

## Outcome 4

**Improved legislation, policies, implementation and accountability mechanisms to enable equal and effective social, economic and political participation of women and girls by 2020**

### OUTPUT 4.3

**Advocacy and engagement of political parties and CSOs for women's empowerment particularly on participation in decision making and combatting gender based violence**

In the area of support to the improvement of access to legal aid, continuous involvement of civil society actors has been ensured. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working in the area of gender equality and women's empowerment and generating and providing knowledge on legal needs of gender based violence victims, most importantly women, were targeted. 57 Civil Society Actors of CSOs were interviewed in 7 pilot provinces. 53 CSOs were integrated into cooperation, one-to-one meetings were organized with the CSOs. CSOs will play a crucial role in enhancing the violence prevention system by being the referral mechanism for people subjected to violence. Civil Society Actors will be monitoring the level of cooperation among local actors, bar associations and CSOs. In the scope of Strengthening the Civilian Oversight of Internal Security Forces Project Phase III (CO III), LPSBs focus on the prevention of various crimes like domestic violence, respond to the challenges faced by specific vulnerable groups such as children, women, people with disabilities and contribute to the awareness raising among society.