NGOS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT
WHAT IT TAKES TO COLLABORATE

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Issues

• NGOs
• Role of NGOs
• Activities
• Challenges
• Government Support
• Collaboration with Governments
• Issues for consideration
NGOs Characteristics

- Run by committed persons with human and social justice purpose
- Democratic broad minded with alternative methodology to bureaucratic process
- Serve target sectors of society with more need
- Thrive to make an impact
NGOs Role

- Enhancing the strength of Community Institutions through facilitating target groups to solve their own problems
- Educating the public about social problems
- Providing direct assistance
- Coordination of networking development role
## NGOs Activities

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Challenges

- NGOs to gain information and access
- Administrative system weaknesses
- Experience and capacity
- Coordination between NGOs
- Financial support
- Government role
- Local community role and acceptance
World Bank Model of GO-NGO Collaboration

- Using Access to Government
- Undertaking Policy oriented studies
- Sponsoring Trilateral Forums
- Sponsoring Workshops
- Using Training Seminars
- Encouraging Ngo staff movements into GO agencies
- Using Incentives to buy cooperation
- Creating NGO liaison units

(Common Objective, Mutual Recognition, Potential of both parties, Shared Responsibilities)
Government Support and actions

• Facilitate NGOs registration process
• Ensure presence of relevant laws and regulations and provide consultative support
• Encourage Government and regions involvement with NGOs. Provide Information
• Provide assistance – financial and administrative
• Access to Open Government to exchange ideas and participate in decision making.
Collaboration with Government

- Raise issues of social causes and Concerns
- Facilitate and mediate with Governments
- Provide Human Resource, Financial, logistics
- Contribute in official development processes of projects directed to society
- Communication and exchange of Information
- Develop joint projects
NGOs and Open Government

• NGOs can work better and serve if Governments are transparent.
• Access by NGOs to State/GOs through IT enabled system (on line) increases chances of collaboration
• Regular meetings (NGOs/GOs) to discuss issues of concern makes work more fruitful and all parties accountable.
Issues for Consideration

- Representation of NGOs (Through constitutional experts).
- Enhanced Laws
- Coordinated efforts, regions and nationwide
- Data Center
- Reliable Open Government IT System (E-Government)
- Regular meetings NGOs and GOs
- Financial / incentives programs
- Recognition