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 CEP MACEDONIA

COMPONENT ONE:

STRENGTHEN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION ALLIANCES

USAID'S CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (CEP), THAT BEGAN ITS ACTIVITY IN AUGUST 2016, STRENGTHENS THE CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOS) ON POLICIES AND ISSUES OF PUBLIC CONCERN, AND INCREASES AND SUSTAINS YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC LIFE IN MACEDONIA.

CEP'S OVERALL GOAL IS THE ENHANCED CAPACITY OF CSOS AND YOUTH GROUPS TO ADVANCE PUBLIC POLICIES, IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICES, PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNANCE, AND CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF LIVING IN MACEDONIA.

CEP SUPPORTS CSO ALLIANCES THAT FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING KEY AREAS:

- Rule of law
- Anti-corruption
- Human rights
- Economic growth
- Business enabling environment and
- Monitoring and oversight of institutions

Component One Activities and Outcomes

During the first three project years, CEP will identify up to five CSO alliances and will support them to:

- *Become leaders in shaping and constructively engaging in issues of public concern;*
- *Enhance their capacity to engage citizens, media, government institutions, and other stakeholders in advancing the public's wellbeing;*
- *Strengthen their institutional capacity.*

CSO alliances include legally registered and non-registered CSO coalitions, platforms, networks, and alliances comprised of more than five member CSOs.

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KEY COMPONENT ONE ACTIVITIES:

- Award five Partnership Grants to CSO alliances;
- Provide capacity development assistance to these CSO alliances.

KEY EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

- Significant progress made in key policy areas due to strategic actions undertaken by the five CEP-supported CSO alliances;
- CSO alliances expanded with new stakeholders;
- Established mechanisms and practices to generate civic activism and bottom-up support for CSO alliances' initiatives;
- Organizational change that leads to CSO alliances' sustainability put in place.

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