

# 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

Health Issues	Culture and arts	Ethnic minorities
Women Rights / Human rights	Refugees	Media
Children and Youth	Disabled people	Peace activities
Education	Agriculture	Faith Freedom
Technology	Ecology – Environment	Fight against fraud & drug
Legal protection	Entrepreneurship	Terrorism and corruption
Unions	Tourism	Rural Development
Coordination with other NGOs	GO transparency	Consumer Protection

# 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