Inclusive Governance Network News

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**What's New?**

Have you met the IG Marker?

For the first time we have a structured way to measure the level of inclusive governance (IG) integration and we have made commitments globally to increase the level of integration each year. Developed last year, the CARE Inclusive Governance Marker is a simple, easy-to-use tool that allows us to assess the level of inclusive governance integration in our approach. The tool grades on a 0-4 scale, whether or not CARE's work is prepared for, designed, and implemented in a way that ensures that the inclusive governance component of CARE's global approach is mainstreamed into programming. READ MORE


Governance Integration, all projects and initiatives, FY16

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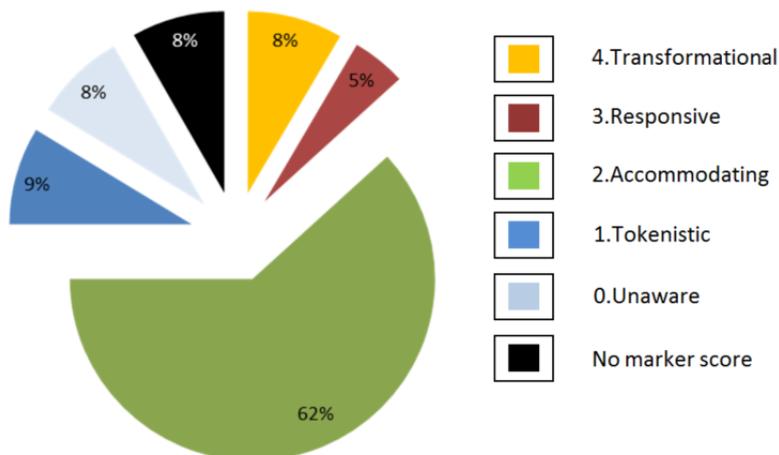
What are the numbers telling us?

This is the first time we have attempted to measure and understand to what extent we are integrating inclusive governance – this is a great achievement, though we are still learning and adapting the system as we go. Globally, we find that the **majority of projects do incorporate inclusive governance** but most do not do this in a systematic way. Drawn from the latest IG Marker data (2016), the chart above shows that only 13% of projects and initiatives are either responsive or transformative. The majority (62%) were considered accommodating, that is, they worked within existing institutions and power relations, without significantly challenging or changing power dynamics.

We find that there is limited **variation by region**, but that we perceive ourselves to be stronger in Asia and the Pacific this year:

% of projects and initiatives by governance marker score and region, FY16

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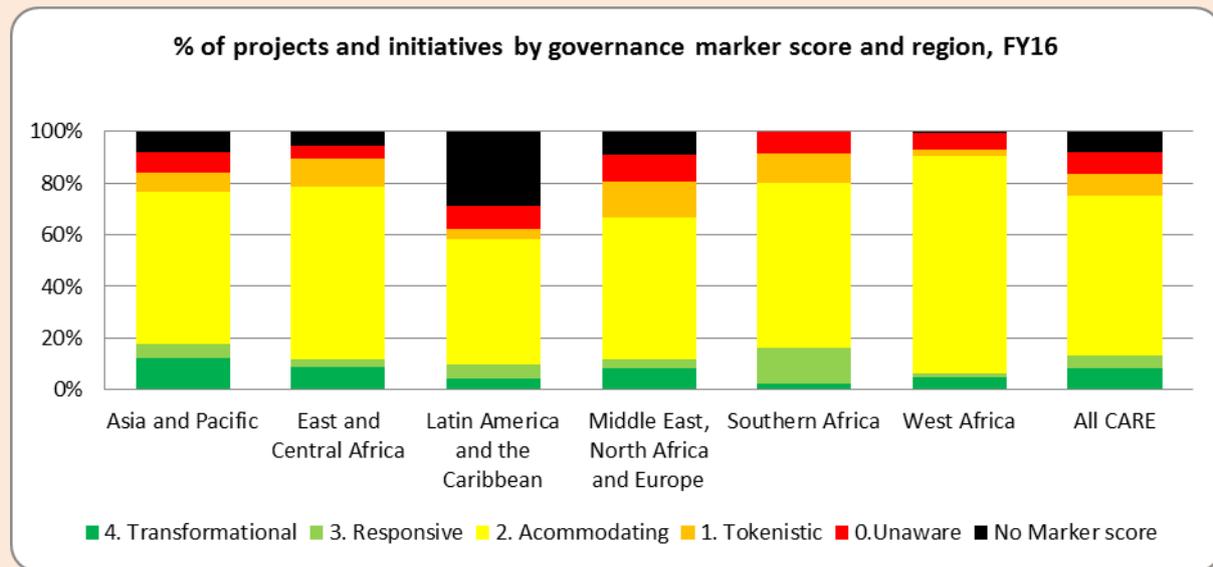
Preliminary findings suggest that there has been some improvement when compared to last year (more details will be presented in the IG Progress Report). However, we need to accelerate considerably the level of integration of governance over the next 4 years (2017-2020) if we are to achieve the outcomes the organization has set itself in the global Program Strategy. READ MORE

IG Marker: How to let partners have their say…

CARE Zambia (pictured below) filled out their IG Marker with local partners to assess their solid waste project's level of IG integration. This is an excellent example of project teams reflecting more seriously about the level of inclusive governance in projects.

Is the Community Score Card really delivering?

The long awaited RCT results from the Maternal Health Alliance Project in Malawi are out, along with a paper describing a new set of governance measures developed as part of the RCT.

Results from CSC RCT, snapshot: This study uses a cluster-randomized controlled design to evaluate the effectiveness of CARE's Community Score Card (CSC) in improving accessibility, quality and equity of reproductive health service delivery. Results showed significant increases in community health workers' home visits during and after pregnancy, improvements in clients' satisfaction with services, and estimates greater use of modern contraception in the intervention versus comparison sites at endline. READ PUBLICATION

Governance measures, snapshot: These measures, called Women's VOICES and Health Workers VOICES, are the first of their kind, and were developed to measure governance outcomes associated with the use of CARE's Community Score Card to improve maternal and reproductive health. READ PUBLICATION
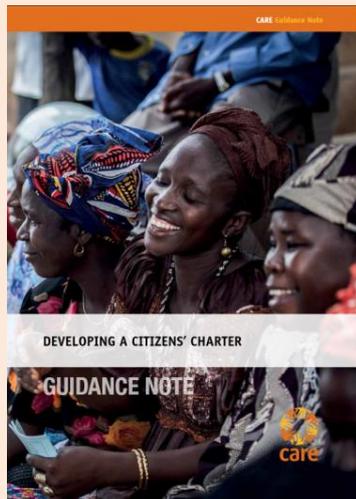
A new guidance for giving service users more of a say in how their services are run

The Citizens' Charter (CC) is a public document that provides the essential information that citizens need to know about the services provided by a public agency. It states:
• **What citizens are entitled to receive**
• **What service providers have the responsibility to deliver**

This guidance note describes how to develop a Citizens' Charter, covering planning and preparation, design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. It was generated by CARE Egypt and the Global Governance team, with contribution from the CARE Bangladesh team. DOWNLOAD PUBLICATION

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Doing Development Differently two years on: not just a fad, but real substance

The Doing Development Differently community emerged in August 2014 largely as a critical reflection on the politics of development and a 'more explicit recognition of the political conditions that enable or obstruct development progress'. The hope was, and still is, that this recognition would lead to more locally led and politically smart interventions. Tom Aston's blog on 'Doing Development Differently' explains reasons why to remain optimistic in the agenda: an active and growing community and donors engaging with NGOs on the substance. READ BLOG

 We are now on twitter.

Follow us @CAREgov to keep up to date on IG news and help us provide visibility to CARE's global IG work.

What's going on around the IG Network?

Inclusive governance network get together in Tanzania to share IG programmatic learning

At the end of last year (Nov-Dec) the annual IG workshop took place in Tanzania and was

attended by thirty-nine inclusive governance experts and champions across Asia, Africa, Middle East and Europe from CARE, peer organisations and partner organisations (World Vision, Kwantu, Hivos, Rupantar and Women's Fund Tanzania). READ KEY TAKEAWAYS & REPORT.

How can we measure local government capacity, accountability and responsiveness?
CARE Afghanistan is implementing the Institutional Maturity Index (IMI) as part of the National Solidarity Program (NSP). The IMI is a tool developed by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development under the NSP to assess the capacity and the maturity level of the Community Development Councils. The aim was to identify strengths and weaknesses in specific areas of responsibilities in governance and thereafter develop action plans for areas to be improved. READ MORE

How are we using social accountability in Egypt?
CARE Egypt's Amr Lashin shares innovative tool for enhancing social accountability in Egypt WATCH VIDEO and READ MORE about the SA-ELIIP project and CARE Egypt's Inclusive Governance model.

How can we increase women's participation in politics in Somalia/Somaliland?
Hodan Hassan Elmi, Governance and Peacebuilding Advisor at CARE International in Somalia/Somaliland presented at University College London's *'Women's Political Participation in Somaliland'* event in February. She mentioned how barriers faced by women to participate in politics include lack of capacity, funding and domination by older women. Opportunities are for young Somali women and diaspora community to engage with grassroots organisations and social media platforms, which present powerful tools in this so-called 'information age'. READ MORE

Have you attended one of the Inclusive Governance webinars yet?
So far this year we have held 6 regional webinars giving an overview of Inclusive Governance (following the publication of the IG guidance note) and 4 IG marker webinars. All have been very well attended and received. Please look out for announcements for upcoming webinars via network emails. WATCH IG GUIDENCE WEBINAR and IG MARKER WEBINAR.

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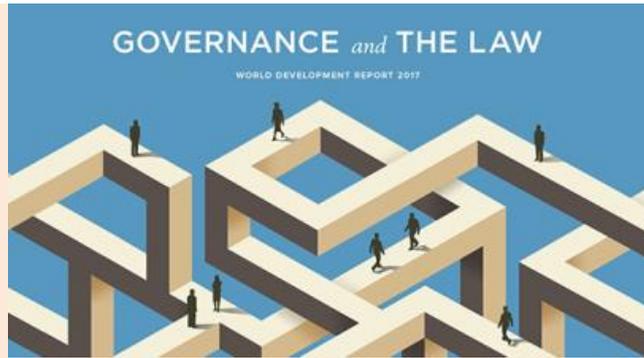
World Development Report

The World Bank recently published the World Development Report 2017 on *Governance and Law.* This Report reveals that governance can mitigate, even overcome, power asymmetries to bring about more effective policy interventions that achieve sustainable improvements in security, growth, and equity. This happens by shifting the incentives of those with power, reshaping their preferences in favor of good outcomes, and taking into account the interests of previously excluded participants. These changes can come about through bargains among elites and greater citizen engagement, as well as by international actors supporting rules that strengthen coalitions for reform READ REPORT

Very interesting discussion at the UK launch of the World Bank's World Development Report 2017 at the ODI WATCH RECORDED LIVESTREAM

ODI blog: Two landmark publications from the World Bank and DFID bring 'good fit' governance into the mainstream. READ BLOG

Events

Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) | Citizen Engagement: A Game Changer for Development (Featuring CARE Ghana work) | Learn about citizen engagement and critically analyze how it can be leveraged most effectively to achieve development results with this free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). The course is taught by a number of leading experts in this field, including Beth Noveck, Director of the GovLab at New York University; John Gaventa, Director of Research at the Institute of Development Studies at University of Sussex; Rakesh Rajani, Director of Civic Engagement and Government at the Ford Foundation; Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General of CIVICUS; and Jonathan Fox, Director of the Accountability Research Center at American University. Enroll HERE

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