

# Sources of CIS Funding

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According to some news reports, the Centre for Internet and Society's criticisms of some government policies are being seen as being motivated by our funding. To set the record clear, we are publishing the names of all our donors, and the amounts received from them. It is to be noted that this list does not include donors (such as Privacy International) with whom we have agreements, but from whom we have not yet received any funding.

	Name of Donor	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	Total
1	Kusuma Trust	₹14,473,000	₹21,226,100	₹22,190,787	₹10,000,000	₹2,32,990	₹68,11,89,024
2	Hans Foundation					₹1,40,856	₹1,40,85,662
3	Wiki-media Foundation					₹1,11,412	₹1,11,41,246
4	Hivos		₹6,49,635	₹47,68,347	₹22,82,939		₹77,00,921
5	Ford Foundation				₹45,01,370		₹45,01,370
6	Privacy International					₹25,05,122	₹25,05,122

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7	Estudios para la Democracia Social			₹24,32,877			<b>₹24,32,877</b>
8	LexUM		₹13,49,137	₹7,11,716			<b>₹20,60,853</b>
9	Open Society Institute, London			₹900,000			<b>₹9,00,000</b>
10	National Internet Exchange of India		₹535,000	₹100,000			<b>₹6,35,000</b>
11	International Telecommunications Union			₹616,487			<b>₹6,16,487</b>
12	Rohini Nilekani		₹5,00,000				<b>₹5,00,000</b>
13	UN-ESCO			₹2,63,480			<b>₹2,63,480</b>
14	iCommons			₹2,22,300			<b>₹2,22,300</b>
15	Centre for the Study of Culture and Society			₹1,61,100			<b>₹1,61,100</b>

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16	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped		₹50,000				₹50,000
Total		₹1,44,73,00	₹13,09,93	₹23,67,00	₹22,82,93	₹10,31,06	₹89,65,320

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