

PROJECT INFO

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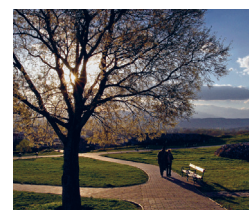


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CHALLENGE

Rooting out corruption is a high priority on the country's reform agenda. It is also a key requirement for its European integration processes. The latest trends and analyses show that corruption remains one of the most acute development problems.

Serious action has been undertaken to fight corruption at both central and level in the past, with UNDP's support.

UNDP recently helped prepare the New State Programme for Prevention and Repression of Corruption 2011-2015. The process showed that one of the major issues requiring immediate action is the need to strengthen the existing national and local integrity systems. This will help overcome significant obstacles for good governance, quality services and foreign investment in the country.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the achievement of the country's long-term goals related to the EU integration processes and fight against corruption.

It will help the citizens get an easy, friendly, equitable and corruption-free access to services provided by central and local level institutions.

EXPECTED RESULTS

An integrity assessment will be carried out in at least ten municipalities to identify factors that favor or might favor corruption. Based on this, recommendations will be provided to local institutions on what could be done to mitigate the corruption effects and to ensure delivery of transparent and accountable services at local level.

The dialogue on anti-corruption in the country will be further boosted thanks to the establishment of systems of social accountability. The existing social accountability tools at both national and local level will be redesigned and new ones will be developed to ensure equitable representation of all local groups, particularly the most vulnerable ones.

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The project will also work with the Ministry of Information Society and Administration on introducing integrity and ethics tools at individual and organizational level in the public administration sector. Linkages will be made with the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Initiative to make the Government more transparent, effective and accountable -- with institutions that empower citizens and are more responsive to their needs.

PROJECT TITLE:

Strengthening the National and Local Integrity Systems

PARTNERS:

State Commission for Prevention of Corruption
Ministry of Information Society and Administration
Association of Local Self-Government Units (ZELS)

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Government of Norway and UNDP

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