

Civil Society Organisations' contribution to Local Development: Governance Approach

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Governance of Local Development

Governance is the **quality & nature** of exercising of economic, political and administrative powers in a given area (local, national & international levels).

It comprises the **mechanisms, processes and institutions** through which citizens and stakeholders articulate their interests, exercise their legal rights, meet their obligations and evaluate/audit the governing processes.

It focuses on **HOW** is the governing is conducted rather than merely **WHAT** is being done.

It allows comparative measurement, evaluation & improvement of the **governing quality** as well as **trust level** for local development.

Aim is creating **Shared Value** for society

Institutionalize Cooperation

Local development & employment councils/protocols that outlast individuals and electoral cycles.

Common Actions

Agreed strategy, cooperation & partnerships with allocated resources for local development & employment activities

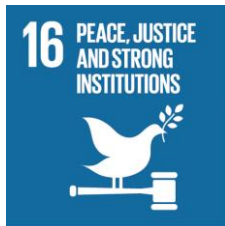
Measure & Improve

Agreed objectives, indicators and shared monitoring for results, trust and participation.



Local Gov-CSO Cooperation

- Building cooperation that is durable with clear roles and accountability, shared monitoring, capacity for smaller CSOs, and continuity across political cycles.
- Identifying & addressing the level of local development & social welfare. Data collection, planning & cooperation for the actual local needs, represent under-served groups and hold institutions to account — so human-capital policy is better targeted and more legitimate.
- Participation & partnership in policy design and delivery and build trust and social capital — the soft infrastructure that makes local development sustainable.
- Cooperation activities for local development; vocational training, work placements, job creation, support for small businesses and entrepreneurship, attracting investment, and strengthening the local economic base.
- In specific, provide vocational training, lifelong learning and second-chance pathways that reach the groups that public administration often miss — NEET youth, women, migrants, persons with disabilities, informal workers.



Indicators for Measurement

Some indicators for the measurement of governance quality for local government & CSOs interactions

- Is there a political/policy **committee** at the local government's assembly on local development/CSO relations?
- Is there a **unit** at the local government for local development/CSO relations?
- Is there a **protocol or structured framework** for cooperation & partnerships?
- Are there any **objectives & activities with KPIs** in the strategic plan for CSO activities?
- Are there any activities between the local government – CSOs in the area of local development?
- Does the local government annually publish its stakeholder **interactions & their results**?
- Does the local government annually publish its **budget & spending** amounts/ratios?





Thank you...

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