Promoting Transparency and Accountability and Preventing Corruption: UNDP's Take in the Region

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Main areas of UNDP's anti-corruption work in the region

- Support to policy development

- Promotion of transparency and accountability of public services through capacity-development

- Awareness raising and engagement of civil society and citizens at large through new technologies and innovation fostering transparency and accountability

Anti-corruption and community participation

- UNDP's integrated approach to anti-corruption embeds *community participation and voice of the citizens* in its policy and downstream interventions in *traditional and innovative ways equally*:

- ✓ Moldova –dialogue on corruption promoted in the educational system Uzbekistan – successful piloting of water billing systems

- ✓ Ukraine, Kosovo and Albania - evidence on differentiated capacity of men and women to engage in anti-corruption activities gathered through surveys and awareness raising exercises on the impact of corruption on women's s lives and careers

Investing in innovative solutions for:

- Enhancing service delivery

- Promoting citizens' participation, particularly at local level

- Using data, open data and social media to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability at all levels

Some examples

- Kosovo – 3,500 citizen reports on the kallxo.com online platform resulted in more than 300 media reports flagging corruption

- Macedonia – www.dajpredlog.org and the "Open Municipality" social accountability tool

- Montenegro – "Be Responsible" mobile app.

- Serbia – journalists, placed in transparency advocacy groups are gaining access to investigative and open data reporting technology.

Tools

NESTA – Social Innovation Toolkit

http://www.nesta.org.uk/develop-your-skills/development-impact-and-you-toolkit

KOLBA Lab Armenia – Social Innovation Lab

http://www.kolbalabs.am/

Social Innovation Camps – building technical solutions to social challenges

Open Ideas for Montenegro – Crowdsourcing problem solutions

Initiatives

- Armenia

- Serbia – Youth Sleuth

- Ukraine – Mob App

Initiatives

- Macedonia

- Montenegro

- UNDP Kosovo

Partners

- CSOs
- NESTA
- Edgeryders
- Institute for the future
- Futurescaper
- FINKI Macedonia
- UN Global Pulse

Benefits of innovative approaches to citizens' engagement

- Fast and efficient outreach to citizens

- Structured involvement of civil society

- Electronic data collection and analysis that can feed into policy-planning processes

Creating change and sharing knowledge on innovative practices

- Identifying civil society champions

- Cross-practice, cross-organization and cross regional cooperation

- Strategic partnerships and resource mobilization

Future plans

- Increasing UNDP 's cooperation with civil society in the region on anti-corruption activities

- Diversifying the civil society partners and bringing more partners on board in the anti-corruption and good governance agenda

- Aligning with global strategic priorities, but also remaining relevant at country offices levels and regionally

- Exchanges of knowledge and scaling up; learning from others and sharing knowledge.

THANK YOU!

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