

- Strengthen cooperation with civil society organisations and media in terms of control and transparency of procurement systems.

### **Activities related to Output 3.3: Enhanced capacities of civil servants in public procurement procedures and best practices**

Activities might include:

- Trainings of key procurement actors (to ensure adequate implementation of the legislative framework on public procurement and common understanding of the guidelines issued by MoF).
- Capacity development of the national administrations on prohibited practices, conflict of interest, and associated responsibilities, accountabilities, and penalties as stipulated in the public procurement legislation or other relevant legislation.
- Review internal controls mechanisms and train contracting authorities in accordance with best practices.
- Support the Anti-corruption framework and integrity trainings, including code of conduct for civil servants.

## **3.3 Mainstreaming**

### **Environmental Protection & Climate Change**

#### **Outcomes of the SEA screening** (relevant for budget support and strategic-level interventions)

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening concluded that no further action was required.

#### **Outcomes of the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening** (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The EIA (Environment Impact Assessment) screening classified the action as Category C (no need for further assessment).

#### **Outcome of the CRA (Climate Risk Assessment) screening** (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) screening concluded that this action is no or low risk (no need for further assessment).

Nevertheless, the expected launch of a Justice Zone focusing on environmental protection in Palawan is likely to increase access to justice around environmental issues through support to develop specialised legal capacities and expertise and enhance environmental and climate change awareness. The experience of that Justice Zone could be mainstreamed in other Justice Zones with support from the Action.

#### **Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls**

As per the OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as G1. This implies that the action considers Gender equality as a significant objective (marker 1): specific objective 1 and specific objective 2 are targeting gender equality. The intervention will be gender mainstreamed throughout its implementation and evaluation processes; sex-disaggregated data and gender-sensitive indicators will be used to allow the identification of specific and targeted actions. Women victims of gender-based violence experience various difficulties and barriers in accessing justice in the Philippines.

The Action will ensure the mainstreaming of gender in the work on Justice Sector Coordination, including the provision of capacity building on gender equality to the sectors' actors, and the identification of relevant actions to improve access by women and girls at the local level in our support to Justice Zones. Work to improve the Barangay Justice System will continue the line started with the CSO/local authorities partnership initiatives funded