NEWS

Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. Renews Its Financial Support for GPSA

The Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF-USA) has announced a new contribution of US$500,000 for the GPSA, thereby renewing its commitment of support towards the program. “We are proud to partner with the World Bank in supporting the Global Partnership for Social Accountability. Our experience in building and supporting permanent institutions, strengthening civil society, and investing in leaders aligns well with the GPSA’s mission,” said AKF-USA CEO Aleem Wajji. “Now more than ever, reinforcing bonds of trust between governments, civil society and the private sector is critical in fostering peace, pluralism, and more inclusive societies.” Read more>>>

Photo: World Bank Senior Director Debbie Wetzel and AKF-USA CEO Aleem Wajji sign the contribution agreement at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Read the AKF Feature below>>>

GPSA at World Water Week 2016

During the upcoming World Water Week 2016, the GPSA will co-convene a session in collaboration with U4, Water Integrity Network (WIN), Water Witness International (WWI), and WaterAid to take stock and discuss various social accountability approaches that are being used in the water sector. The experience from the GPSA project “Tajikistan Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Improving Social Accountability (TWISA),” which is being implemented by Oxfam Tajikistan, will be presented along selected projects from Africa, Asia, and Central America. Learn more about the session and watch live>>>

Social Accountability in States of Fragility: Practical Lessons from the International Rescue Committee

By Guillaume Labrecque, Governance Advisor, International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Social accountability in fragile states has drawn a fair share of attention and questions globally, which I witnessed more intimately at the GPSA Global Partners Forum last May. I represented the IRC at the Forum’s “Social Accountability in States of Fragility” working session, where examples from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Sierra Leone were shared. Grandvoineet from the World Bank also presented the key findings of a recent research report, while I provided practical insights from IRC’s experiences in eastern DRC on how to stimulate social accountability in fragile and conflict-affected settings. Read more>>>
Accountability at the Cutting Edge
By Thomas Carothers, Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

In his welcoming remarks at the GPSA Global Partners Forum in May 2016, Dr. Junaid Ahmad, Chief of Staff of the Office of the World Bank President, told the several hundred participants: 'Social accountability is the bridge for building relationships between citizens and the state.' Read more>

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The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is a member of the Aga Khan Development Network, one of the world’s leading poverty solutions networks, working in over 30 countries with 80,000 employees. The AKF has contributed a total of $1,000,000 to the GPSA, which includes participation by the Aga Khan University’s Graduate School of Media and Communications (GSMC) in Kenya. GSMC’s Social Accountability Media Initiative (SAMI) is today building civil society organizations’ advocacy communications capacities and local media skills in social impact journalism in seven countries in Africa and Asia, so they can together tell stories and build values that help build and sustain stronger communities. Read more>

Photo: SAMI Workshop in Kyrgyzstan: Development Policy Institute, in association with the Association of Village Health Committees, to promote accountability in local governance

EVENTS

Secure Water, Empowered Citizens: What Can Social Accountability Achieve | August 29, 2016 | During World Water Week 2016, the GPSA will co-convene a session in collaboration with U4, Water Integrity Network (WIN), Water Witness International (WWII), and WaterAid. This session aims to bring together governments, service providers, citizens, civil society organizations (CSOs), and practitioners in order to share their experiences in implementing social accountability mechanisms to improve service delivery in the water sector. Learn more and watch live>

Reframing Public Finance: Promoting Justice, Democracy and Human Rights in Government Budgets | Webinar | August 31, 2016 | Paolo de Renzio, Senior Research Fellow at the International Budget Partnership, will outline a proposal to shift the debate around public finance and government budgets, providing a more
comprehensive framework that can hopefully promote a different vision of government budgets “for the people and by the people” and highlight areas for civil society action. Learn more and join the discussion>>>

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