Overview

“CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?”
Voice and Accountability

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From Voice to Accountability

VOICE  ACTION  ACCOUNTABILITY
VOICE

Voice for the excluded

Communication for the isolated

Policy dialogue between the influential and the affected

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USING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN MOVING POLICY TO ACTION

Evidence-based advocacy & governance
Technical knowledge, organizational skills, & systems development

Multisectoral alliances—strengthened networks
Social mobilization—participatory diagnosis
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GBV-MARP: Thailand & Mexico
- Recognizing and discussing a problem
- Health service outreach/community resilience development

Constructive Men’s Engagement: Mali & Ethiopia
- Men as key actors at different levels
- Getting players around the table to discuss evidence and develop action strategies

Citizen Monitoring: Vietnam & Mali
- Feeding into policy dialogue - Understanding issues from user/beneficiary/affected point of view
- Development of networking capacities and systems
ACCOUNTABILITY

Keeping governments accountable
  - Monitoring, reporting, and dialogue

Keeping donors accountable
  - Evidence, abilities, and sustainability

Keeping leaders accountable
  - Communication, information gathering, and decisionmaking

Keeping communities accountable
  - Responsibilities, coherence, and coordination
LESSONS LEARNED
Capacity transfer for sustainability requires:

Focus on networking and systems development

- Capacity for participatory diagnostics
- Alliances for dialogue and action
- Communication and governance mechanisms for accountability

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NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

BONDING → BRIDGING → LINKING
Country Examples

- Engaging business leaders in LAC
- Engaging PLHIV in MENA region
- Engaging religious leaders and parliamentarians in Mali