

Democracy and the enhancement of democratic participation are at the very core of this action. Systemic and systematic marginalisation and exclusion of any segment of the population in democratic processes undermines the very promise of democracy. By strengthening local civil society organisations, this action will directly contribute to advancing democracy in Namibia. The action will empower rights holders to demand their rights and through a vocal civil society duty bearers will be under more public scrutiny to comply. Some actions will be directed to the promotion of selected human rights, such as the Right to Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment and the Right to Clean water and sanitation.
Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience Although not the core focus of this action, support to civil society organisations is also relevant for conflict prevention, resilience and security in all contexts. Support to inclusive, participative democracy enhances trust in representative democracy, democratic institutions and political actors.
Disaster Risk Reduction Not applicable.
Other considerations if relevant Not applicable.

3.4 Risks and Lessons Learnt

Category	Risks	Likelihood (High/ Medium/ Low)	Impact (High/ Medium/ Low)	Mitigating measures
The risk (category) can be related 1-to the external environment; 2-to planning, processes and systems; 3-to people and the organisation; 4-to legality and regularity aspects; 5-to communication and information.				
1	Potential shift of political priorities after the presidential elections of 2024. Resource curse: declining engagement with civil society actors on the extraction of Namibia's natural resources (oil and gas, hydrogen, raw materials).	L	H	Dialogue with the new Government. EU-Namibia strategic partnership. Team Europe Initiative on Inclusive Green Growth. EU political and technical support to Government of Namibia on EITI application.
5	Low capacity of CSOs to apply for grants	L	L	CSO's (local and international) experienced with EU grant applications will be encouraged to partner with less experienced local CSOs. Capacity building activities to strengthen smaller CSOs capacities.