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DiA FOCUSES ON YOUNG VOTERS

11 September 2013 - As part of its campaign for voter education, DiA has started organizing mock elections with high school students. These activities have been implemented with the support of Municipal Election Commissions in Kosovo municipalities and aim to inform young voters with the concept of elections and the importance of their participation in these elections. Mock elections play an important role in increasing the participation of young voters in the electoral process. Mock elections will be held in Peja, Gjilan, Prishtina, Gračanica, Gjakova, North Mitrovica, Prizren, Lipjan, Peja, Skenderaj and Elez Han.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS ARE EDUCATED ON THE VOTING PROCESS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 - With the slogan "I vote on my own" Democracy in Action organized a table with the visually impaired in the municipality of Prishtina. In this workshop the rights enjoyed by people with special needs, especially blind people in the electoral process were discussed. They were informed that CEC will make the templates available in Braille script also this year to enable the blind to vote independently. Speaking of the voting procedure for the blind or sight disabilities, Shqipe Pantina, board member of Democracy in Action, informed the participants that in each voting center will be a template in Braille script and that they should be required by heads of the polling stations. Democracy in Action is continuously organizing such tables with different categories of persons with special needs to notify them of the election process and to encourage them to take part in elections.



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DiA PRESENTS PLAN AND PREPARATION FOR ELECTION OBSERVATION

2 OCTOBER 2013 - DiA has held a press conference where it presented the plan and preparations that this network has made for the observation of local elections of 03 November 2013. Petrit Zogaj, board member of DiA has talked about the preparations that have been made so far, and the activities supported by USAID through the NDI. On behalf of DiA, he has called on institutions such as the Central Election Commission (CEC) to maximally engage, so that the citizens of Kosovo see free, fair and democratic elections.



DiA INTRODUCES THE FIRST WEEK REPORT OF MONITORING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND MEDIA

12 OCTOBER 2013 - DiA held a press conference to introduce the first monitoring report from the first week of the election campaign under the 2013 Local Elections. Ismet Kryeziu, leader of Democracy in Action Coalition said DiA long-term observers have been closely monitoring 217 public meetings of political subjects and found that participation of the citizens in these meetings has reached about 40,000 citizens or about 2.35% of the electoral body, based on past trends it shows inferiority of citizens to closely follow the election campaigns. According to Kryeziu, the election campaign was generally peaceful and developed without any critical incident this week. However, displaying weapons at rallies as protection for public persons is observed that is causing irritation to the citizens.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT REGARDING THE FINDINGS AND THE PROGRESS OF THE PROCESS

3 NOVEMBER 2013 - Based on the data of DiA observers, the right to cast their vote at the ballot box in the entire territory of Kosovo has been used by 803,359 voters or 48.83% of the total 1,779,357 that were registered in the final list of voters. Despite some minor irregularities, the electoral process has been quiet, orderly and democratic, with the exception of the north of the country.



DiA on the media:

- Shqipe Pantina, DiA member, discussed about the electoral reform in RTV 21.
- Petrit Zogaj, DiA member, discussed about the ballot format in the INFO Magazine, hosted by Klan Kosova.
- Dardan Berisha, DiA coordinator, discussed about the local elections in Interaktiv, hosted by KTV.
- Ismet Kryeziu, KDI director, discussed about local elections in Debat, hosted by RTK.
- Valmir Ismaili, discussed preparations of CEC and certification of political entities, KTV main news.