

TEAM USAID "Citizens in Action" Project



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First year of USAID "Citizens in Action" Project

facts and figures

25,000

non-profit organizations retained the non-profit status due to advocacy campaign ran by the USAID "Citizens in Action" Project



76 times less

signatures need to be collected in Chernihiv to submit to the city council the draft resolution on the local initiative



UAH **30,000,000**

was saved by charitable initiatives and NGO's as a result of successful advocacy campaign for improving tax regime for non-profits



7,000,000

volunteers are no longer required to obtain the special status with the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine because of advocacy campaign by the Project



22,000

citizens were trained through the project trainings and information materials



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Project mission

Improve legislative and political environment in line with European standards and to create favorable conditions for civil society



Project objectives

1. Quality of relevant civil society enabling legislation and policy improved.
2. Capacity of public officials and CSOs to ensure effective implementation of legislation and policy increased.
3. Technical and organizational capacity of UCIPR as a leader and driver of civil society legislative efforts increased.



Project plans for 5 years:

Ukraine has progressive legislation for civil society recognized by the experts as one of the best in Eastern Europe

Local authorities in all cities of Ukraine meet the criteria of transparency, accountability and openness to citizens

Effective networks of non-governmental organizations function in each region of the country. They deal with legislation for NGOs, financial stability of civil society organizations and charitable initiatives, local democracy, rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and development of civil society

All decisions made by the central authorities and related to civil society are subject to consultations with the community



1st Performance results

Legal frameworks for civil society organizations improved:



- 2 laws were adopted as a whole
 - No. 1408 on volunteerism
 - No. 2049 on taxation of non-profit organizations.

1 bill worsening the environment for civil society organizations was blocked .

2 Decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers were adopted:

- No. 996 on public consultations
- No. 986 on civic expertise

10 regulations of the local authorities were past



Civil society strengthening



- 2 networks of non-governmental organizations were established
- 700 were trained during 26 project events

16 magazines, training and information materials for citizens were published.

A hotline for registration of civil society organizations and charitable initiatives was launched. 245 consultations were provided.

Monitoring activities conducted on:



- Openness of local councils to citizens
- Restrictions of the rights to peaceful protest in the cities of Ukraine
- Availability of public grants for civil society organizations



Project implementation period

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