Closure Stage Quality Assurance Report

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Overall Rating:	Highly Satisfactory	
Decision:		
Portfolio/Project Number:	00089306	
Portfolio/Project Title:	ReLOaD - Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the WB	
Portfolio/Project Date:	2017-02-01 / 2022-12-31	

Strategic

Quality Rating: Exemplary

1. Did the project pro-actively identified changes to the external environment and incorporated them into the project strategy?

- 3: The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives, assumptions were tested to determine if the project's strategy was valid. There is some evidence that the project board considered the implications, and documented the changes needed to the project in response. (all must be true)
- 2: The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives. There is some evidence that the project board discussed this, but relevant changes did not fully integrate in the project. (both must be true)
- 1: The project team considered relevant changes in the external environment since implementation began, but there is no evidence that the project team considered these changes to the project as a result.

Based on the inputs from the field and relevant partn ers, the project regularly introduced changes to the i mplementation strategy. Specifically, the methodolog y for the selection of beneficiary CSO was amended to ensure greater impartiality and transparency of th e project. The project also developed relevant guida nce book (attached as evidence) which incorporate d inputs from donors and the Project Board. The con stant tracking of the changes in the external environ ment also helped formulating goals and indicators fo r the next phase of the project, that will be elaborate d here-below.

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2. Was the project aligned with the thematic focus of the Strategic Plan?

3: The project responded to at least one of the development settings as specified in the Strategic Plan (SP) and adopted at least one Signature Solution .The project's RRF included all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true)

- 2: The project responded to at least one of the developments settings1 as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF included at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true)
- 1: While the project may have responded to a partner's identified need, this need falls outside of the UNDP Strategic Plan. Also select this option if none of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF.

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e"	e Project contributes to the SP 2014-2017 work a 1. "Inclusive and effective democratic governance. The Project's RRF includes two relevant IRRF in cators: 2.4.1.A.1.1 and 2.4.1.A.2.1. and the Project	2 1	

3. Were the project's targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, to ensure the project remained relevant for them?
3: Systematic and structured feedback was collected over the project duration from a representative sample of beneficiaries, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, as part of the project's monitoring system. Representatives from the targeted groups were active members of the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) and there is credible evidence that their feedback informs project decision making. (all must be true)
2: Targeted groups were engaged in implementation and monitoring, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized. Beneficiary feedback, which may be anecdotal, was collected regularly to ensure the project addressed local priorities. This information was used to inform project decision making. (all must be true to select this option)
1: Some beneficiary feedback may have been collected, but this information did not inform project decision making. This option should also be selected if no beneficiary feedback was collected

Not Applicable

During the implementation the project systematically and constantly engaged target groups. Thus, a Citiz ens Satisfaction Survey was conducted in 21 local g overnments with a sample of 2,600 people to gauge the quality of serviced delivered by the local govern ments and the level of friendly environment for CSO (evidence attached). The project also constantly eng aged all stakeholders through Advisory Group. Finall y, citizens forums in 6 partner LGs were formed as a direct communication and decision making tool that enables citizens to participate in governmental decis ions.

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4. Did the project generate knowledge, and lessons learned (i.e., what has worked and what has not) and has this knowledge informed management decisions to ensure the continued relevance of the project towards its stated objectives, the quality of its outputs and the management of risk?

- S: Knowledge and lessons learned from internal or external sources (gained, for example, from Peer Assists, After Action Reviews or Lessons Learned Workshops) backed by credible evidence from evaluation, corporate policies/strategies, analysis and monitoring were discussed in project board meetings and reflected in the minutes. There is clear evidence that changes were made to the project to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)
- 2: Knowledge and lessons learned backed by relatively limited evidence, drawn mainly from within the project, were considered by the project team. There is some evidence that changes were made to the project as a result to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)
- 1: There is limited or no evidence that knowledge and lessons learned were collected by the project team.
 There is little or no evidence that this informed project decision making.

Lessons learned by the Project were regularly captu red within the Project Progress Reports. Knowledge generated through regular project monitoring were di scussed at project staff meetings, which was not an easy process in the organizational complexity of a re gional project. Two Regional Conferences to exchan ge Project's best practices and knowledge were held in 2018 and 2019. In 2019 the project conducted ind ependent evaluation which generated lessons learn ed and best practices. In 2020 captured lessons lear ned through management response inputs (attached as evidence), while the final report for the whole dur ation of the project is due 6 month after the project o perational closure.

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5. Was the project sufficiently at scale, or is there potential to scale up in the future, to meaningfully contribute to development change?

- 3: There was credible evidence that the project reached sufficient number of beneficiaries (either directly through significant coverage of target groups, or indirectly, through policy change) to meaningfully contribute to development change.
- 2: While the project was not considered at scale, there are explicit plans in place to scale up the project in the future (e.g. by extending its coverage or using project results to advocate for policy change).
- 1: The project was not at scale, and there are no plans to scale up the project in the future.

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ere	e applied to ensure equal benefits for both sexes.			
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by the project targeted specifically women. Th				
	to 50,000 women in total benefited from the inter			
	tion directly and indirectly (e.g. social services, ed			
	omic empowerment, provision of equal opportuni			
	etc.). Links for two such projects are attached as	3		
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2: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed, implemented and monitored for identified risks. OR project was categorized as Low risk through the SESP.

in context that affects risk levels, the SESP was updated to reflect these changes. (all must be true)

1: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. For projects categorized as High or Moderate Risk, there was no evidence that social and environmental assessments completed and/or management plans or measures development, implemented or monitored. There are substantive changes to the project or changes in the context but SESP was not updated. (any may be true)

Evidence:

Potential risks identified through SESP were periodi cally monitored as part of risk review in ATLAS.

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Management & Monitoring

Quality Rating: Highly Satisfactory

9. Was the project's M&E Plan adequately implemented?

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- 3: The project had a comprehensive and costed M&E plan. Baselines, targets and milestones were fully populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF was reported regularly using credible data sources and collected according to the frequency stated in the Plan, including sex disaggregated data as relevant. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, fully meet decentralized evaluation standards, including gender UNEG standards. Lessons learned, included during evaluations and/or After-Action Reviews, were used to take corrective actions when necessary. (all must be true)
- 2: The project costed M&E Plan, and most baselines and targets were populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF was collected on a regular basis, although there was may be some slippage in following the frequency stated in the Plan and data sources was not always reliable. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, met most decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned were captured but were used to take corrective actions. (all must be true)
- 1: The project had M&E Plan, but costs were not clearly planned and budgeted for, or were unrealistic. Progress data was not regularly collected against the indicators in the project's RRF. Evaluations did not meet decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned were rarely captured and used. Select this option also if the project did not have an M&E plan.

Evidence:

There is evidence that the Project implemented its M &E Plan, as set by the Project document and a Proje ct Results Monitoring Tool was developed and applie d for each year. Also, the final project evaluation wa s conducted in 2019 (the evaluation report attached as evidence).

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10. Was the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) function as intended?

- 3: The project's governance mechanism operated well, and was a model for other projects. It met in the agreed frequency stated in the project document and the minutes of the meetings were all on file. There was regular (at least annual) progress reporting to the project board or equivalent on results, risks and opportunities. It is clear that the project board explicitly reviewed and used evidence, including progress data, knowledge, lessons and evaluations, as the basis for informing management decisions (e.g., change in strategy, approach, work plan.) (all must be true to select this option)
- 2: The project's governance mechanism met in the agreed frequency and minutes of the meeting are on file. A project progress report was submitted to the project board or equivalent at least once per year, covering results, risks and opportunities. (both must be true to select this option)
- 1: The project's governance mechanism did not meet in the frequency stated in the project document over the past year and/or the project board or equivalent was not functioning as a decision-making body for the project as intended.

Due to its regional nature and organizational comple xity, the Project had Project Board structures in each participating country (comprising relevant institution s, EU and UNDP). The Project also had an Advisory Board (comprising of civil society organizations and academia), which advised the Project Board on rele vant topics. There is evidence that all project manag ement bodies met in the agreed frequency and that all the meeting minutes are on file (sample PB minut es are attached as evidence).

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11. Were risks to the project adequately monitored and managed?

- 3: The project monitored risks every quarter and consulted with the key stakeholders, security advisors, to identify continuing and emerging risks to assess if the main assumptions remained valid. There is clear evidence that relevant management plans and mitigating measures were fully implemented to address each key project risk and were updated to reflect the latest risk assessment. (all must be true)
- 2: The project monitored risks every year, as evidenced by an updated risk log. Some updates were made to management plans and mitigation measures.
- 1: The risk log was not updated as required. There was may be some evidence that the project monitored risks that may affected the project's achievement of results, but there is no explicit evidence that management actions were taken to mitigate risks.

Evidence:

There is evidence in the Project Progress Report as well as in the Atlas Risk log management system th at the project closely monitored and assessed its ris ks. Also, new risks that were recognized within the r eporting period were codified and entered into the ri sk log.

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13. Were project inputs procured and delivered on time to efficiently contribute to results?

- 3: The project had a procurement plan and kept it updated. The project quarterly reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addressed them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)
- 2: The project had updated procurement plan. The project annually reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addressed them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)
- 1: The project did not have an updated procurement plan. The project team may or may not have reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs regularly, however management actions were not taken to address them.

Due to its regional nature, the project paid special at tention to coordination among involved 6 country offi ces, to ensure efficient planning and implementation of activities, including management of financial and human resources. For this purpose, the Project deve loped its own Internal Standard Operational Procedu res.

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14. Was there regular monitoring and recording of cost efficiencies, taking into account the expected quality of results?

- 3: There is evidence that the project regularly reviewed costs against relevant comparators (e.g., other projects or country offices) or industry benchmarks to ensure the project maximized results delivered with given resources. The project actively coordinated with other relevant ongoing projects and initiatives (UNDP or other) to ensure complementarity and sought efficiencies wherever possible (e.g. joint activities.) (both must be true)
- 2: The project monitored its own costs and gave anecdotal examples of cost efficiencies (e.g., spending less to get the same result,) but there was no systematic analysis of costs and no link to the expected quality of results delivered. The project coordinated activities with other projects to achieve cost efficiency gains.
- 1: There is little or no evidence that the project monitored its own costs and considered ways to save money beyond following standard procurement rules.

There is evidence that the Project regularly monitore d its costs. Transparent procedures were applied in t he selection of vendors in order to secure cost effici ency. The project also developed Internal Operation al Procedures to unify procedures in all COs and IR H. Also, the project periodically updated its monthly disbursement plan which tracks all plans and chang es in delivery over the year (attached as evidence).

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Effective Quality Rating: Exemplary 15. Was the project on track and delivered its expected outputs? Yes No Evidence: The project delivered and surpassed its expected ou touts in terms of the number of partner local govern

tputs in terms of the number of partner local govern ments, beneficiaries and number of supported CSO projects, as evidenced in the progress report and fin al evaluation report.

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16. Were there regular reviews of the work plan to ensure that the project was on track to achieve the desired results, and to inform course corrections if needed?

- 3: Quarterly progress data informed regular reviews of the project work plan to ensure that the activities implemented were most likely to achieve the desired results. There is evidence that data and lessons learned (including from evaluations /or After-Action Reviews) were used to inform course corrections, as needed. Any necessary budget revisions were made. (both must be true)
- 2: There was at least one review of the work plan per year with a view to assessing if project activities were on track to achieving the desired development results (i.e., outputs.) There may or may not be evidence that data or lessons learned were used to inform the review(s). Any necessary budget revisions have been made.
- 1: While the project team may have reviewed the work plan at least once over the past year to ensure outputs were delivered on time, no link was made to the delivery of desired development results. Select this option also if no review of the work plan by management took place.

Evidence:

The annual work plan has been regularly updated fo r the project implantation period as well as for the no -cost extension in 2020 (attached as evidence).

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17. Were the targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, prioritizing the marginalized and excluded, to ensure results were achieved as expected?

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- 3: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, identified by using credible data sources on their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. There is clear evidence that the targeted groups were reached as intended. The project engaged regularly with targeted groups over the past year to assess whether they benefited as expected and adjustments were made if necessary, to refine targeting. (all must be true)
- 2: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, based on some evidence of their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work.
 Some evidence is provided to confirm that project beneficiaries are members of the targeted groups. There was some engagement with beneficiaries in the past year to assess whether they were benefiting as expected. (all must be true)
- 1: The project did not report on specific targeted groups. There is no evidence to confirm that project beneficiaries are populations have capacity needs or are deprived and/or excluded from development opportunities relevant to the project area of work. There is some engagement with beneficiaries to assess whether they benefited as expected, but it was limited or did not occurred in the past year.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

There is evidence that the project has systematically identified and entered into partnerships with 51 muni cipalities in 6 Western Balkans countries. In 10 targe ted localities (in BIH), 38 CSO projects were awarde d to satisfy the needs of local population with focus on marginalized and socially excluded (women, child ren/persons with special needs, Roma).

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Sustainability & National Ownership

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18. Were stakeholders and national partners fully engaged in the decision-making, implementation and monitoring of the project?

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- 3: Only national systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to fully implement and monitor the project. All relevant stakeholders and partners were fully and actively engaged in the process, playing a lead role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)
- 2: National systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to implement and monitor the project (such as country office support or project systems) were also used, if necessary. All relevant stakeholders and partners were actively engaged in the process, playing an active role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)
- 1: There was relatively limited or no engagement with national stakeholders and partners in the decisionmaking, implementation and/or monitoring of the project.
- Not Applicable

Evidence:

The Project utilized DIM approach, however many of the public national procedures are also used for proj ect implementation and monitoring. National counter parts were engaged in all relevant processes throug h Board of Partners and Advisory Groups.

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19. Were there regular monitoring of changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems relevant to the project, as needed, and were the implementation arrangements⁸ adjusted according to changes in partner capacities?

- 3: Changes in capacities and performance of national institutions and systems were assessed/monitored using clear indicators, rigorous methods of data collection and credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Implementation arrangements were formally reviewed and adjusted, if needed, in agreement with partners according to changes in partner capacities. (all must be true)
- 2: Aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems were monitored by the project using indicators and reasonably credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Some adjustment was made to implementation arrangements if needed to reflect changes in partner capacities. (all must be true)
- 1: Some aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems may have been monitored by the project, however changes to implementation arrangements have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been monitored by the project.
- Not Applicable

Following the initial capacity analysis of the selected local governments in Bosnia and Herzegovina to ass ess their readiness for cooperation with CSOs, the p roject also conducted the Citizens Satisfaction Surve y, previously attached as evidence. Through this sur vey the project was able to determine progress in th e quality of services delivery and cooperation with C SO. In the non-cost extension period the project upd ated the Citizens Satisfaction Survey in order to be able to compare results with the previous assessme nt. However, no adjustment was made to DIM due to overall CO approach.

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20. Were the transition and phase-out arrangements were reviewed and adjusted according to progress (including financial commitment and capacity).

- 3: The project's governance mechanism regularly reviewed the project's sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project remained on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan. The plan was implemented as planned by the end of the project, taking into account any adjustments made during implementation. (both must be true)
- 2: There was a review of the project's sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project remained on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan.
- 1: The project may have had a sustainability plan but there was no review of this strategy after it was developed. Also select this option if the project did not have a sustainability strategy.

Evidence:

By supporting capacities of local governments and C SOs to institutionalize Methodology for Transparent Allocation of Public Funds to Civil Society Organizati ons, the Project worked to ensure sustainability of its results beyond Project duration. Furthermore, the se cond phase of the project (Reload 2) has been prep ared and approved by the donor (EU) and it will offer an opportunity to build on the success achieved duri ng the first project phase.

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