



ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN ENGAGING PUBLIC SECTOR FROM
POLICYMAKING IN DV TO IMPLEMENTATION

Why does collaboration with state institutions might play crucial
role in attaining efficient results?

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- IRC is a non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity, operating since November 17, 2010 in Georgia.
- Organization was established guided by mutual spheres of interest of its founder and involved experts; and a desire to engage knowledge, qualification and practical experience for attaining set objectives supporting democratic processes in the country.
- Very efficient combination of skills and knowledge within the team creating multidimensional asset of the organization.

SPECIFICITY THAT PUT IRC IN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION

- IRC core staff has public sector background
 - Ministry of Justice
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Ministry of Finance

Cross cutting issues has broaden the circle and empowered of IRC management with contacts in other ministries, including Ministry of Interior (key player in prevention of domestic violence), Ministry of Healthcare (key service provider for the DV victims)

However: in some cases this advantage might be a challenge, example ...

ENTERING NEW FIELD OF ACTION

- Since 2015 IRC is working on prevention of domestic violence
- Mapping:
 - Identification of resources;
 - Identification of potential partners;
 - Using opportunity to present organization
- Developing new action applying participatory approach – focus on public sector and other influential players of the field

WHERE TO START FROM?

MAP THE POTENTIAL AREAS OF “INTERVENTION”

- Government officials/middle level managers – originated from NGO/CSO Sector
- Partner NGOs
- Thematic working groups, comprising state, NGO and international organizations’ representatives;
- Identify lacking expertise that is crucial for efficiency of state institutions e.g. systemized approach in service delivery
- More?

Task: try to identify strategic areas of intervention

BRINGING IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS AT ROUND TABLE

- Communicate findings;
- Ask for suggestions;
- Ask for partnership;
- Jointly formulate goals;
- Propose concrete timeframe;
- Follow up:
 - Elaborate
 - Remind
 - Approach

BOTTOMS UP APPROACH

- Advantage of NGO sector – grass root level;
- Government needs insights to improve policy;
- Show that you are there to support (rather than watchdog);
- Try to gain supporters in relevant state institutions to nudge the key one;

RESULTS

- Influential supporter
- Policy advocacy
- Participant of all ongoing important processes
- Identified field of expertise for further improvement and development
- Else?

IRC results within 3 years: IRC recommendations for risk assessment module are reflected by MIA; Comparative analyses of the Istanbul Convention used as the bases for legal amendments of national legislation; MIA's support to continue and enhance social rehabilitation programme for the DV victims; Identified gaps for improvement – mobility of dependents of DV victims, etc.

Task: let's develop action plan together

DEVELOPING ACTION PLAN

Thematic area	Target institutions	Name	Responsible person	Intervention strategy/action	Timeline
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IMPORTANCE OF TARGETING RIGHT PERSONS AND ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY TO AGAIN RIGHT PERSON

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- Why Tamar Barkalia ? – Former head of Trafficking fund, NGO sector background
- Why Keti Gomelauri? – Positive experience of interaction in other capacity
- Timeline – suitable for both sides

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More questions?



Thank you!

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