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Introduction

This brief from the OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) serves to support the co-creation process and design of COUNTRY's CARDINAL NUMBER action plan and to strengthen the quality, ambition, and feasibility of commitments. It provides an overview of the opportunities and challenges for open government in the country's context and presents recommendations. These recommendations are suggestions, and this brief does not constitute an evaluation of a particular action plan. Its purpose is to inform the planning process for co-creation based on collective and country-specific IRM findings. This brief is intended to be used as a resource as government and civil society determine the next action plan's trajectory and content. National OGP stakeholders will determine the extent of incorporation of this brief's recommendations.

The co-creation brief draws on the results of the research in prior IRM reports for Greece and draws recommendations from the data and conclusions of those reports. The brief also draws on other sources such as *OGP National Handbook*, *OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards*, and IRM guidance on the assessment of OGP's minimum requirements and the minimum threshold for "involve", to ensure that recommendations provided are up-to-date in light of developments since those IRM reports were written, and to enrich the recommendations by drawing on comparative international experience in the design and implementation of OGP action plan commitments as well as other context-relevant practice in open government. The co-creation brief has been reviewed by IRM senior staff for consistency, accuracy, and with a view to maximizing the context-relevance and actionability of the recommendations. Where appropriate, the briefs are reviewed by external reviewers or members of the IRM International Experts Panel (IEP).

The IRM drafted this co-creation brief in MONTH YEAR.

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Section I: Action Plan Co-Creation Process

(2 - 3 paragraphs max)
Briefly summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the evolution or maturity of OGP processes in the country. e.g. Has the MSF functionality improved, what is the direction over time in terms of inclusivity and of outreach to new stakeholders, and the breadth of actors engaged in proposing the commitments selected in Action Plans to date. For this section, draw on the existing IRM products (Action Plan review, previous IRM reports) and developments that have taken place since those were written. Very concisely answer the following:

- What have been the key obstacles or challenges in co-creation to date? How has the selection and finalization of the commitments progressed over time? Do CSOs and government have an equal voice at the table, and is there mutual confidence that they are partners in open government?

- Have the resources available been a constraint or not? What level of resources would stakeholders working on the co-creation process need, respectively the MSF, the government team and civil society (human resources and budget and skills-set)?

- Have there been (positive or negative) changes in the level of public awareness of OGP, the geographical and ethnic diversity of those engaged and in the approaches to co-creation (online, in-person, etc.)?

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1: XYZ

Lead with a set of recommendations on the process, namely how to improve the inclusivity and effectiveness of the co-creation process with a view to securing wider ownership and inclusion, and to building trust between government and CSOs and earning trust in government among the wider population. The OGP Participation & Co-Creation Standards could serve as the source of overall principles and standards underpinning the recommendations.

The recommendations should draw on IRM reports for the given country (Action Plan review, implementation or results reports), other OGP documents (e.g. country support reports), and also on examples that have proved effective in other countries, either in the OGP framework or otherwise. Sources for these examples should be hyperlinked, but the recommendations should not be limited by the sources and existing examples. They can and should be made country- and context-relevant, but should build on recommendations in prior IRM products, where relevant and applicable. Where appropriate, the recommendations can be separated to indicate the target user, e.g. for government, for CSOs, for MSF as a whole.

Support Measures:
For each recommendation, outline some of the ways that support can be secured for effective implementation of the recommendations, e.g. to increase ownership of the co-creation process, and describe how the support measures could be provided, and from whom (e.g. OGP Country Support team, suggestions for expert facilitators in co-creation, mentoring, study

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visits, the OGP Multi-Donor Trust Fund or other sources). Such support measures should be identified in the knowledge that such support would have to be provided at short notice to be applicable in the forthcoming Action Plan co-creation timeline.

Recommendation 2:

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Recommendation 3:

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Recommendation 4:

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Recommendation 5:

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Section II: Action Plan Design

AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITMENTS
List the different areas outlined below.

AREA 1. XYZ

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Propose new areas for commitments or how the existing commitments can be built upon, continued, made more ambitious and impactful. Where applicable, include lessons/examples from commitments or OGP-related measures in other countries on similar policy areas/challenges, and reinforce this by referring to emerging or established standards and tools in good practice in open government.

Useful resources:
- [resources from OGP]
- [resources from other organisations like TI, World Bank etc]
- [List some relevant OGP Members] are working on this policy area.
- [Links to other commitments]
- Partners that can provide technical support: [List partners]

AREA 2. XYZ

Useful resources:
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AREA 3. XYZ

Useful resources:
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AREA 4. XYZ

Useful resources:
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AREA 5. XYZ

Useful resources:
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