

3.4 Risks and Lessons Learnt

Category	Risks	Likelihood (High/ Medium/ Low)	Impact (High/ Medium/ Low)	Mitigating measures
Category 1 - Risks related to the external environment	Risk of political tensions among key stakeholders	High	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders can choose between different cooperation schemes and actions do not necessarily concern all departments of the country.
Category 1 - Risks related to the external environment	Political instability within the beneficiary entities	High	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design a contingency plan to identify possible solutions .
Category 1 - Risks related to the external environment	Interinstitutional tensions due to lack of clarity in institutions' mandates or lack of capacity for mandates' implementation	High	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities for institutional strengthening. Coordinate with complementary Actions implemented by other partners. Choose to create instruments only if capacity for implementation exists or is created with the Action.
Category 1 - Risks related to the external environment	Lack of consensus among counterparties	Medium	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate smooth communications between all parties in implementing activities to promote transparency and clarity. Emphasize dialogue and negotiation when disputes arise.
Category 1 - Risks related to the external environment	Lack of commitment to implement the action	Low	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners can choose between different levels of partnership, and participation is voluntary.
Category 1 - Risks related to the external environment	Limited engagement in favor of gender equality and the empowerment of women, a human rights-based approach, by the targeted institutions and non-state actors	Medium	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will provide adequate resources to work with institutions and non-state actors on the importance of integrating gender equality, and a human rights-based approach.
Category 3 People and organizational risks	Security risk threats to citizens of CSOs (and their sources) for exposing acts of corruption or illegal activities (Outcomes 2 and 4).	Medium	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with counterparts to identify acts of corruption that are not prosecutorial in nature, thereby reducing the risk of exposure to backlash as a result of reporting or otherwise uncovering such acts of corruption. Proactively engage other initiatives that may be working on or facilitating the implementation of whistleblowing measures.