

Summary of human rights risks when working through third parties on international productions

Potentially affected group	Nature of potential risk	Human rights at risk of violation	Potential causes
(Inexperienced) Journalists, crew, talent	Incorrect advice or support provided by in-country fixer, e.g. on visas	Right to life Right to health	Budgetary pressures Inadequate vetting of media support workers
Talent, crew, drivers, local freelancers	Poor, ineffective, or inappropriate safety and security practices	Right to life Right to health	Lack of training Low wages, poor-quality staff Inadequate vetting of security
Journalists, crews, media support workers and their families	Surveillance and harassment from states	Right to privacy Right to health Freedom of expression Right to family life	Lack of press freedom Limits to the rule of law
Media support workers	Culturally insensitive behaviour can put lives, families, and livelihoods in danger	Right to life Right to health Right to family life Right to work	Lack of cultural awareness
Contributors/ participants, local communities	Local people may not want information broadcast or may object to portrayal	Right to privacy	Lack of duty of care to contributors Lack of cultural awareness
Media support workers	Safety and security of media support workers	Right to life Right to just and favourable conditions of work	Lack of policies and resources within news organisations Closing of foreign news bureaux – increased reliance on freelancers Lack of preparation and safety training Lack of safety mindset
Media support workers	Pressure to act unethically, illegally, or unsafely	Rule of law	Lack of safety mindset Power imbalance
Media support workers	Long missions can impact on family relationships	Right to a family life	Lack of duty of care to media support workers
Media support workers	Enduring safety risks, trauma or illness after foreign team has left	Right to life Right to health	Seen as part of the security apparatus rather than also in need of security support Lack of duty of care to media support workers
Media support workers	Poor working conditions and unreasonable expectations	Right to health Right to just and favourable conditions of work	Power imbalance Lack of policies and resources within news organisations Lack of cultural awareness
Drivers	Last minute requests from broadcasters lead to unvetted drivers or excessive working hours	Right to just and favorable conditions of work Right to rest and leisure	Budgetary pressures Inadequate preparation
Hotel workers	Workers within hotels used by crews may be subject to hidden labour exploitation or other poor working conditions	Right not to be held in slavery or servitude Right to just and favorable conditions of work Right to health	Inadequate due diligence Lack of policies and resources within news organisations
All third parties	Mistreatment of third-party workers by others	Right to dignity Right to non-discrimination Right to health Right to just and favorable conditions of work	Hierarchical cultures Seen as the responsibility of a third-party vendor and therefore not taken into consideration