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Umbrella Project 2 (2017): Supporting Voice for Citizens, Development, the Rule of Law and Accountability

Umbrella Project 1 (2018): Accelerating structural transformations through more effective governance systems

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Key achievements for 2017 Output 1

Institutions and systems enabled to address awareness, prevention and enforcement of anti-corruption measured across sectors and stakeholders

- ✓ More than 65 **sub-national government officials were trained** in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine on applying **“Islands of Integrity”** methodology and how to conduct corruption-risk assessments and design integrity plans
- ✓ **Regional seminar on “Corruption-Free Cities of the Future”** in Albania attended by more than 80 participants from sub-national governments, academia and CSOs, results of which will feed into the development of an interactive **online Guide on Corruption-Free Cities**
- ✓ Exploring UNDP portfolio in Business Integrity and partnerships including Kiev Regional Conference on Business Integrity, Western Balkans regional business integrity workshop (OECD & EBRD) and side event **Business Integrity and Open Contracting** together with OECD and EBRD, which was attended by more than 20 representatives from UNCAC member countries
- ✓ **Advisory support to COs**, including Armenia, Albania, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Kosovo*, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan. E.g. in Turkmenistan, supported a regional workshop on **Modern Trends in Civil Service and Anti-Corruption Reforms** in Ashgabat, attended by 20 national agencies, parliament, civil service and anti-corruption departments from nine states of ECIS and EU

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- ✓ **Analysis of innovations in public service delivery approaches** which identified practices, lessons learnt and emerging approaches to responsive delivery of public services in the region, including 5 country case studies
- ✓ Regional conference on **innovations in governance** convened in Chisinau, Moldova and which identified scaled approaches, lessons learnt and policy and programmatic recommendations to improve efficiencies in the public sector
- ✓ Increased awareness on strengthening more holistic **institutional M&E systems and structures** beyond data and statistical needs as part of SDG monitoring
- ✓ **Advisory support on institutional and public sector development** at national/sub-national levels provided to Armenia, Kosovo*, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Albania, BiH, Kyrgyz Republic, Belarus, Turkey, Turkmenistan

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Key achievements for 2017 Output 2

Capacities of human rights systems/institutions strengthened

- ✓ **RP support led to Launch of regional project: Justice for the Missing & Victims of War Crimes in Western Balkans** – 3 regional and 4 bilateral meetings of State Prosecutors and Institutions for Search of Missing Persons (BiH, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia); new protocols. The only framework for dialogue and regional cooperation on war crimes cases, following the closure of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in 2017
- ✓ **Media campaigns on missing persons** (Albania, Cyprus, BiH) held
- ✓ **Central Asia Support Initiative for National Human Rights Institutions (CASI-NHRI)** - A new regional cooperation platform among NHRIs of the five Central Asian countries was established and the project proposal developed in partnership with OHCHR
- ✓ **Advisory support in ROLSHR programming** leading to the new projects in Albania, Armenia, Belarus, BiH, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan



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Capacities of human rights systems/institutions strengthened

- ✓ To mark the annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and Human Rights Day **OutSpoken, advocacy campaign on LGBTI people rights was launched**. It was a joint effort of four teams (Gender Equality and Communications, with HHD and GPB) with COs in the Balkans. The campaign has been a success on social media with more than 100,000 views.
- ✓ Supported **Regional HIV Legal Aid Network** with the **expansion of its programme and services, managed to enroll 4 additional members** (2 from Tajikistan and 2 from Ukraine) increasing the total number of members to 36 in 10 countries in 2017



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Key achievements for 2017 Output 3

National institutions, capacities and policies strengthened for equitable, accountable and effective delivery of HIV-related services

- ✓ Conducted NGO-led **Legal Environment Assessment on HIV in Tajikistan** and commenced a UNDP/Stop TB partnership co-financed **TB LEA in Ukraine**
- ✓ Capacitated 23 women (BLR, MDA, UKR, TJK, KAZ, UZB) to **meaningfully engage in the domestication of SDGs**. **2 SDGs sub-regional workshops** organized with 2 (MLD, KAZ) **National action and communication plans** developed
- ✓ Supported **Montenegro Concept note for NGO social contracting mechanism** development to facilitate the sustainability of the HIV response in view of GF transitioning out
- ✓ Revised and **updated NGO social contracting fact sheets (BLR, TJK, KGZ, MNE and SRB)**. Initiated development of **Guidance Note on how to develop legislative, regulatory, policy and practice review of mechanisms and systems for NGO social contracting** based on the experience from EECA



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Key achievements for 2017 Output 3

National institutions, capacities and policies strengthened for equitable, accountable and effective delivery of HIV-related services

- ✓ Provided technical support and ensured that **NCDs, FCTC and health equity are integrated in the UNDAF review processes** (KGZ, MDA and UKR)
- ✓ Technical support to CO and government with WHO on the finalization and launch of **NCDs investment case in Kyrgyzstan**
- ✓ Finalized **SEEDs pilot in Belarus** – updated and disseminated SEEDs identifier; SEEDs indicator framework and indicators from the RPD, SDG, Health 2020 and other; End of Project assessment report; Part B of Guidance Note for SEEDs identifier
- ✓ **Coordinated the UN SPHS initiative** (hosted at the IRH) through facilitation of knowledge and practice exchange among the SPHS Member Agencies and updated and maintained the SPHS online engagement platform - www.savinglivesustainably.org
- ✓ **Mobilized 7 million USD** to scale up UNDP's support to countries to build capacities in **sustainable procurement and sustainable manufacturing and waste management in the health sector** (in EECA includes MDA and UKR)

Key achievements for 2017 Output 4

Measures in place to increase women's participation in decision-making processes of national governance institutions, including post-conflict situations



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- ✓ **Regional conference on parliamentarians for gender equality** (Chisinau 3-4 October 2017) to take forward the recommendations of the regional report “Strengthening Women’s Political Participation: An analysis of the impact of women’s parliamentary networks in Europe and Central Asia“. Parliamentarians and civil society from Caucasus and Central Asia countries participated
- ✓ **Regional study on Gender Equality in Public Administration** published (November 2017) and shared with key internal and external partners
- ✓ Sub-regional workshop on next steps in taking forward the initiative on **advancing gender equality in W. Balkans and Turkey** (Tirana, 14-15 November 2017)
- ✓ Supported five Country Offices in **Gender Equality Seal** : Albania, Armenia, Turkey obtained Silver Certification (May 2017), Moldova obtained Gold Certification (February 2017), Kosovo office will be assessed in 2018, and Kyrgyzstan in revalidation process
- ✓ **Gender equality results and good practice on women’s empowerment published** e.g. regional website, Regional Fast Facts and Spotlight: Gender Equality in Europe and Central Asia magazine, 10 principles for gender-responsive communication toolkit

2017 Delivery



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Umbrella Project 2 **delivery for 2017:**

Outputs	Budget	Delivered
Output 1	\$240,000	\$240,000
Output 2	\$195,000	\$193,000
Output 3	\$204,000	\$202,874
Output 4	\$35,000	\$47,000*
Total	\$674,000	\$682,874

Major sources of funding: Regional core funds, Government of Turkey, IDRC, TRAC-3, Government of Romania and Russia

**\$15,000 UNWomen Contribution increased the available budget and expenditure*



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Umbrella Project 1: Accelerating structural transformations through more effective governance systems RP 2018-2020

Planned budget for 2018: \$605,233

Major Funding: Government of Turkey

Other Contributions: Stockholm International Water Institute



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Key priorities for 2018 Signature Solution 1

Keeping people out of poverty

Output 1.1. promoting economic diversification and green growth

- ✓ Development of a **diagnostic tool to align existing LEDS with NDCs** (3 countries)
- ✓ Launch of the **EU4Climate** project, EUR 8.78 mln, 2018-2023 (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine)
- ✓ **Climate Box** replicated in 4 new countries: Armenia, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- ✓ Support to the initiation, scoping and development of **regional, sub-regional and national CC adaptation initiatives for climate finance, including GCF**
- ✓ Deliver advice to and build capacities of the COs and governments on the resource **mobilization for CC adaptation and risk management** programmes and projects
- ✓ Networking of CO's practitioners to **exchange experiences and strategize on successful low-carbon and climate resilient development initiatives and planning for the GCF** in the region (MOP, sub-regional workshops).
- ✓ Technical and advisory support and knowledge exchange on **NAPs**: Regional NAP workshops and knowledge products



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Keeping people out of poverty

Output 1.2. improve social protection systems

- ✓ Regional **resource mobilization support for CSOs: regional GF multi-country proposal** to increase access to HIV-related information and services, TA support and cross-regional collaboration for **development, finalization, dissemination and advocacy of model Legal Environment Assessments for HIV, TB and NCDs** (BLR; UKR, TJK)
- ✓ Increase the **geographical coverage, thematic scope of regional CSOs (HIV-related legal aid)** to include TB and ensure access and availability of training modules on HIV and HR for law enforcement
- ✓ Provide regional policy TA support: good practice in health and HIV **intellectual property and access to medicines**
- ✓ **Resource mobilization** to increase the promotion and protection of **rights of LGBTI people**
- ✓ Capacity development to **validate and launch the NGO HIV social contracting guidance note**, and support stakeholders including **government and CSOs to adapt it to their local needs**
- ✓ **Focus on LNOB**: in partnership with WB/EC on Roma survey results and regional advocacy in Roma week and beyond, UN IBC Official launch of Joint Policy Messages on social protection
 - **Advancing knowledge**: *analytical report on Roma employment, analysis on socio-economic position of Roma women (topics e.g. domestic violence, early marriages); dissemination events on Roma Regional Survey. Official launch of Joint Policy Messages paper by IBC on Social Protection.*
 - **Resource mobilization**: *discussions with EC/DG Near about programming for Roma Inclusion in WB as a follow up on evidence provided by survey.*



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Key priorities for 2018 Signature Solution 2

Strengthen effective, accountable and inclusive governance

Output 1.3. enhanced awareness and expanded access to justice, strengthened security and rights protection

- ✓ Support to **the role of National Human Rights Institutions in SDGs** (implementation, data collection, monitoring, collaboration w/ National Statistics Offices, OHCHR, ENNHRI)
- ✓ **Promotion of Central Asia Support Initiative to NHRIs** (participation of CA NHRIs at UN Human Rights Council Session and GA GANHRI; resource mobilization and launch of sub-regional project in partnership with OHCHR)
- ✓ **Innovations for HR and rule of law** in Eurasia for SDG 16 measurement and implementation

Output 1.4. digital technologies, new sources of data and other innovative methods to address public service challenges

- ✓ Regional support on **the open government agenda** (Georgian Chairmanship of the OGP)
- ✓ Engage government, CSOs, and private sector in advancing **Digital Transformation / E-Gov 2.0 and Innovations in Public Service Delivery** (sub-regional consultations in Central Asia)
- ✓ Develop **new sub-regional and regional programming on civic tech, data, media and civic space innovation**



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Key priorities for 2018 Signature Solutions 3 & 5

Enhance prevention and recovery for resilient societies

Output 1.5. Risk-informed development policies, plans, systems and financing

- ✓ Regional dialogue on **DRR financial instruments** for resilience building.
- ✓ Development of **national human development DRR profiles**, as a human and SD reporting instrument that UNDP can offer to support government efforts for risk-informed implementation of the [Agenda 2030](#), its accompanying ([SDGs](#)), the [Paris CC Agreement](#), and the [Sendai Framework](#) for DRR.

Close the clean energy gap

Output 1.7: Solutions for transformation to clean energy and zero-carbon development

- ✓ **Innovative RES and climate finance**
- ✓ **Energy poverty** workshop in WB
- ✓ **Energy Access SMEs** development project



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Key priorities for 2018 Signature Solution 6

Strengthen gender equality

Output 1.8. legal, policy and institutional reforms to reduce structural discrimination and inequities

- ✓ Launch **advocacy campaign to raise awareness of policymakers** on structural barriers to women's empowerment

Output 1.9. improve institutional responsiveness, transparency and accountability, inclusive electoral and parliamentary processes

- ✓ Organize sub-regional workshop to engage parliamentarians in designing **gender-responsive legislation**
- ✓ Follow up **sub-regional initiative** to advance gender equality in Western Balkans and Turkey
- ✓ **Regional consultation** with development partners/donors **on inclusive political processes** in SDG implementation focusing on youth and gender
- ✓ **Engaging parliamentarians and local representatives in evidence-based policies** including through use of gender-budgeting, open budgets, fact-based social media engagement, etc.

Partnerships and pipeline initiatives

Partnerships & signature solutions	Pipelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHCHR, OGP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint UNDP–OHCHR–GANHRI/APF Central Asia Support Initiative for National Human Rights Institutions (CASI-NHRI) (2018-2020, USD 3.7M); • Civic tech, data, media for civic space
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signature Solution: Gender Equality Seal • UN Women, UNFPA, EU, OSCE/ODIHR, WECF, CEE GenderNet, interagency regional gender working group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen sub-regional approaches for gender equality in public administration, to take forward global and regional initiatives (GEPA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding cooperation with EC on climate change (DG Clima, DG Near – EU4Climate programme) • OFID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Window of the RF-UNDP Trust Fund for Development and other emerging thematic windows: operationalization of approved projects and exploring new opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Fund, OSF, Regional CSO (HIV and AIDS) • HCWH, SPHS members and SIDA (sustainable procurement with health sector); WHO Europe and FCTC Secretariat (NCDs and SEEDs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF multi-country proposal: access to HIV-related information and services for key populations & integrating of HR and gender programming • Proposal to increase the protection and promotion of rights of LGBTI people in Eastern Europe (regional scale-up of Being LGBTI Eastern Europe)

Challenges

National / regional

Shrinking democratic space - political and civic rights and freedoms oppressed

Weak national human rights protection systems, lack of democratic policing, politically compromised judicial systems, and a general lack of access to justice

Weak political participation of women at national and local levels, largely symbolic participation of **youth**

Public frustration with ineffectively implemented reform initiatives, weak national implementation capacities

Vulnerable & marginalized groups: difficulties in accessing public services (education, health, employment, legal)

Weak participation of private sector in governance systems

Low ARV coverage, yet high demand for support to ensure access and utilization of TRIPS flexibilities

Coordination and communication

Need for clarity in relation to **mandate and cooperation with UNW**

Weak mainstreaming of gender across all outputs, with most efforts led only by the Gender Team

Weak **coordination of RP and CO programming** and policy advocacy efforts for gender equality

Communicating added value of regional initiatives & ensuring national ownership and CO buy-in (HHD)

For CC and Energy, **4 new regional projects in 2018** – ensuring effective operations w/ COs, delivery, reporting

Staffing and resources

IRH CDT staffing

Need to continue proactive **mobilization of climate finance** for regional and national initiatives in partnership with the RBEC CO and UNDP-GEF



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Risks

Increasing **political tensions** in Western Balkans and other environments can lead to instability, polarization and radicalization

The **rise of anti-rights governments** in the region and beyond - requires more efficient & coordinated response from UN

Declining funding from international donors particularly on governance and public sector development given MIC status of countries

For CC and Energy, delivery under new regional/multi country projects

Trend of further **marginalization, discrimination and criminalization** of key populations at high risk for HIV particularly in CA and Russia

Opportunities

National / regional

As a result of “reforms” in Uzbekistan – **increased interest by Central Asian countries in regional cooperation** - opportunities for UNDP to facilitate regional cooperation, e.g. in governance and HR area

After closure of ICTY, the **regional platform for collaboration in Western Balkans on processing war crimes** is the only framework for dialogue – crucial precondition for the future of the region and could be expanded

Increasing **realization of governments of importance of modernizing civil service systems** & training institutions

Expanded regional CC portfolio may open opportunities for programming and resources mobilization

Synergies with the other UNDP initiatives: Global NDC Support programme, NAP GSP, GCF Readiness

Increasing demand from COs for policy and strategy services around **GF and sustainable financing of HIV response** (transitioning to domestic funding)

Strengthened partnerships and **joint programming in the areas of NCDs and SEEDs** (WHO – corporate MOU, FCTC Secretariat) and **sustainable procurement** in the health sector (SPHS members, HCWH, SIDA)

2030 Agenda, trends & global events

2030 Agenda: emphasized importance of **domestic financing** for development, leading to **re-invigorated discussions with national partners on accountability** and quality monitoring for results

Shift from MDGs to SDGs: reduced funding for HIV programming creating **strong impetus for systematic approaches to tackling health and health inequalities across communicable and NCDs**

IT and social media developments allow enhanced engagement, communication and feedback systems between and among citizens and national institutions

UNFCCC COP24 to be hosted by this region (Poland) which may provide greater opportunities for IRH to engage operationally and substantively