



DRAFT Annual Work Plan 2018 (Cover Page)

Country: SERBIA

Project Title Strengthening the Oversight Function and Transparency of the Parliament – 2nd Phase

UNDAF Outcome(s): By 2020, governance institutions at all levels have enhanced accountability and representation to provide better quality services to people and the economy

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(Those linked to the project and extracted from the CPAP)

Expected Output(s): Output 3: Representation and accountability at all levels strengthened

(Those that will result from the project and extracted from the CPAP)

Implementing Partner: National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Project purpose: to bring MPs and local assembly representatives closer to their electorate, improve practices and transmit experiences from the national to the local level in terms of oversight and representation tools and close the accountability circle towards citizens.

Project objective: Fostering Accountability in the National Assembly and Local Assemblies

Expected results/deliverables in 2018: The focus will be on facilitating outreach towards citizens through a number of the Portfolio introduced tools but also stronger oversight at mobile sessions, hearings and portals cross-fertilisation for a more representative parliament. Cross-party caucuses remain pivotal platform for SDGs, curbing corruption and human rights. SDGs and OGP platforms will be developed further through Action Plans, capacity development and regional and global exchange opening avenues for fostering new partnerships. Political debates on electoral reform and the role of the Parliament will be initiated to capture the momentum of the cross-country dialog for the Constitutional Reform and EU integrations. NARS strategic approach will be formulated and enacted for sustainability of overall Portfolio results and international standards. Local assemblies will see the proliferation of public hearings, digitalisation and trainings (communications, finance and legal drafting) towards stronger oversight and better representation of citizens.

Programme Period: 2016-2020
 Year: 2018
 Project Title: **Strengthening the Oversight Function and Transparency of the Parliament- 2nd Phase**
 Award/Output Number: 00090554
 Duration: 1 Nov 2015 - 31 Oct 2019

Estimated Annualized Budget: 608,841.36USD

Total allocated resources

(Total project): 2,512,222USD

- Regular 50,000USD
- Other:
 - SDC 2,162,222 USD
 - SIDA parallel 300,000 USD

In-kind: PRLM Office

Agreed by **National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia:** _____
 Svetislava BULAJIC, Secretary General and National Project Director

Agreed by **UNDP:** _____

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2018

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME				Responsible Party	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	
<p>Outcome 1 itional Assembly makes formed changes advancing representative role with izens in the entire country ing better represented.</p> <p>baseline:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 96 % of those polled in 2017 say they have never had the chance to communicate with an MP; only 4 % wrote and 1.9 %received a reply and 1.9% mentioned various MPs names; less than 1% gave current composition names they received reply from; Figures as per survey in first half of 2016. <p><i>/ indicators:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of mobile committee sessions organized. Number of public hearings. Number of Bulletins published. % increase of use of NARS website services. 	<p>- Expert debates and political economy analyses on system reforms (including but not limited to electoral system reforms) in support of the representative function.</p> <p>- Regular feedback to findings ensured of mobile committee sessions and public hearings and other constituency engagement tools supported throughout the project duration (e.g. NARS bulletins, Education Unit website upgrade, workshops for students,</p> <p>- At least 7 Mobile committee sessions in 2018 organized by various committees.</p> <p>- At least 5 concerns of CSOs facilitated in effective public hearing participating and engaging in the work of parliamentary committees in 2017.</p> <p>- At least 1 committees supported in responding to citizens' petitions and proposals, with special emphasis on analyses on what</p>					NARS		2018	
			X	X	X	X	NARS	71200-International Consultants	\$11,000.00
				X	X	X	NARS	71300-National Consultants	\$26,400.00
			X	X	X	X	NARS	71400-Contractual Services Individuals	\$43,000.00
			X	X	X	X	NARS	71600-Travel	\$11,800.00
			X	X	X		NARS	72100-Company contracts	\$16,200.00
							NARS	72400-Communication&Media	
							NARS	72600-Grants	
			X	X	X	X	NARS	72800-Equipment	\$1,000.00
			X	X			NARS	74100-M&E	\$1,000.00
			X	X	X	X	NARS	74200-Printing and translation	\$10,600.00
			X	X	X	X	NARS	74500- Miscellaneous	\$7,000.00

<p>gets for 2018:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At least 7. At least 5 6 At least 5% 	<p>issues raised affect men and women respectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic caucuses –GOPAC, SDG Focus Group and Women’s Parliamentary network – supported via workshops and social media. - Innovative web-based tools for enhanced citizen participation introduced. 	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>75700-Training, workshops and conferences</p>	<p>\$31,100.00</p>
<p>Outcome 2 National Assembly applies greater legislative scrutiny and strengthens the application of oversight mechanisms.</p> <p>eline:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As much as 1234 amendments submitted to 2 laws regulating education submitted in the National Assembly in 2017. Only 1 MP’s amendment on gender budgeting adopted for Law on Budget in 2017. New Law on Gender Equality Pending NARS procedure and thus no amendments by MP submitted by the end of 2017. Only 1 public hearing held in 2017. No legislative nor scrutiny hearings held in 2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NARS supported in addressing issues raised by independent scrutiny bodies with the respective parliamentary committees. - At least 5 mobile committee sessions supported. - At least 10 public hearings supported. - Finance Committee supported in training on public budget oversight. - Public Budget Portal fully operational and adapted to the user needs of committees, parliamentary services and independent bodies, and used by MPs in scrutinizing progress in budget execution, 	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>64300 -Policy Advice&Backstopping</p>	<p>\$7,000.00</p>
		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>71200-International Consultants</p>	<p>\$7,000.00</p>
		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>71300-National Consultants</p>	<p>\$13,300.00</p>
						<p>NARS</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>71300-National Consultants</p>	
		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>71400-Contractual Services Individuals</p>	<p>\$43,000.00</p>
		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>71600-Travel</p>	<p>\$9,000.00</p>
		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>72100-Company contracts</p>	<p>\$4,000.00</p>
		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>72400-Communication&Media</p>	<p>\$2,000.00</p>
						<p>NARS</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>72600-Grants</p>	

3. In 2017 no public hearing devoted to addressing issues/concerns raised by independent scrutiny bodies was held. Only the State Audit Institution's and Commissioner for the Protection of Equality were reviews by the respective NARS Committees but no conclusions were addressed by the Plenary session in 2017.	throughout the project duration.													
<p>indicator:</p> <p>1. Number of amendments to the Law on Budget (Gender Budgeting and SDGS) submitted by MP and adopted.</p>														
<p>2. Number of scrutiny or legislative public hearings held.</p>														
<p>3. Number of public hearings or mobile committee sessions addressing issue raised by an independent scrutiny body.</p>														
<p>4. Number of reports reviewed by relevant Committees.</p>														
<p>5. Number of trainings on public budget oversight.</p>														
<p>6. Portal upgraded for Public Debt portal (yes/no).</p>														
<p>gets for 2018:</p> <p>1. At least 2.</p> <p>2. At least 5</p> <p>3. 1</p> <p>4. 2</p> <p>5. 1</p> <p>6. Yes</p>														

<p>Outcome 3 Local assemblies develop oversight function and citizens feel better presented.</p> <p>Timeline:</p> <p>1. The Law on Local Self-Government does not clearly depict an oversight role for local assemblies and such authorities may be drawn by way of interpretation from other legislative enactments, mostly governing public services and their obligation to report to the local assembly. RoP does not reflect introduction of e-parliament, public hearings and mobile sessions.</p> <p>2. Public budget portals not existing in 2017 at local level.</p> <p>3. Up to 50 local women's parliamentary networks formed in Serbia, less than 20 operational.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p>1. Law on local self-government amended for oversight and participatory mechanisms (yes/no).</p> <p>2. Number of RoPs in local assemblies amended to introduce e-prim and public hearings.</p>	- Scale-up of public hearings ensured through the introduction of public hearings in at least 6 Local Assemblies, and general promotion of the concept nationwide including on gender-related issues.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	71200-International Consultants	\$19,000.00	
	- Cooperation between Local Assemblies and independent scrutiny bodies improved (through organization of at least one public hearing at local level on a topic pertaining to the work of an independent scrutiny body).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	71300-National Consultants	\$20,000.00
	- Participation of citizens in the work of the assemblies promoted by informing citizens of procedures for their participation in public hearings and promoting of new services for citizens' participation on redesigned websites of local assemblies.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	71400-Contractual Services Individuals	\$55,000.00
	-At least 3 Local Assemblies supported in organizing mobile sessions to local communities (mesne zajednice).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	71600-Travel	\$10,500.00
	- E-Parliament introduced in at least 2 local assemblies.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	72100-Company contracts	\$96,000.00
	- Live streaming tested in at least 1 Local Assembly.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	72400-Communication&Media	\$12,000.00
	- At least 1 Local public opinion poll conducted in 2018.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	72600-Grants	
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	72800-Equipment	\$20,000.00
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	74100-M&E	
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	74200-Printing and translation	\$15,000.00
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NARS	SDC	74500- Miscellaneous	\$10,000.00	

<p>3. <i>Number of Local Assemblies using free e-parliament software.</i></p>	<p>- At least 20 out of 45 Local Assemblies' representatives pass training and/or peer to peer learning on advanced communication skills including organizing public hearings and mobile local assemblies' sessions.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>	<p>SDC</p>	<p>75700-Training, workshops and conferences</p>	<p>\$37,000.00</p>
<p>4. <i>Number of Local Assemblies using new services for citizens' participation on the Local Assemblies' websites for improved two-way communication.</i></p>	<p>- Training on oversight over public finances for at least 10 Local Assemblies held.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NARS</p>			
<p>5. <i>Number of communication trainings for Local Assemblies held.</i></p>	<p>- Public budget portals developed and functional in at least 10 municipalities. (other parallel – SCTM)</p>							
<p>6. <i>Number of finance trainings for Local Assemblies held.</i></p>	<p>- At least 4 local women parliamentary networks supported through training and/or peer to peer learning in cooperation with WPN.</p>							
<p>7. <i>% of growing recognition of two-way communication with citizens and increased use of upgraded websites.</i></p>								
<p>8. <i>Number of public hearings on local level held with live streaming.</i></p>								
<p>9. <i>Number of mobile local assembly sessions organized on topics pertaining to local issues.</i></p>								
<p>10. <i>Number of public budget portals developed.</i></p>								
<p>11. <i>Number of public budget portals developed to enable two-way communication with citizens on local assemblies' website.</i></p>								
<p>12. <i>Number of local women parliamentary networks operational.</i></p>								
<p>13. <i>Number of public hearings on gender issues.</i></p>								
<p>Targets for 2018:</p>								
<p>1. Yes</p>								
<p>2. At least 2</p>								
<p>3. At least 2</p>								
<p>4. 2</p>								
<p>5. 6</p>								

