

Theory of Change

Our Key Assumptions

1. Grant or financial support emboldens oppressed and marginalised citizens to organise and speak out
2. Production & availability of credible information and knowledge strengthens public pressure for change
 3. Public pressure can force governments and societies to change policies and attitudes
4. Existence of groups and communities to assume agency or ability to identify and build them
5. Our voice and advocacy adds weight to that of our partners and marginalised communities

THE OUTCOMES

1. Increase in the number of democratic and constitutional forms of government elected through credible and transparent elections
2. Reduction in corruption and increase in transparency and accountability in the public and private sectors
3. More inclusive economies that manage and distribute resources and public services in a transparent, accountable and equitable manner.
4. Reduction in discrimination and human rights violations against minorities marginalised and disadvantaged groups.

OUR CONTEXT

- * Democratic recession (renewal of liberation movements, constitutional violations, manipulation of elections)
- * Systematic restriction of civic and media space
- * High levels of economic inequality
- * Widespread public and private sector corruption
- * Poor delivery of basic public service- especially health and education to marginalised groups in society
- * Discrimination, marginalisation and human rights violations of minorities and other key groups

THE CHANGE

- * More people organising, speaking out, protesting and challenging attempts to subvert democracy, constitutionalism, transparency and accountability.
- * More effective support to pro-democracy and other activists facing government attacks
- * More citizens that face human rights violations and discrimination understand, demand and fight for their rights
- * Improved capacities of state and other institutions mandated to promote and protect human rights and deliver justice.
- * More citizens challenging inequality and inequitable access to basic services (especially in health and education)

OUR TACTICS

1. Grant making
2. Advocacy
3. Research
4. Convening

OUR GOAL

To strengthen the capacity of people in the region to mobilise and organise themselves to protect and defend constitutional democracy, challenge discrimination and injustice and push for inclusive economies and equitable delivery of public services.

1. Empower pro-democracy voices, processes, organisations and movements to defend democracy and constitutionalism, transparency and accountability.
2. Empower citizens facing discrimination, injustice and human rights to know, understand, and fight for their rights; strengthen capacities of national institutions to address discrimination, deliver justice and protect human rights.
3. Empower citizens to advocate and demand inclusive and responsive economies that deliver more equitable public services, in particular health and education.

