Project «Women’s Rights Monitoring Initiative»: public elaboration of gender monitoring indicators

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Project «Women’s Rights Monitoring Initiative» started in June 2019 with the Coordination meeting of the perspective monitors.
There were achieved agreements on the cooperation of key women’s NGOs.
The monitors started after having agreed to work on the following: (1) monitoring indicators and (2) their approbation via preparing independent monitoring reports.
First analytical results of the project «Women’s Rights Monitoring Initiative»: 2019

There were done the following:

- Analyzed over 400 global, regional and sectoral indicators and (or) complex indices of gender equality and women’s human rights (2019)

- Conducted Review of the best worldwide practices and Review of local practices of women’s rights monitoring (2019)

- Proposed and grounded the framework structure for independent monitoring of women’s rights, applicable and expedient to Ukraine’s context (2019)

- Elaborated system (of 120) indicators for independent public gender monitoring of women’s rights according to the Ukraine’s context and to be used at the national, regional and local levels
Illustration: work on the analysis and selection of needed sectoral indicators

Work on sectoral gender indicators  Theme 6: Combatting gender-based violence
First approbation and advocacy results: monitors are preparing independent Parallel Report «Beijing +25: Ukraine», 2019

Work on the report, its structure and indicators was intense

The report was widely discussed at the National Consultations

The report was successfully written, presented and submitted to NGO CSW / NY

Photo: Discussion of theme ‘Women. Peace. Security’ during the NGOs Regional Forum in Geneva, Switzerland, October 2019

Photo: Monitors discuss Report at National Consultations at the office of Ombudsperson’s Secretariat, September 2019

Photo: Monitors present prepared Parallel Report. UkrTeleRadioPress Institute, October 2019

- **Parallel Report of Ukrainian women’s NGOs «Beijing+25: Ukraine»** was very useful for the Project «Women’s Right Monitoring Initiative», as it helped to successfully apply new and comprehensive framework related to ensuring women’s rights at the country level.

- At the same time, despite the Parallel Report «Beijing+25: Ukraine» was successfully completed, as well as the approbation of the monitoring framework and the relevant system of indicators were done, the monitoring group yet did not choose it as the basic for the project and for the further monitoring steps.

- After approbation, preparing and presentation of the Report «Beijing+25», the choice of the monitoring framework was made in favor of the UN CEDAW, Its structure was the basis for the selected monitoring framework.
Results of the Project «Women’s Rights Monitoring Initiative»

- The desired structure and the list of indicators were tested during the preparation of the Parallel Report "Beijing +25" (2019/20) by Ukrainian women's NGOs. According to the results of approbation, the structure and the list of basic indicators were adjusted, the final list was approved.

- Based on them, the Monitoring Maps of Independent Monitoring of Women's Rights were prepared - sectoral (13 sectors) and intersectoral (7 options) indicators were verified and made available; organized into the system and made available for use at the national, sectoral and local levels (2020).

- Analytical availability of the proposed gender indicators was tested by Masters of the major "Gender Studies" of Taras Shevchenko National University during the internship at the Kyiv Institute for Gender Studies (September, 2020).
Illustration: system of proposed gender indicators for independent monitoring of women’s rights
Are the proposed indicators analytically available?

The approbation of indicators availability was conducted by the graduates of MA program "Gender Studies" Taras Shevchenko National University’s of Kyiv during the internship at Kyiv Institute of Gender Studies in September-October 2020.

- Margaryta Gohman: Healthcare and family planning (analysis of statistical and other indicators)
- Leila Podovalova: Women in rural areas (analysis of statistical and other indicators)
- Anastasia Molotsiyan: Women and power (analysis of statistical and other indicators)
- Yelyzaveta Khassai: Gender equality and women’s right for education (analysis of statistical and other indicators)

By the results of these interns, the separate analytical report is being prepared by the Kyiv Institute of Gender Studies (to be published in 2021)
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- The developed structure and basic list of (120) indicators were tested of the M&E Group under the Government Commissioner for Gender Equality Policy, being created and working within the PACT project «Women of Ukraine: Heard, Capable, Resilient» (2020).

- KIGS’ representative Olesia Bryazgunova chaired the Group; Dr. Marfa Skoryk, KIGS’ expert provided consultative support for Group activity (2020).

- According to the approbation results, in December 2020 the Memorandum of Joint Actions between the KIGS and the PACT Project «Women of Ukraine: Heard, Capable, Resilient»

- The Memorandum goal is to visualize the set of indicators elaborated in the Project «Women’s Rights Monitoring Initiative» via the online Portal of strategic information in the gender equality sphere, which is being elaborated and financed by the PACT Inc., and which will be implemented till 2024.
Final steps of the Project «Women’s Right Monitoring Initiative» in 2021:

In 2021 it is planned:

- To conduct instructive trainings for monitors on the use of the developed system of indicators, centrally and locally - 6 trainings in January 2021;

- To utilize the developed system of indicators for independent monitoring of women’s rights for statistical analysis and writing of 1 summary report and 6 short thematic reports on women’s rights;

- Presentation of prepared reports.

The final phase of the project will be completed in April 2021.
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