

**ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN
THE AID EFFECTIVENESS AND
POLICY DIALOGUE**

Role of civil society and private sector in cluster working groups

- Need to have a partnership right from the planning phase through to implementation. Line ministries should involve the private sector and civil society in the whole process.
- If the Paris declaration is adhered to, it is up to government to make space available for civil society and private sector to act.
- Private sector and Civil society need to promote their own agenda in either challenging or supporting the government; and these views need to be respected by the government.

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- The EDPRS should emphasise that the basic source of implementation (service provider) is the civil society and private sector.
- Services that the government needs to be done (advocacy, ensuring accountability, observance of human rights, etc) should be outsourced to the private sector.
- This will help strengthen and streamline civil society.

How can their participation improve coordination in sectors?

- Having a voice across all sectors will help improve the participation of the civil society and private sector.

Does the Government provide an enabling environment for private sector development and participation in development programmes? How can this be improved?

- Yes it does. There are indicators to show this is in place but there is still a long way to go.
- There should be constant dialogue to ensure that the environment is improved. If this is done, the environment will be strengthened.

Does the government have the capacity to ensure that private sector investments fall in line with national priorities?

- Yes. Basic rule is international investment goes where profit is.
- The role of government is to provide this environment and ensure the continued inflow and sustainability of international capital.

How should the role of civil society and the private sector in improving aid effectiveness be incorporated in the aid policy implementation plan?

- Private sector and civil society need a special section in the APD. Right now they are combined with donors.
- There should be a clear statement that private sector and civil society are legitimate recipients of aid.
- The difference between private and official aid inflows should be noted.

Given the importance of civil society in the promotion of good governance and accountability, does civil society have an enabling environment for participation in development programs?

- Right now there is no problem but with the coming on board of decentralisation, there is need for sensitisation on how the civil society can work with the government.
- Improvement: need to provide an enabling environment to allow enough space for civil society to fully participate in govt programs.

Since a large amount of resources of civil society are received from other Development Partners, does the government preference for direct budget support hinder civil society capacity to function?

- Development Partners will always keep their budget for non-governmental expenditure and this is dictated by their governments abroad. Government should clearly state that it is supportive of such inflows and accept these organisations as legitimate recipients.
- It should be clearly stated that the civil society and private sector are also legitimate recipients of money through the budget.

Where does civil society have a comparative adv as compared to govt?

- In service delivery since they interact directly with communities
- Advocacy

can partners agree to channel international assistance through civil society only when it has a comparative advantage over govt?

- In service delivery, it should be agreed that civil society have a comparative advantage and agree partners to channel international assistance through them.
- At times, channelling this money directly to civil society undermines the role of government so some measures need to be put in place to control this.

Do devt partners set conditionalities for aid channelled through civil society organisations?

- Yes. They are looking for results so continued aid is tied to results