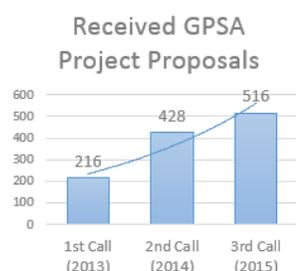




# Newsletter

## NEWS

### GPSA Receives a Record Number of Proposals



The GPSA has received 516 proposals from 42 participating countries during its 3rd Call for Proposals, which was open from May 13 until August 12, 2015. The list of submitted proposals is available [here](#).

This is a significant increase in comparison to the submissions we received during our first (2013, 216 proposals) and second (2014, 428 proposals) calls. This record number reinforces World Bank President Jim Yong Kim's challenge of scaling up the GPSA when he launched the 3rd Call for Proposals at the [Global Partners Forum](#).

Grant amounts indicatively range from US\$400,000 to US\$800,000 and are available for social accountability projects and initiatives in eligible countries. Over the next few months, all proposals will undergo a rigorous [review process](#) and proposals will be shortlisted by the end of this year, in preparation for presentation to the GPSA [Steering Committee](#).

### New Donors Rally behind Social Accountability

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Finland and Mexico will commit a total of \$3.3 million to the GPSA. These contributions signal crucial support of the international donor community for the social accountability agenda. [Read more>>>](#)

### Ukraine opts-in to the GPSA

On July 13, 2015, the Government of Ukraine informed the World Bank in a letter of consent of its decision to opt-in to the GPSA – meaning that civil society organizations in Ukraine have now become eligible to apply for grants for social accountability projects and initiatives. To date, 46 countries have opted-in to the GPSA. [See where we operate>>>](#)

### GPSA: Bridging the Gap Between What Citizens Expects and What Governments Do

Until recently, the Government of Malawi faced difficulties tracking whether teaching and learning materials, such as textbooks, were delivered to schools in a timely manner. Monitoring teacher absenteeism – whether teachers even showed up at schools – was another serious concern. [Read more on the World Bank website>>>](#)

### GPSA Evaluation Report is Available Online

As mandated by the GPSA's [Board Paper](#), an independent program evaluation was conducted by external evaluator Mark Robinson (Governance, Research and Evidence, WRI, DFID) to assess the initial phase of the GPSA's implementation, to shed light on potential opportunities for improving program design and performance. The evaluation drew on several sources, including a review of program documentation and 80 interviews with World Bank management, academics, [Global Partners](#), and [Steering Committee](#) members from governments, donors, and CSOs. The Independent Evaluation, conducted over the period of October 2014 to January 2015, acknowledged that "notable results have been achieved at the program level" – and that the GPSA is the first major Bank program that is well positioned to fund CSOs working in social accountability. [Read the GPSA Program Evaluation Report>>>](#)



### **Stories from the Field | Social Accountability in the Philippines: An Island of Success in a Sea of Possibility**

Charlotte Ørnemark, GPSA's Knowledge & Learning consultant, reflects on her visit to one school in the Philippines which was "forgotten" when it came to fixing years of accumulated disrepairs, worsened by the 2013 typhoon. [Read more>>>](#)



### **Stories from the Field | Spaces for Constructive Engagement and Improvement in Provision of Health Services**

Esvénia Viola from Concern Universal talks about the challenges faced in the health sector in Mozambique, such as corruption, disruptions in the supply of essential drugs, poor service, and confidentiality breaches – and what is being done to intervene in some of those areas. [Read more>>>](#)

[Read in Portuguese>>>](#)



### **From the Knowledge Platform | Experience of a Lonely Soldier... The Difficult Path towards Social Accountability in the Water Sector**

Bakhadur Khabibov, chairman of the Consumers Union association of Tajikistan, writes about his and his organization's experience improving social accountability in the energy and water sectors in Tajikistan. [Read more>>>](#)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Governments Matter: Taking Government Interests and Incentives for Social Accountability into Account | September 10, 2015 |**

This Brown Bag Lunch will present findings from ongoing research on social accountability and the impacts of contextual factors on whether social accountability tools and mechanisms achieve their intended results for service delivery, governance, or empowerment. [Read more and watch the Livestream>>>](#)

## **PAST EVENTS**

Did you miss a GPSA Brown Bag Lunch? Webinar? You can read the write-ups [here](#) and watch video recordings of past events:

### **Ouvrir La Boîte Noire: Facteurs Contextuels De La Responsabilisation Sociale | September 2, 2015 |**

The GPSA's first French webinar presented an overview of a report which provides a framework on how to assess the contextual drivers of social accountability effectiveness. Rescheduled from a previous date. [Read more and watch the Webinar>>>](#)

### **All About The Money: Public Participation in Fiscal Policy | July 9, 2015 |**

Brown Bag Lunch exploring the importance of public participation in fiscal policy, which is considered to be a critical link in the chain between transparency and accountability. [Read more and watch the recording >>>](#)

## GPSA GLOBAL PARTNERS

Since our last edition, eight new organizations have joined the GPSA partnership. [View the complete list of 260+ partners here >>](#)

One of our newest partners is Teach For All, a global network of independent organizations in over 35 countries that work to expand educational opportunity for all students. Leadership is critical in transforming educational systems, so Teach For All works alongside other stakeholders, including governments and civil society organizations, to galvanize future leaders to teach in high-need schools and communities and drive systemic change across all sectors as alumni. Teach For All will be leading a session on Oct. 7 at the [Civil Society Policy Forum](#) during the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings in Lima. The session will focus on the importance of leadership development and ultimately achieving the Sustainable Development Goal on education. [Learn more about Teach For All>>>](#)

 <p>Corruption Free Society Initiative</p>	 <p>The Blue Ribbon Movement</p>	 <p>Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS)</p>	 <p>Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association</p>
 <p>The Asia Foundation The Asia Foundation – Sri Lanka</p>	 <p>Teach for All</p>	 <p>Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE)</p>	 <p>State of Minds</p>

## RESOURCES

### Do you want to be part of the conversation about how innovation can improve lives in cities?

The [Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative \(ESCI\)](#) of the Inter-American Development Bank invites you to participate in the first [Cities Week](#), a series of events dedicated to reflecting on international experiences in urban management and design, and sharing innovative solutions to improve quality of life in the cities we live in.

### Open Call for Proposals

DataShift launched a call for projects to support in three pilot areas: Argentina, Nepal and East Africa (Kenya+Tanzania). Support will vary depending on the organization's needs, but will include mentorship, resources, peer exchange and technical support. The deadline to submit is September 7, 2015. [Read more here>>>](#)

### UNDP Paper: From Old Public Administration to the New Public Service

This paper argues that public sector reform efforts in developing countries should embrace these changes selectively and draw on a range of public management models that are appropriate to different contexts while putting the needs and interests of citizens at

the heart of reform. [Read more here>>>](#)

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