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Istanbul Workshop Report on Local Governance Structures

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Reference to Description of Action	
Component	C: Scaling Up Pilot Security Governance Structures
Activity	C.1 Preparation of a strategy and implementation plan for an effective institutionalization of Local Prevention and Security Boards.
Output	Istanbul Workshop Report on Local Governance Structures
Description	C.1.2 Two-day workshops with the participation of LPSBs from pilot districts/provinces and other relevant stakeholders in order to share the findings of the analysis report that will be developed under C.1.1.



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SUMMARY

Istanbul workshop in the scope of activity C.1.2 was held in Istanbul with the participation of Local Prevention and Security Boards (LPSBs) from pilot districts of Phase II and other relevant stakeholders in order to share the findings of the analysis report which was developed under C.1.1. “Analyse the functioning of LPSBs in pilot districts/provinces in order to determine lessons learned and good practices.”

As per Description of Action (DoA), in total, 75 local and national actors were expected to participate in the workshops to be held in pilot provinces where LPSBs exist, **230 local and national actors participated the first day of the workshop and 130 local and national actors participated to the second day of the workshop.**

Date: 2-3 December 2019

Venue: Hilton Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul

Number of Participants: 230/130

GOALS REACHED DURING THE WORKSHOP

The two-day workshop held on 2-3 December 2019 reached the following:

1. As per DoA, the findings of the analysis done in the scope of Activity C.1.1 were presented to the participants.
2. A kick-off event of pilot implementation of the two districts of Istanbul was organized. Since any budget allocation is not dedicated to pilots of Phase II as per DoA, this is a good starting point to reestablish them. This event also served as a kick-off of all pilot implementation of Phase III.
3. Official announcements were done by the District Governors that the pilot implementation in the districts will start and District Prevention and Security Boards will be re-established soon.
4. Awareness on needs of local security problems was raised.
5. The need for a LPSB to discuss local security problems was understood.

Information was conveyed about the existing local mechanisms on crime prevention to each district by the police, the Municipality, and the Education Department. Following concepts were explained to local audience:

- a. Concept of civilian oversight,
 - b. Concept of LSPBs,
 - c. Activities realized in the scope of the pilot implementation during phase II (together with how and why) to a local audience (what was done, why, how),
 - d. The situation of Boards after 4,5 years (Questionnaire and answers)
6. The floor was given to civil society organisations (CSOs) and other civilians to assess the current problems (including human rights, violence against groups facing vulnerabilities etc.).



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7. Since Project aims to increase the capacity of Districts to run LPSBs by themselves after the closure of Project's III. Phase, capacity development was attained during workshop. To this end, working groups were motivated to make moderation by a speaker whom they elected and discuss local security problems freely.
8. Group representatives presented the decisions of their groups at the last session before the closure of the Workshop. They presented the outcomes under the following headlines:
 - a. Who should be members of LPSBs,
 - b. What local security problems are determined,
 - c. Which local security problems are prioritized,
 - d. Which stakeholders can take part in the action plans?

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop hosted the following groups of participants, who can have insight about local security problems:

- The District Governors of three pilot districts from the second phase (Kadıköy District Governor Mr. Mustafa Özarlan, Eyüpsultan District Governor Mr. İhsan Kara and Fatih District Governor Mr. Kaan Peker),
- The District Governor of Üsküdar (Murat Sefa Demiryürek) was unable to attend due to an official program at the Ministry of Interior in Ankara,
- Chief of Police of four districts,
- Representative of District Municipalities,
- Deputy Mayor of District,
- Former members of LPSBs,
- Representatives of CSOs (with a focus facing vulnerabilities like drug addicts, persons with disabilities , women, children), Head of Drivers Chambers,
- Representatives of political parties,
- Personnel of newly established office: Open Door ,
- Representatives of public authorities,
- Mukhtars,
- Representatives of student-parent associations
- Representatives of District Human Rights Boards,
- Representatives of local media,

All participants were very interested and actively participated in the Workshop and brought valuable input. The fact that the District Governor of Kadıköy and Eyüpsultan participated to both two days showed their interest to the participants and the importance they gave to the



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Project and LPSBs.

All the participants expressed freely their concerns and needs about local security issues to all related public officials (District Governor, Police and Gendarmerie, Municipality Police). Furthermore, participants expressed their contentment about the LPSB meetings to continue and were glad to be part of the LPSB and have the opportunity to discuss security issues with wide range of stakeholders.

LPSB MEMBERS PROPOSED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF FOUR DISTRICT

1. District Governor's Office
 - a. Governor
 - b. Project Office
 - c. Editorial Office

2. District Police Department
 - a. Public Order Bureau Directorate
 - b. Children Bureau Directorate
 - c. Narcotic Bureau Directorate
 - d. Patrolling Directorate
 - e. Community Policing
 - f. Police Stations

3. District Municipality
 - a. Municipal Police Directorate
 - b. Youth and Sports Directorate
 - c. CSOs Coordination Office
 - d. Social Services Directorate
 - e. Reconstruction Directorate
 - f. Employment Center
 - g. Directorate of Culture

4. Mukhtars

5. Members from the Human Rights Board

6. Social Services Directorate

7. District Directorate of National Education

8. District Directorate of Health

9. Family Health Center



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10. CSOs (human rights, child abuse, drug rehabilitation, education, shelters, violence against women, employment, etc.)
11. Chambers (Drivers Chambers)
12. Organization
13. Bar Association
14. Office of Mufti
15. Local Media
16. High school directors
17. Counseling teachers from schools
18. Academicians from universities located in the District
19. Public Training Centre Directorate
20. Fund of Social Solidarity and Cooperation
21. Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR)
22. Alcohol and Substance Addiction Treatment Centre (AMATEM)
23. Youth Sports Center
24. Directorate for Family and Social Services
25. Public Prosecutor or Judge

PRIORITIZED LOCAL SECURITY PROBLEMS OF KADIKÖY

1. Drug addiction
2. Safety around schools
3. Entertainment venues and the noise pollution they generate
4. Alcohol consumption at open air areas
5. Traffic
6. Insufficient day and night park
7. Urban transformation and abandoned buildings
8. Problems arising from school buses
9. Theft, fraud
10. Illegal workers on the streets (beggars, peddlers)
11. Client harassment (hanutçuluk)
12. Violence against women
13. Unlicensed workplaces



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PRIORITIZED LOCAL SECURITY PROBLEMS OF ÜSKÜDAR

1. Addiction (drug, alcohol, smoking, technology)
2. Traffic safety in front of schools
3. Domestic violence
4. Fraud
5. Migrants and refugees
6. Theft (from home-from car-from workplace) and pickpocketing
7. Insufficient Lighting
8. School absenteeism
9. Beggars
10. Cyber Crimes
11. Urban transformation, deserted and abandoned buildings

PRIORITIZED LOCAL SECURITY PROBLEMS OF EYÜPSULTAN

1. Theft, pickpocketing
2. Fraud
3. Traffic
4. Beggars
5. Drug use and sales
6. Safety around schools
7. Safety problems and parks and gardens
8. Accessibility of persons with disabilities in the district
9. Domestic violence
10. Street animals
11. Violence against public servants
12. Unlicensed temples, dorms, kindergartens, Koran courses, etc.

PRIORITIZED LOCAL SECURITY PROBLEMS OF FATİH



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1. Client harassment (Hanutçuluk)
2. Drug addiction
3. Beggars
4. Domestic violence
5. Irregular migration and migrants and refugees
6. One-day rented houses used for illegal activities
7. Insufficient lighting
8. Safety around schools
9. Unlicensed workplaces
10. Problems (prostitution, gambling) arising from open workplaces (discos, night clubs, etc)
11. Lack of auditing over historical buildings
12. Cyber crimes
13. Theft from home

Participants proposed various action plans to prevent and mitigate prioritized local security problems. These will be inputs for action plans to be detailed and integrated to local security plans in the upcoming workshops.



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