

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 3.3

Enhanced capacity of civil society actors for participation in policy making and monitoring

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

1.6.1 Country-led measures accelerated to advance gender equality and women's empowerment

1.6.2 Measures in place and implemented across sectors to prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

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

3.2.2 National and local systems enabled to ensure the restoration of justice institutions, redress mechanisms and community security

3.3.2 Gender-responsive and risk-informed mechanisms supported to build consensus, improve social dialogue and promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies

Within the framework of Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II Project, 53 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) at 7 pilot provinces were integrated into the cooperation mechanism to address violence against women.

In the scope of Strengthening the Civilian Oversight of Internal Security Forces Project Phase III (CO III), CSOs' participation and engagement in activities targeting the assessment of the existing parliamentary oversight in Turkey has been ensured.

Gender equality and women's empowerment

In the area of support to the improvement of access to legal aid, continuous involvement of civil society actors has been ensured through Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) as they are working actively on gender equality issues and on women's empowerment generating and providing knowledge on the legal needs of gender based violence victims.

Under the CO III Project, Local Prevention and Security Boards (LPSBs) focus on the prevention of various crimes like domestic violence and they respond to the challenges faced by specific vulnerable groups such as children, women, people with disabilities. Furthermore, LPSBs contribute to the awareness raising activities in the society. On the other hand, it is believed that the involvement and participation of women CSOs in the LPSBs not only ensure women's representation in policy and decision-making processes but also promote women's empowerment.