



# Enhancing Local Plan-Budget Link Through Social Accountability

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Workshop guide questions

## Workshop 1: Review of pilot project on harmonization of local planning and budgeting

### Objectives:

- To arrive at shared understanding of pilot project on harmonization
- To draw out insights on links between harmonization, social accountability, and good governance

## Guide questions/instructions:

### **Individual reflection (15 minutes):**

- What is this pilot project all about?
- Why does the LGU need to implement it?
- What does it aim to accomplish?
- Why is this project important to me?

## Guide questions/instructions:

### **Group work (30 minutes):**

- Discuss and summarize the individual reflections.
- Recall important steps/events in this project that the LGU has gone through/accomplished. Construct a time line.
- What do you expect to happen with this project?
- What do you think are the most urgent next steps/activity to move the project forward?

## Guide questions/instructions:

### **Plenary presentation (20 minutes):**

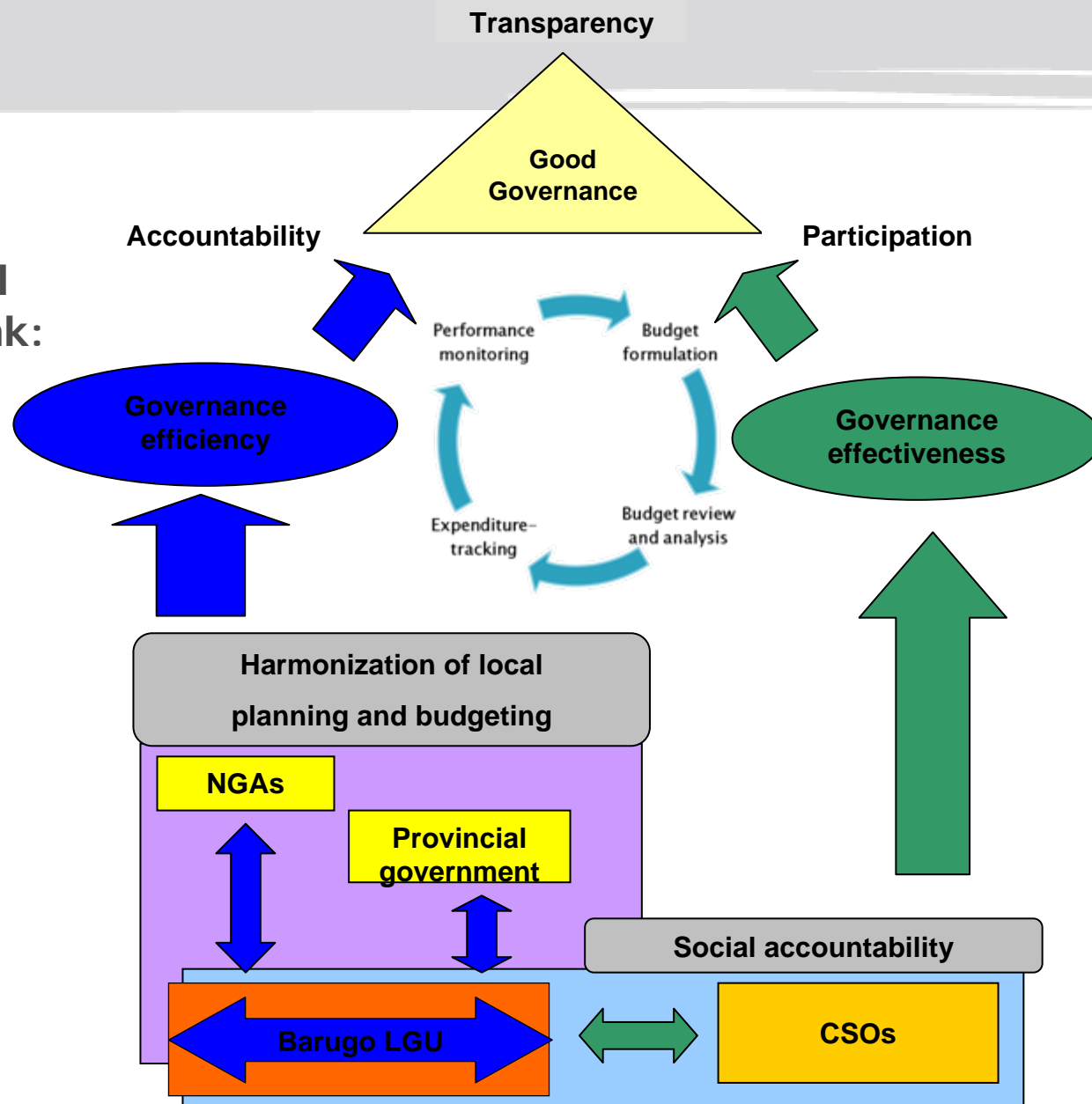
- What were the things about the pilot project that the group agreed on?
- What were the unresolved points?
- Present the group's project time line.

## Guide questions/instructions:

### **Plenary discussion/sharing (15 minutes):**

- What do you consider to be your most important lessons or insights from this project/initiative so far, particularly on the following:
  - harmonization and social accountability?
  - harmonization, social accountability, and good governance?

## Pilot Project on Improving Local Plan-Budget Link:



## Input: Harmonization of local planning and budgeting towards improving local governance

### **Sharing from NGA representatives:**

- How can harmonization contribute to improving governance practice in Barugo?
- How will harmonization impact on local planning, budgeting, expenditure management, performance monitoring and evaluation?
- What are the NGAs' role in the harmonization process?
- How can harmonization be enhanced with social accountability?



## Workshop 2: Reflecting on LGU practices and identifying areas for change/improvement

### Objectives:

- To identify areas for change/improvement in current LGU governance practice
- To establish shared understanding of the role of social accountability actions in Barugo's harmonization and reform agenda

## Workshop 2: Reflecting on LGU practices and identifying areas for change/improvement

| Harmonization requirements                                                                                                               | Existing systems/ practices | Areas for change/ improvement |
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| <b>1. Planning</b><br><br><b>2. Budgeting</b><br><br><b>3. Expenditure management</b><br><br><b>4. Performance monitoring/evaluation</b> |                             |                               |

## Input 2: Social accountability concepts and principles

### Guide questions:

- What were the most striking messages/lessons from the video and the sharing on the following:
  - bases and value of citizen engagement
  - value of information in enabling citizens
  - social accountability and good governance
- How can the application of these lessons help improve governance in Barugo?

## Workshop 3: Identifying areas for social accountability actions or initiatives

### Objectives:

- To identify areas of work, programs, or projects that need social accountability actions
- To clarify the roles of the LGU/other stakeholders in social accountability
- To improve knowledge on integrating social accountability in local governance practices

## Workshop 3: Identifying areas for social accountability actions or initiatives

| Areas for social accountability                                                                              | Objectives of proposed SAc action/ mechanism                                                   | Space for engagement                                                   | Information needs of citizen groups                           | Possible partners (sector, CSOs, private groups)                                       | Cultural or local factors that facilitate or hinder         | Possible benefits from the proposed action                                                                        | Possible risks from the proposed action                                                                      | Local government actors and their key roles                                                                                         | Time frame for implementing the proposed action                                                                   |
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| 1. Planning<br>■Regular citizen/ CSO forum for getting inputs and feedback on the LGU's priorities and plans | ■To come out with plans and project designs that are more respon-sive to needs of commu-nities | ■MDC<br>■Other forums or consulta-tion strategies that can comple-ment | ■Schedule, process<br>■Simplified reports on LGU perfor-mance | ■Coops<br>■NGOs/Pos<br>■Producer groups<br>■Transport groups<br>■Margina-lized sectors | ■Specific views, attitudes, behaviors (of specific sectors) | ■Design of local projects are more accep-table to commu-nities<br>■Enhanced interactions between LGU and citizens | ■Forum may be used for politicking<br>■Citizen partici-pation may not be able to partici-pate substan-tively | ■Mayor – follow up on agencies<br>■Sanggunian – pass local policy<br>■MPDO – lead implementor<br>■CSOs – facilitate community forum | May – draft guidelines, rules; pass policy<br>June – preparatory community caucuses<br>July – convene first forum |