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Abstract

The aim of this study is to analyze the capac- ity of the civil society formal (organizations) and informal (online social activists groups), inde- pendent experts to develop and provide locally de ned and relevant expertise and advocacy, visibility of the civil society on local, regional and international key issues, the capacity of the civil society to engage and utilize the media as an in- strument for change and the civil society devel- opment perspectives in 3/5 year in four Central Asian countries (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajik- istan and Uzbekistan).

Research Questions

RQ1: What is the capacity of the civil society formal (organizations) and informal (online so- cial activists groups), independent experts to develop and provide locally de ned and rele- vant expertise and advocacy in Kyrgyzstan, Ka- zakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan?

RQ2: What is the level of professional stand- ards of independent journalists in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan?

RQ3: What is the visibility of the civil society on local, regional and international key issues in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Ta- jikistan?

Methodology

This study uses both quantitative and quali- tative research methods. The data was collected through online survey questionnaire on Survey Monkey and face-to-face in-depth interviews with representatives of civil society organiza- tions in four countries. Collected quantitative data was analyzed using SPSS24 and qualitative data was analyzed through discourse analysis.

The inquiry draws on a survey of representa- tives of civil society organizations conducted in February-March 2018. All in all, **235** represent- atives of civil society organizations were sur- veyed who work in civil society organizations in four countries. In Kazakhstan **41**, in Kyrgyzstan

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RQ4: the capacity of the civil society to en- gage and utilize the media as an instrument for change in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan?

RQ5: What are the civil society development perspectives in 3/5 year in Kazakhstan, Kyr- gyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan?

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**76**, in Tajikistan **35** and in Uzbekistan **83** rep- resentatives of civil society organizations were surveyed. We conducted face-to-face survey interviews with total **35** representatives of civ- il society organizations in four countries using snowball sampling method. In Kazakhstan 7, in Kyrgyzstan **7**, in Tajikistan **11** and in Uzbekistan **10**.