

**Reporting on Socially Inclusive
Local Governance
Working Groups 1 & 2**

Analysis of SI and Engaging with Actors

- **Key motivation of actors (entry points):**
 - Connecting to the **EU integration agenda** with respect to social inclusion (BiH)
 - **Change in political leadership, new constitution & reform agenda implementation** (Bolivia)
 - **For LG, to be re-elected** (voter bank, connection to patron-client relations,) and access to untied **budget support** by the project (Bangladesh)

Analysis of SI and Engaging with Actors

- **Broad consultative process** at all levels, plus close interaction with “**promoters**” (people who could explain importance SI & convince) (BiH)
- **Thorough context analysis *and* participatory joint analysis: mapping of DAG / Poverty mapping / Local governance self assessment**
 - At local level: with mayors, local planning teams, CBOs, DAGs (BiH, Bangladesh, Nepal)
 - At national level (Bolivia - HR strategy)
 - conducted with broad participation of LG / communities, including DAGs (Bangladesh)

Strategic Interventions

- **Methodology for SI local strategic planning**
 - Develop methodology, endorse at national level, accompaniment of implementation in 24 municipalities & try to increase outreach (BiH), or
 - First start piloting participatory & inclusive planning processes in selected municipalities & try for scaling up (Bgl.)
 - Include needs DAG in *existing* planning & public Serv. Prov., create spaces for DAG involvement (FGD, sep. pl. Group)
 - Engage stakeholders & DAG all the way through the planning cycle (planning, implementation, monitoring) -- limits
- **Reanimate and engage with municipal councils**, to address social inclusion and resolve conflicts (Benin)

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Strategic Interventions

- **Strengthen Vertical linkages – link local priorities with national development strategies and resource allocation (BiH)**
 - Analyze national sector strategies vs. local priorities
 - Facilitation of roundtables at which LGA discuss with line ministries
- **Don' t just amplify demand**
 - connect to sound budgeting (awarene of budget limitations, BiH)
 - Budget support to municipalities (with SI conditionality, Bgl)
 - Cap dev for more effective service delivery (BiH, Bolivia)

Strategic Interventions

- **Capacity development, TA** for developing and applying the SI strategic planning methodology
- **Empowerment of DAGs**, raising their voice and bargaining power
- **Facilitation of interaction** between different actors (national/local, horizontally at local level)
- **Empower local actors for national level negotiation** (LGAss., DAGs)

Monitoring change

- SI as both a **mainstreamed** topic and a **specific objective** with specific interventions and **indicators** -- *Think from the begin through all stages!*
- Support to development of **social inclusion indicators within the municipal local development plan** – ownership is with municipalities (BiH)
- **Participatory project monitoring** of different aspects: (Bgldesh)
 - Participation, Access to and benefit from LG services, esp for DAGs
 - What - is being is an evolving process
 - Info is gathered and used also by municipality and CBOs

Challenges

- **Scaling up – how to feed experiences into national frameworks**
- **Funding constraints** (mis-match between mandate and funds available)
- **Capacity constraints** local actors
- **Context / Peoples mindset** (trad. Patron-clientele relations, ethnic tensions, politicization)