

Learning Project on Local Governance Assessment

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	Accountability	Transparency	Efficiency and Effectiveness	Participation	Non-Discrimination
CAF Bosnia and Herzegovina Methodology: Combination of hard facts/data and individual appreciations (CAF team members), following the Excellence Model of the European Foundation for Quality Management (not structured along good	 Citizens orientation / customer-orientation of LG administration In how far LG operates within the regulatory framework List of questions regarding democratic responsiveness 	 Citizens orientation / customer-orientation of LG administration Level of communication and information of citizens on LG strategies, plans and resources (e.g. budget) 	 Quality of LG Leadership, quality of processes inside the administration, quality of strategy and planning, quality of human resources Quality of local service delivery Efficient use of resources Level of modernization Installed processes for change management 	 Level and quality of involvement of stakeholders and balancing of stakeholder needs in local planning, citizens feedback mechanisms, public private partnerships 	 Efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery to all citizens Equal access to services Equal opportunities in LG human resources management (e.g. gender, disability, race and religion)
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LGB South Africa Methodology: Mainly perception-based exercise (facts/evidences collected in the contextualization phase of the tool); structured along good governance principles	Focus on administrative, political and social accountability: Respect for the separation of powers Existence of adequate checks and balances Existence of financial audits Adherence of municipal officials to a code of conduct Local elections are held Interactions between elected officials and their electorate Existence of an anti-corruption policy.	- Level and quality of information available on citizens' rights, laws, budget, decision-making and planning	 Existence, quality and level of implementation of a local development plan Effectiveness in services delivery Performance of local administration and capacities of its staff Efficient use of resources Quality of leadership 	Focus on created space and processes: Presence of mechanisms that ensure citizens' participation Existence of regular consultation meetings and interactions with citizens Existence of an organized and active civil society Ability of civil society to express opinions and influence policy	 Existence of a legal framework recognizing equal rights for all citizens Equal access to services Existence of pro-poor policies Positive actions to reduce gender imbalances Equal chances of women to participate in public life Existence of a gender quota for the local parliament.
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SIRDEM, Nicaragua Methodology: Collection of objective "evidences" of municipal performance in order to compare municipalities nation-wide. Analysis of governance dimension is less systematic. Fact- based approach – no perception based elements – consultations with municipal officials only	 Respect for the separation of powers Compliance of municipal actions with respective laws Existence and quality of financial audits 	 Information and publication of official documents Information of citizens on municipal initiatives Existence and quality of consultation processes with citizens 	 Quality organization and internal procedures of the municipality Quality of key services (roads, waste management, water supply, etc.) and access to it Capacities of municipal staff Existence and quality of municipal planning process Effective budget execution and allocation 	- Existence of regulatory framework to ensure participation in the definition of local development plans, investment plans and budgeting (no systematic control of implementation and quality of participation however)	 Non-discriminatory and social inclusive legislation (transversal theme of the tool) Access to services
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LGSA, Bangladesh Methodology: Perception based exercise (no hard facts), framed around the legally defined rights and responsibilities of the demand (citizens) and supply (local government) side. Focus on the daily governanceissues in rural areas, with special focus on social inclusion	 Level of satisfaction of citizens with UP services Level of satisfaction of citizens with village court decisions Level of recording UP meetings and their dissemination Level of monitoring of UP projects implementation Existence and regular update of UP notice board for the public Existence of annual audit and sharing of results with the public 	 Level of awareness on UP expenditure and incomes (incl. budget) Level of transparency of UP procurement processes Level of awareness on rights and duties and feedback on provided services (as main purpose of the tool) Existence and regular update of UP notice board for the public 	 Quality of LG service provision Existence and performance of UP standing committees Existence and performance of project implementation committees Level of monitoring of UP projects implementation Functioning of village courts according to rules Opening hours of UP offices 	 Level of participation of citizens in public meetings Level of participation of citizens, especially the excluded section in the UP's decision making process Level of participation of community in elaboration of a UP improvement plan Effectiveness of CBOs in addressing demands to UP Existence of regular meetings between UP and NGOs/CBOs 	 Voice of women UP members in public meetings Voice of poor/marginalized in public meetings Level of participation of women in coordination meetings Level of participation of poor/marginalized in coordination meetings Participation of women in decision making of the village court

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Methodology:

Combination of facts and individual perceptions collected through on sitesite interviews and focus group discussions. Participation of both government representatives and citizens. Provides an overview of the governance situation at regional/local levels. Includes security related indicators.

- Relationship and controlling mechanisms of regional/local level by central government
- Respect for the separation of powers
- Regional/local elections for council and heads of the executive are held.
- Existence of a code of conduct for officials
- Existence of an anticorruption policy
- Perception as concerns corruption

- Availability of information to citizens on laws, budget, finances, etc.
- Level, origin and predictability of resources available at regional/local
- Capacities of regional/local staff
- Access of citizens to basic services / infrastructures (water, electricity, etc.)

Security addressed as a specific cluster:

- Protection against crime and violence
- Security of land tenure - Territorial boundaries

- Existence of an organized and active civil society
- Existence of mechanisms to ensure citizens' participation in decisionmaking
- Voter turn-out (disaggregated by sex)

(Addressed both as a transversal theme for and through a specific "equity" cluster.)

- Percentage of women councilors, women participation in regional/local elections
- Inclusion of women, the youth and persons with disabilities in policy consultations
- Existence of affirmative actions for promoting gender equality
- Existence of affirmative actions for the poor.

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