

Project Report

Project title: Supporting NGO participation in the Universal Periodic Review

Period: January-December 2016

UPR Info aims to guarantee that marginalised communities are fully involved in human rights policies at the national level. However, *UPR Info* identified that CSOs are unable to fully engage with the UPR due to a lack of access to information and resources on the UPR.



In 2016, during this project, *UPR Info* worked to build the capacity of civil society actors, through training, easily accessible information, and online tools, to assist

them with their work on the UPR. More specifically, *UPR Info* engaged in the following activities: a) reaching out to CSOs; b) strengthening their capacities; c) keeping them engaged; d) updating the *UPR Info* website and database; and e) monitoring the UPR.



This project's main outcomes were as follow:

- ✓ Civil society effectively participated in the second cycle of the UPR, through providing up-to-date human rights information and advocacy work;
- ✓ A space for civil society, human rights defenders, and marginalised communities was created to make their voices heard in the international human rights system;
- ✓ Grassroots organisations were equipped with the resources and knowledge needed to take full ownership of their own initiatives for human rights advancement; and
- ✓ The UPR became an accessible and less time-consuming process for CSO

engagement.



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