

# Civil Society Support (CSS) Activity

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Civil Society Support (CSS) Activity is a 46-month, \$8.5 million USAID-funded project implemented by FHI 360 in partnership with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL). The project is designed to create an improved enabling environment for civil society, build increased cooperation and collaboration among civil society organizations (CSOs), and enhance innovative approaches for policy engagement and influence.

The CSS vision is that, at the conclusion of the project, CSOs will have strong networks of cooperating and collaborating partners, an improved enabling environment for CSO operation, and strategic communication and policy-influencing tools and approaches to enhance civic space that will strengthen democratic reforms and promote and protect human rights.

## OBJECTIVES



### 1. Increase coordinated efforts by CSOs and media organizations to advance policy goals.

Using the cluster and anchor approach, CSS will promote joint policy engagement and influence efforts and build sustaining and meaningful civil society networks that are better able to coordinate, mobilize, communicate, and engage for policy goals.



### 2. Improve enabling environment for civic engagement in policymaking.

International partner ICNL will lead Objective 2 activities that enhance the enabling environment for civic engagement in policymaking. ICNL will provide remote support for civil society partners working on legal assistance and advice while also assisting cluster members to advance policy goals that will promote a more favorable operating environment.



### 3. Develop incubator tools and innovative approaches for building capacity and partnerships of CSOs and media organizations.

CSOs and media organizations will have opportunities to test, deploy and learn from new tools and technologies that help them increase their own organizational capacities and develop strategic communication and awareness strategies.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

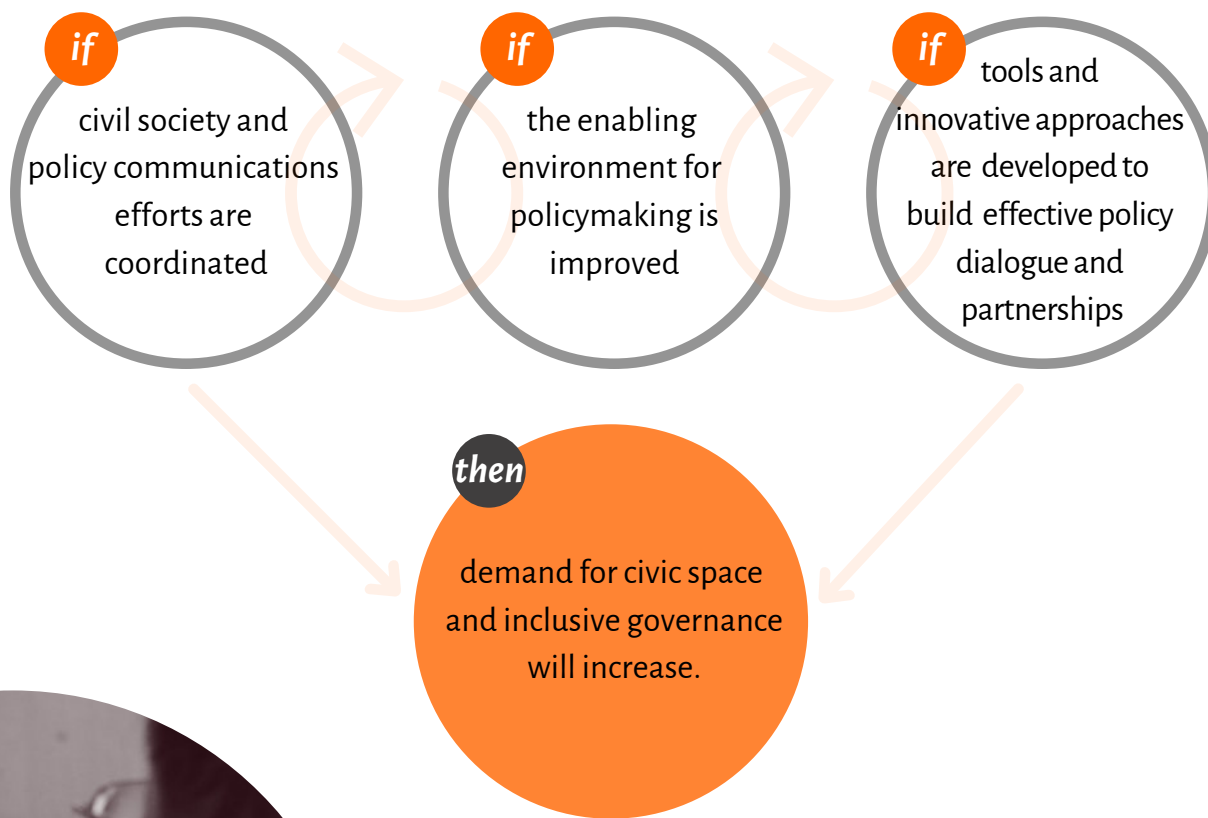


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