

Applicant Name: Israel Team
Normalized Scores 60.9

JUDGING CRITERION # 1: CREDIBILITY OF PARTNERSHIPS (0-5)

Did the applicant provide sufficient evidence of partnering with other non-government organizations in either nominating, validating and/or jointly implementing the initiative?

0 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5
<i>Shows no consultation in nominating an initiative; may have been jointly implemented but shows very weak validation of claims</i>	<i>Some effort in consulting with other partners in nominating an initiative; initiative was not jointly implemented but provided minimal validation of claims</i>	<i>Provided sufficient evidence of consulting with other partners to nominate an initiative, was jointly implemented and presented somewhat convincing validation of claims.</i>	<i>Demonstrated compelling mechanisms for consulting others in nominating an initiative; was not jointly implemented but shows convincing validation of claims</i>	<i>Shows strong evidence of consulting others in nominating an initiative; jointly implemented with a partner agency and strong validation of claims</i>

1.9 / 5

Judge Name: Tim Hughes
Score: 1.9
Comment: No consultation or joint application. Collaboration with other government agencies outlined, but none with external organisations. One letter of recommendation from a civil society organisation.

1.9 / 5

Judge Name: Siapha Kamara
Score: 1.9
Comment: there is no evidence of consulting with others outside government

1.7 / 5

Judge Name: Tanvi Nagpal
Score: 1.7
Comment: The initiative is implemented by many agencies of the government but it does not appear to have a CSO participation.

1.7 / 5

Judge Name: Radu Puchiu
Score: 1.7
Comment: The proposed project it is joint application from a government agency and a civil society organization. There are two recommendations from two civil society NGOs endorsing the project. No other evidence of consultation was provided. Still, being included in the country's NAP it might have some consultation process implied.

1.7 / 5

Judge Name: Ritva Reinikka
Score: 1.7
Comment: The application is not clear regarding the nomination process. Partnership within government comes across strong and extensive. The two informative validation letters come from relevant CSOs.

JUDGING CRITERION # 2: STRENGTH AND INNOVATION IN OPEN GOVERNMENT APPROACHES (0-5)

Does the initiative make a compelling case of using open government approaches [e.g. increasing access to information, civic participation, public accountability and/or technology for transparency] to improve public service delivery?

0 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5
<i>Exhibits a centralized, top-down approach to improving public services rather than public-facing approach; Target population largely have a passive role</i>	<i>Somewhat articulates the importance of using open government approaches but these are sporadic, not well-thought out; Needs of the target population is unclear</i>	<i>Makes a convincing case of the need to use open government approaches and addresses a need of the target population for improved public services</i>	<i>Establishes strong rationale for using open government approaches which are somewhat innovative; targets a large number of the population and clearly identifies a need</i>	<i>Employs innovative open government approaches given the country context; targets an ambitious number of the population and is responding to a real need or demand</i>

2.6 / 5

Judge Name: Tim Hughes
Score: 2.6
Comment: While the application outlines how the central website will support the making of freedom of information requests, it does not make the case for how this will improve public service delivery.

4.1 / 5

Judge Name: Siapha Kamara
Score: 4.1
Comment: This is a definitive an innovative approach that makes access to information easier and faster; . This one-stop stop platform is definitely what is required in many countries and institutions. Reducing the bureaucracy empowers citizen to want to engage and influence governance.

3.8 / 5

Judge Name: Tanvi Nagpal
Score: 3.8
Comment: The goal of the initiative is to centralize access to all information regarding the services that the government offers and remove duplication. It uses one impressive data base which brings together data from hundreds of agencies. The goal of the freedom of information site is not however to improve service delivery per se but to improve access to information.

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Judge Name: Radu Puchiu
Score: 3.0
Comment: The project is focused in increasing access to information by building a Freedom of Information Central Website (FOICW) which aims to serve as the main platform on which information already provided by the authorities, as well as information about agreements and contracts with private parties. It affects a large number of population.

4.4 / 5

Judge Name: Ritva Reinikka
Score: 4.4
Comment: The initiative makes an exceptionally compelling case for increasing access to information by using modern technology. This initiative is most likely to increase transparency and public accountability in a big way -- in the entire country. It is interesting to note that centralizing in this case makes eminent sense from the citizen point of view.

JUDGING CRITERION # 3: EVIDENCE OF RESULTS (0-5)

Is there any evidence of the initiative achieving the four initiative outcomes listed in the application and/or concrete improvements in public services or access to services?

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<i>Shows little evidence of achieving any of the outcomes or of an improvement in public services; target population has barely been reached</i>	<i>Shows some signs of achieving outcomes but the evidence is unconvincing; change in public service is incremental and has reached some of the target population</i>	<i>Demonstrates achieving one or more of the outcomes, but it is unclear whether the quality of the public service or access to the service has improved</i>	<i>Uses clear indicators to prove that one or more of the outcomes were achieved; initiative has widened access or improved the quality of a public service for more than half of the target population</i>	<i>Achieved two or more of the outcomes to ultimately expand access or improve service quality for a majority of the target population; set new standards for the relationship between government and citizens</i>

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Judge Name: Tim Hughes
Score: 3.0
Comment: Some evidence of an increase in freedom of information requests provided, though it's unclear the extent to which the central website (rather than other changes) contributed to this. No evidence provided of impact on access to or quality of public services.

2.2 / 5

Judge Name: Siapha Kamara
Score: 2.2
Comment: The information provided points to potential, but there is no concrete evidence either in the application or the supportive documentation/ video of utilization by citizens., This initiative is in the formative stage

4.2 / 5

Judge Name: Tanvi Nagpal
Score: 4.2
Comment: The site is up and working and thousands of people use it to get information so that objective was fulfilled. The goal of the initiative is to gather more information on the services in one place but not necessarily to improve services.

2.8 / 5

Judge Name: Radu Puchiu
Score: 2.8
Comment: More than two outcomes were achieved. According to the submission, during 2014 there was an increase of 40% Freedom of Information applications that were submitted to the central government although this was a result of more factors (implementation of the project was one of them).

3 / 5

Judge Name: Ritva Reinikka
Score: 3.0
Comment: The application notes that there was a 40% increase in FOI applications submitted to central government, partly because the centralized web site lowered the bureaucratic barriers. This is the only indicator mentioned in the application.

JUDGING CRITERION # 4: SUSTAINABILITY (0-5)

Does the applicant make a compelling case that the initiative will be institutionalized or scaled-up over time?

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<i>Demonstrates few plans in moving the initiative beyond the pilot stage; does not address any potential threats or challenges to the initiative</i>	<i>Shows some commitment to institutionalizing the initiative; but presents unrealistic ways of managing challenges faced by the initiative</i>	<i>Lists activities to institutionalize the initiative; but only somewhat addresses how challenges will be addressed</i>	<i>Outlines a clear path to either institutionalize or scale-up the initiative; makes a good case on how potential challenges will be addressed</i>	<i>Presents a durable model that can be institutionalized and/or scaled-up; makes a compelling case for how challenges will be managed</i>

3.5 / 5

Judge Name: Tim Hughes
Score: 3.5
Comment: The application outlines a number of challenges for institutionalising the initiative, but provides limited information on how they will be addressed. Unclear as to how the applicant plans to raise awareness of the website, and whether this will be sufficient to overcome the challenges listed.

3.8 / 5

Judge Name: Siapha Kamara
Score: 3.8
Comment: Applicant has demonstrated commitment to institutionalize the initiative ; is aware of the challenges and has plans to address them.

4.9 / 5

Judge Name: Tanvi Nagpal
Score: 4.9
Comment: Yes, there is no reason to believe that the site will not continue to exist or include more information although the team has listed that as being one of the foreseeable challenges.

3.6 / 5

Judge Name: Radu Puchiu
Score: 3.6
Comment: The applicant described a clear way to overcome the challenges and presented a durable model for scaling-up.

3.1 / 5

Judge Name: Ritva Reinikka
Score: 3.1
Comment: The application explains challenges well. Given strong within-government collaboration and support from CSOs this initiative appears to be quite sustainable.

JUDGING CRITERION # 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION (0-5)

Does this open government initiative demonstrate that it successfully improved service delivery access and/or outcomes for a vulnerable population (e.g. poor, elderly, minorities, women), thereby promoting more inclusive development? *Please note that this criterion will not be used in the overall score.

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<i>Select this range for No</i>	<i>Do Not Select</i>	<i>Do Not Select</i>	<i>Do Not Select</i>	<i>Select this range for Yes</i>

0 / 5

Judge Name: Tim Hughes
Score: 0.0
Comment: No reference made to vulnerable populations or to the improvement of access to or outcomes of public services.

0 / 5

Judge Name: Siapha Kamara
Score: 0.0
Comment: This initiative is at the development phase catering to the wider population .

0 / 5

Judge Name: Tanvi Nagpal
Score: 0.0
Comment: No. There are no special features to accommodate vulnerable populations or special needs.

0 / 5

Judge Name: Radu Puchiu
Score: 0.0
Comment: The project aims mostly the access to information. There is not clear if the vulnerable population was targeted or a more inclusive development was implied.

5 / 5

Judge Name: Ritva Reinikka
Score: 5.0
Comment: While an initiative for all, it is possible that some of the vulnerable groups mentioned above will benefit from the considerably easier access to information facilitated by the central web site.