

Capacity Policy building Program for Parliamentary Assistants

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GOAL – A look forward

Evidence based decision-making process in
the parliament through skilled and
qualified Parliamentary Assistants
(IMPACT)



Baseline situation- or WHY?

- Political parties and institutions developing no policy culture inside their organizations
- Less active political parties or institutions gradually hardly replaced by think-tanks.
- Underestimated use of think-tanks in the policy making
- No effective collaboration with non-governmental policy institutions.
- Think-tanks perceived not as independent
- Think-tanks more focusing on advocacy rather than real analysis
- Think-tanks focusing on opinions or individual interests rather than *on actual facts, or evidence*.
- No effective communication with the government bodies and policy outputs underused



Is there a hope???

Yes!!

- Newly established institution of MPAs (Members of Parliament's assistants)
- Currently run USAID Parliamentary program
- Personal connections with MPs
- Access to print and broadcast media



Action Plan - conception and implementation

- Needs assessment concerning the pressing issues in consultation with MPAs MPAs' constituencies will be undertaken and the selected topic will be the one identified as common for the whole MPA group;
- Selected issue will be discussed with the general population through focus groups;
- Formulation and publication of policy briefs and recommendations to MPs and thus to national parliament improving their performance;
- Formulation and publication of a capacity-building module for MPAs to be available online for free access and use;
- Necessary measures will be taken to guarantee the contribution of Brian Brivatti to design the final policy brief;
- Pieces of research by MPAs will be translated and conveyed to the PASOS policy network based in Prague;
- Policy brief discussion widely and communicated to MPs;



Activities – I will do.....

- Selecting participating MPAs
- Meeting and Brainstorming with MPAs
- Statistics and legislation review
- Focus groups with constituencies of MPs
- Expert meetings and interviews
- Workshop on Policy Analysis / Data analysis
- Workshop on Social Research Methods & Stakeholder analysis
- Policy communication and networking workshop
- Statements for media via press releases (with the help of International Policy Network, London and Radio of Liberty, Baku office)



Outputs

1. Problem backgrounder
2. # of Focus groups with the constituencies
3. # of workshop activities for MPAs
4. # of Policy briefs or documents
5. # of print media clips and radio broadcasting on the research findings



Outcomes - *Measurable vs. immeasurable*

MEASURABLE

1. A group of 6 MPs trained and skilled in research for policy
2. Network connections with and access to MPs.
3. Network of policy expertise among 6 MPs.
4. Parliamentary discussion based on the research findings

IMMEASURABLE

1. Inclusive policy debate with citizens




Want achieve vs. won't achieve

Want achieve

- Skilled MPAs to design policy analysis and policy solutions to the problems in their constituencies

WON'T ACHIEVE

- Sustainability of the project over the long term
- Behavioral change in MPAs
- debate-inducing potential of the program
- Interest of MPs towards analysis based statements



Looking forward to serving my nation
AND
of course, your appreciation 😊

THANKS