding request period

Security escalation: Increased intelligence activity indicates growing pressure

CONCLUSION

This emergency support addresses documented, escalating risks during a precisely defined transition period to confirmed protection pathway. The temporary nature, clear timeline, and international recognition make this an ideal case for Front Line Defenders' emergency intervention model.

Ready to provide immediate clarification, additional verification, or detailed security assessment upon your request.

Thank you for Front Line Defenders' thorough review and continued consideration.

With urgent solidarity,

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19 August 2025 at 18:19

Update replies в существующих тредах

1. FRONT LINE DEFENDERS - Reply в треде

В ответ на их последнее письмо с вопросами

Subject: Re: Response to Front Line Defenders Follow-up Questions

Dear Front Line Defenders Grants Team,

Thank you for your thorough review process. I wanted to provide a brief update for transparency and context as you finalize your decision.

Application status update: Since our correspondence, several organizations have responded to our parallel applications:

- **OMCT, Free Press Unlimited, CPJ:** Declined due to high volume/capacity constraints
- **ProtectDefenders.EU:** Cited limited capacity for individual HRD cases
- **Others:** Various reasons, but consistent pattern of resource limitations across the sector

Why this matters for FLD: This reinforces that Front Line Defenders' Emergency Fund represents one of the few viable pathways for emergency HRD protection in our specific situation. The systematic capacity constraints across the sector make your decision even more critical.

No changes to our request: Our situation and needs remain exactly as described. This update is purely for transparency and to avoid any potential duplication concerns.

Timeline reminder: August resource depletion timeline unchanged, making your anticipated decision this week particularly crucial.

Thank you for Front Line Defenders' continued consideration during this critical period.

With urgent appreciation,

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ср, 13 авг. 2025 г. в 22:44, Miraziz Bazarov <m.bazaroff@gmail.com>:

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19 August 2025 at 18:23

To: eca.grants@frontlinedefenders.org

Dear FLD Team,

Apologies for the formatting error in my previous email - copied some internal notes by mistake.

The content and update remain accurate and relevant for your review.

Best regards,
Miraziz

вт, 19 авг. 2025 г. в 18:19, Miraziz Bazarov <m.bazaroff@gmail.com>:

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ECA Grants <eca.grants@frontlinedefenders.org>

18 September 2025 at 16:24

Reply-To: eca.grants@frontlinedefenders.org

To: Miraziz Bazarov <m.bazaroff@gmail.com>

Dear Miraziz

Apologies for our delayed response.

We have reviewed your answers and case. It is with great regret that we must inform you that your application was cannot be approved. Our Grants Programme does not support people who have already relocated, and as we are receiving a high volume of requests, unfortunately we cannot make any exception at this stage.

We hope other organisations from the Journalists in Distress Network will be able to support you:
<https://www.journalistsindistress.org/>

With kind regards,

The Grants Team

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Miraziz Bazarov <m.bazaroff@gmail.com>
To: eca.grants@frontlinedefenders.org

18 September 2025 at 21:33

Dear Front Line Defenders Grants Team,

Thank you for your detailed review of my case and for your candid response. I sincerely appreciate the time you dedicated to our correspondence and your transparency regarding the reasons for the decision. Your clarification that your mandate does not cover HRDs who have already relocated is particularly valuable, as it highlights a key structural aspect of the current protection landscape.

I am also writing to thank you for recommending that I contact other organisations from the Journalists in Distress Network. Unfortunately, this is where my case illustrates a critical systemic bottleneck, which I feel is important to document for the benefit of the wider HRD community.

Throughout August and September, following a meticulously planned strategy, I have already submitted comprehensive applications to the entire Journalists in Distress Network and over a dozen other specialized emergency funds. This includes ProtectDefenders.eu, OMCT, CPJ, and all others on the list you provided. The outcome has been a consistent pattern of refusals, almost universally citing "limited capacity" or a "high volume of requests".

This direct, lived experience of navigating the international emergency aid architecture has compelled me to pivot a significant part of my professional focus. As a journalist and analyst, I have begun a long-term research project dedicated to the systemic failures and structural gaps within the ecosystem of emergency assistance for journalists and HRDs at risk.

The attached analytical report, "**Systematic Failure of International HRD Protection Mechanisms**," represents the initial findings of this research initiative. My direct experience has highlighted a critical need for a deeper, evidence-based analysis of the entire emergency protection ecosystem. The insights and data gathered through this work are intended to contribute to a constructive, policy-level dialogue with the key stakeholders responsible for shaping and funding the international human rights protection framework, with the ultimate goal of strengthening these vital mechanisms for all defenders at risk.

My intention in sharing this is not to question your decision, but to contribute documented, real-world data to what I believe is a crucial conversation for the entire human rights community. I hope this case study can be a useful tool for organizations like yours when advocating for increased resources or engaging with donors about the current system's capacity limitations.

Thank you once again for your professional engagement with my case.


Sincerely,

Miraziz Bazarov Human Rights Defender (UN Ref: AL UZB 3/2021) Researcher, CAT AGI Initiative

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