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Good afternoon,

I'm happy to shared here some contributions for the IPAIII. I hope it will be of some values.

- Do you think that there are other priority areas or important elements that can still be included in the proposal of the IPA III programme?

Community engagement activities should be valued and encouraged. There are cost effective, and can prevent tensions with the fear toward refugees nourished by the right wing of the politic party, even more with a potential arrival of migrants from Greece or Turkey and the coronavirus environment...

- Do you have any specific suggestions in relation to the preparation process of the strategic response by IPA III beneficiaries?

Close participation of beneficiaries with clear feedback mechanism and external evaluation/ monitoring of programme should be included in the budget and since the beginning of the implementation, with clear measure of actions for any correction/adaptation/improvement based on context changes and accountability information.

That required experimented and skilled NGOs/professionals able to conduct such consultation in order to ensure that the most vulnerable are properly consulted and heard, through the best channels of communication and free space.

- Do you have any specific suggestions related to civil society support being reflected in the programming framework and what can be added or changed to increase that support?

Lately, it has been observed an important decreased of social society involvement for addressing refugees needs, due to challenges for fundraising and more focus on government as a recipient for the donors. However, I do think that the capacity of Serbian society is impressive, highly skills and engaged; it showed in the past the great added value to support the government in their duties toward migrants and refugees as an example, and having a strong capacity in this area is an important for any sustainability of any society. So it should be encouraged and support properly in order to keep strong network and capacity within the civil society.

- Do you have any other comments or suggestion?

Borders situation should be addressed with courage prior that the situation begin out of total control, regarding migrants and violence. I understand that this is really a challenging question, but deny of the reality doesn't help. Supporting appropriate activities which address migrants and refugees needs is just a respect of Human Rights, and can be carefully explore with NGOs and local authorities.

On an other hand, the grant shouldn't be given directly to the government for strengthening civil society independence and accountability, as well as because it can really be challenged the total effectiveness of grant transiting toward government structure to date. Accountability on the efficiency should be look at carefully.

I'm indeed available for further discussion and explanations.

Best wishes,

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