

SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Elements of a tool based on the 4 pillars

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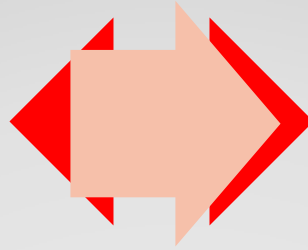
CONSTITUENTS

ACCOUNTABILITY

Obligation of power-holders to account for or take responsibility for their actions.

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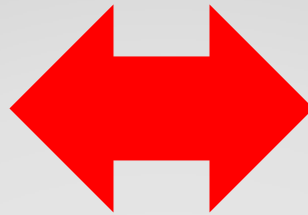
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An approach towards building accountability that relies on civic engagement – ordinary citizens and/or CSOs who participate directly or indirectly in exacting accountability.

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CONSTITUENTS

Enabling
environment

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citizenry

Access to
information

Cultural context

- Freedom of citizens to associate
 - Local policies/laws
 - Upholding the right of citizens to participate in governance processes
 - Providing for mechanisms for dialogue and engagement between citizens groups and government
 - Action plans to motivate non-participating citizens (strategies & activities)



Enabling Environment for Citizen Engagement

- Political context and structures
 - Criteria & mechanisms for citizens groups accreditation (e.g. MDC)
 - Influence of politicians in the selection and approval of citizens groups
 - Perception of public and LGU officials on citizens groups articulating views, asserting rights, engaging government



Enabling Environment for Citizen Engagement

- Inventory of all accredited citizens groups in the locality
 - Sectors under which they are identified
 - Extent to which they engage the local government
- Inventory of non-accredited citizens groups in the locality
 - Sectors under which they are identified
 - Reasons for non-participation
- Nature and extent of influence on LGU decisions



Organized/Engaged Citizenry



- Local regulations/policies on citizens' access to public information (people, places, documents)
- Local practice on citizens' access to public information
 - What facilitates actual access to information
 - What are the constraints to access to information



Access to Information

- Access to information in...
 - Local planning
 - Revenue generation
 - Investment programming
 - Budgeting
 - Implementation of PPAs
- Relationship between access to information and LGU performance management system



Access to Information

- Beliefs, attitudes, or cultural views
 - Posing as barriers to women, young people, senior citizens, and other marginalized groups in participating in local governance processes
 - Views on leadership, governance, politics, citizens' participation that pose as barriers to citizens' access to information



Cultural Context

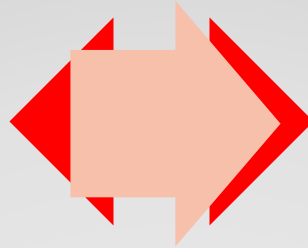
- Impact on citizens' participation by the following:
 - Organizational/bureaucratic/administrative culture of the LGU
 - Political culture of the community
- Views of local officials/leadership on
 - Capacity/competency development
 - Planning, programming and budgeting
 - Transparency and access to information
 - Organized citizenry engaged with local government



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