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Abstract: This study analyzes the current status of media and civil society and the interaction between media and civil society organizations in three Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The research questions in terms of media address the issue of capacity of the independent media to clearly and simply explain, inform, engage and inspire local communities (specifically on human rights issues, conflict prevention, migration, accountability and corruption) through traditional and new media, the level of professional standards of independent journalists (traditional and new media) and the media development perspectives in the future.

The research questions about the issue of the development of civil society address the situation of the civil society in Central Asia, the capacity of the civil society formal (organizations) and informal (online social activists groups), independent experts to develop and provide locally defined and relevant expertise and advocacy across the country, the visibility of the civil society on key issues in the country, regional and internationally, the capacity of the civil society to engage and utilize the media as an instrument for change and the civil society development perspectives in the future.

The research questions addressing the interaction between media and civil society organizations are related to the level of collaboration between media, young policy experts, civil society organizations and government on key issues in three Central Asian states. The data will be collected through survey of 75 local journalists and 75 local civil society representatives in each country and 10 in-depth interviews with local journalists, 10 in-depth interviews with the representatives of civil society and 10 in-depth interviews with local experts. Survey questionnaires will be filled out online by sending the link to email addresses or messengers of the respondents. We will use random sampling method to select the respondents.

Keywords: Central Asia, Media, Civil Society, Interaction, Social Networks, Advocacy, Engagement and New Media.

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