Too often, media organizations and international NGOs provide for the safety of their international staff, but not for local people. Studies show that local people, local journalists in particular, are at much greater risk. Typically, security protocols are limited to extraction of a foreign reporter from a dangerous environment. But because Global Press reporters live in the communities they cover, extraction is not an option.

The Global Press Duty of Care program provides for the physical, emotional, digital and legal security of every local reporter at Global Press. The program is integrated within every aspect of our work and includes in-person training, wellness programs, emergency response protocols and more. Thanks to this powerful program, no reporter has been harmed during her work in our 13-year history.
Physical Security
Global Press uses original, scenario-based training to prepare reporters for hostile environments, surveillance detection, emergency first aid and more. This training mitigates risks in the field and is supported by nuanced response protocols and a reserve fund that is used solely in the case of emergencies.

Emotional Security
Workplace wellness programs, PTSD-screenings and a team of 18 culturally-appropriate, on-call counselors have become hallmarks of the Global Press Duty of Care program.

Digital Security
All Global Press reporters learn protection techniques to eliminate threats of hacking, phishing and digital espionage. Global Press’ custom content management system is encrypted to secure story drafts and source information.

Legal Security
Reporters are trained in local law labs to know their rights and stories are evaluated to prevent against libel. Global Press works with both local lawyers and is represented by two global law firms.

Photo at top: After Quake, Mexico City Residents Unite to Search for Survivors
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