



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:

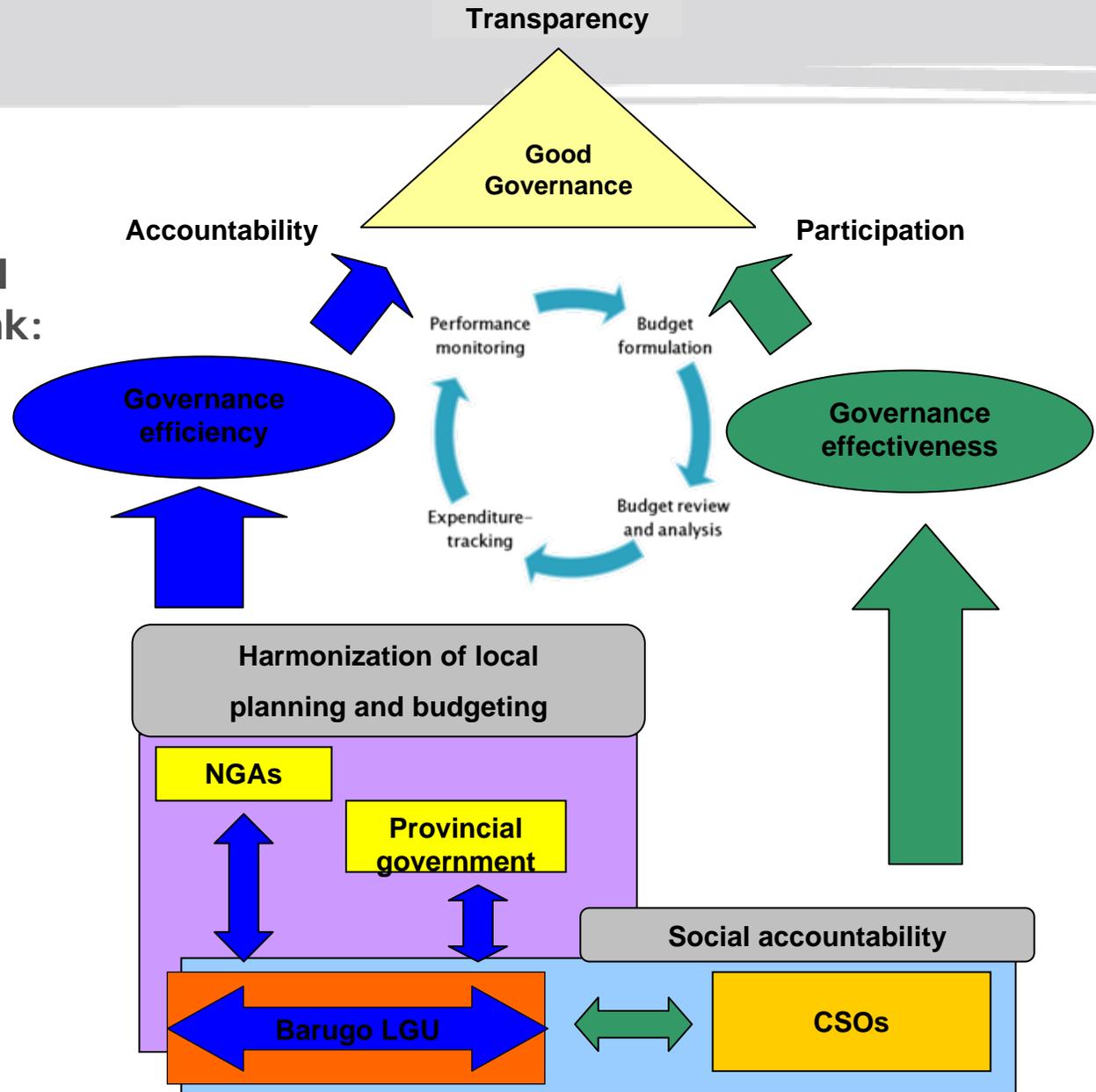
Plenary discussion/sharing (15 minutes):

- 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?

Barugo LGU vision and development goals



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
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning 2. Budgeting 3. Expenditure management 4. Performance monitoring/evaluation 		

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
1. Planning ▪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 ▪Other forums or consulta-tion strategies that can comple-ment	▪Schedule, process ▪Simplified reports on LGU perfor-mance	▪Coops ▪NGOs/Pos ▪Producer groups ▪Transport groups ▪Margina-lized sectors	▪Specific views, attitudes, behaviors (of specific sectors)	▪Design of local projects are more accep-table to commu-nities ▪Enhanced interactions between LGU and citizens	▪Forum may be used for politicking ▪Citizen partici-pation may not be able to partici-pate substan-tively	▪Mayor – follow up on agencies ▪Sanggunian – pass local policy ▪MPDO – lead implementor ▪CSOs – facilitate community forum	May – draft guidelines, rules; pass policy June – preparatory community caucuses July – convene first forum