

Inclusive Local Governance Working Group Conclusions, Lessons and Challenges

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Success Factors – Short Term

- Political (LG) buy-in
 - social demand from below
 - Horizontal networking
 - Electoral incentives
- Legal frameworks
 - promoting SI principles and where demand can be channelled
- Donors
 - credible commitment (understanding of the context, longer term commitment)
- Financial commitments

Success Factors – Long Term

- Lock in effect – point of no return:
- Vertical linkages
 - Policy framework(legal)
 - Political incentives
- Financial
 - Buy in, co funding
 - Entitlements
 - Promote revenue raising ability (taxation)
- Context matters
 - Longer term power constraints
 - Strategize actions

Challenges

- Fundamental contradiction:
 - Long term processes – uncertain outcomes
 - Short term expectations – results oriented donor agenda
- Sustain finances in the long term
 - Cash transfers, earmarking, revenue raising (Link to other learning groups - finance)
- Integrate Power Analysis
 - Strategize accordingly to implement – link to Power Analysis learning project – PED
 - Mainstreaming: Integrate social inclusion with other local level initiatives (environment, growth, livelihoods)