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CONSTITUENCIES FOR JUDICIAL REFORM

Constituencies for Judicial Reform is a five-year activity that works to build citizen's confidence in judicial institutions. The activity improves communication between citizens and the judiciary, identifies barriers that citizens face to access justice, and creates citizen-oriented mechanisms to improve judicial integrity. By increasing the transparency of judicial institutions and helping them to increasingly act in the public interest, thereby increasing the resiliency of democratic actors, this activity contributes to USAID's overall goal of a more prosperous and democratic Serbia committed to European integration and self-reliance.

ACTIVITIES

- Increase citizen engagement with judicial representatives so that citizens can better understand and realize their rights.
- Support annual monitoring of developments in the judicial sector, including research on citizens' priority issues in relation to judicial reforms.
- Use citizen-oriented tools to allow the public to help improve standards for integrity plans so that accountability and integrity of the judiciary will increase.

RESULTS

- Otvorena vrata pravosuđa (Open Doors of Judiciary) was developed. The platform enables online communication between judicial representatives and citizens. To date, the platform has had more than 810,000 unique visitors.

- The activity helped to organize local council meetings with courts of all jurisdictions that enabled more than 1.2 million people across Serbia to meet with members of the judiciary and discuss problems they faced in accessing justice.
- Fifteen practical guides on citizens' rights and the ways that they can access justice were made available to citizens at judicial institutions across the country.
- The annual monitoring reports on Judicial Reform in Serbia for 2020 and 2021 were published. The reports analyze the situation in the Serbian judiciary, including circumstances that affect the exercise of citizens' rights in court proceedings or the provision of judicial services. A report on the need to solve the problem of mass litigation and the possibility of introducing a collective lawsuit into the legal order of the Republic of Serbia was published.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROJECT FUNDING

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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM); European Policy Centre, Association of Public Prosecutors and Deputy Public Prosecutors of Serbia, CHRIS Network, Judges' Association of Serbia, Transparency Serbia, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, Partners for Democratic Change Serbia, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, CEPRIS, People's Parliament Leskovac, Forum of Judges of Serbia

WHERE WE WORK

Nationwide

PROJECT DURATION

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TOTAL FUNDING

\$1,959,744

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