Day 1

How to best engage with political parties?

Basic Reflections:

→ no interest of Pol. Parties/leader to change

   → pressure from outside : CS, anti-corrupt. justice

   → issue based (health, education)

   → critical thinking (!) /media

PLS → $ local level : technical only ?

                ↳ women in politics /AZ

→ PAR ≠ state capture   ↳ programming

→ Electoral Reform as a good vehicle

    ↳ Accountability towards citizens

links to
organized crimes /corruption

(NDI) tackle "Political Parties" from inside

    & outside

→ to bring CS closer to Political Parties?

→ how to involve pol. parties at local level (council, states. Planning ch.)

→ Political Parties: any change?

Multi Stakeholder Plattform
↳ Involvement of opposition

GROUP WORK

- How could SDC/an integrated Embassy engage with political parties directly and indirectly and what do we already do?

- Contact of HoM with pol. parties (~~PSP Eth~~)
- SDGs as a reason to open dialogue (indirect)
- Municipal support (indirect)
- Parliament Support / Election support
- Entry points → **embeded** within some project.

- What do we have to consider when engaging with political parties as a state actor (principles of engagement)?

- Local branches / ~~Senate~~ Women / Youth
- Tailor made approach
- Do-no-harm
- No financial support
- Demand driven support

- Identify agents (drivers) of change!

- Open issues and suggested next steps for SDC in relation to this topic (for HQ)

- Balanced approach (Gov't : opposition, etc).
- Dealing with extremist/radical parties

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Engagement with parties as mean (not goal by itself)

Parties not always key actors ⇒ goal !?

Target new generation

Parties important for reform process

Work with training centres

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support to all parties

no political agenda (values)

Long term perspective

Political economy analysis ∇ •

Accountability:
- parties
- population
- media

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All aspects of work (incl. dev.) political

Who is logic gover. partner when working w. Parties ?

How to work with all parties when too many?