Supporting voice for citizens, development, the rule of law and accountability

Outcome 2 RP

The 'Let's Vote' campaign promoting more informed voting within Roma communities in Moldova
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2016 Delivery – 2017 Planned Budget

- Umbrella Project (Outputs 1, 2 and 4) estimated delivery for 2016, including Catalytic Facility:

Outputs	Budgeted in USD	Delivered in USD
Output 1	521,668	497,389
Output 2	569,127	400,297
Output 4	78,000	61,504
Total	**1,168,795**	**959,190**

Major sources of funding: Regional core funds, TRAC-3, Governments of Turkey and Romania

- **2017 planned budget: $ 587,367**

Key achievements Output 1

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

✓ **Positioning** of UNDP as an important actor:
   *Sub regional Response to **Migration crisis***
   *Global **Open Data Community**/International **AC Community***

✓ **Country support** Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo*, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Serbia, FYR Macedonia, Turkey including Catalytic Facility Projects

✓ Local governance and Anti-corruption: diagnosis and integrity plans for municipalities processes initiatied in 4 countries.

✓ Community of Practice meetings for Anti-Corruption and Central Asia commities.

✓ Establishment of platforms for collaboration between government and civil society, focusing on Black Sea region

Est. delivery 2016: $ 497,389

International Anti-Corruption Day

✓ [Islands of Integrity animation]

- Anti-Corruption Champions video campaigns, including in [Ukraine], Belarus, Kyrgyzstan;
- Activities and awareness raising in 10 countries of the region.

✓ Launch of the **Transformative Governance and Finance Facility,** in collaboration with K&I Cluster

- Usage of court database for better predictability of the legal system (Armenia)
- Improvement of communication between local and central levels of government (Serbia)
- Participatory budgeting at the local level (Tajikistan)

Key achievements Output 1

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

- ✓ **Resource mobilization support**
  - Finalization of Sub-regional project on **"Fostering Local Democracy"** aims at strengthening participatory democracies and the EU integration process in the Western Balkans (WB) (EUR 8.5 million)
  - Technical support to Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Belarus to secure funds for local governance initiatives
  - **Open Data** leading to resource mobilization at CO levels (Serbia, Uzbekistan, Albania)
  - Second phase of the Romanian project as well as the European Commission support to the ACT network

Delivery 2016: $ 497,389

Key achievements Output 1

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

- ✓ **Regional Open Data Leaders' Network** – 8 participants from ECIS countries
- ✓ **Data for Development Results Conference** – 120 participants
- ✓ Academia from 8 countries attend a 2 week training in Montenegro on data driven journalism
  - Curriculum in the process of being mainstreamed in 3 countries (Kyrgyzstan, Albania and Moldova)
- ✓ Ministry of Data, open data challenge, drew 40% more applications than in 2015

Delivery 2016: $ 497,389

Key priorities for 2017 Output 1

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

- ✓ Constructive dialogue between local governments and CSOs to ensure inclusive and transparent local development processes
- ✓ Promotion of new models **of public service delivery mechanisms** including government technology solutions to support efficient, transparent and client-oriented service delivery mechanisms
- ✓ Technical support to strengthen effective oversight over local budgets formulation and execution.
- ✓ Support implementation of **political, innovative and solution driven initiatives** in anti-corruption, local governance and open data, especially in areas pertaining to financial openness

- ✓ Promotion of **inclusive political processes**, with a special focus on strengthening parliamentary oversight and supporting new forms of engagement
- ✓ Support to regional dialogues on SDG **coordination,/SDG 16** implementation and M&E support; **SDG localization;** policy and programmatic support to UNCTs and UNDP COs
- ✓ Scaling up ACT – **anti-corruption in local governance sub-regional project**

Planned budget: RP $180,210

Key achievements Output 2

Capacities of human rights systems/institutions strengthened

- ✓ **Facilitation of sub-regional consultations and programming approach in Central Asia** including regional consultations with NHRIs of Central Asia in partnership with OHCHR
- ✓ **Policy development NHRIs and SDGs** – cross regional conference for 25 countries from Europe, Central Asia and Arab States
- ✓ **NHRIs'** capacity building in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey. New NHRI law adopted in Turkmenistan
- ✓ **Rule of Law programme development supported** in Albania, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Ukraine
- ✓ **Regional project in Western Balkans on processing war crimes and enhancing search for missing persons** prepared and facilitated
- ✓ **SGBV sub-regional consultations in Western Balkans** resulting a concept note for a sub-regional project.
- ✓ **5 Catalytic Facility Projects** on Human Rights and Rule of Law (Turkmenistan (2), Albania, Uzbekistan and joint project Serbia/BIH on war crimes processing

Delivery 2016: $ 400,297

Key achievements Output 2

Capacities of human rights systems/institutions strengthened

- ✓ **National partners in SEE strengthened to address security deficits globally** – 6 deployment of 19 experts through RSSRP – most notable the Gender Training of Trainers for African military and Gender Training for Forensics in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ **Citizen security enhanced through:**
  - Regional cooperation and knowledge sharing on SALW control and standardization (3 meetings of SALW Commissions and bilateral exchange, Gender and SALW study and Toolkit);
  - Improved stockpile management (security upgrades of 6 storages; destruction of over 3,100 weapons; and training of over 120 personnel);
  - Improwed weapons marking, tracing and registration (through equipment and software upgrades, and training in 3 countries and territories; SEEFEN meetings, knowledge products (Feasibility Study);
  - Improved transparency of arms exports through publication of 2 national reports;
  - Awareness raising; through public awareness campaigns on dangers of misuse of firearms in 5 countries and a regional social media campaign

Delivery 2016: $ 400,297

Key achievements Output 2

Capacities of human rights systems/institutions strengthened

✓ **Improved security sector governance**

- Increased gender awareness in the Armed Forces through Regional Network of Gender Trainers (over 300 MoD and AFs personnel attended gender training)

- More gender responsive human resources policies and more empowered gender equality mechanisms in the military (implementation of Gender Coach Program in Montenegro lead to more gender sensitive policies; improvement of access to physical training in BiH lead to better retention of women, participation of 9 women officers in specialized courses lead to better professional development for women in the military

Delivery 2016: $ 400,297

Key achievements Output 2

Capacities of human rights systems/institutions strengthened

✓ **Central Asia (CA) regional approach:**

- *May 2016* - Regional consultations on HR, ROL and accountability in Central Asia for exchange between programme staff, leverage national expertise at sub-regional level and identify sub-regional priorities for possible resource mobilization at sub-regional level *(Increased collaboration and knowledge sharing)*

- *November 2016* - Regional consultation for NHRIs from CA countries jointly with OHCHR Regional Office of CA. Roadmap developed on NHRIs' capacity development, partnership and peer-to-peer support *(Joint UNDP-OHCHR proposal is in the making)*

✓ **Regional War Crimes**

Delivery 2016: $ 400,297

Key priorities for 2017 Output 2

Capacities of human rights systems/institutions strengthened

- ✓ Human rights and security – including as part of CVE/PVE
- ✓ Further integration of human rights, justice and security policy and programme support
- ✓ Further development of sub-regional approach to programming in Central Asia - SDG 16, NHRIs, PVE
- ✓ Further development of sub-regional approach to transitional justice in Western Balkans
- ✓ Policy guidance on NHRIs role with regard to SDG implementation – jointly with Arab States
- ✓ Further strengthening of citizen security and security sector governance in ECIS through Regional Security Sector Reform Platform
- ✓ RM for a sub-regional project on combatting SGBV
- ✓ Further RM for SEESAC portfolio

Planned budget: $372,157

Key achievements 2016 Output 4

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

- ✓ Published report "Strengthening Women's Political Participation: An analysis of the impact of women's parliamentary networks in Europe and Central Asia"

- ✓ Regional study on Gender Equality in Public Administration was finalized (to be published in spring 2017).

- ✓ Organized Sub-regional conference on advancing gender equality in W. Balkans and Turkey, with UN Women and the Council of Europe (Montenegro, 12-13 December 2016)

- ✓ Meeting of Practitioners for Gender Equality (Istanbul, 4-7 April 2016). 25 UNDP staff from 16 Country Offices participated in four-day workshop to discuss regional approach to strengthen gender equality and women's empowerment through programming to advance the SDGs

Key achievements 2016 Output 4 (cont'd)

- ✓ Commissioned guidance note on gender equality and SDGs, with UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, for use by UNCTs and agencies in the region (to be published in 2017);

- ✓ Supported seven Country Offices in Gender Equality Seal: Montenegro, Turkey, Albania, Armenia, Moldova, Belarus and Kosovo (UNSCR1244). Worked with COs on Seal action plans. Montenegro won Gold certification in spring 2016, the rest will be certified in early 2017;

- ✓ Gender equality results and good practice in women's political empowerment published, e.g., regional website, regional Closing the Gap Report, Fast Facts and Spotlight: Gender Equality in Europe and Central Asia magazine.

Delivery: $61,504

Key priorities for 2017 Output 4

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

- ✓ Workshop to follow up on Montenegro conference and set up regional platform to advance **gender equality commitments** in Western Balkans and Turkey (with EU and CSOs)

- ✓ Sub-regional workshop/conference to implement **recommendations of parliamentary gender caucus report**

- ✓ **Support** COs in implementation of **Gender Equality Seal** and implementation of the regional **Gender Marker Campaign**

Planned budget: $35,000

Challenges, risks and opportunities

Challenges

✓ Strong influence of political parties agenda in national policies and laws

✓ Inadequate platforms/tools/venues for CS and citizens, and enhancement of social divides

✓ Poor quality and availability of data/evidence

✓ Poor delivery of public services (part. in rural areas)

✓ Incomplete decentralization reform

✓ Inadequate knowledge on efficient service delivery models

✓ Vulnerable groups, including ethnic minorities, left behind the development process

✓ Policies/laws do not recognize particular needs of vulnerable groups

✓ In response to rising radicalization and violent extremism, a tendency of disproportionate expansion of security at the expense of human rights

Challenges, risks and opportunities

Risks

- ✓ Increased securitization are prioritized over the good governance agenda
- ✓ Political volatility and rising nationalism threaten existing progress and continued political commitment to further reforms
- ✓ Continued politicization of the civil service stifle progress and capacity of the civil service to carry reforms and deliver fairly
- ✓ Increasing weakness in key geopolitical partners and changing political dynamics in the region.

Challenges, risks and opportunities

Opportunities

- ✓ Openings in Central Asia (Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) for increased engagement on human rights and rule of law
- ✓ Increased interest in regional exchange in Central Asia
- ✓ Operationalization of 3RP in Turkey, with increased role of UNDP in governance and rule of law areas
- ✓ UNDP/UN's engagement on rule of law and dealing with the past in Albania
- ✓ Expansion of the Open Government Partnership and the leadership role of Georgia in 2017/2018
- ✓ Openings in restricted spaces for working politically around issues of open data

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