

Outcome 3

By 2020, central and local administrations and other actors more effectively protect and promote human rights, and adopt transparent, accountable, pluralistic and gender sensitive governance systems, with the full participation of civil society, including the most vulnerable.

OUTPUT 3.2

Capacities of the National Human Rights Institute (NHRI) and Ombudsman enhanced and human rights awareness promoted

Strategic Plan outputs to which the CPD output contributed during the year:

2.2.3 Capacities, functions and financing of rule of law and national human rights institutions and systems strengthened to expand access to justice and combat discrimination, with a focus on women and marginalised groups

UNDP provided technical support for the Capacity Assessment (CA) of the NHREI. The assessment was conducted in line with the Global Principles for the Capacity Assessment of National Human Rights Institutions developed through the partnership of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF), UNDP and OHCHR. These afore-mentioned principles are applied in various countries.

The major objective of the capacity assessment was to assist NHREI in generating an understanding of its strengths and needs and also to help them develop strategies that fill the capacity gaps as envisaged by the new legislation and in alignment with the Paris Principles. The assessment aims to help NHREI to gear up for the application process of accreditation on the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).



Gender equality and women's empowerment

The CA report suggested NHREI to reflect gender balance in its leadership, including Board, Coordinator and Supervisor positions and promote gender equality in all. Based on the CA report recommendations, a new component has been added to the Project Document for enhancing the capacity of the NHREI in fulfilling its mandate on equality and non-discrimination including elimination of all kinds of discrimination against women. The capacity building activities targeting the institution will be mainstreamed with strong gender equality perspective. Institution's services towards preventing gender discrimination and protection of women's rights will be given priority.