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The "Multiannual Indicative Program for the Thematic Program Civil Society Organizations and Local Authorities for the period 2014-2020" has its legal base in Regulation 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the 11th March 2014.

The **objective** of this Program is to strengthen civil society organizations and local authorities by improving governance and accountability through inclusive policy-making by empowering citizens and populations, through the voicing and structuring of their collective demands, to contribute to tackle injustice and inequality, to benefit from qualitative social services and to profit from wealth and job creation.

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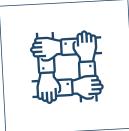




STRONG CSOs AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS FOR ACTIVE AND PROSPEROUS YOUTH IN TAJIKISTAN

















# **PROJECT**

**Hilfswerk International** – in collaboration with MIR and UPCT implements the project "Strong CSOs and Multistakeholder Partnerships for Active and Prosperous Youth in Tajikistan – PRO YOUTH

Project is financed by the European Union within the framework of the program "Support for Civil Society Organizations" and Austrian Development Agency.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen civil society organizations (CSOs) in the Republic of Tajikistan (RT) as competent and reliable actors of governance and accountability in promoting youth participation in social and economic life.

#### **TARGET GROUP:**

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), providing support for young women and men, Youth Contact Groups (YCG), Representatives of national, regional and local public authorities, young women and men

#### **TARGET REGION:**

Project is implemented in 24 jamoats in Tajikistan including:





The Pro Youth project supports youth and young communities, especially in rural areas in Tajikistan, by increasing their capacity and skills to actively participate in socio-economic life, at the local, regional and national levels.

The project promotes close cooperation among government agencies and local authorities, CSOs, YCGs, youth in the target communities, Business Intermediary Organizations (BIOs), international organizations and representatives of the European Union, providing platforms for joint dialogue aimed at development and access to new opportunities.

The project empowers CSOs, actively working with young women and men, by strengthening their capacity and providing them with knowledge, skills and tools, which allow them to improve youth participation in socio-economic life and youth self-development with a focus on rural population.

The action applies a gender sensitive approach with a commitment to gender mainstreaming throughout the project cycle, supporting social inclusion and entrepreneurship as the main factors that play an important role in strengthening the economy across all sectors to ensure sustainable development and inclusion of women in the socio-economic life of society.

# **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Strengthening the capacity of local civil society actors through training on the most relevant economic and social topics;
- )) Increasing the level of knowledge and exchange best practices among youth CSOs using digital tools and exchange of best practices;
- Duilding effective multi-stakeholder partnerships between political leaders, CSOs and youth to ensure accountability;
- Support of CSOs to apply the acquired skills, launched partnerships and developed tools and develop and implement social and business oriented youth initiatives;
- Xnowledge systematization, including adaptation of successful learning materials and best practices from international and local projects, which ensure that the applied approaches can be evaluated and multiplied



This project is part of Hilfswerk International's programme to support active participation of civil society, women and youth.

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All our projects are developed with the principles of sustainable development and universal human rights in mind. Hilfswerk International has been operating in Tajikistan since 2001.