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I. Executive Summary

Under Ukraine National Initiatives to Enhance Reforms (UNITER) project, Pact continues to support civil society in Ukraine with the goal **to increase citizen support for and participation in specific civil society activities**. Pact's activities lie within the larger USAID Civic Oversight Project that includes other activities aimed to improve organizational capacity of Ukrainian CSOs, establish favorable legislative environment for civil society sector as whole.

The objectives of UNITER include:

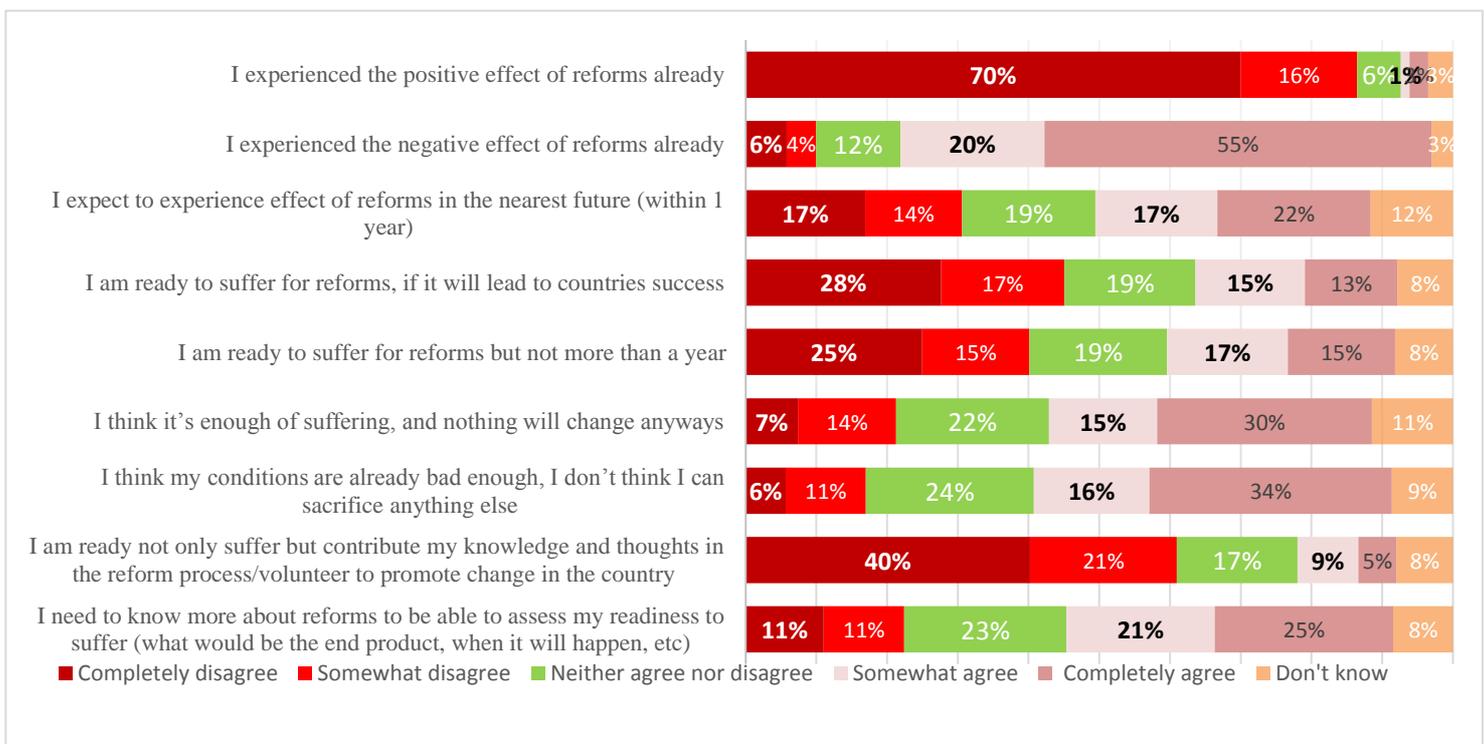
- **Objective 1: Effective, broad-based monitoring and advocacy campaigns implemented** – Pact works towards two broader themes of relevant policy areas important for Ukraine's path towards democratic development, social cohesion and economic modernization. These themes are:
 - Theme 1: European standards and values: The activities under this theme focus on promoting principles and values of respect for human dignity, liberty, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. The special focus under this theme is given to the support of people with disabilities.
 - Theme 2: Governmental accountability and anti-corruption: Uniter supported coalitions and partners address governmental accountability and anti-corruption at all levels of government, working to engage citizens throughout Ukraine in issues of national, sub-national and local governmental accountability and anti-corruption. Additionally under this theme Pact support civic initiatives to ensure inclusive constitutional reform process.
- **Objective 2: CSO Constituencies Expanded** – Pact emphasize the importance of reaching out to citizens, identifying citizen needs, educating citizenry and consulting on priorities, seeking citizen input and support, engaging in CSO advocacy efforts and representing citizen interests vis-a-vis local and national authorities.
- **Objective 3: Media Engagement and ICT Usage by CSOs Improved** – Pact sub-awards strengthen coalition and CSOs' ability to communicate more effectively with citizens and the media.
- **Special Objective: Sustainability Roadmap** – Pact will identify and cultivate an organization(s)/mechanisms to coordinate, facilitate and convene other organizations around issue-based initiatives, and build its capacity to administer advocacy and monitoring sub-grants to organizations that collaborate on issue-based initiatives.

II. Political Context

Despite the continued challenging security environment, the pre-term Parliamentary elections that took place on October 26 were marked as “an important step in Ukraine’s aspirations to consolidate democratic elections in line with its international commitments”¹. The political events of the 2014 had significant influence on the composition of the Parliament of the new convocation with disappearance of the leader of the electoral vote of 2012 Party of Regions and appearance of new political forces. The political transition and citizens’ demand for change has created an opportunity for new political leaders to emerge. All four fractions that joined the coalition included civil society activists, journalists and heads of the volunteer battalions in the top of their lists. In an attempt to rebuild trust, even more established parties, such as the Block of Yulia Tymoshenko included civic activists on its list.² However, the ability of civil society leaders to influence the decision-making process from inside of the Parliament is limited and the progress in reforms continues to move slowly.

As the conflict in Donetsk and Luhansk oblast continues, Ukraine’s economy and feeble governance present even greater threat for its security. As IMF approved a new USD 17.5 billion loan to keep Ukraine afloat, it provides strict conditionality for governance reforms and without progress in anti-corruption reform, strengthened rule of law and severe budget cuts, the government will not receive next tranches. Progress in anti-corruption reform is top on the list of priorities for Ukrainian citizens too. However, instead of the reform progress, Ukrainians observe the worsening economic situation, including Ukraine currency devaluation, growth of utility services costs and other prices increase.

Figure 1: To what extent do you agree with the following statements?³



¹ <http://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/132556>

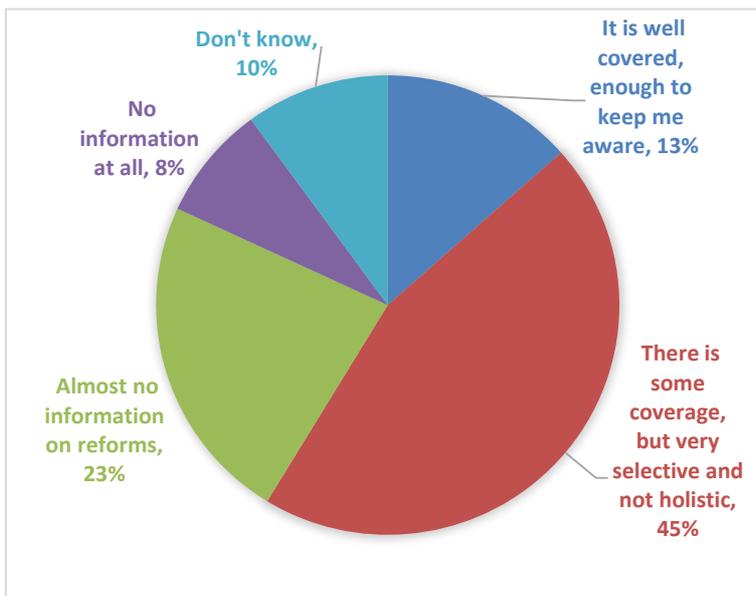
² Zerkalo Nedeli poll data confirms that citizens have more trust to volunteer movements and volunteer battalions <http://opros2014.zn.ua/authority>

³ Results of the polling conducted by Pact on citizens awareness of civil society and their opinion about reforms. The field work happened in April 2015.

The dissatisfaction with the reform outcomes and worsening economic conditions leads to further citizens' dissatisfaction and disengagement and the appearance of the Maidan-3 is widely discussed in media.⁴ Observers warn that as the level of the violence in society is growing, a next mass protests might become less peaceful but aggressive from the get-go. They also note, that while peaceful assemblies are the core for democracy, eruption of a new wave of protests would not bring the country closer to democratic governance if they fail to strengthen democratic institutions and strengthen rule of law in the country.

Much of the citizens' grievances could be addressed through the proper strategic communication on reform goals and progresses. Still only about one in ten citizens are well informed about reforms through media. Due to the lack of proper communication there is no understanding of the context of new regulations, where the need for reporting on beneficial ownership in accordance with the new anti-corruption legislation is interpreted by some businesses as another constrain for operations and a way to exhort bribes for smooth reporting. Additionally, the lack of communication allow the manipulation with the reform implementation on lower level where bureaucrats tend to resist to change. With major structural reforms ahead, Ukrainian government and civil society should improve its communication on reforms that will lead smooth implementation and better acceptance of the introduced changes.

Figure 2: In your opinion how well is reform implementation covered in media?



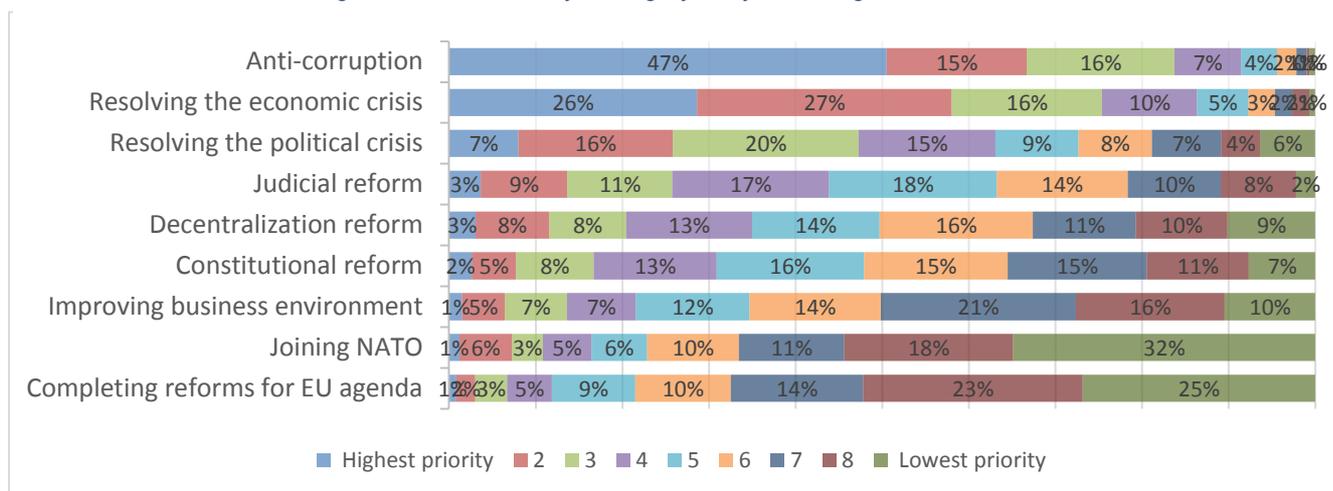
Anti-corruption reform

While anti-corruption reform is one of the top priority for Ukrainians, the outcomes of reforms in this area is yet to be seen. The government had a slow launch of National Anti-corruption Bureau and National Agency for Prevention of Corruption and citizens will only experience the real effect of the newly established institutions in the next year or so. Majority of Ukrainian business people are reporting that there were no progress in anti-corruption made in the last 6 months and some say the situation got even worse⁵.

⁴ <http://institute.gorshenin.ua/media/uploads/117/42/5447cb98c34bc.pdf>

⁵ [TI Ukraine reports](#) 57.2% of business representatives believe that the situation with corruption in Ukraine in the last six months has not changed, 27.7% said that the situation got worse, 15.1% of the respondents have noticed some improvement.

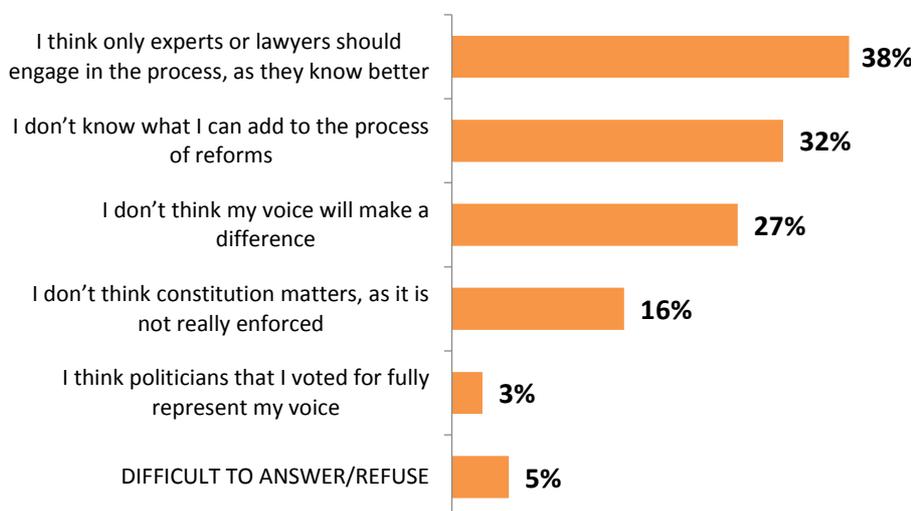
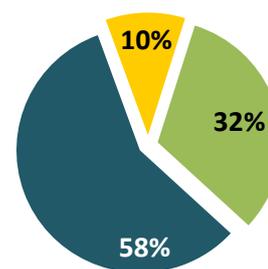
Figure 3: Please rank the following reforms from the highest to the lowest



Constitutional reform

The determining reforms on decentralization and constitution are ranked much lower in the priority reform list of Ukrainians; mostly due to lack of understanding of the impact of these reforms have on people’s life. As these reforms are too abstract for citizens to grasp, majority of Ukrainians do not even want to be consulted in the reform process. the process. Ukrainians mostly rely on the experts and lawyers opinion, and they are not empowered to take the ownership of the fundamental document of their country⁶.

- Yes, definitely I have strong opinion about Constitution
- I might have an opinion on certain parts of the constitution
- I don’t want to have a say/don’t know if I should



% of respondents in Ukraine, who don't want to have a say, N = 1196

the Constitutional Commission, the outreach to citizens remain a weak link in reform implementation.

The reform that is now lead by Constitutional Commission is in risk to remain a process distant from the regular citizens. As civil society remain engaged in the work of

Civil Society Outreach

Figure 4: Do you know any of the following types of organizations/initiatives that are active in Ukraine?

⁶ This data comes from Pact public opinion survey conducted in April 2015 assessing citizens engagement in civil society and their opinion on reform process

The volunteer groups and charity funds have played a significant role in assisting to IDPs, army and volunteer battalions and those who have suffered from the current military crisis. As a result majority of Ukrainians are aware of these type of civic initiatives. Rinat Akhmetov Foundation, Pinchuk Foundation and Red Cross continue to be the most popular spontaneously named civic initiatives. All of these organizations are actively engaged in assisting people suffering from the conflict. When showing the logos of particular organization, many tend recognize also logos of HromadskeTV, Femen, National Exit Poll. The recognition of many logos however has decreased since the last polling in September.

At the same time organizations like Rinat Ahmetov Foundation, Pinchuk Foundation and National Exit Poll has become more visible, mainly due to their active participation in humanitarian support and during election campaign.

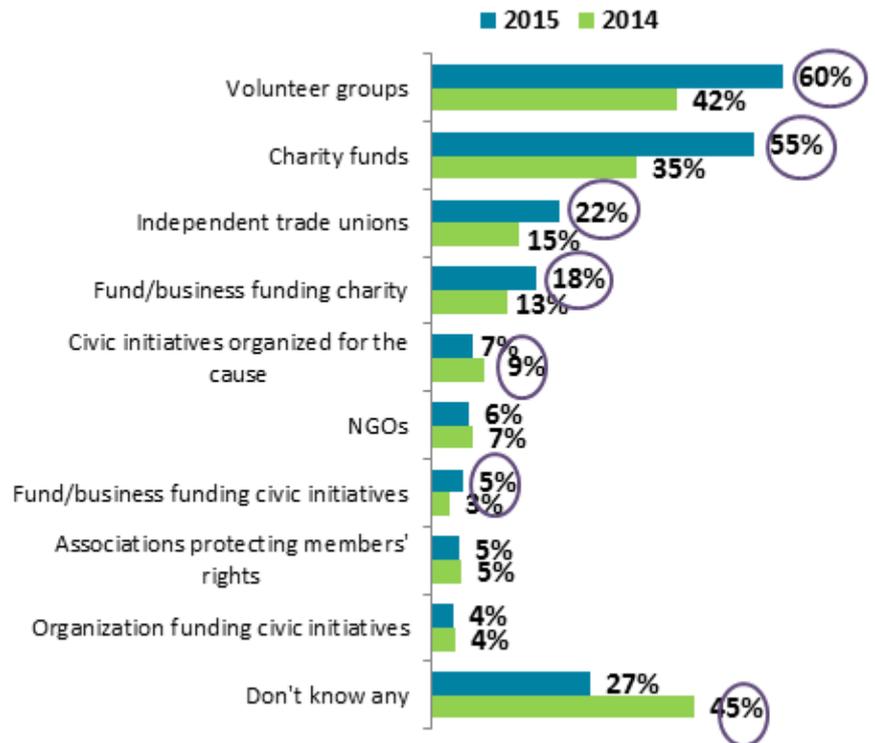
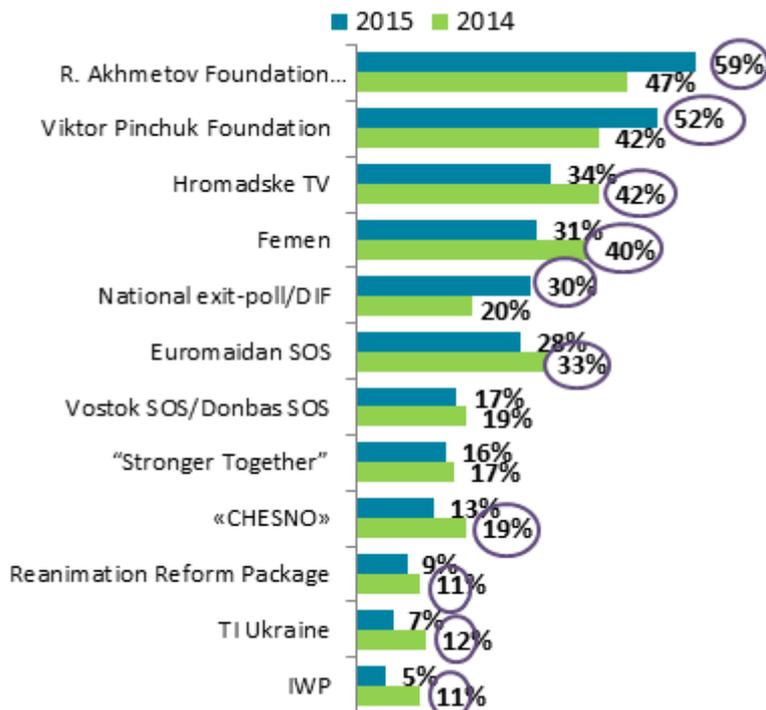


Figure 5: Have you ever seen any of these logos? (Those who know the logo or know the goals)



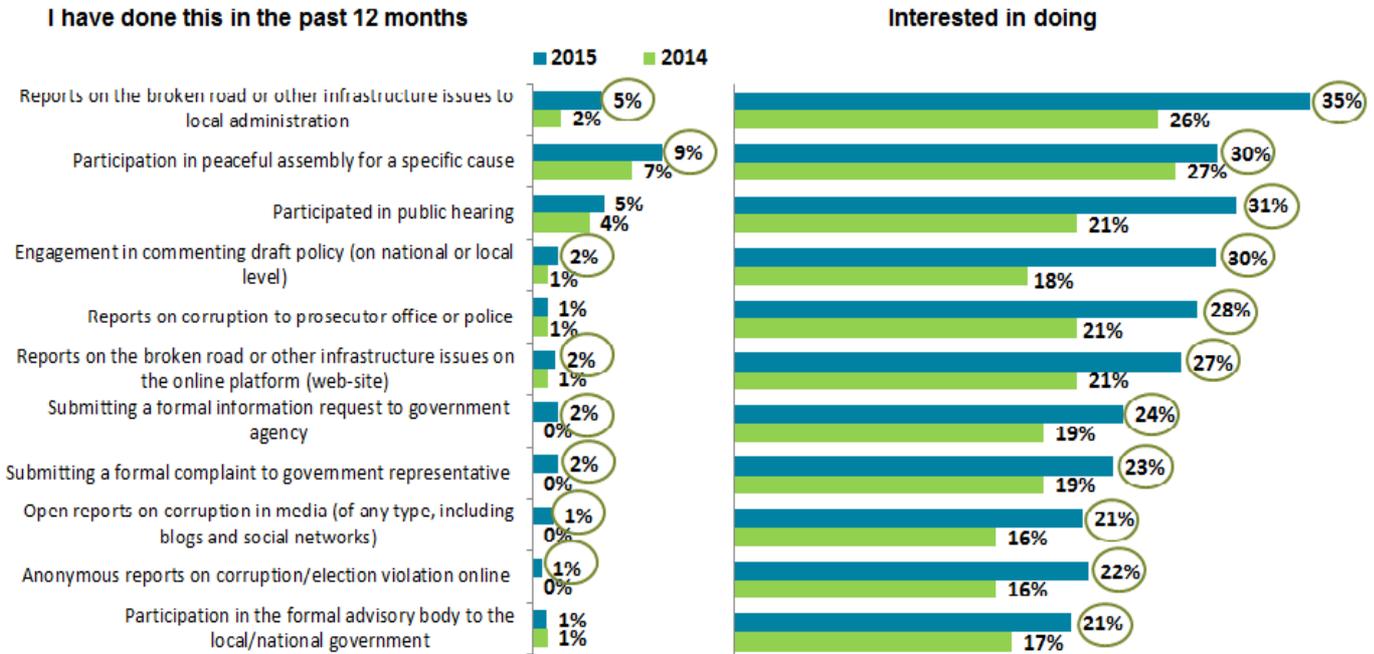
confrontations in host communities with the IDPs and the fact that many people from these communities are actually serving in the army.

Together with the growth of

awareness on volunteer groups, citizens are also report increased engagement with them. Over half of Ukrainians reported they have contributed funding for support to army through volunteers, which is twice as much as reported in September. About a quarter of respondents have supported those who suffered from military actions and about 10% supported IDPs. There are growing number of people who are willing to contribute funding or goods to help Ukrainian army and volunteer battalion and decreasing number of those who will be willing to help IDPs in the future. This is partially due to the negative stereotypes and local

The number of respondents who are engaged in different forms of activity has somewhat increased, at the same time, more people are interested to engage in this activities in the future. Civil society has a great potential to appeal to such people and mobilize them to engage in such activities. The proper mobilization campaign to use particular engagement tools will result in greater engagement in the future.

Figure 6: Have you ever taken part in the following actions? If no, are you interested to take part or learn more about it?



How to strengthen civil society influence?

While the Kyiv-based civil society grows strong and has significant influence on national level agenda, they do not work much with the grassroots initiatives. On the local level there are many new volunteer initiatives that work on assisting army, battalions and IDPs but they often have limited scope and capacity. Groups like Reanimation Package of Reforms do not have counterparts in the local level that can help promote the reforms and monitor its implementation there. The attempts to build such support from the regions are often limited in its format, where Kyiv-based experts come to the region with the top-down communication. Despite years of funding provided on the local level by various donors, more efforts has to be done to strengthen local NGOs and their participation in the national networks. Given the upcoming decentralization reform that will lead to increased authority on the community level, the local civil society will have more opportunities to participate in decision-making relevant and engage in monitoring.

The citizens' interest and motivation in engaging in various forms of participation in the decision-making continue to grow, but NGOs often miss the opportunity to engage this interest effectively. While anti-corruption reform is in top priority on their list, citizens often do not understand the value of the decentralization and constitutional reforms and prefer not to engage in it. The current situation creates an opportunity for civil society to further deepen its roots and increase its influence by:

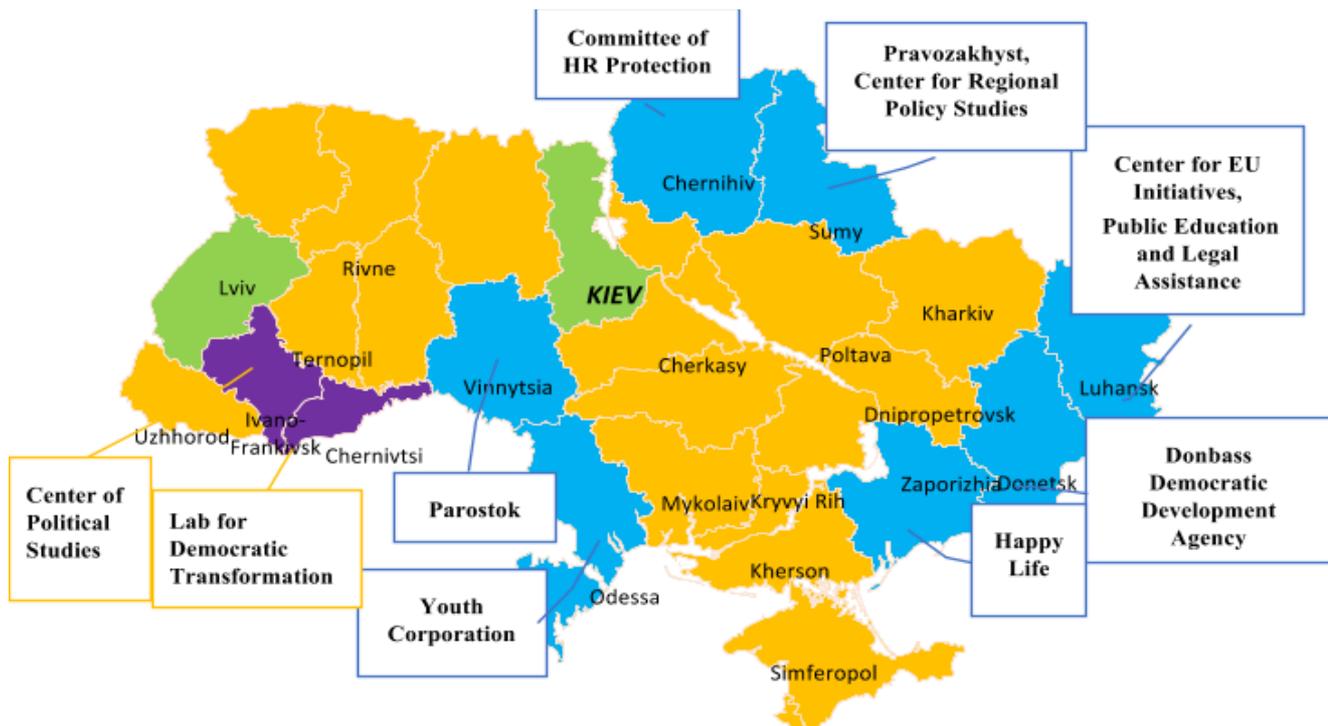
- **Reforms communication** – While government do little to communicate about reforms process, civil society can play a greater role in explaining the outcome of reforms. Strategic reforms communication can help civil society build its legitimacy and recognition among citizens.

- **Strengthen regional networks** – National coalitions should build partnership with the regional key players. While many efforts have been invested in touring around the country, to build effective networking the more strategic approach is required. The national coalitions should engage local partners in design of the projects and build their capacities for implementation in the local level.
- **Engage in dialogue** – The regional tours of many national initiatives include formal presentations for local elite, including media, local government and some NGOs. The best way to build partnership with local communities is to engage them in the dialogue on how they see the implementation of reforms on the local level. The structured dialogue will result in the meaningful policy proposals that are based on the local realities. The dialogue should be supported by the use of ICT tools that will allow engagement of people through online means of communication.

III. UNITER major achievements

Parliamentary election: Pact has supported 16 organizations, selected through the CFA, aimed at promotion of civic non-partisan coalitions and initiatives before, during and after elections in order to ensure citizen activism and informed engagement in the electoral process, and build citizens demand for fair and transparent elections. Additionally, Pact has supported its long-term partners that are facilitating national level coalitions during and after the election period.

Figure 7: Geographic Coverage of Election Projects' Activities



Among these organizations are Center UA to manage CHESNO campaign, Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) to support Reanimation Package of Reforms activities and Hromadske TV with “Educational Civic-Political Weekly TV Show/UT-1 with Michael Shchur” Project. The map above shows the oblast where the grantees, supported within the election CFA, were based. Three grantees in Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk and Sumy are working on CHESNO campaign. The oblast that colored in blue work on civic education and GOTV campaigns. Oblast that colored in green, Lviv and Kyiv, have grantees with the national

coverage of activities. Additionally the oblast that are marked with the CHESNO brand hosted a presentation of CHESNO and Reanimation Package of Reforms (RPR) regional tour.

EU values and standards: IWP has launched a project aimed to advocate for Ukraine's EU integration reforms in Ukraine as well as outside of the country. IWP is working on strengthening public awareness of Ukrainians about advantages of the reforms through the European integration and strengthening awareness in the EU Member States about the importance of supporting Ukrainian reforms. To increase awareness about Ukraine reforms, IWP invites key EU opinion makers in meeting with Ukrainian government, civil society, media and regional activists. Additionally, to raise local awareness on Europeanization IWP cooperates with RPR in preparation of analysis on implementation of Association Agreement and leads a public dialogue on reforms process.

Transparency and accountability: In October, Anticorruption Action Center together with RPR coalition succeeded in advocacy for the set of anti-corruption laws that introduces the public registry of the beneficial owners of the businesses, establishes Anti-corruption Bureau and adopts the National Anti-corruption strategy. To support the implementation of the newly adopted legislations, Pact has issued a call for applications to support civil society initiatives aiming to increase public accountability and transparency. As a result of the call, Pact has selected three organizations that works on implementation of the anti-corruption legislation, building a local network of activists and reaching out to citizens for changing their behavior. Additionally

In order to improve partner's advocacy campaigns, Pact has conducted the strategic public opinion poll. The results of the public opinion polls were discussed with the partners during the workshop held in October. During the workshop participants reflected on the activities that they are engaged in and the impact that they have on the public opinion poll. Participants have agreed that for civil society to be effective it is critical to engage with the citizens and ensure that their advocacy campaigns are built on local demands. As next steps, Pact partners have planned for including questions in the next polling and designed steps to strengthen their outreach to citizens.

In September, Pact has conducted a training on gender mainstreaming in advocacy organizations. As a follow up of this activities, Pact has requested its partners to include the gender components in their project. Partners are now reporting on how they are mainstreaming gender in their daily use. An example of successful gender integration in its work include:

- Together with anti-corruption policy analysis CPSA reviews the procedures of local government on inclusion of provisions of the state gender policy.
- Center UA ensures women's participation and activism in local politics through targeted education and communication campaign.
- In its campaign on whistleblowing, TI Ukraine analyzes the role of women in corruption, testing the hypothesis on "women are less corrupt than men" and "promoting women in public administration can be an effective anti-corruption strategy"

IV. Activities Description

Objective 1: Effective, broad-based monitoring and advocacy campaigns implemented.

Theme 1: European standards and values:

Activity 1.1.1.a Sub-awards for European Standards and Values Advocacy and Monitoring

To strengthen the public awareness about the European integration reforms, Institute of World Policy has launched a new project “New European Policy: Filling Awareness Gap”. The project’s goal is two-fold: the project aims to raise awareness of Ukrainians about advantages of the European integration reforms, and at the same time, strengthen awareness in the EU Member States about Ukraine’s transformation. Awareness of Ukrainians of reforms needed for further EU integration is essential to build a demand and support for change. The external support from EU member states is important as the decisions of EU depends on each member state position. While Russia uses propaganda and economic motivations to influence decisions of some EU members, there is lack of balanced information about Ukraine in these countries.



1: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic at media club

Within the reporting period, IWP has worked on preparation of the visit planned for April of the key European opinion leaders who are specializing on Ukrainian policy. The visit will include meetings with government, civil society, activists and business. IWP also worked with the European integration working group within Reanimation Package of Reforms (RPR) to monitor the implementation of the Association Agreement. At the end of February IWP conducted media-club with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic prof. Petr Drulak. The discussion focused on the joint European policy towards Ukraine. Additionally, IWP experts took part in the meetings of informal group “Ukraine in the World” where to coordinate the project activities with the group.

Sub-Theme: support for people with disabilities:

Activity 1.1.2.a: Disability Advocacy Plan:

Pact has developed a Disability Advocacy Plan, which provided analysis of the sector, including current state of people of disabilities, key developmental achievements and gaps, and outlined recommendations for support of civil society work, which could be most efficient and effective in the current context. The document finds that for Ukraine, the problem of social inclusion and protection of the disabled is particularly important due to the steady trend of growth in the share of people with disabilities in the general structure population⁷. Increase of the number of people with disabilities is caused by conflicting socio-economic development of Ukrainian society, which has lowered the standard of living of most marginalized groups, resulted in lack of security and access to public services. The war on the eastern territories of Ukraine has contributed to significant growth of the number of people with disabilities, which means that the state and civil society sector will face additional challenges in providing support and integrating this group in the Ukrainian society. Given the attention of the citizens to the issues related to the conflict in the East and the great support to the army and volunteer battalions, Pact plans to attract society’s attention to the issues of people with disabilities dealing with specific organizations that work with de-mobilized people. Pact is negotiating an award with the Free

⁷ In Ukraine, as of January 1, 2013 the number of persons with disabilities was 2,788,226, or 6.1% of the total population, compared with 5.3% in 2006. (Fig. 1).

People Employment Center that works closely with this target group by providing them rehabilitation services and employment opportunities.

Theme 2: Governmental accountability and anti-corruption

Area 1 Support for Anti-corruption Reform:

Activity 1.2.1.a Sub-awards for Anti-corruption Advocacy and Monitoring

In December 2014, Pact has issued a call for applications to support civil society initiatives aiming to increase public accountability and transparency. The objectives of the call were:

- To support reform-oriented organizations, coalitions and campaigns that seek to build constituencies, mobilize public support and engage in effective dialogue between citizens, civil society organizations, government, private sector and other stakeholders;
- To provide support for civil society champions to conduct extensive outreach at national and local levels to ensure the public is aware of proposed reforms and has opportunities to provide feedback;
- To support initiatives that advocate for improving legislative framework and/or conducting civic oversight of the implementation of laws that promote greater transparency and accountability in Ukraine.

Pact has invited to apply the organizations that are proven champions of the anti-corruption reform and have capacity to implement such activities. The call for application was announced to twelve organizations, all members of Reanimation Package of Reforms anti-corruption group and RPR secretariat. Pact has received eight applications. In consultation with USAID, Pact has selected independent experts and invited them to evaluate the grant applications. The selection board included anti-corruption experts representing other donors, international organizations and USAID implementing partners. The board has recommended for funding one application and suggested four other applicants to address certain conditions to be considered for funding. After a series of consultation with other donors and USAID, Pact has awarded three sub-awards that started their implementation in April, 2015. Below is the list sub-recipients and brief project description:

- ***Center for Political Studies and Analytics (CPSA)*** has launched the project that is aimed to enhance the transparency and accountability of local self-government in five oblast of Ukraine, namely in Odesa, Zaporizhzhia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi and Chernihiv. CPSA will train NGO representatives from this oblast on the methodology for assessment of the local legislation compliance with the anti-corruption legislation. Using this methodology the coalition of the NGOs will conduct analysis of the local self-government bodies' procedures in their oblast. Based on the results of the assessment the coalition will develop recommendations for the local authorities on how to amend the local regulations to reflect the new anti-corruption legislation. The coalition of NGOs will conduct the advocacy campaign for adoption of these amendments in local policies that will include communication campaign, dialogue with the political parties and informational campaign for citizens. The project will result in strengthening network of community activists capable to execute the analysis of local government regulations and implement the advocacy campaign in the selected regions. Project activities will help to raise citizens' awareness on how to control and monitor self-government bodies in accordance with anti-corruption legislation. The implementation of the national anti-corruption legislation will be supported on the local level.

- ***Nashi Groshi*** is developing and supporting professional public finances monitoring and anti-corruption advocacy activism in Southern and Eastern oblast of Ukraine. In 5 targeted oblast, Nashi Groshi plans to provide a comprehensive monitoring of corruption that will include monitoring of public procurement, court decisions on state and public assets, oblast and city councils' decisions, local media monitoring on corruption. Together with the local activists, Nashi Groshi will conduct investigations of the corruption cases. Nashi Groshi plans to build capacity of the local activists in public finance monitoring through engaging them in the investigations and monitoring and “learning by doing” approach. Nashi Groshi will train local activists on how to conduct monitoring, collect and analyze relevant public finance data, how to work with the local media and communicate with the local government and activists. It is expected that as a result of the project the strong cohort of anti-corruption activists will be created in the targeted areas. The results of the local monitoring will be raised on the national level and discussed in national media, on forums with NGOs and MPs.
- ***Transparency International Ukraine (TI Ukraine)*** is launching a national campaign on support for whistleblowers aimed to create favorable conditions for citizens who voluntarily report on corruption. In the framework of the campaign, they plan to inform citizens on legal rights of the whistleblowers and develop an online tool to exercise their rights. The campaign will include outdoor advertisement by public administration offices, video production and placement on the national TV channels. Additionally, in the framework of the project TI Ukraine will hold regional discussions and organize free webinars explaining the mechanisms for corruption disclosure and whistleblowing protection. The online tool and mobile app developed under the project will be also promoted on TV and in social media. TI is going to assist in strategic litigation of cases on reported corruption and make precedent public campaigns out of them.

Activity 1.2.1.b Sub-award to conduct national anti-corruption household survey:

Pact has announced RFP to find an organization or consortium to conduct a public opinion survey on the Corruption Perception and Experiences in Ukraine that will be based on large sample responses representative for oblast level analysis. With the additional anti-corruption polling, Pact aims to provide time series data on corruption perception and experience. The polling will complement the national advocacy efforts to gauge Ukrainians' experience and perception of corruption in the country and initiate national civic education and media campaigning to push reforms further in most problematic policy and/or geographic areas. Pact plans to award a contract in May 2015 and finalize anti-corruption polling results by September 2015. Pact will consult with key NGOs working in the area of anti-corruption and international donors that support such activities. Pact will utilize the national anti-corruption survey to complement strategies of NGOs and their media and civic education campaigns. The survey will provide data on:

- Attitudes of the adult population towards the problem of corruption;
- Citizen assessments of the effectiveness of anticorruption measures taken by authorities and other anticorruption actors;
- Citizen perception and experiences with corruption
- Changes in perception and in the experiences of corruption;
- The public's willingness to engage in anticorruption activities
- Overall corruption perception and experience indexes by regions of Ukraine.

Area 2: Support for Constitutional Reform

Area 3 Elections⁸

Activity 1.2.3.a: Elections Sub-awards

During the reporting period, Pact has supported 16 organizations, selected through the CFA, in order to support civic non-partisan coalitions and initiatives before, during and after elections in order to ensure citizen activism and informed engagement in the electoral process, and build citizens demand for fair and transparent elections. Additionally, Pact has supported its long-term partners that are facilitating national level coalitions during and after the election period. Among these organizations are Center UA to manage CHESNO campaign, Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) to support Reanimation Package of Reforms activities and Hromadske TV with “Educational Civic-Political Weekly TV Show/UT-1 with Michael Shchur” Project.

Pact’s grantees outreach:

Campaign Organization	Topic	Main tools	Outreach	Coverage
Setting agenda in the party/candidates programs				
Reanimation Package of Reforms – UCIPR	Reforms Roadmaps for new parliament	Public forums, media campaign	2 000 participants of RPR in the regions; 400 000 people reached through media	National
Open Society Foundation	Defining position of parties on decentralization	Public discussions, media articles	100 participants in public debates	National
Civic education and mobilization of voters				
Vybromat / UIPP	Helping voters to decide which party meets their policy choices	ICT tool	100,000 unique visitors	National
CHESNO – Center UA	Transparency of the party lists and candidates biographies	Public discussion, Hromadske TV program, public debates on TV	398, 700 views Nova Rada; around 500,000 voters reached	National
CHESNO - CPSA Ivano-Frankivsk	Transparency of the party lists and candidates biographies	Public events, media coverage, printed materials	300,000 leaflets 1 000 voters reached through media	Ivano-Frankivsk
CHESNO – Pravo zahyst	Civic education	Printed materials	34,000 leaflets	Sumy
CHESNO – Lab of Democratic Transformation	Civic education, transparency of the party lists	Media reports, printed materials	45,000 voters	Chernivtsi oblast

⁸ Elections is neither subtheme, nor area according to the USAID documents. It is now classified as Area 3 for the purposes of consistency in the implementation plan’s structure.

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SMSVote - Youth Corporation	Raising awareness engaging in agenda setting	ICT tools	80,000	East and South of Ukraine
Center for Regional Policy Studies	Civic education	Public debates in online media	150,000	Sumy
“I choose myself” – Public Education and Legal Assistance	Awareness raising and mobilization of voters	Billboards, city lights, leaflets, off-line meetings and legal advice	100,000 voters	Luhansk oblast
“Your Voice will be Heard” – Center for European Initiatives	Voter mobilization	Leaflets, billboards, city lights	200,000 voters	30 towns of Luhansk oblast
Donbass Democratic Development Agency	Voter mobilization	Leaflets, billboards, city lights, posters	500 posters 2,000 leaflets 10,000 reached	Donetsk oblast
Election Transparency				
CIFRA	Polling of district electoral commissioners	Public opinion poll	639 DEC officers	National
DIF	Exit-poll to validate a results	National exit poll results media coverage	At least 5.5 million saw poll results coverage	National
Work on marginalized groups during election				
Women’s Consortium	Analysis women’s participation in election as candidates	Public events, media	over 200 through public events, 500 through printing materials	National
Chernigiv Public Committee of Human Rights Protection	Voter education for people with restricted ability; awareness about rights of “special” voters	Legal advice and manual, public information, monitoring and litigation	56 people attended public events; 1800 copies of manual distributed; 5400 reach via media	Chernihiv city and oblast
“I Vote! And you?” - Parostok	Voter education for people with disabilities	Leaflets, posters, videos, legal advice, public discussions	10,000 leaflets 5,000 posters; 296 people attended info meetings; 50 people transported to polling stations on election day	Vinnitsa and 9 rayon centers
Our Happy Life	Voter education for deaf teens and	Trainings, social media,	742 people	Zaporizhzhya

Detailed activities of grantees:

Partners with national coverage

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research

Being one of the leaders of the Reanimation Package of Reforms, UCIPR implements the project called Civil Society Promoting the Reform Agenda. Reanimation



2: RPR National Forum “Parliament for Reforms”, 17 October 2014

Package of Reforms (RPR) aims to re-focus protest energy of Euromaidan into constructive process of reforms and expedite implementation of the key reform areas. In order to increase political support of the reforms agenda RPR signed memorandums with eight political parties that participated in Parliamentary

election and had high chance to get in to the Parliament. Out of those who signed the memorandums, five parties have passed the threshold, got into the Parliament and formed the Coalition. Many of the RPR Reforms Roadmap priorities were featured in the extended coalition agreement that will guide further coalition legislative initiatives. Additionally, RPR activists signed Memorandums of support with 72 single mandate district candidates, out of them 21 became MPs. As of March 2015 overall the active advocacy push has resulted in the adoption of [32 laws](#) (including changes to laws) in the area of anti-corruption, access to public information, political finance, decentralization, police etc. Through media campaign and direct advocacy actions RPR has prevented the introduction of the 5 non-democratic draft laws (on education #1876, anti-corruption #1551, police law enforcement #1805 and #1882 and on media #2225).

After the election in order to extend public support for reforms, RPR conducted a national forum “100 days of reforms” involving over 200 prominent civil society activists, newly elected MPs, new members of the Cabinet of Ministers and international community.



3: RPR Regional tour

RPR activists conducted a regional tour in 10 Ukrainian cities involving about 1 200 active voters, regional elites and experts in the regions and received a wide coverage in national and local media. The regional tour also allowed to expand the database of activists including over 2 000 people now, who are eager to engage in the reform promotion. RPR community is working on straightening citizens’ engagement and offers a number of opportunities for this engagement.

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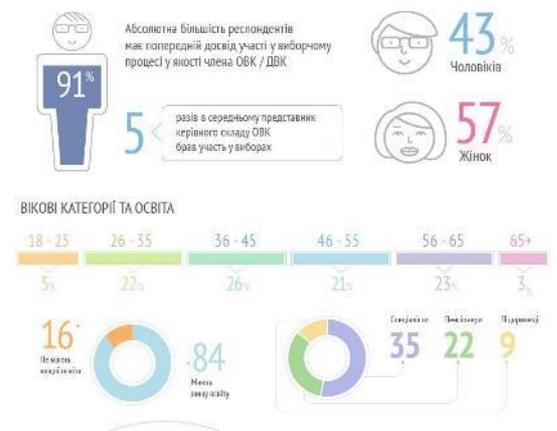
In order to ensure this, new formats of events were introduced, starting from the Open Expert Discussions of the prepared draft laws to the adding a range of activities during the road tour. Already 3 open expert discussions were conducted, where RPR draft laws were communicated with the MPs, members of the government, members of Presidents administration and independent experts. As a result, after the discussion of the e-petitions, the community agreed to register and support the draft law prepared with the cooperation of the President's administration and to put all RPR remarks there.

RPR organizes a systematic work with the Parliament, engages wide range of citizens in reform processes and raises awareness about their activities for democratic changes in Ukraine.

Ukrainian Institute for International Politics, Kyiv

UIIP has conducted the comparative analysis of political parties and voter demands that served as a basis for communication materials. They have [launched the site](#) “Vyboromat” that helped voters to orient themselves in their choice. After answering a list of questions about his or her preferences in policies, the voters received the guide on which parties’ programs corresponded to one’s answers. Around 100 000 voters visited the web site and around 35 000 answered all 36 questions posed by the “Vyboromat”. The web-site helped Ukrainian voters to better understand the party platforms, increased Ukrainian citizens’ understanding of political processes and electoral promises of Ukrainian political parties and contributed to an informed choice on pre-term Parliamentary Elections 2014.

ФОРМУВАННЯ ОКРУЖНИХ ВИБОРЧИХ КОМІСІЙ



CIFRA Group, Lviv

CIFRA group has conducted the [polling of the District Electoral Commissions members](#) on the electoral process with the key idea of the project to get the officers’ assessment on how the Ukrainian snap Parliamentary elections were organized. The questionnaire assessed the attitudes of district electoral commission (DEC) officials, asking questions about the formation and functions of DEC, member knowledge and training, logistical support for DEC, member compensation, influences on DEC, and the functions of precinct electoral commissions (PECs) directed by the DEC. 639 DEC officers took part in the survey. Officials generally expressed confidence in preparations and the process of Parliamentary elections in Ukraine, the survey, however, revealed several areas of concern. Temporal, spatial, and partisan differences in the evaluations of elections suggests that transparent, fair electoral practices are not yet institutionalized in Ukraine. The results of the polling were publicly discussed and the report will be published shortly. The results of the survey provides an independent and valuable input into Electoral reform discussion that provides the interested sides with the definite information on the problems and challenges in Ukrainian election administration system. The results of the project were shared with the Central Election Commission, media, international community and civil society.

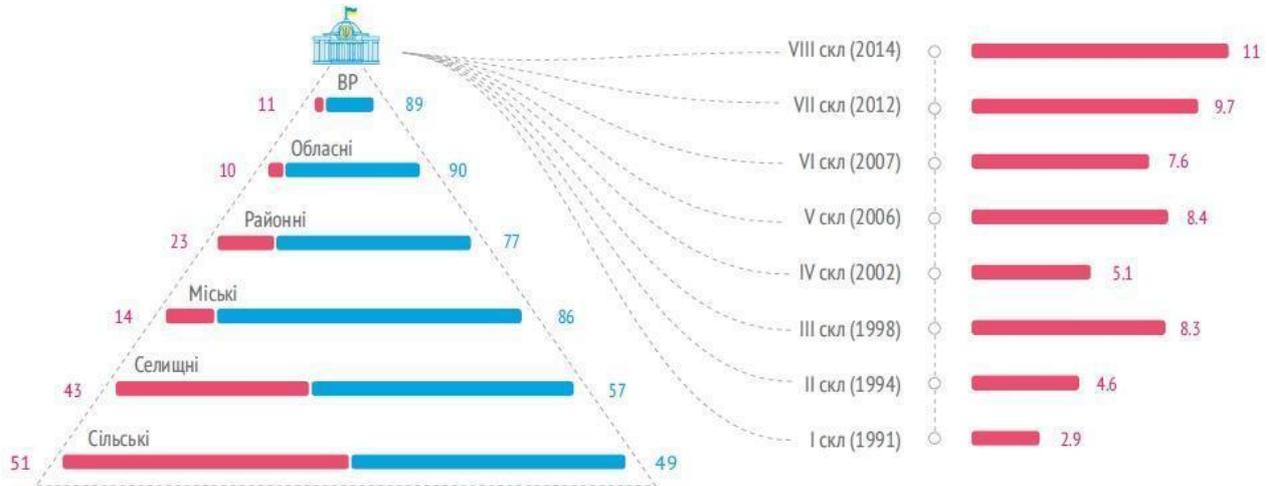
Women’s Consortium Ukraine, Kyiv

The organization adjusted the web-site “[Women in Politics](#)” for monitoring on 2014” and continued regular collection and publication of up-to-date information on gender balance within election campaign. The grantee has conducted the [research “Gender monitoring of](#)

[Parliamentary Elections in 2014](#)” and published a brochure that summarize the main results of research:

Representation of women in councils at various levels, %

Representation of women At the Parliament, %



The project contributed to the awareness and change in attitude towards the importance of gender equality for the democracy strengthening. The published report was viewed at least 700 times. The active media campaign resulted in mass media being more gender-sensitive, ensuring gender balanced coverage of politicians and candidates, both women and men, without stereotypical bias and discrimination.

Democratic Initiatives Foundation, Kyiv

Duration: September 19 - December 19, 2014

DIF has conducted [The National Exit Poll](#) during 2014 pre-term parliamentary elections. Its results were presented during conferences held on the election day and 10 days after the election day and widely disseminated through numerous publications in mass media (total 78 mentions of the National Exit Poll on the election day alone were identified).



The results of the National Exit Poll-2014 generally corresponded to the official voting results of the Central Electoral Commission and provided a good way for validating the integrity of the process. Together with other exit polls, DIF exit poll was quoted in most

media that covered the parliamentary election results.

Open Society Foundation, Kyiv

12 from 29 political parties disclosed candidates' personal declarations on incomes and autobiographies on their official web-sites or as a result of CHESNO request.

The politicians of four top political parties [reached the agreement](#) with CHESNO and Reanimation Package of Reforms by signing the public commitment to work consciously in the next parliament.

In cooperation with Hromadske TV CHESNO created an online program in order to contribute to critical thinking among Ukrainians and educate about the current political parties and political leaders, their statements and promises, as well as to promote politically active society. [50 episodes](#) were produced with average outreach of 4,000-8,000 views per episode and 398 700 total views.

Political debates TV-show on the 1st National TV-channel called [National Debates](#) is particularly noteworthy. CHESNO team was involved into production of this show as the editors group that prepared profiles of political parties and developed questions for the debaters based on CHESNO's agenda.

Center UA work has contributed to increase of accountability and transparency of public authorities and enhance the public discussion on these issues. During the project implementation, the grantee strengthened the relations with media, giving birth to new program Nova Rada on HromadskeTV. CHESNO campaign has worked closely with other initiatives, like Reanimation Package of Reforms.

CHESNO regional coalition

NGO "Center of Political Studies", Ivano-Frankivsk

CPSA Ivano-Frankivsk has signed CHESNO memorandums of cooperation with 27 candidates to the Parliament from majoritarian districts of Ivano-Frankovsk oblast and 13 candidates provided detailed information about their autobiographical data and property declaration. The local media published 46 materials and 300,000 leaflets were distributed among voters in the area. Information campaign has captured directly and indirectly about 300 000 voters. Through motivational leaflet for youth, the grantee mobilized young voters increasing their turnout to the polls. The project also managed to convey accurate information to remote mountain region - territories that usually have almost no access to information.

Sumy City NGO Public Bureau "Pravozakhyst", Sumy

CHESNO experts have analyzed 40 candidates to Verkhovna Rada out of 86 who ran for elections in Sumy region. The results showed that just 10 of them absolutely met the CHESNO criteria, 2 have voted for "dictatorship law", 10 were involved in anti-corruption investigations and 22 of them did not publish their financial declarations and autobiographies. The organization has signed [CHESNO memorandums](#) with 13 candidates in 6 single-mandate districts of Sumy region and 18 candidates opened information about themselves. During the project the team also conducted informational campaign distributing 34 000 leaflets, 6000 stickers and 1800 posters. [Six TV debates](#) with the candidates have been conducted and approximately 330 000 people have watched the debates. The project contributed to raising awareness about the work of CHESNO in the region and spread information about violations during the election through the radio and TV-marathon "Parliament election 2014".

Lab for Democratic Transformation, Chernivtsi

As part of the campaign «Public control over transparency and promises of candidates on parliamentary elections» the NGO signed 26 CHESNO memorandums of cooperation with the

candidates and informed around 65 000 of Bukovina voters on the results of the analytical work of “CHESNO” Movement. The Lab for Democratic Transformation has printed four issues of the “Infokey” newsletter in Ukrainian, Russian and Romanian and distributed in Chernivtsi and five rayons of the oblast. The results of CHESNO campaign in the region was widely covered in the media. Within the project, the coordinators team brought together and trained a permanent team of 20 volunteers, who visited 35 different election polls in the region in order to control and check the transparency of election process. One of the main achievements of the project was that two ex-MPs who have voted for laws of January 16th and aimed to be re-elected on the recent elections failed to enter the Parliament again.

Civic Education and GOTV campaigns

Public Education and Legal Assistance, Luhansk (in Rubezhnoe now)

The organization has trained 27 members of the mobile volunteer group that helped implement awareness-raising campaign. The campaign "I choose MYSELF" took place in 10 rural areas of Luhansk region (Troitskiy, Markovskiy, Svativskiy, Bilokurakynskiy, Kreminskyi, Bilovodskiy, Starobilskiy, Milovskiy, Novopskovskiy, Stanychno-Luhanskyi) reaching over 100 000 voters in 180 villages and towns. The project has provided legal assistance for over 200 citizens during visits to the towns, more than 200 people through the hotline consultations. During mobile groups visits, the volunteers specifically worked with IDPs and locals helping them to ensure that they are on the voters lists.

Organization also placed 10 billboards and 12 city lights. 100 volunteers carried out monitoring at the polling stations on the election day. Improvement of voters' awareness and mobilization has influenced the use of the administrative resource during the campaign. The election observers of the organization have not recorded any cases of administrative pressure on voters by the authorities, big agrarian business or pro-government candidates, although such incidents were frequent during the last election campaign before the Euromaidan. On the election day more than 50 short term observers who were located in the district and divisional commissions immediately reported on the violations and the voting process in the joint press center "Election Day online" which worked around the clock on October 26, as a part of the work of the press center. This active engagement has also raised the profile of the NGO among local partners and media, and has increased its visibility and trust among the general population.

Centre for European Initiatives of Luhansk region, Rubezhnoe

The mobile group that consist of the 24 participants has organized the campaign “Your Voice will be Heard”. The group has visited liberated cities of Luhansk oblast including Severodonetsk, Lysichansk and Rubezhnoe where volunteers distributed leaflets and talked to people on the streets. As a part of the informational campaign the volunteers has conducted more than 50 meetings with local residents. They have visited more than 30 towns, provided legal advice for over 100 individuals, distributed several thousand of informational materials on protection of rights and election law, placed 8 billboards and 12 city-lights in the 3 largest cities in the region. More than 200 000 voters of the Luhansk region received information on the importance of participation in elections and voting rights protection mechanisms. Additionally, the organization has held public events where voters had a chance to discuss with the candidates major issues during the election campaign. The project has engaged IDPs and the local population in observations of the election.



Donbass Democratic Development Agency, Kramatorsk

The mobile groups has conducted an educational campaign in 10 towns of Donetsk region including: Kramatorsk, Slavyansk, Svyatogorsk, Druzhkovka, Konstantynivka, Chervonyi Liman, Artemivsk, Dopropylya, Krasnoarmiysk and Oleksandrivka. The groups has distributed their leaflets and talked with people on the streets with the goal to mobilize citizens for voting.

The NGO placed 10 billboards, 10 city-lights with the message to vote consciously, about 500 posters with contacts of organisational call-center, 1,000 informational booklets and 1,000 leaflets. At least 10 000 residents of Donetsk region were informed about the activities of the subjects of the electoral process. After the liberation of Slovyansk and Kramatorsk, the level of public activeness of the local population of these cities was low. The project mobilized local population to familiarize with the programs and biographies of the candidates, which contributed to their conscious choice during the Parliamentary elections.

Youth Corporation, Odessa

Organization is targeting citizens of East and South engaging them through media and social networks. Through Facebook, they have conducted the survey of the citizens' priorities for the new Parliament and [analyzed the results](#). Over 60 000 voters took part in the survey. In order to build citizens demand for fair and transparent elections with a help of social media, on-line discussions and gamification the grantee started a campaign "voting from mobile". About 19 000 people participated in "voting from mobile". Mobile system allowed people to make preliminary choice online of candidates and political parties at every mandate constituency. For some areas, where the usage even of Internet was limited, people could participate in "voting" just by SMS through their mobiles. Particularly 2 608 people from Donetsk's and Lugansk's oblasts took part in the online voting: through facebook: 230 people from Donetsk, 217 from Lugansk, through SMSs: 1 227 from Donetsk and 934 from Lugansk. SMS with a reminder to fix preliminary choice at the polling station during election day was sent to everybody, who participated in election by voting from mobile. The main idea of the project was to set the stage for the introduction of alternative instruments of participation in decision-making and voting processes. The idea of direct participation in the elections, decision-making through IT technologies were actively promoted among people during the project implementation.



Агенція Розвитку Демократичного Донбасу



Center for Regional Policy Studies, Sumy

SumyNews journalists implemented innovative format of expert discussions that combine



features of new media, including social networking, video streaming and video on demand through production of analytical programs, followed by viral digital spread through social networks. The organization produced a series of [10 pre-election debates](#) of representatives of different parties and individual candidates with independent experts. The program The Last

Argument was broadcasted in the SumyNews media platform in the format of 1,5 hours. Overall, about 150 000 views has been recorded for all produced videos. And about 300,000 viewers observed the voting marathon on October 26 at the state regional TRC. The grantee also conducted a [sociological survey](#) to determine public opinion of Sumy citizens with a focus on the specifics of the election campaign in 2014.

The project influenced the course of the campaign by analysis during online programs the activities of election commissions, candidates' use of PR and campaigning technologies.

Chernihiv Public Committee of Human Rights Protection

The organization provided legal advice to “special voters” located in prisons in Chernihiv city and oblast: 27 people received direct legal advice via consultations. Organization also distributed over 1800 copies of the [manual for voters](#) who are temporary restricted in their freedom of movement. The brochure is similar to the one that the NGO published with IFES support for the [Presidential Election 2014](#), but contains updated information about the specifics of the parliamentary election in October 2014.

The project also conducted monitoring of polling stations located in prisons before and on the day of the elections. Results of the monitoring were announced during public events (round table, press-conference) and in the printed and online media, covering at least 5400 people. The results of the monitoring were also collected in a [report](#), which was shared widely among media, ordinary voters, foreign observers, etc.

Vinnitsia City Organization of Social Development of Specific Vulnerable Groups of Young People “Parostok”

During the project implementation NGO “Parostok” conducted the information campaign to raise legal awareness of people with disabilities in the field of their electoral rights. The following informational materials were distributed in 9 regional centers of Vinnitsia region: 10 000 information booklets “I Vote! And You?” and 5 000 information posters “Do not Create Barriers for My Voice, I Vote! And You?” At least 3500 people have seen the two videos with sign language “I Vote! And You?” More than 200 people with disabilities and their families participated in training “Your vote is important!” on legal and electoral rights of people with disabilities. During October 2014, NGO "Parostok" together with volunteers monitored 54 out of 65 polling stations on their architectural accessibility of polling stations for people with disabilities in 9 regional centers of Vinnitsia region. Monitoring of polling stations showed that almost all stations were not adopted for people with disabilities. As a result of the monitoring,

NGO “Parostok” addressed district election commissions of Vinnytsia region in order to create the necessary conditions, and where it is impossible to ensure the implementation of the electoral rights of people with disabilities in other legal means. The organization also addressed Vinnytsia City Council with the request to provide architectural accessibility of at least 10 polling stations in Vinnytsia for the period of 2014 parliamentary elections. There were downgrades, ramps set on some polling stations, and the location of some stations was moved from the 2nd to the 1st floor. The NGO transported 50 people with disabilities to vote on October 26th 2014 as well as provided over “hotline” 132 consultations on how people with disabilities can fully exercise their rights. 200 copies of "Analytical Report of the Project "Equal Opportunities in 2014 Parliamentary Elections" were published.

Zaporizhian Regional Organisation by Teens “Our happy life”

The NGO implemented a projected titled “Through the knowledge to the honest Parliamentary election” aiming to the main activities that include: a) wide information campaign on voter education (education shorts, articles columns and posts) involvement through various media and social networking; b) conducted voter-educational and practical lectures and meeting for deaf teens. Overall, 22 trainings for people from marginalized groups where conducted during the project. Additionally, organization also conducted lectures and forums reaching in total 520 people from Zaporizhzhya and other regions of Ukraine. Through the trainings, the voters representing marginalized groups have increased their knowledge about electoral process, and thus, were able to make an informed choice during the Parliamentary election and not become subjects to provocations or vote buying. During the project, voters, journalists and NGO leaders developed intersectoral and interregional partnership in continuing the work around fair elections in Ukraine. During local elections members of the NGO and its partner organizations plan to follow-up on the work of the project and plan similar initiatives in their towns.

Objective 2: CSO Constituencies Expanded

Activity 2.1: Sub-grants to support civic education

To support civic education of citizens at large Pact has supported Hromadske TV production of the humorous TV show with Michael Schur, the popular character played by journalist Roman Vintoniv. UT-1 with Maikl Schur is a satirical digest of critical news through the means of humor, irony and sarcasm that discusses everyday news and politics. Through this diaspora man image the character appeals to the average Ukrainian with national sentiment and encourages them to think critically about the political events and media coverage of them. The show also brings civic education messages, promoting awareness about civil society and bringing discourse on the hot topics into society’s agenda. The Show is aired on the First National TV Channel and since its first episode on October 2014 has become one of the most popular shows there. According to Hromadske TV monitoring

3 686 620	People watched at least one of broadcasts
150 000	YouTube views of every episode in average
55 000	Facebook followers
120 000	Twitter followers

In order to contribute to the critical thinking of Ukrainians as well as their political education one of the elements of the Show is interviews with various politicians, activists and opinion



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leaders (including partners of Pact, such as Reanimation Package of Reforms, NGO Tochka Opory). As an example, in one of the interviews there was a public [discussion](#) between far-right activist Dmytro Riznychenko and LGBT activist Bogdan Globa. This became an example of new type of media, the one that tolerates people with totally different perceptions and beliefs.

Michael Shchur is one of the most popular Facebook users. According to [Watcher rating](#) his page is on the 21 place having 54 000

subscribers.

The Show raises actual problems in political, economic, social and cultural life of the Ukrainian society, but does this in creative and satiric way, so complicated issues become interesting and easy to understand.

Activity 2.2: Strategic polling

Pact has conducted public opinion polls in September 2014 and April 2015. The data from the September poll was analyzed and presented to the partners and international community. Pact has held a separate discussion with RPR members and other NGOs, including representatives of Center UA, Center for Political Studies and Analysis, Transparency International, Hromadske TV and others. Pact has facilitated a discussion on what the low level of awareness of NGOs means for partners, whose interests they are representing in policy process and what legitimize NGOs voice. The data from the poll draw attention of the civil society to the more strategic use of this tool in their programming. For the next polling that was conducted in April 2015, Pact has facilitated greater input from partners in the questionnaire design. As a result, the data received from the second poll will be further utilized to amend their program designs.

Activity 2.3: Technical Assistance

Within the reporting period, Pact staff worked on connecting various stakeholders and initiatives for achieving their common project goals. In order to promote reforms among citizens and explain complicated expert language of reforms, Pact has facilitated partnership between Reanimation Package of Reforms and internet platform Platfor.ma. Two initiatives started a joint project [“The Era of Reforms”](#) where interviews with RPR experts are published on a popular web platform with the audience of approximately 200 000 citizens per months.

On the regional level, Pact connected RPR with local initiatives and activists (for example, Lviv Educational Foundation, CIFRA, NGO “Our Happy Life”), especially during the regional tour of the initiative. RPR also has started negotiating about more close cooperation with the Institute of World Policy, strengthening their engagement in the RPR European integration reform group. Another partner of UNITER - Hromadske TV and the project “TV Show with Michael Schur” was also connected with RPR in order to promote and explain reforms. The partnership has already brought the first results, in such the judge, Mykailo Zhernakov, an expert of RPR explained main bullet points of the reform in judicial system in one of the [episodes](#) of the Show reaching out over 160 000 views.

Objective 3: Media Engagement and ICT Usage by CSOs Improved

Activity 3.1: Incorporating media and ICT tools in sub-grants

Pact encourages all its grantees to use media and new technologies in their advocacy and monitoring campaigns. Within the reporting period the following grantees have developed and/or used ICT tools in their activities:

- RPR is in the process of development of the online tool “ReformoMetr” - a special civic tool of monitoring and control for reforms implementation process by Ukrainian Parliament. It is based on the promises of MPs noted in the Coalition agreement and Road Map of Reforms of RPR.
- UIIP has conducted the comparative analysis of political parties and voter demands that served as a basis for communication materials. They have [launched the site](#) “Vyboromat” that helped voters to orient themselves in their choice.
- In order to build citizens demand for fair and transparent elections election grantee NGO Youth Corporation started a campaign “voting from mobile”. About 19 000 people participated in “voting from mobile”.

All grantees of Pact are present in online media (social networks and websites, as well as websites of coalitions such as <http://chesno.org/>, www.platforma-reform.org), as well as are encouraged to spread information about their activities via TV. In such, Pact supports famous Ukrainian journalist and NGO Hromadske TV to implement the project “Educational Civic-Political Weekly TV Show/UT-1 with Michael Shchur”. It reached over 3 mln. citizens with the messages on Europeanisation of Ukraine, voter education, reforms and other socio-political issues. Apart from this Pact encourages partners to participate in other TV programs (including local channels) in order to reach out widest audience.

Special Objective: Sustainability Roadmap

Pact is planning to conduct additional analysis on the sustainability model for advocacy and monitoring. While Pact has conducted such assessments previously, the Euromaidan movement and the burst of civic activism has created new opportunities and new players in the advocacy. For example, Reanimation Package of Reforms has attempted to create the Foundation that is not functional at this moment. Spilnokosht platform for crowdfunding has raised its visibility and has helped many new initiatives that have appeared from Maidan. To take a stock and assess feasibility of establishing such funding mechanism, Pact is drafting the assignment for the external expert who would bring knowledge of similar mechanisms that work in other countries and contexts.

V. Other Activities

Gender

In 2015 Pact has implemented the following activities to address gender issues in its programming:

- Gender considerations were integrated in various clauses of the Project Application Form, as well as a separate clause on gender was added to the form. Starting in 2015 all grantees of the UNITER project must include gender analysis and specific activities on gender in their project proposal.
- In 2014-2015 Pact supported Women's Consortium of Ukraine in conducting gender monitoring of parliamentary elections. Results of the monitoring were presented in five regions of Ukraine and are available on the website: <http://goo.gl/YV5HPY>
- In its annual public opinion survey, Pact disaggregates data by sex and conducts a gender analysis of polling results. The results are widely disseminated among partners and used during the planning of the Pact's program activities and approaches.
- Pact partners are now also incorporating gender analysis in their program. In particular, anti-corruption grantees are planning to integrate gender in the following way:
 - Center for Political Studies and Analysis (CPSA) will analyze the rules and procedures of local self-government bodies in 5 regions (Odesa, Zaporizhzhya, Ivano-Frankivsk, Vinnytsya, Chernihiv) to ensure that they include: provisions that reflect the state gender policy; commitment to gender equality in authority (in the distribution of posts of heads of departments, heads of commissions, etc.); of provisions governing free and easy access to the authority of women with children; commitment to gender balance in the coverage of Deputies/local government employees in the public media; provisions on compliance with gender equality in the calculation of salaries and bonuses
 - Center UA is going to support women's participation in activism and local politics through targeted education and communication campaign in the framework of CHESNO campaign;
 - All partners plan to ensure gender balance in attracting experts to conduct workshops;
 - Nashi Groshy plans to involve women's NGOs as partners in the anticorruption activities to increase their capacity and integrate them in the larger network of civil society groups working to combat corruption;
 - Transparency International in the framework of their campaign to support whistleblowers will use information about the uncovered corruption schemes to analyze the role of women in corruption, proving or disproving the following hypotheses: *women are less corrupt than men*, and *promotion of women in public administration can be an effective anti-corruption strategy*. The data might serve as a starting point and baseline for broader public discussion of the genders aspect of good governance and corruption in Ukraine. The research is also aimed at generating a wealth of policy-relevant insights that advance understanding of the interplay between corruption and gender. In particular, it is planned to analyze two roles women play in schemes of corruption: "a public servant" and "a beneficiary". A number of analytical materials with monitoring results will be prepared and shared publicly, bringing the a gender issue into national anti-corruption agenda and helping NGOs to advocate more successfully for gender equality in public and corporate governance.

Coordination

Pact continues to coordinate effectively with other USG projects and implementers in Ukraine including NDI, IRI, IFES, the FAIR (judicial development) projects, the new RADA (Parliamentary development) program, and others. Pact also works in close collaboration with non-US government donors including International Renaissance Foundation, Sweden, Canada,

the EU Delegation and EU projects implemented in Ukraine. Besides regular donor coordination the following joint efforts were held to coordinate the efforts:

- Together with IFES Pact has organized a conference on the results of election campaign. The round table held on November 21st covered the lessons learned in regards of the election observation and also assessed the results of the reforms in regards of reform implementation.
- Pact lead the donor coordination effort on the RPR. Being a large network of NGOs and one of the key platform for promotion of reforms RPR receives a lot of attention from various donors. Pact took additional effort to assist RPR in linking their working groups with particular donors, establishing regular communication with international community and improve coordination of donors on funding RPR activities.
- Together with other donors, Pact has funded National Exit Poll. Pact lead the donor coordination effort on the basket funding for this important activity that provided a way to validate the official election results.
- Pact has launched the donor coordination working group on LGBTI issues. The first meeting was held in April, where Pact presented its assessment of the sector and also invited Pro.Mova group to present their vision on the development of the communication strategy for the campaign that will change attitude of Ukrainians towards LGBTI issues.
- To align its approach and funding Pact invited experts of other funding agencies and implementers, namely UNDP, IRF, OECD, FMI to the selection board on the anti-corruption CFA. The contribution of other donors in the process has helped to select the best projects out of the received application and ensure that there is no double funding of their projects.