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Panama Papers brings windfall of impacts by ICIJ

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Yet despite the scale of the investigation by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), you may be surprised to learn that it was coordinated by a small team of journalists literally working around the clock for months on end with extremely limited resources. The work continues with little time to rest.-----

But no matter how big an investigation is, there remains, as has been well documented, a constant challenge to secure the funds needed to continue doing this critical work. As the New York Times recently reported, "Like so many of its peers in nonprofit journalism, the consortium [ICIJ] is subject to the financial headwinds buffeting the industry as a whole. In the nonprofit segment of the industry, which has inspired hope as a way forward, it has exposed a particularly hard truth: Financing even the most successful investigative reporting unit is hard and often inconsistent." [?] Panama Papers will bring more change as countries around the world try to regulate tax havens and address a growing inequality. In the meantime, we will remain diligent in our reporting, steadfast in our mission and ever vigilant in seeking the funds needed to do this important work. We are deeply grateful to the foundations and individuals around the world who support us and who in particular have made contributions in the wake of the Panama Papers investigation. But, the unfortunate reality is that we "" and indeed the field of nonprofit journalism in general "" need more support to continue our work. Please make a donation today. Peter Bale CEO, Says. Source : ICIJ

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