

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The Overall Objective of this action is to strengthen inclusive democratic processes related to public good at the national and provincial level

The **Specific(s) Objective(s)** of proposed action are to:

- 1 Strengthen effectiveness of engagement of civil society networks in policy dialogue and advocacy with the government on sectoral issues and the overall enabling environment for civil society.
- 2 Enhance the capacity of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and provincial regulatory bodies for constructive, transparent, and accountable engagement with CSOs in Pakistan.

The Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives are:

Outputs contributing to outcome 1:

- 1.1 Enhanced institutional, organisational and technical capacities of selected CSO networks and their members and alliances
- 1.2 Enhanced capacity of selected CSO networks and alliances for evidence-based policy dialogue on both sectoral policy issues and around the conditions to improve an enabling environment for civil society.
- 1.3 Enhanced CSOs capacity to promote and communicate their roles and contributions to the country's development and governance challenges.

Outputs contributing to outcome 2:

- 2.1 Improved mechanisms of the Ministry of Economic Affairs for CSO registration, reporting, renewal and compliance.
- 2.2 Improved consultations and dialogue mechanisms between the government and CSOs focusing on regulatory, institutional and implementation issues affecting the enabling environment for CSOs.

3.2 Indicative Activities

Activities related to Output 1.1

- 1.1.1. **Assessment of the capacity development needs of relevant CSO networks.** The assessment will be done in close collaboration with the networks/alliance, using surveys, interviews, focus groups, and other methods to gather information about their organisational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges.
- 1.1.2. **Identification of key capacity development providers in Pakistan** including academic institutions and resource centres managing **e-learning platforms and on-line** communities and fora.
- 1.1.3. **Assessment of existing CSO self-regulation & internal governance mechanisms** practiced/available in Pakistan.
- 1.1.4. **Developing a workplan** for the CSO capacity development programme and **selection of methodologies**. These would include a mix of:
 - Action-oriented workshops, leadership retreats and policy/advocacy and data-driven bootcamps.
 - Strategic Mentoring. A special focus should be placed on emerging youth and women activists and leaders in civil society networks and their members.
 - On-the-job learning
 - Peer learning exchanges (across Pakistan and regional)
- 1.1.5. **Implementation of the CSO capacity development programme**, using the selected methodologies and promoting a culture of learning and adaptation. Continuous feedback and reflection will be encouraged. Gender Transformative Approaches (using an intersectional lens) and the principle of leave-No-One behind will be mainstreamed throughout the implementation of the capacity development programme.
- 1.1.6. Develop a **sustainability plan (exist strategy) for the capacity development programme** to ensure its long-term impact.