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USAID PARA-FISCALS REFORM ACTIVITY

The USAID Para-fiscals Reform Activity is a two-year, \$444,000 initiative that partners with the Ministry of Finance and the Government of Serbia to support the reform of Serbia's non-fiscal revenue system through reforms of the regulatory environment related to non-tax levies, such as charges and fees (including things like fees for business signage, different fees for different national and subnational administrative services, etc). Given that one of previous activities helped regulating charges this project addresses and focuses on fees.

ACTIVITIES IN SERBIA

The project is providing assistance to the Ministry of Finance through the following activities:

Analysis and Recommendations – The activity has conducted an analysis of the existing framework and regulations for establishing and collecting fees at the national and subnational levels. The collected information has been organized to facilitate easy understanding of the existing grounds for establishing and collecting fees, the amounts charged, and the level of usage right or service received in return for the payment of these fees. Based on this analysis, the project is providing a set of recommendations regarding fees that should be eliminated or reduced and how to offset the resulting reductions in revenue. Finally, the project is developing specific recommendations for institutionalizing proposed changes and adopting a new system to ensure adequate transparency and oversight of fees.

Public Consultations Outreach and Communications – The activity is engaging in outreach efforts to help the Ministry of Finance raise awareness of and promote the reform and to explain the impact they will have on the overall business environment in Serbia.

Web-based Registry and Recommendations – The activity will update the existing web-based registry of charges and add all fees classified as per criteria in the first activity and will hand it over for further use by the Ministry of Finance

RESULTS

- More than 200 laws and 270 by-laws analyzed to compile a detailed analysis and comprehensive inventory of all fees in the system.
- Total number of 1189 different non-tax levies identified among which total number of fees is 823.
- Report and recommendations prepared on regulating fees that should be eliminated or reduced.
- Report and recommendations prepared on how to offset the resulting reductions in fees due to reclassification

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROJECT FUNDING

U.S. Agency for International Development
(USAID/Serbia)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Partner Solutions doo as prime contractor
with KPMG doo Beograd, NALED and
Institute Mihailo Pupin doo as sub-
contractors.

KEY COUNTERPARTS

Government of the Republic of Serbia and
Ministry of Finance

PROJECT SPAN

Nationwide

PROJECT DURATION

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TOTAL FUNDING

\$443,972

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