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

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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:**

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<th>Gap Analysis</th>
<th>Where We Want to Be</th>
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<td><strong>16.1 Comprehensive Security System</strong></td>
<td>The people’s lack of awareness over the importance of the comprehensive security system</td>
<td>Collaborating in enhancing the capabilities of the security system</td>
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<td><strong>16.2 Forming a governmental team for Human Rights</strong></td>
<td>The absence for the adaptation with the international agreement</td>
<td>Strengthening the concepts of human rights in several fields and work on Institutionalizing in governmental level</td>
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<td><strong>16.3 Ratification of the International Conventions</strong>&lt;br&gt;King Abdullah II future vision and his 5th discussion paper about Jordan&lt;br&gt;Having for the first time Parliament representatives asking for a Civil Country</td>
<td>Not applied nor implemented&lt;br&gt;Not fully committed to what is addressed at Int. Conventions&lt;br&gt;No segregations among the three authorities in the country&lt;br&gt;Lack of education about citizenship</td>
<td>Independence of Judicial system&lt;br&gt;Separate Civil courts from Military Courts&lt;br&gt;Combat nepotism and favoritism</td>
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<td><strong>16.4 Jordan ratified all relevant International Conventions</strong></td>
<td>Lack of awareness on the ratified laws&lt;br&gt;Lack of reflection of Int. Convention on national laws</td>
<td>Better boarder supervisions</td>
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| 16.5 | Having the Jordanian Anti Corruption Commission  
Ratifying the United Nations Convention Against Corruption - UNCAC | Lack of awareness on the ratified laws  
Lack of reflection of Int. Convention on national laws | Combat corruption  
Better social life  
Better economic situation |
| 16.7 | Decentralization law  
Participatory budgeting projects  
Citizen budgets documents  
Part of the Open Government Partnership  
Submit the Universal Periodic Reviews - UPR  
Weak Parliament | The outputs of the laws are not effective and satisfactory for citizens  
Lack of awareness among citizens on the impact of their decisions  
Trust issues  
Corruption | Clear procedures for participation for all citizens |
| 16.8 | Activating programs for integrating PWDs in society | Specifying the targeted groups from several sectors | Increasing great numbers from PWDs in the political life |
| 16.10 | Law on access to information (the first in the Arab Countries)  
Prime Ministry procedures guarantee accessibility  
A lot of CSOs efforts are put on access to information  
Basic information about access to information at Ministries  
5 amendments on the access to information are filed at the Parliament for review since 2010 | Lack of awareness among CSOs and citizens about their rights to access to information  
Lack of clear instructions among service providers (Ministries and Directorates) on sharing information  
Unable to differentiate between secret and public information, no clear procedures about these information  
Managing the information and archiving it  
Unclear timeline for secret information | Immediate access to information without waiting for 30 days  
Publish documents and information without asking for it  
Clear classifications to the information sharing procedures and secrecy (debate: all info should be shared and accessible) |
- **STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS:**

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- **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 SDGs and Goal 16 within their activities and events.