Strategic litigation is not just the domain of human rights lawyers and civil litigators. It is founded on close partnerships with all those committed to ending human trafficking and modern-day slavery: investigative journalists, human rights researchers, academics, and grassroots non-governmental organizations, to name just a few. Foundations and individual donors, who share this vision for change, are also integral partners. As this document explains, high-impact investment has the potential to reap enormous dividends in the fight to end impunity and secure justice and dignity for the millions of victims.

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Second, strategic litigation contributes to educating the public by raising awareness of human rights, which is desperately needed in illiberal environments. Indeed, over the last decade, in Central and Eastern Europe, including Russia, there has been measurable progress in public awareness of human rights despite the surge of illiberal politics and the authoritarian trends in the region. Human rights lawyers notice that cases they file often motivate numerous similarly placed individuals to actively seek justice for themselves. For example, prisoner rights and the rights of persons with disabilities.