



## **Final Report**

**Main impacts;** 5 Policy Recommendations (applying on-line system on procurement process (i); deciding auditing oil programs (ii); establishing working group to monitor tenders (iii); allowing civil society institutes to observe tenders (iv); establishing electron information bank at the State Procurement Agency's web-site. Additional 4 recommendations are still examined by Government of Azerbaijan.

**Main Outputs;** Research paper developed both in English and Azeri to be posted in different web-sites (i); draft law on State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan Republic developed (ii); 8 round-table discussions held in Azerbaijan meanwhile 4 of them taken place in the capital city, others in regions (iii); 20 newspaper articles and 5 TV reportages produced (iv); policy recommendations developed and submitted to the Government of Azerbaijan (v).

### **Main Activities**

According to the agreement between Partnership for Transparency (PTF) and Center for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Azerbaijan "Monitoring of tenders in oil sector and improve government accountability in Azerbaijan" Project was started implementing from November 01, 2009 and completed in September 01, 2010. Following activities have been done according to the action plan;

1. Media-information campaign held. Leading newspaper and TV channels in Azerbaijan broadcasted information about the project and activities. Society and the government were

informed by mass-media what would be done within the framework of the project. Copies of articles will be attached to final report. Leading newspapers in Azerbaijan ([www.musavat.com](http://www.musavat.com), [www.azadliq.az](http://www.azadliq.az), [www.525.az](http://www.525.az), [www.merkez.com](http://www.merkez.com), [www.olaylar.az](http://www.olaylar.az) and etc.) issued information about the project and project activities.

2. Research team held. CESD held research team where well-known experts and researchers involved. Job descriptions were developed for each team member. Not only CESD staff members but also well-known experts were involved in the project implementation.

3. Monitoring has been conducted both in the capital city and in regions, Monitoring Team members visited Samux, Fizuli, Sabirabad and other districts to monitor oil tenders.

4. Official meetings held. Research team has already arranged meetings with different government bodies to discuss with them ways how CESD will monitor oil tenders.

5. First draft report on monitoring oil tenders prepared in Azeri. Discussions with other experts, particularly EITI members have been held to develop report. The final version of the report will be ready in March, 2010 and it will be translated into English that time.

6. Meetings with different stakeholders held. CESD team was able to engage not only civil society institutes but also state bodies to the events organized within the project.

7. State Procurement Agency of Azerbaijan Republic applied news registration system based on CESD recommendations developed within “Monitoring of Oil Tenders” Project funded by Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF). New system allows companies to register State Procurement Agency web-site and apply to on-going tenders on-line. New system will also allow companies to monitor results.

8. CESD expert team members involved Eurasian EITI Training Hub established by Revenue Watch.

9. Results presented at the international conferences in Warsaw organized by NISPAcee and in Oslo organized by Norwegian Foreign Affairs Institute in September, 2010.

All activities done by the CESD based on the action plan and some difficulties have been encountered when the survey was conducted. Some respondents rejected to respond questionnaires, CESD staff, however, used personal contacts to overcome those problems. There is no any delay in the project implementation.

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**Full Report is attached.**