

“Local Governance Mapping”

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Consolidation of Territorial and Administrative Reform (STAR 2)

Context

STAR2 project is developed in continuity of the results of its predecessor STAR as well as in complementarity with the assistance of various partners for strengthening the institutional and administrative capacities at local level. In full account of these considerations, STAR2 project will have a national coverage and benefit all 61 LGUs, with its assistance designed to unfold along three main components:

1. Strengthening institutional and administrative capacities of LGUs
2. Improving service delivery at LGU level
3. Increasing good governance through citizen oriented and meaningful participatory decision-making.

Methodology

The mapping approach will be the application of a combination of two tested methodologies: the Local Governance Barometer (LGB) and a combination of Citizen Report Cards (CRC) and Community Score Cards (CSC).

The LGB is suitable in countries characterized by a limited availability of reliable administrative and statistical data available about the service delivery process and quality of governance. The LGB should include a set of localized governance indicators that are used by various stakeholder groups to “score” performance on governance measures at the local level. The exercise emphasizes awareness raising and



constructive dialogue around governance and presents an overview of governance strength and weaknesses. The CRC and CSC will seek to provide citizen feedback on the quality of service providers, and strengthening the capacity of service users to engage in a constructive dialogue with service providers and administrators about the quality of service delivery.

Deliverables

A single standard report for each municipality within the considered cluster, which combines the results of CRCs, frontline service provider surveys, community dialogues and focus group discussions, including illustrations (maps, photographs, etc.) describing quantitatively and qualitatively the status of local governance, its gaps, potentials and issues requiring addressing in the short and medium term. Any local level decision in support to this exercise as well as any deriving action plan adopted or reviewed by the local government authorities shall be part of this report.

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