CSOS' CAPACITY TO INFLUENCE POLICY MAKING

Outcome indicator

Indicator Phrasing

English: number of proposals for changing the existing policies and/or inputs for the formulation of new policies officially proposed by the target CSOs

French: nombre de propositions visant à modifier les politiques existantes et/ou contributions à la formulation de nouvelles politiques soumises formellement par les OSC

Spanish: número de propuestas para cambiar las políticas existentes y/o aportaciones para la formulación de nuevas políticas propuestas oficialmente por las las organizaciones de la sociedad civil (OSC) objetivo

Portuguese: número de propostas de alteração das políticas existentes e / ou contribuição para a formulação de novas políticas oficialmente propostas pelas OSCs-alvo

Czech: počet návrhů na změny ve stávajících strategiích anebo pro návrhů pro obsah nových strategií, které byly oficiálně předložené cílovými organizacemi

What is its purpose?

The indicator assesses the extent to which the target CSOs are able to formulate and officially submit their suggestions on the changes in the existing policies or inputs for the formulation of new policies.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Determine the indicator's value by using the following methodology:

1) **Define what types of "policies" can be considered**. For example, will you only consider the government's national policies? Alternatively, will you also consider the policies that are formulated at the regional / level?

2) **Define how the proposed changes/ inputs need to be submitted** in order to be considered "officially proposed". For example, is it enough just to mention them during a meeting with a relevant policy-maker or do they need to be submitted in a written form? To whom do they need to be submitted?

3) **Conduct interviews with the target CSO representatives**, assessing 1) the number of proposals for changing existing policies / designing new policies; and 2) the way these proposals were submitted. If a CSO submitted several different suggestions related to the same policy, they should all

be counted as one proposal (i.e. the focus is on how many policies the given CSO tried to influence).

4) **Verify the provided information** by reviewing the content of the submitted proposals; possibly also by interviewing the policy-makers who were supposed to receive them.

5) Per each CSO, **count the number of proposals** that met the criteria pre-defined in points one and two (type of policies + submission process). To calculate the indicator's value, sum up the number of such "eligible" proposals.

Important Comments

1) If you want to assess **CSOs' influence on policymaking**, use the same methodology but also measure the number of proposed updates/ inputs that were used - formally accepted and incorporated in the policies.