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Social Accountability can help to Improve the Quality of Education

Education is generally considered a government responsibility, with private initiatives filling the gaps. Helping parents and community members to engage in children’s learning, work effectively with school stakeholders and hold government officials accountable has been shown to pay dividends in addressing learning needs. Social accountability in education can take a variety of innovative approaches that collectively contribute to addressing the various dimensions of the learning crisis. Read more here.
Growing Gains: Farmers' Voices Rise in Rural Rwanda

Nicodème Rugerimisare, the Nyanza District Farmers' Cooperative chairman, expertly shelled a small handful of mottled-red beans from a dense stand of plants about 40 meters uphill from a rough dirt road in Rwanda’s Southern Province, proffering them to the curious journalists surrounding him. "These are the best", he nodded with satisfaction. "These are the beans we will now grow". More about the project and how it is helping to bridge the gap between farmers and officials tasked to support them, here.

GPSA featured in the 2017 Trust Fund Annual Report

The World Bank’s Development Finance Vice Presidency launched its 2017 Trust Fund Annual Report on March 26. As a World Bank trust fund, the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) was recognized for its important role in supporting operational work across the World Bank Group. A section of the report highlights how GPSA projects are contributing to improvements in water
service delivery in Benin and provision of maternal, newborn, child health and nutrition services in Indonesia.

Read the report here and watch the video presentation here.

Volunteers' queries raise transparency in Philippine schools

From 80% compliance back in 2014, Guimaras Division, in the Philippines, now marks 100% compliance to the Transparency Board requirement. All 114 schools in the Division have it, with the financial reports, PTA reports, pictures of school activities, and the calendar of activities to show how school funds are really being used. Read the full story here.

Public Affairs Foundation joins GPSA Global Partners

We are pleased to welcome our newest partner Public Affairs Foundation (PAF) to the GPSA. Established in 2003, PAF - a knowledge-based service organization - is committed to improving the quality of governance by providing advisory support and customized knowledge products to a wide range of clients in the public arena.

The Global Partnership has continued to expand, with now more than 300 organizations actively participating through exchange of experiences, knowledge and networking on social accountability, as Partners of the GPSA. See the list of Global Partners here.
To improve the primary education system, we need social accountability: Moroccan Minister of Education

"Any actions aimed at improving the primary education system cannot have sufficient impact without a social accountability approach, which consists in a proactive process of citizen participation in good governance through a two-way deliberative exchange of information between citizens and the state".

It was with this statement that Said Amzazi, Minister of Education, Vocational Training, and Scientific Research of Morocco, opened the national conference on Education held in Rabat. Read more.

Events & Activities

Upcoming Events

Spring Meetings | Civil Society Forum | Learning for All: The Role of Citizens in Accountability for Education | April 19 | 2:00 - 3:30PM | I2-210 | More details

Partner events at the Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum

See CSPF agenda for more

Social Accountability and Citizen Demand: The Missing Link in Achieving Universal Health Coverage | April 19 | 4:00 - 5:30PM | More details

Rethinking Civil Society Roles in Helping Achieve Good Governance Targets in SDG16 | April 18 | 4:00 - 5:30PM | More details

Nipping Corruption in the Bud: What can be done for and by Youths | April 20 | 9:00 - 10:30AM | More details
Also at the Spring Meetings
Frontiers in Anticorruption: Strengthening Prevention, Tackling Impunity, and Changing Perceptions  
| April 18 | 11:00 - 12:00 ET | Watch Live | More details

Past Events
BBL | Social Accountability in the Delivery of Social Protection: Improving Service Delivery and State-society Relations | April 10 | Watch the Recording

Round Table | Accountability in Education: The Role of Citizens in Accelerating Learning for All | March 6 | Watch the Recording & Photos & Read the Report

Progress and Lessons of Social Accountability in Paraguay's Conditional Cash Transfer Program | March 23 | Watch the Recording (SP version only)

Webinar | Citizen Participation for Enhancing Accountability in Public Appointments | March 7 | Watch the Recording
On March 5 and 6, 2018, the Seventh Meeting of the GPSA Steering Committee took place at the World Bank headquarters in Washington DC

Photo: Jan Walliser (Vice President, Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions, WB), Debbie Wetzel (Senior Director, Governance Global Practice), Asmeen Khan (Practice Manager, GGP), Jeff Thindwa (Program Manager, GPSA), Eva Mends (Ministry of Finance, Ghana), Ximena Puente de la Mora (President Commissioner, Mexico), Tim Menburger (Director for the Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Center, USAID, United States), Lotta Valtosen (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland), Gopa Thampi (Asia Foundation – Sri Lanka), Jonas Rolett (Open Society Foundation), Lindsay Coates (President, InterAction), Shahabuddin Pattwary (Economic Minister, Embassy of Bangladesh).

GPSA in the News

Philippine Daily Inquirer

Zambo del Sur’s Jonathan Oya: The face of severe malnutrition
Ghana News Agency

Government welcomes CSOs partnership in Promoting Social Accountability

Le Matin, Morocco

La redevabilité sociale, outil efficace d’amélioration du système éducatif

El Financiero, Mexico

El Círculo Virtuoso de la Vigilancia Social

From our GPSA Partners

Documentary | Social Accountability...Building Trust...Improving Performance... Third Party Monitoring

With an overall aim to generate better governmental responsiveness to the needs of the target population, CARE Egypt and the Social Fund for Development, have developed a SA model for the community monitoring mechanism for the oversight of public works and community development projects. The documentary sheds the light on the “What”, “How” and the “future”. Watch here.

Article | Enhancing return on Social Investment

India has a rich history of corporate spending on the social sector as a part of social responsibility. The 2013 Companies Act formalized and mandated Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) spends based on specific criteria. One of the emerging areas of discussion is the need for organizations to focus on assessment and measurement - what is their CSR strategy/programme accomplishing and, how can it be measured? Read more here.
Blog | "Real Governance" in Fragile, Conflict-affected and Violent States - What is that?

From March 5 to 7, more than 1,000 people from over 90 different countries attended the Fragility Forum. At one of the events, ‘Real Governance in FCV settings: Engaging State and Non-State Actors in Development’ practitioners and policy-makers discussed which actors to work with in complex FCV situations, and what the choice of actors would mean from a human rights and social accountability perspective. Read more.

GPSA is pleased to disseminate Partners’ updates on social accountability work, so please share with gpsa@worldbank.org for featuring in the next GPSA newsletter. Also remember to share your SAcc knowledge resources with the GPSA Knowledge Platform, by emailing gpsakp@fundar.org.mx

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