Round Table | The Role of Collaborative Social Accountability in Accelerating Learning for All

On March 6, the GPSA will host a high-level roundtable, The Role of Collaborative Social Accountability in Accelerating Learning for All. Following the seventh annual GPSA Steering Committee meeting, this year's roundtable will underscore the unique practical contribution that collaborative accountability can make in the education sector in general and specifically towards implementation of the recommendations of the 2018 WDR on "Learning to realize education's promise".

Stay tuned for more information.

Last year's Roundtable, with Kristalina Georgieva, the World Bank's CEO, explored the role of civil society engagement and of social accountability mechanisms to promote inclusive governance, citizen oversight, and the strengthening of trust between citizens and governments in situations of fragility. Check out the photos of the event, and watch the recording.>>>
Building Trust Between Citizens and Government in the Village of Grozd Kyrgyz Republic

By Stig Trommer, Senior Operations Officer, GPSA

The GPSA project in Kyrgyz Republic, implemented by the Development Policy Institute (DPI) and the Association of Village Health Committees (AVHC), has over the last 3 years been focused in empowering citizens and public officials in Grozd village, in northern Kyrgyzstan. The project aims to improve local health determinants by engaging the two players in joint-problem solving. Read More>>>

Initiating a Long-term Nationwide Process of Social Accountability in the Education Sector

Blogpost | by Ana Popa, coordinator of the “My School” project implemented by Expert-Grup in Moldova

In a country with a less than democratic past, which was followed by a long period of deceptions that resulted in high migration, the population, especially the young generation had become passive. By promoting social accountability (SAcc) at the school level, the project saw an important opportunity to not only reach many individuals (students, parents, teachers and other community members as well as decision-making actors) but also reach some of them at a young age. Read More>>>

GPSA Partners Conversation

On February 21, GPSA Partners will come together at the World Bank Group headquarters, in Washington D.C. and via Webex. In this rendezvous, GPSA partners will feature a review of some of the key takeaways from the GPSA Global Partners Forum (based on the report/synthesis here) and explore how they could be further advanced through partnership, as well as consultation on planned engagement with GPSA Partners this year. We will also discuss upcoming knowledge activities such as the roundtable on education, and a
workshop on the role of external actors in fragile, conflict and violence affected settings during the upcoming Fragility Forum of the World Bank Group. Please let us know your RSVP by clicking on this link.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Citizen Participation for Enhancing Accountability in Public Appointments | Public agencies have greater chances of meeting their mission when people leading them have not only the technical expertise, but previous proven commitment to the public good. This is particularly relevant in public agencies providing public services or upholding people's rights. For this reason, active citizen participation and oversight during Public Appointments processes can enhance their accountability and the chances that capable people are appointed to key public agencies. This webinar will present the experience and lessons learned of various organizations monitoring High Level Public Appointments in Latin American regions. More information coming soon. Here >>>

Fragility Forum 2018: Managing Risks for Peace and Stability | March 5-7, 2018 | World Bank Group | The Forum will bring together policy makers and practitioners from humanitarian, development, peace and security communities to share practical solutions on improving development approaches to foster peace and stability. Along with the Nordic Trust Fund (NTF) and World Bank's Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, the GP will organize a workshop on the role of external actors in fragile, conflict and violence affected settings. Stay tuned. More here >>>

From the GPSA KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM

Share your #SocialAccStories in the GPSA Knowledge Platform. Just take your smartphone and record your story here!

This week:

Facilitating a dialogue for greater trust between governments and communities
In this video, Advocate Thuli Madonsela tells us about a social accountability initiative in South Africa that allowed different actors to come together and shed light on the different issues around the construction of a hard road that would allow to better connect communities.

**Improving Ghanaian urban local governments through social accountability**

In this video, Lily Fati Soale, from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in Ghana, tells us about the lessons learned from the implementation of various social accountability activities in 46 urban local governments.

**Creating decision making platforms to empower communities and women**

In this video, Orkhan Ali tells us about the work of Oxfam Tajikistan increasing communities' participation and monitoring of water service delivery.

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Civil Society Policy Forum - Call for Proposals**

On January 29, a call for proposals was launched for the 2018 Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum, which will run from April 17 – 20. Civil society organizations have until Friday, March 2 to submit proposals. Read more >>>

**How Can We Bridge the Gap Between Citizens and State? Findings from the Open Budget Survey 2017**

On January 31, the World Bank's Governance Global Practice in partnership with International Budget Partnership and Oxfam America launched the Open Budget Survey 2017 and discussed the state of
government budget transparency and accountability in 115 countries around the world. Many governments around the world are making less information available about how they raise and spend public money, according to the results of the Survey. You can read the IBP’s re-cap blogpost here and watch the recording here >>>