



Report on the outputs of the National Workshop on Advocacy around Goal 16 of the SDGs: Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies 4th-6th December, 2016 Amman-Jordan

Introduction:

Partners-Jordan in cooperation with TAP Network has conducted a 3 days training in Amman for Jordanian CSOs, Public Sector and Social Activists. This report lists the topics were discussed throughout the training and addresses the output of the training: Gap Analysis, Stakeholder Analysis and Action Plans.

Training Objectives:

- Orient the participants about the Strategic Development Goals (SDGs)
- Understand Goal 16 of the SDGs, and TAP Network role
- Analyzing the Jordanian Progress on Goal 16
- Orient the participants about relevant concepts: Advocacy, Social Accountability and Community Organizing

Facilitator and Speakers:

- Ms. Rasha Abdel Latif: Main Facilitator, Project Manager, Partners-Jordan
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- Ms. Reem Manaa: Trainer on Community Organizing, Ahel Institute

Venue, Time and Schedule:

The training was held at Ithra center in Amman, for 3 days, between the 4th and 6th of December, 2016, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Attached: Annex 1-Agenda

Participants:

The training hosted participants from the Civil Society Organizations based in Amman and outside Amman, also activists in social development, in addition to representatives from the Public Sector mainly the Ministry of Political Affairs and General Budget Department / Ministry of Finance. Attached: Annex 2 - Attendance Sheet

Evaluation:

An overall evaluation was handed out to participants to capture general feedback on how the training was organized, the satisfaction about facilitators and trainers and other aspects. You may find the results in Annex 3 - Final Evaluation.

Presentation:

Can be accessed through clicking on this link

Topics Covered and Discussed:

- 1. The SDGs in general
- 2. Goal 16 in specific
- 3. Introduction about TAP Network and Goal 16
- 4. Analyzing the Jordanian Achievements on goal 16
- 5. Overview about relevant tools: Advocacy, New Tactics, Community Organizing and Social Accountability
- 6. Come up with Recommendations for the Government towards Goal 16
- 7. Conduct a Stakeholder Analysis
- 8. Draft Advocacy Plans

Training Outputs:

- GAP ANALYSIS:

Where We are	Gap Analysis	Where We Want to Be
16.1 Comprehensive Security System	The people's lack of awareness over the importance of the comprehensive security system	Collaborating in enhancing the capabilities of the security system
16.2 Forming a governmental team for Human Rights	The absence for the adaptation with the international agreement	Strengthening the concepts of human rights in several fields and work on Institutionalizing in governmental level
16.3 Ratification of the International Conventions King Abdullah II future vision and his 5 th discussion paper about Jordan Having for the first time Parliament representatives asking for a Civil Country	Not applied nor implemented Not fully committed to what is addressed at Int. Conventions No segregations among the three authorities in the country Lack of education about citizenship	Independence of Judicial system Separate Civil courts from Military Courts Combat nepotism and favoritism
16.4 Jordan ratified all relevant International Conventions	Lack of awareness on the ratified laws Lack of reflection of Int. Convention on national laws	Better boarder supervisions

16.5		
Having the Jordanian Anti	Lack of awareness on the ratified	Combat corruption
Corruption Commission	laws	Better social life
Ratifying the United Nations	Lack of reflection of Int.	Better economic situation
Convention Against Corruption -	Convention on national laws	Detter economic situation
UNCAC	convention on national laws	
16.7	The outputs of the laws are not	Clear procedures for
Decentralization law	effective and satisfactory for	participation for all citizens
	citizens	participation for an citizens
Participatory budgeting projects		
Citizen budgets documents	Lack of awareness among	
Part of the Open Government	citizens on the impact of their	
Partnership	decisions	
Submit the Universal Periodic	Trust issues	
Reviews -UPR	Corruption	
Weak Parliament		
16.8	Specifying the targeted groups	Increasing great numbers from
Activating programs for	from several sectors	PWDs in the political life
integrating PWDs in society		
16.10	Lack of awareness among CSOs	Immediate access to information
Law on access to information	and citizens about their rights to	without waiting for 30 days
(the first in the Arab Countries)	access to information	Publish documents and
Prime Ministry procedures	Lack of clear instructions among	information without asking for it
guarantee accessibility	service providers (Ministries and	Clear classifications to the
A lot of CSOs efforts are put on	Directorates) on sharing	information sharing procedures
access to information	information	and secrecy (debate: all info
Basic information about access	Unable to differentiate between	should be shared and accessible)
to information at Ministries	secret and public information, no	
5 amendments on the access to	clear procedures about these	
information are filed at the	information	
Parliament for review since	Managing the information and	
2010	archiving it	
	Unclear timeline for secret	
	information	

- STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS:

SATISFY	INFLUENCE
Municipalities, Ministry of Public Development, Unions, Greater Amman Municipality	Judicial Council, Parliament, National Security, Anti-Smuggling, Central Bank, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Interior, The National Governmental Team of Human Rights, Media, Donors,
MONITOR	INFORM, CONSULT, INVOLVE
Universities, National Center for Information	Jordanian Anti Corruption Commission, Audit Bureau, CSOs, CBOs, National Center for Human Rights, Jordanian National Center for Women,

- ACTION PLANS:

Attached in a separate document

- **RECOMMENDATIONS**:

- 1. Activate the instructions issued by the Prime Ministry about access to information, And asking for classifying the information into;
 - Which information should be automatically issued and published to the public.
 - Which information the public can ask for and have immediate access to.
 - Which information is considered classified and cannot be accessed.
 - To have all information clear, readable and easy to understand by the public.

2. In line with the decentralization project in Jordan, we recommend Encouraging citizens participation in the local level in all arenas, Specifically on budgets to reflect their priorities to provided services.

- 3. The Ministry of Planning to Update Jordanian CSOs on the progress Of the government on the SDGs, and about Goal 16 in specific
- 4. Collaborate with relevant CSOs to identify 3-5 areas to work on through 2030 to combat corruption and activate the Rule of Law.
- 5. Opening communication channels between the Parliament committees and CSOs to enhance the participatory decision making.

- PARTICIPANTS FORSEEN CONTRIBUTIONS:

➢ GFA Consulting group:

Running an EU funded project on enhancing the dialogue between the government and the CSOs will take these recommendation and push the government and CSOs to implement it.



Rasheed (Jordanian TI Chapter):

Will integrate the recommendations related to combating corruption within their running projects,

> Hikaya Center:

Planning to start working on the SDGs in the beginning of 2017, and particularly on Goal 16, looking for collaboration and pushing for the recommendations

• Out&About Community Group:

Can raise discussions about the SGDs and Goal 16 within their activities and events,