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CIVIC ACTION FOR ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

Civic Action for Accountability is a four-year, \$2 million project that supports collective action to increase government accountability and decrease corruption. The project supports citizen-driven activities to grow and strengthen a country-wide network of civil society organizations, grassroots organizations, activists, and journalists who advocate for effective anti-corruption measures and greater government accountability.

ACTIVITIES IN SERBIA

- Building an online platform which supports network members and allows for exchange of local success stories and resources
- Organizing annual forums for citizen-driven innovation in government accountability
- Developing analyses on anti-corruption and accountability issues identified in local communities to highlight the local impact of corruption and approaches to fight it
- Providing support to local anti-corruption and accountability initiatives through rapid response and grant support
- Organizing public campaigns and public events in local communities to promote local successes in enhancing accountability

RESULTS

- Supported local accountability initiatives throughout Serbia with legal, technical, and outreach support
- Provided technical support to fourteen local initiatives and contributed to their capacity to mobilize citizen support around breaches of accountability

- Worked with project partners to investigate local success stories and analyzed five case studies that provided a road map to engage local communities and local authorities in addressing accountability issues
- Engaged with activists, citizens, and journalists dealing with corruption and accountability issues in dozens of towns across Serbia
- Raised public awareness and interest in accountability and corruption topics through public events, forums, thematic debates, video production, and online outreach. Hundreds of citizens participated at local events with more than 20,000 people watching online live broadcasts of local forums; nearly 160,000 users viewed video stories of local initiatives; and numerous media outlets from local and national level covered local initiatives and issues

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROJECT FUNDING

U.S. Agency for International Development
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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA) in collaboration with Belgrade Center for Security Policy, National Coalition for Decentralization and Partners for Democratic Change

KEY COUNTERPARTS

Citizen activists, CSOs, Freedom of Information Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Agency, Anti-corruption Council and Ombudsperson

PROJECT SPAN

Nationwide

PROJECT DURATION

April 2018 - April 2022

TOTAL FUNDING

\$2,000,000

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