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Vakfıkebir 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	Vakfikebir 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

Vakfikebir workshop in the scope of activity C.1.2 was held in Trabzon 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, **83 local and national actors participated to the workshop.**

Date: 2-3 December 2019

Venue: Trabzon Hilton Hotel

Number of Participants: 83

GOALS REACHED DURING THE WORKSHOP

The two-day workshop held on 12-13 November 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, 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 etc)
 7. Since Project aims to increase the capacity of Districts to run LPSBs by themselves after the closure of project’s third 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.



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8. Group representatives presented the decisions of their groups at the last session before the closure of the Workshop. The presented the outcomes under the following headlines:
- Who should be members of LPSBs?
 - What local security problems are determined?
 - Which local security problems are prioritized?
 - 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:

- District Governor of Vakfikebir Mr. Mesut YAKUTA,
- Mayor of Vakfikebir Mr. Muhammet BALTA,
- Chief of Police,
- Chief of Gendarmerie,
- Former members of LPSBs,
- Representatives of CSOs (with a focus on groups facing vulnerabilities like drug addicts, persons with disabilities, women, children), Head of Drivers Chambers,
- Personnel of newly established office: Open Door,
- Representatives of public authorities,
- Mukhtars,
- Representatives of student-parent associations,
- Representatives of District Human Rights Board,
- Representatives of local media.

All participants were very interested and actively participated in the workshop and brought valuable input.

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). Also, 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
2. District Police Department
3. District Municipality
4. Mukhtars
5. Members from the Human Rights Board



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6. Social Services Directorate
7. District Directorate of National Education
8. District Directorate of Health
9. Family Health Center
10. CSOs (human rights, child abuse, drug rehabilitation, education, shelters, violence against women, employment, etc)
11. Chambers (Drivers Chambers)
12. Local media
13. High school directors
14. Academicians from Vocational School located in the District
15. Public Training Centre Directorate
16. Fund of Social Solidarity and Cooperation
17. Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR)
18. Alcohol and Substance Addiction Treatment Centre (AMATEM)
19. Youth Sports Center
20. Directorate for Family and Social Services

PRIORITIZED LOCAL SECURITY PROBLEMS OF VAKFIKEBİR

1. Drug addiction
2. Traffic
3. Safety around schools
4. Crimes related to children
5. Migrants
6. Children working on districts
7. Unlicensed guns
8. Use of guns in wedding ceremonies
9. Abandoned buildings,
10. Problems arising from minibuses ,
11. Theft, fraud,
12. Illegal workers on the streets (beggars, peddlers).

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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