Joint input from the four Asian LNOB country coalitions
Wada Na Todo Abhiyan, India

A Civil Society Platform of over 3000 organisations in India Working on Promoting Governance Accountability to End Poverty and Social Exclusion
CGD in India

- Expansive studies covering states across India done with most marginalised
- 25 communities covered for baseline studies though participatory approach
- Policy-driven, in-depth studies with communities with those excluded based on caste, class, gender, sexual minorities, occupation, and more
- Intersectional analysis on children and urban poor communities done for communities
LOW ACCESS TO GOVT PROVISIONS

Findings

- Limited access to government benefits of health, education, employment, sanitation, housing, energy sources, etc. across communities.

- Problems of coverage and implementation found within long-standing and highly funded schemes such as Mid-Day Meal, Swachh Bharat, Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, and more.
NEED TO PROMOTE SYSTEMIC CHANGE

- Continued stranglehold of social exclusion and hierarchies as instances of child labour, gender/caste-based discrimination and violence were found prevalent.

- Threat of violence from state authorities reported high among forest-dwelling tribes, Sex Workers, Street Hawkers and Sewage Workers.

- Instances of approaching the police for remedy reported low.
Impact of CGD

- National
  - Data generated for ‘invisible’ marginalized communities who don’t find adequate representation in national surveys
  - Community-Based Monitoring with 32 organisations with UNICEF, India in 2020 and 2021
    - Data collection and social mobilization in 32 districts with 1100 volunteers
  - Capacity-building of 45 community-led organisations for data collection since 2019
    - Training module on collecting citizen generated data and using it developed in 2021 for wider circulation
  - Collaborating with networks/campaigns working with communities to ensure sustained engagement

- Global
  - ‘Making Voices Heard and Count’ partnership with ICSC, Germany
    - Pushing for formalising citizen generated data at the global level
  - UN World Data Forum 2021
    - Presented the case for citizen generated data and its importance for LNOB communities
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Nearly **80%** of the recommendations from LNOB Vietnam were integrated into the **2020 National Report on the Implementation of SDGs**.

**Vietnam SDG 16 Plus Report** were completed with featured cases provided by LNOB members.

**Citizen-Generated Data Project** is currently in progress with an estimated sample size of **3,000 people** in different provinces throughout Vietnam.

**The 2020-2021 Highlight Report** is about to be published, demonstrating the typical contributions of LNOB members in the process of implementing SDGs.

KEY FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1. Producing Citizen-Generated Data Report 2022
2. Developing Citizen-Generated Data Handbook
3. Contributing to Vietnam’s Voluntary National Review 2023
The Citizen-Generated Data Project in Vietnam

**Marginalized groups targeted:** CSOs, Children, Youth, Women, People with Disability – with 2 crosses: Ethnic minority, Gender

**Survey area:** 3 regions across Vietnam (North, Center, South)

**Community level:** Urban, countryside, mountainous area

**Methodologies applied:** Questionnaire, In-depth interview, Community Dialogue

**Total number of people reached:** at least 3,000 people.

**Trainings:** 2 trainings
  - SDG Agenda in Vietnam
  - Data literacy and data-driven research

**Focused SDGs:**

"Local Voluntary Review of SDG in Vietnam: Making Voices Heard and Count"
The findings have been disseminated to the stakeholders of ministries, local government, media and donors. The importance of community drive data has been discussed. Policy recommendation made in the report has been adopted and initiated by the Govt such as- Introducing Health Card for inclusive and quality service.
What’s Next

- Developing community gate keepers from the marginalised communities with rigorous training and continuing the score card practice
- Piloting a live dashboard with community driven data for SDG monitoring
- Consultation with the National Statistics Office for the recognition of community driven data to fill up data gap
LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND CONSORTIUM IN NEPAL

Civil society platforms comprising of INGOs/NGOs

- Strengthen capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) in Nepal
- Generate inclusive data for evidence-based decision making
- Multistakeholder engagement to monitor SDGs

Voice and agency of community especially left behind

Holding duty bearer accountable for the rights of people
SDG Monitoring: Citizen’s Engagements

UN endorsed framework on LNOB

LNOB global partnership launched

Coalition of LNOB Nepal consortium

Nepal’s second VNR Nepal Citizens’ Report 2020 - VNR

Voices Heard and Count
SDG Monitoring + broader engagement

Emerging Portfolio
Integrated SDG Monitoring

Our Collaborators

5 SDG Data Partnership Initiative
National Planning Commission
Central Bureau Statistic
National Human Rights Commission

SDG 5: Gender Equality – working with partners on gender (Beyond Beijing Committee)

SDG 5, SDG10, & SDG16: working with partners with multiple partners (BBC as technical partner with AYON, YAN)

SDG 5: Gender Equality – working with partners on gender and youth (BBC continued partnership as technical partner with AYON)

SDG 13, SDG 5, SDG10, & SDG16: working with multiple partners (Youth partners, SDG forum for extensively)
Expected outcomes:

- Strengthened capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) and marginalized youth around inclusive data and evidence generation
- Influenced state stakeholders for increased responsiveness on citizen engagement in SDG monitoring

Major achievement:

- Preparation of Toolkit on CGD producers to ensure data quality in closed partnership with government and CSO counterparts

* Joint project of GIZ / Partners for Review (P4R), the Danish Institute for Human Rights and the International Civil Society Centre implemented by NGO Federation of Nepal, Beyond Beijing Committee Nepal, Youth Advocacy Nepal and VSO Nepal on behalf of the LNOB coalition
ACHIEVEMENT WORKING WITH GOVERNMENTS

Local government

- Joint plan to achieve SDGs
- Commitment for increasing budget targeting marginalized

Federal government

- Inclusion of marginalized youth agenda in VNR report
- Realization on relevance of CGD for equitable development

CSO alliance building to standardize CGD procedures
Lessons Learned

• Systemic discrimination + unequal power relations
• States often not willing to accept civil society data → Lacking framework on CDG collection & processing
• Lacking institutionalized CGD mechanism undermines accountability
• Road from evidence to policy change is long and not straight
• CGD has a large potential – but little funding
• Need for more grassroot data collaboration between CSOs and communities
• Civil society space shrinks, limiting space for dialogue

Way Forward

• More commitment to address systemic discrimination by tracking key dimensions (particularly SDGs 5, 10, 16)
• Need for robust partnership between govt and CSOs to address quality concerns
• Leverage CGD to promote transparency & accountability
• More investment into CGD through donors + govts: → build capacities of CSOs to produce quality evidence
• CSOs can mainstream LNOB through (inclusive) advocacy
• Ensure people’s voices are heard and count through inclusive and data-driven policy planning
• Strengthen global processes on inclusive SDGs
• Dashboard to have (CGD) data in the public