"Deliberations between Kenyan civil society and government on the use of civil society data in SDG monitoring"

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Background

- Citizen generated data (CGD) has the potential to play an important role in monitoring and driving progress on sustainable development at all levels.

- However, Citizen Generated Data is rarely integrated in official reporting due to doubt on its credibility and insufficiency in legal instruments.

- The Kenyan constitution 2010 has a huge demand for citizen participation. CGD helps in amplify the voices of citizen and their perspectives on development.

- CGD importance to government include:
  a) Allows governments to innovate ways to engage its citizens.
  b) Helps governments to improve evidence-based decision making.
  c) Provides a great opportunity to complement official statistics produced by National Statistical Offices.

- Kenya National Bureau of Statistics(KNBS) Director General is the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission since 2018, against this background Civil Society Organizations have jointly fostered dialogue ;
  a) Lobbied for recognition of CGD in County Statistical law.
  b) Developing Standards and Norms for Non-State actor's production of official data in collaboration with GPSDD and GIZ.
Civil Society Data Channels

- **Policy Papers, Public Data Analysis**
- **Research Papers**
- **Assessment Reports (e.g. Twaweza’s Assessment on Education System)**

**CSOs Reports & Publication**

- **Civil Society organisations have produced 3 SDGs progress report since 2015**
- **CSOs SDGs Reports provide a platform for collective action**

**Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)**

- **Ongoing Analysis by CSOs to further disaggregate 2019 Census data**
- **2019 Census included CSOs recommendation on use of Washington set of questions to establish disability prevalence, and types.**

**National CENSUS**
How Civil Society Data is Utilized by Citizen

1. **Public Participation** - Citizen are guided by Civil Society Data during public participation meetings that define county priorities for annual investments.

2. **National & County Budget Processes** - Citizen in Kenya relay on CSOs data and analysis of budget processes to guide them in placing evidence based demands.

3. **Resource Tracking & Accountability** - Civil Society Reports provide evidence to enable citizen accountability mechanism.
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