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MISSION



Atlas Network increases global prosperity by strengthening a network of independent partner organizations that promote individual freedom and are committed to identifying and removing barriers to human flourishing.

VISION



Our vision is of a free, prosperous, and peaceful world where the principles of individual liberty, property rights, limited government, and free markets are secured by the rule of law.



Atlas Network has been a four-star Charity Navigator member since 2008.







Atlas Network's donation payment processor is certified to PCI Service Provider Level 1, the most stringent level of certification available.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The year 2020 was one we'll never forget. On March 26, I spoke to Atlas Network's sponsors via a conference call. My remarks began:

The world obviously is in the midst of a health crisis, but it is a freedom crisis, as well. Even responses that may be justified in the short run are likely to represent threats to liberty in the longer run, which may, in fact, not be very far off. **The freedom movement is needed now more than ever.** Atlas Network and its partners of course favor public health measures to protect us all from a contagious disease, but we're promoting policies to protect us from statism.

I have been inspired by how our Atlas Network team quickly adjusted to new realities, and by the strategic pivots of our nearly 500 independent partner organizations.

In the pages of this Annual Report, you will see the real-world impact of the civil society groups we are so privileged to connect and serve-through our training academy, grant competitions, collaborative programs, events, and media channels. While freedom lost ground in 2020 along many dimensions, there are monumental victories to celebrate. The moratorium on agricultural land sales that restricted the rights of over 6 million Ukrainians was abolished, and US\$1.9 billion was saved by Indonesian households thanks to the work of the Center for Indonesian Policy Studies to free trade and lower the price of food. In the U.S., the Mercatus Center worked with Atlas Network partners in several states to roll back certificate of need laws that inhibited access to urgently needed healthcare services. These successes should inspire us about what we can achieve in the years ahead.

Yes, 2020 was an unpredictable year, and 2021 will no doubt bring its own surprises and challenges, but there are three things you can count on: 1) governments will expand their powers when given the opportunity, 2) reining those powers back in and preserving our freedoms will be a difficult task, and 3) Atlas Network partners will be on the front lines of doing so.

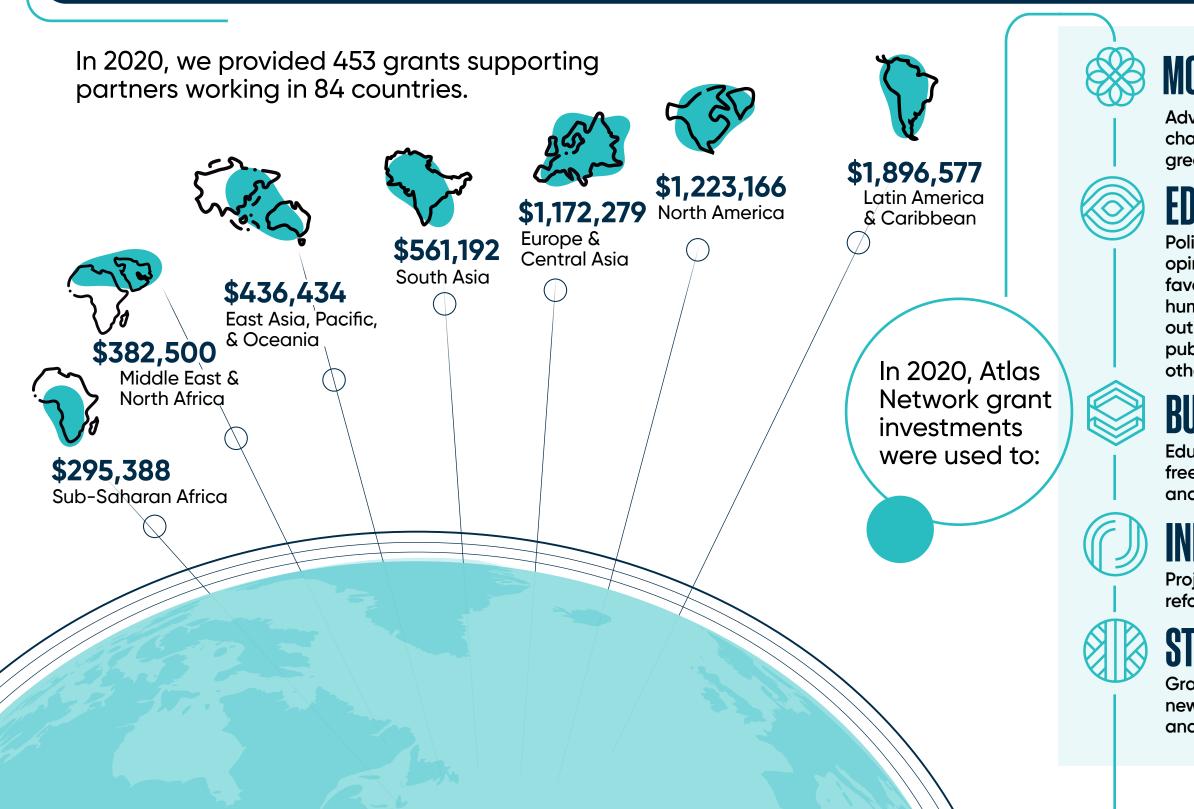
With your continued support, Atlas Network and the worldwide freedom movement will enhance our offensive strategies so that the 2020s can rebound from their inauspicious start and provide the next generation with a legacy of peace and prosperity.

Brad Lips Chief Executive Officer, Atlas Network

The freedom movement is needed now more than ever.

GRANT INVESTMENTS by Region





MOBILIZE

Advocacy projects that educate and encourage change agents who are working in pursuit of greater liberty and more limited government.

EDUCATE

Policy advocacy projects that educate public opinion toward greater understanding of and favorability toward policies that increase human liberty and flourishing. They are carried out through videos, op-eds, liberty schools, public lectures, research campaigns, and other vehicles for civic education.

BUILD

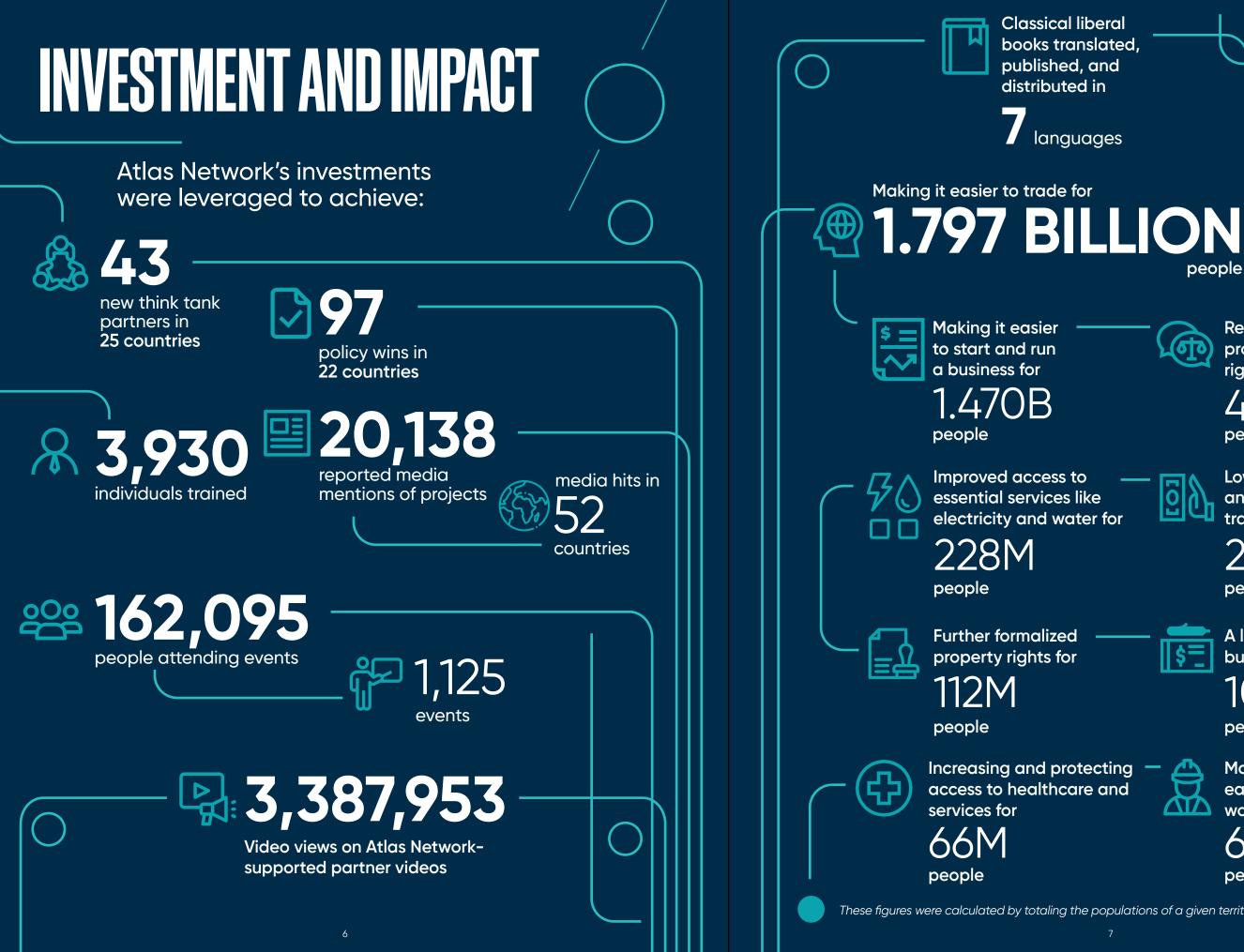
Education projects that strengthen the freedom movement by training, educating, and hosting events.

INFLUENCE

Projects that advocate for specific policy reforms within the existing Overton Window.

STRENGTHEN

Grants designed to grow organizations with new donors, social media growth, research, and operational capacity.



One book on Singapore's national bestseller list and

classical liberal books distributed

people

Restoring and protecting civil rights for

449M people



Lower corruption and increased transparency for

212M people



A lower tax burden for 105M people



Making it easier to work for 67M people

These figures were calculated by totaling the populations of a given territory where a policy win took place.

ATLAS NETWORK COVID-19 PARTNER RESPONSE FUND

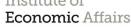
over \$550,000 awarded to 32 - 21projects countries

Atlas Network launched a Partner Response Fund early in 2020 to support partners offering cutting-edge policy solutions to the COVID-19 pandemic. With most projects still in progress going into 2021, over \$550,000 were awarded to support 32 projects in 21 countries. Organizations selected for this grant program formed a cohort of partners to build connectedness with one another, brainstorm solutions, and tackle challenges together-typically convening in facilitated, collaborative calls on a biweekly basis since May 2020.

 \bigcirc London, U.K.

The U.K. now has 63 new trade deals worth £867 **billion** with other nations, thanks in large part to the sustained advocacy of the Institute of Economic Affairs to liberalize trade in the wake of Brexit. In early 2020, Atlas Network awarded a grant to fund the IEA's proposal to create a COVID-19 Compendium-a comprehensive digital publication and broadcast plan that would help influence trade policies and highlight some of the negative outcomes of government lockdowns and other mandates imposed to combat the pandemic. One year later, the IEA has successfully used this grant to create over 40 videos and webinars, which resulted in a million YouTube views, doubled IEA's online video subscriptions, reached audiences in over 50 countries, and culminated in 146 articles, op-eds, or significant mentions on national media outlets, including The Independent and The Times.







- Other

Centre for

New Delhi, India

With support from Atlas Network's Partner Repose Fund, the Centre for Civil Society (CCS) in India brought attention to the harmful burdens imposed by state policies on farmers. The CCS team met with farm leaders and other stakeholders to document how restrictions on trade harm both farmers and consumers. In addition to creating a well-circulated policy study, CCS' campaign facilitated passage of an amendment to India's Essential Commodities Act, which had previously allowed government to set price and stock limits on agricultural goods and had criminalized warehouses, thus destroying the ability of farmers to preserve their products. CCS' research has inspired two other significant legislative acts that will secure greater liberty for farmers. They have led the way in liberalizing India's vast agricultural sector and bringing opportunity and dignity to hundreds of millions of people.

IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC UNLEASHING THE MARKET

Across the United States, 37 states have certificate of need (CON) laws, which burden healthcare providers with an expensive and time-consuming process to expand or establish new facilities and services. These laws protect incumbent providers from competition by requiring new providers to prove a need for their service in the community. The pandemic has laid bare how misquided policy, burdensome red tape, and a lack of competition all limit access to quality, timely, and less-expensive healthcare for all, and a number of our partners are working to fix that.





George Mason University

O Arlington, Virginia

The Mercatus Center at George Mason University's state-by-state analysis shows how CON laws increase healthcare costs, reduce the supply of healthcare services, and decrease healthcare quality. Mercatus' alternative demonstrated how practical reforms improve outcomes for all. Over the last three years, Mercatus research has led to more than 200 policy-related citations, testimonies, and briefings with state policymakers. Guided by Mercatus research, legislatures in 11 states have taken up reform efforts, with a major reform package passed in Florida. The Mercatus Center won our 2020 North America Liberty Award for their Equity Initiative for American Healthcare.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed a number of policy-induced flaws in America's healthcare system. Correcting them is improving healthcare delivery and lowering the costs to consumers.



PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION

Sacramento, California

In 2020, the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) published a research study on the effects of CON laws in each of the 50 states. PLF also played an integral role in **suspending CON laws in Florida and New York** that barred private ambulance companies from expanding their services without permission from the government.



Phillip Truesdell, owner of Legacy Medical Transport in Aberdeen, Ohio, was represented free of charge by PLF to fight for the right to earn a living free of irrational government interference specifically onerous certificate of need requirements.

PALMETTO PROMISE

O Columbia, South Carolina

When asked for its recommendations on healthcare by South Carolina's governor, the Palmetto Promise Institute (PPI) offered concrete recommendations for reform—specifically on CON laws—with its *Healthcare Freedom Agenda*. One day after PPI released its report, Governor McMaster issued an executive order **removing all healthcare-related CON laws indefinitely**.



PPI's team meets with Governor McMaster to discuss CON laws in South Carolina. Left to Right: Dr. Oran Smith (Senior Fellow at PPI), Gov. Henry McMaster, Dr. Marcelo Hochman.

GRANTEE PERSUADES LEGISLATURE TO OPEN MARKETS TO WOMEN **THE CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH (CPPR)**

 \bigcirc Kochi, India

CPPR created a dramatic shift in the communist-led state of Kerala toward improved working conditions, simplified requirements for entrepreneurs, and increased opportunities for employment-especially for women.

For more than half a century, the Kerala Shops & Establishments Act has controlled everything labor-relatedfrom which days and how many hours a shop can operate to when women can work, which limited women's income potential and contributed to their higher rate of unemployment.

To increase employment opportunities and correct the discrimination women face, CPPR conducted research and educated the public on the costs of these restrictions. CPPR persuaded the government to implement significant changes, including allowing shops to remain open 24/7, establishing an online business registration platform, and permitting women to work

past 7 p.m. Centre for Public Policy Studies was a finalist for the 2020 Templeton Freedom Award.







 \bigcirc Athens, Greece

With an understanding that access to good ideas unlocks improvements, KEFiM is working to bring classical liberal ideas to a wide public audience. They are building an entire library of liberty by offering newspaper subscribers serious books along with their news. Thus far, more than 100.000 Greek households have received copies of 52 different books advancing the liberty philosophy. Some were written by Atlas Network partner scholars and then translated into Greek.





GRANTEE LAYS LASTING FOUNDATION FOR IDEAS OF LIBERTY **CENTER FOR LIBERAL STUDIES (KEFIM)**

Working with a local newspaper, KEFiM created a premium subscription service that bundles a weekly book with the regular newspaper.

After years of laying the intellectual and practical foundations to shift public opinion toward policies favorable to liberty, KEFiM is successfully advancing an ambitious and comprehensive reform agenda for liberty and prosperity in Greece.

GRANTEE MOBILIZES TO ABOLISH PRIVILEGED PUBLIC SERVANT PENSIONS IDEAS LABS

🔗 San José, Costa Rica

In two years, IDEAS Labs accomplished what the World Bank had been recommending for decades, simply by educating Costa Rican citizens about the injustices of privilege.

More than one million Costa Ricans live in poverty, so how do the country's political leaders justify "luxury pensions" of up to US\$24,000 per month? The privileged recipients of these unfair payments-dubbed Ticos Con Coronas ("Costa Ricans with Crowns") by think tank IDEAS Labs-have found themselves in the spotlight thanks to IDEAS Labs' national awareness campaign to eliminate such privileges. Nearly 50,000 Costa Ricans signed a petition to end such luxury pensions, which account for over 2 percent of the country's gross-domestic product. IDEAS Labs successfully leveraged the petition and media attention to demand accountability.

In response to public pressure, the legislature unanimously slashed 4,000 payments, and President Alvarado publicly renounced his luxury pension at the con-

clusion of his term. IDEAS Labs won our 2020 Latin America Liberty Award for its #TicosConCoronas campaign.

#TicosConCorona

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💿 Bujumbura, Burundi

CDE launched its ProLibertyWriters Project in 2018 to focus media attention on issues that will help governments in the Great Lakes region boost their scores on the World Bank's Doing Business index. The CDE team trained local writers to raise public awareness about the many benefits of free enterprise and the rule of law.

Writers with the project published more than 840 articles in 2019 and reached at least 87,000 people in Burundi, Rwanda, and DRC. Since the project launched, many liberal reforms have been set in motion. When DRC's government decided to cut public internet access, an article by a Pro-LibertyWriter made the case for continued access. After CDE and other stakeholders engaged policymakers about the issue, the internet was restored. CDE writers promoted reducing restrictions on entering business and stressed the financial inclusion of women entrepreneurs, which resulted in several policy changes. CDE-Great Lakes won our 2020 Africa Liberty Award for its ProLibertyWriters Project.

GRANTEE BUILDS REGIONAL NETWORK OF LIBERTY ADVOCATES CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISES—GREAT LAKES

Intensive training sessions help local writers raise public awareness about positive impact of free enterprise and the rule of law in Africa's Great Lakes region.

TRAINING **ATLAS NETWORK ACADEMY**

Total Unique Individuals Trained 884 2

Our capacity-building programs were revamped in 2020 as we transitioned to certification-based training for our partners within our new learning management system.

Certification and master certification tracks have been developed for think tanks, including the foundations of management, particular skills (such as media, finance, and research), and strategic planning and executive leadership. They are designed to help partner staff grow in their roles and to increase the impact of their organizations. The courses in these certificate tracks facilitate learning by doing and are structured to impart crucial skills to professionals at every level of think tank work. Certificate completion is a form of professional credentialing and signifies a mastery of knowledge and skills in an area, and new certifications will be added as we grow our offerings to target knowledge and skill needs within the industry.

239 566 Individuals trained in the Individuals trained in the Individuals trained in the Skills-based Track Foundational Track Leadership Track Senior Leaders Engaged in Trainings in 2020 Partner Engagement % of our partners who engaged in our training programs in 2020

countries



John Mozena The Center for Economic Accountability (United States)

"I was skeptical going in that the Executive Accelerator would be a good use of an entire week away from the office, but it ended up being worth the investment in time and resources from the first moment to the last. It delivered both immediate benefits in terms of improvements to our existing strategic plan, as well as longer-term impact in making me a more thoughtful and (hopefully) effective leader."



Emily Chamlee-Wright Institute for Humane Studies (United States)

"Connecting with peer colleagues in an atmosphere of positive challenge and collaboration is an opportunity to refuel and recommit to the important work we do. I'm grateful to Atlas Network for creating the space organizational leaders need to learn from one another."

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ATLAS NETWORK **OUR 2020 EVENTS**

Our conferences convened partners, donors, and affiliates in 2020

THE 2020 REGIONAL LIBERTY FORUMS

As a result of the risks and restrictions pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, Atlas Network hosted our Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Africa Regional Liberty Forums fully virtually. from





Our flagship conference, Liberty Forum & Freedom Dinner, had record-breaking attendance.



Facing a critical need for connection for the freedom movement in 2020, our conferences convened 2,303 partners, donors, and affiliates to share ideas, celebrate achievements, and gain visibility into how we are pivoting as a movement during the pandemic.





"During COVID-19 I have been participating in many online events, and Europe Liberty Forum was so far the best one in terms of organization and content."

– Marek Tatała (Civil Development Forum, Poland)



"Honestly, the COVID-19 pandemic brought some disillusionment, especially regarding local donors and plans that were put on hold. The Africa Liberty Forum brought courage and hope that even this is the right time for great libertarian efforts in my community."

– Abisola Olaiva (Chale Institute, Nigeria)



THE LIBERTY FORUM & FREEDOM DINNER





"In a year where nothing was as expected, the Atlas Network team performed wonderfully. I really felt close to everybody, I could interact with a lot of people, and learn a lot."

- Mercedes Colombres (Universidad del CEMA, Argentina)

ATLAS NETWORK **AWARDING EXCELLENCE**

The Templeton Freedom Award prize program distributed

\$270,000

in cash prizes to:

Award winner

Award finalists

CENTER FOR INDONESIAN POLICY STUDIES (CIPS)

The Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS) won the \$100,000 Templeton Freedom Award for its work to remove trade barriers on Indonesia's food sector, liberating billions of dollars in international commerce and transforming the country's protectionist outlook on trade. CIPS provided thought leadership and moral guidance as it worked to reverse decades of harmful food "self-sufficiency" policies that imposed severe import restrictions, tariffs, price controls, monopolies for state-owned enterprises, and barriers to entry-all in the name of independence.

CIPS' research demonstrated that 26 million Indonesians lack the income to buy adequate food, and an additional 68 million Indonesians are considered extremely vulnerable to food price increases. In the end, CIPS' campaign contributed to the reduction of import restrictions on beef, corn, rice, and other food products, resulting in an estimated savings of US\$1.9 billion for Indonesian households between 2016 and 2019. Most recently, the Indonesian parliament passed into law the single largest set of policy reforms since Indonesian democracy began two decades ago.

CIPS

Policy Studies

Center for Indonesian

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TEMPLEYON AWARD

Atlas Network awarded another \$50,000 in prizes to

> Lights, Camera, Liberty Film **Festival Award** \$10,000

John Blundell **Elevator Pitch Competition Prize** \$2,000

Two Think Tank Shark Tank Pitch Winners \$35,000

Smith Student **Outreach Award** \$3,000

\$320,000 in prizes recognizing projects in 15 countries

Affordable Food for the Poor project

Templeton Freedom

Regional Liberty Award winners

5 Templeton Freedom

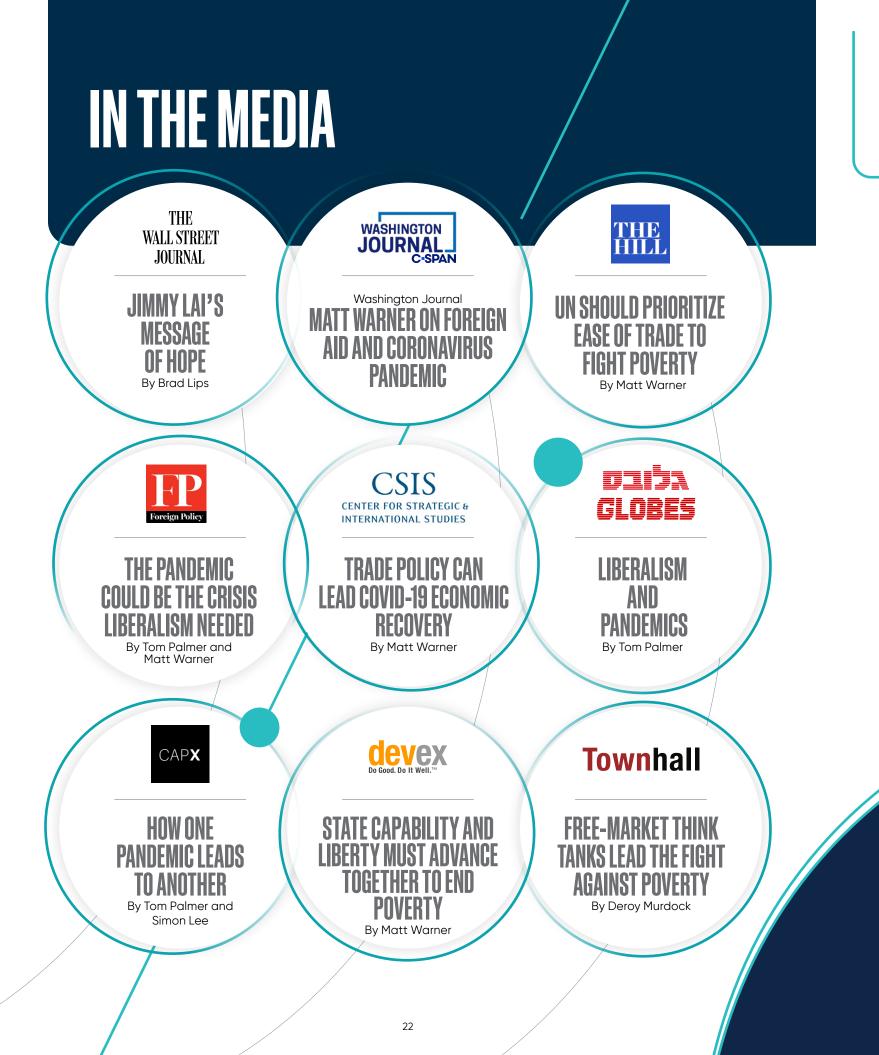
8 Regional Liberty Award finalists



LIGHTS, CAMERA, LIBERTY FILM FESTIVAL AWARD WINNER: FREE THE PEOPLE

Being swept up in the criminal justice system often traps people in cycles of recidivism. In the United States the recidivism rate nationally is over 60 percent and unnecessary barriers to successful reentry are put in the paths of returning citizens. How to Love Your Enemy: A Restorative Justice Story-a film by Free the People-brings to light a new approach to policing that brings together victims, offenders, police officers, and members of the community to work through solutions. The film offers real-life examples of restorative justice in Longmont, Colorado, and illustrates a model of more just outcomes for the nation.

Generous support from the Smith Family Foundation and Templeton Religion Trust make possible our annual suite of awards.



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IMPACT PHILANTHROPY IN TIMES OF CRISIS NICOLÁS IBÁNEZ SCOTT

Thanks to a new \$3 million gift in 2020 from Drake Foundation, made possible by Nicolás Ibáñez, Atlas Network's Center for Latin America is empowering the local initiatives of its 90+ regional partners.

"We at the Drake Foundation have admired the eco-system for supporting free-market ideas that exists in the United States," says Ibáñez. "While Chile has had some fine institutions conducting policy research in this vein, I believed something was missing. I helped found Fundación para el Progreso to better represent our ideas in Chile's public discussion, and now I am excited for Drake Foundation to partner with Atlas Network so the freedom movement across the broader region can be more robust and energetic. We need to appeal to the hearts of a younger generation that has been gravitating to dead-end ideologies like socialism."

Atlas Network CEO Brad Lips commented, "This is an exciting time for Atlas Network and our Center for Latin America. Our world is at a precarious crossroads, and I am reminded of what F.A. Hayek wrote when the world was recovering from World War II, 'we must make the building of a free society once more an intellectual adventure, a deed of courage.' We are inspired by the clear-eyed determination of allies like Nicolás Ibáñez and will make good on the faith placed in us to revive the fortunes of classical liberalism." In November 2019, Chile was swept by violent protests. The region's best empirical example of how economic freedom creates economic growth is being dismantled under populist attacks about economic inequality. Business leaders like Nicolás Ibáñez Scott might have been tempted to walk away.

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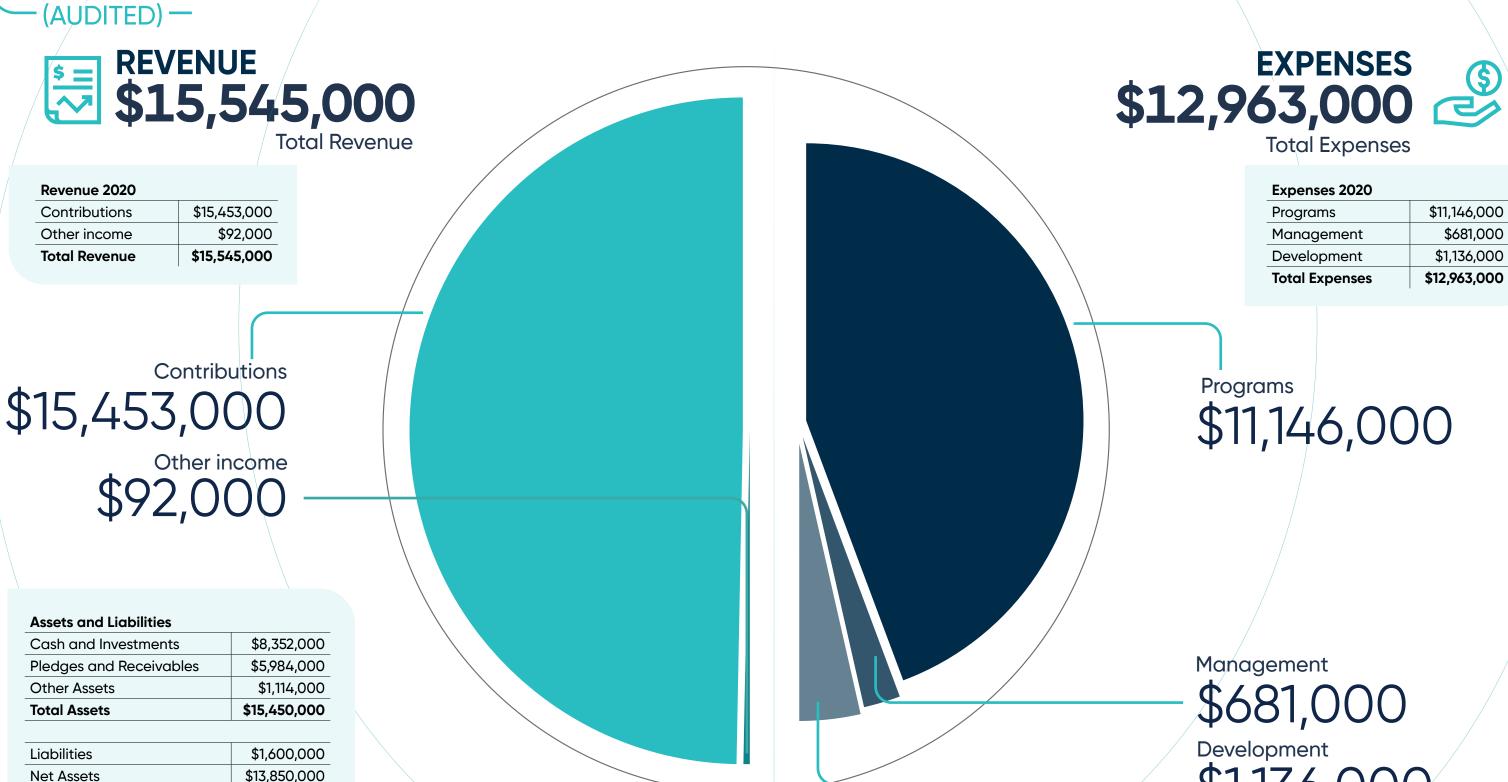
Instead, he has doubled down on the need to revive the liberal project in Latin America.

Nicolás' father established the first supermarket chain in Chile in the 1950s. Nicolás oversaw the expansion of the business into a publicly traded company, Distribucion y Servicio D&S SA, in which Walmart purchased a controlling stake in 2009. Nicolás and his family focus on real estate investment and asset management, as well as on their active philanthropic activities. "We at the Drake Foundation have admired the eco-system for supporting free-market ideas that exists in the United States. ... I am excited for Drake Foundation to partner with Atlas Network so the freedom movement across the broader region can be more robust and energetic. We need to appeal to the hearts of a younger generation that has been gravitating to deadend ideologies like socialism."

- NICOLÁS IBÁÑEZ SCOTT

Nicolás Ibáñez Scott is a Chilean entrepreneur and philanthropist.

2020 FINANCIALS



\$15,450,000

Total Liabilities + Net Assets

Programs	\$11,146,000
Management	\$681,000
Development	\$1,136,000
Total Expenses	\$12,963,000

\$1,136,000





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