CSO Mapping in Cambodia:

Involvement of CSOs in TWGs 2017

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Methodology

• The survey team had a desk review on a number of documents, including Guideline on the Role and Functioning of TWGs, and TWG Performance Review (2015), and consultative meetings and a series of TWG meetings of some sectors.

• This survey used quantitative techniques to collect and manage data. The survey team conducted data collection through an online survey questionnaire to 109 Online-accessible active CSOs who are active members of CCC.

• The survey provided equal opportunity to all CCC active members and provincial CSO network as the target groups to participate in the data collection through an Online survey form.
This survey was sent to all reachable and active NGOs who are members of CCC.

The survey has sent the form to active members of CCC and members of TWGs only.

The survey results are based on the information collected from 49 respondents (approximately 45% response rate), which is considered relatively high response rate (better than average).
Familiarity of TWGs

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Familiarity of TWGs
Important points about engagement of CSOs in TWGs

- Sharing information, lessons learnt, experience and knowledge, development trend, development strategies, national plans, national guidelines, current situation of CSOs, new policies, legal frameworks, current laws, approaches, concerns of TWGs, and update of state actors, the government;

- Provide a voice and space to engage with the government for policy design, development and amendment;

- Compile and submit recommendations for the government, and opportunities for provision of advice to help the government in reviewing guiding principles and Cambodia’s laws;

- Strengthening partnership between the government and CSOs, and build good relationship among stakeholders, government counterparts, development actors, and CSOs;
Challenges and Weaknesses

1) Capacity of the TWGs to effectively address the issues varies according to the context and circumstances associated with enabling factors and constraints;

2) Involvement of CSOs are not fully recognized, while the inputs from CSOs are not considered as vital ingredients for problem solving and policy development;

3) Improper arrangement of focal persons for TWGs leads to inconsistent representatives of CSOs for TWG meetings;

4) CSO representatives in TWGs perform well in terms of information sharing and issue reporting, sharing experience in aid coordination and resource mobilizations, but not good at proposing the solutions to the issues;

5) the representatives of the TWGs have not been well represented the common voices of the CSOs in the same sector; and

6) Key functions of the TWGs are fulfilled by reluctant attitude to influence the policy and advocate for the key asks due to lack of concrete evidence of the consequence and feasibility study and theory of change of the issues to be advocated for
Suggestions for better engagement in TWGs

- Representative of CSOs in TWG has to be high profile, good academic background, and technical expertise.
- TWGs’ governance structure should be stronger and more active, including 1) Transparent management, 2) respect and practice the agreed upon policy, 3) No partisan, 4) Equal opportunities for small CSOs, and 5) Respect the Cambodian Constitution.
- The meeting minutes should be shared widely with the CSOs/members. Have regular monitor and informing action points from the discussion. Relevant document should recorded in a proper place and be accessible by members;
- Establishment of a charter/policy for group to ensure responsibilities and accountabilities of members.
Suggestions for better engagement in TWGs (Cont.)

- Develop the joint-action plan and schedule of TWGs’ activities should be somehow according to the plans of the individual NGOs;
- Focus on specific agenda and clearly response to each issues and follow-up the progress of the government/TWGs
- Open the floor to CSO to present their recommendations and concerns raised by grassroots people; CBOs should be involved in TWGs to share their concerns;
- CSOs should be more prepared prior to TWG meetings (Collect real cases/evidence with practical recommendations)
- TWGs should focus on obstacles and solutions for work implementation, rather being passive in the meeting and just listen to the presentation of achievements by the government,
- Paying close attention to the socio-economic and political changes in Cambodia as well as the funding of development and how our programming and approaches should be changing
- Training on Decentralization and De-concentration, General knowledge on Forestry Reform, Land Issue, Legal and Juridical Reform, Rural Water Supply Sanitation Hygiene
- Provide the opportunity for representatives of LNGOs, INGOs or donors and the government) to meetings to show up the challenges and find the solutions;
- TWGs should not treat CSOs and INGOs/donors as just supportive partners
Interest in Becoming a member of TWG

- Interested: 89%
- Not interested: 8%
- No answer: 3%
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CSOs' preparation for better engagement in TWGs

1. Regular participation - Respect the philosophy of TWG - Alignment TWG to the organizational objectives - Expanse organizational program to the familiar TWG

2. Appoint a focal person to engage with each TWG to make a presentation in the meeting and well documented the cases before meeting with TWG - Broad consult with CSO to bring the issues for the TWG - Follow up the cases after meeting with TWG - Constructive dialogues with relevant stakeholders in meeting with TWG

3. 1- Willing to share knowledge and skill to among members 2- Willing to share the contribution to TWG if require 3- Willing to join the meeting or event 4- Join planning and proposal 5- Be part of advocacy campaign

4. Have knowledge and experience, capacity, skill or specialize, good understanding of law/policy related practices of CSO, advocacy skill, enough human resource, fund and time, experience, and commitment
Capacity Development for CSOs for more effective for participation in TWGs

1. Management policy, Leadership,
2. Report Writing, Project Management,
3. Advocacy, Negotiation skills,
4. M&E, Program/action research, Research and analysis skill,
5. Multi-stakeholders engagement, Communication skills,
6. Financial management, Public financial management
7. Resource mobilization,
8. Sectoral knowledge: Public administration reform, D&D, Good governance, Gender etc.
• Capacity building should provide free for CSO - Encourage CSO to mobilize CSO’s voice and share mutual benefit to small NGOs especially the CCC’s members

• Set up meetings to share funding information and provide the opportunity for respondents to some CCC meetings

• There should be mobilize group of legal advisors or volunteer students from the local and overseas to provide inputs and significant reactions

• Make sure TWGs are established in accordance with the development policy of development partners, complied with the national development plan, legal and recognized by the government.

• Should provide CSOs any technical support and training that CSOs need to be improved.

• TWG should help seeking fund for local NGOs, particularly those are in the provinces

• Further networking to bring about the strong voice of CSOs
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