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Macro Meets Micro: From Open Data to Inclusive Participation

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To what extent can open data facilitate inclusive, participatory governance?

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Open data reduces information asymmetries and facilitates collaboration



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BUT...it doesn't address incentives nor ensure inclusive participation

Possibilities & Limitations

Source: "Can Technology Amplify Citizen Voices?". Custer, Gigler, Rahemtulla, Gagieva and Bailur (2012), adapted from Custer, Novin and Palumbo (2011).

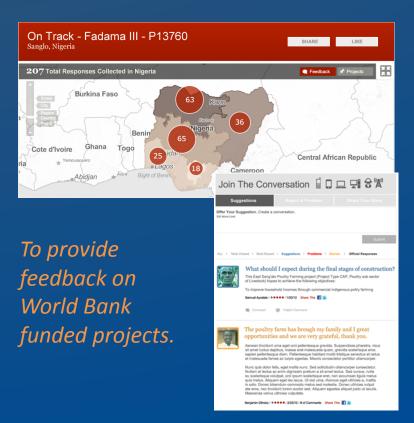
Open data may facilitate new channels of collaboration with citizens...



To inform budget priorities in Brazil and DRC



Sources: opdigital.pbh.gov.br; World Bank, On Track (2012)



Possibilities

But the cost-benefit calculus of citizens participating must also be addressed.



Decrease costs to participate

Time Money Uncertainty Insecurity



Visible Change Rewards Capacity

Increase benefits of participating

Source: "Can Technology Amplify Citizen Voices?". Custer et al (2012), adapted from Custer, Novin and Palumbo (2011); www.cfr.org; wbi.worldbank.org

Limitations

1. Adopt a "systems approach" to participation around open data.





Purpose

• Why are people participating? To what end?

• Who is participating and in what roles?

• How are people participating?

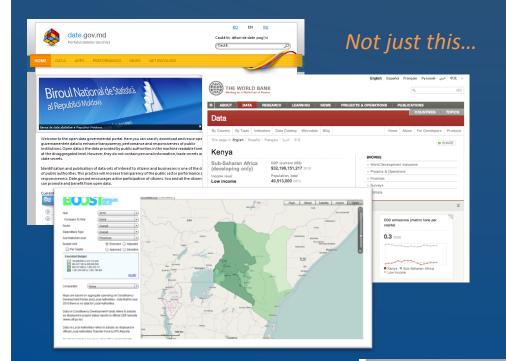
• How will ICTs and open data fit with other forms of citizen engagement?

• What forces are likely to constrain or enhance participation?

Recommendations

Source: "Can Technology Amplify Citizen Voices?". Custer et al, (2012).

2. Leverage micro data from citizens.





But also this...



Recommendations

Source: "Open Data Bazaar: Crowdsourcing Solutions to Data Inaccuracy in Kenya." Custer, Rahemtulla, Brigham, Xu (2012)



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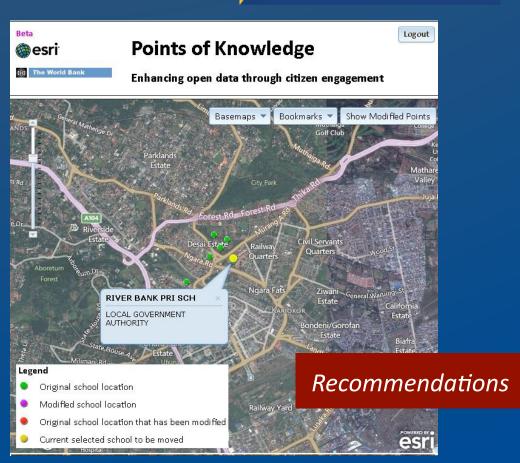
3. Harness crowdsourcing to improve data accuracy and boost demand.



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Source: "Open Data Bazaar: Crowdsourcing Solutions to Data Inaccuracy in Kenya." Custer, Rahemtulla, Brigham, Xu (2012)



4. Integrate open data with online and offline forms of citizen engagement.





DRC leverages ICTs such as web and SMS, with inperson meetings to mobilize citizen participation on budget priorities



Sources: "Can Technology Amplify Citizen Voices?". Custer et al, (2012); "Mobile-Enhanced Participatory Budgeting in DRC", Estefan and Weber (2012).

Recommendations

4 Tools for Policy Makers to Facilitate Inclusive Participation with Open Data

1. A systems approach.



Source: Open.dta.org

2. Leverage macro and micro data.



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Source: http://www.lgeoresearch.com/the-uk-gov-social-media-awareness-project-launching-at-the-digital-engagement-event/

4. Hybrid platforms for citizen engagement offline and online.



3. Crowdsourcing to improve data accuracy and boost demand.



Source: http://blogs.worldbank.org/ic4d/mobile-enhanced-participatory-budgeting-in-the-dre