Open Government Partnership

Briefing to Tanzania Cabinet
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Open Government Partnership
Launched 20 September 2011
“the more open we are, the more willing we are to hear constructive criticism, the more effective we can be. And ultimately, governments are here to serve the people, not to serve those in power.”

- President Barack Obama
Closing remarks, OGP launch
20 September, 2011
The World is Changing

• Government is open and responsive to its own people
• Citizens inform governments
• Things get done
• Openness builds legitimacy
4 Core Principles

• Transparency
• Citizen participation
• Accountability, Accountability
• Technology and innovation
5 key areas

• Improving public services
• Increasing public integrity
• More effectively managing public resources
• Creating safer communities
• Increase corporate accountability
Status

8 countries launched
38 other countries joined (incl Tanzania)

Only 6 African countries eligible:
- Tanzania
- Liberia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- South Africa
- Uganda (did not join)
How does it work?

• Eligible countries sign up to Open Gov Declaration
• Countries identify key areas to strengthen openness + develop concrete OGP Plan with public consultation
• Countries secure peer review and technical support to implement plan
• Provide annual reports that are subject to independent review
Key Dates

• December 7 and 8, 2011: Draft Country plans
  Peer review in Brasilia (Ministerial level)
• March 2012: Final Country plans
  (Heads of State level summit)
Leadership in Tanzania

- President Kikwete has championed OGP + appointed Minister for Good Governance to lead the process
- MGG is coordinating consultation and drafting plan
- OGP is government-wide process, where each ministry needs to play its part; all PSs brief last week under leadership of CS
- Open Government can be a key part of 50 years of Uhuru celebrations
- Twaweza in the SC of OGP
Next steps in Tanzania

1. Establish process and key dates between now and the Dec 7 Draft Country Plan
2. Learn more through www.opengovpartnership.org
3. Refer to Open Government Best Practice Guide
4. Use Networking Mechanism when specific help is required
5. Set up contact point/address
6. Consult with public, in open, innovative way (Twaweza can help)
7. Submit draft Country Plan before December 7th
What can Tanzania do?

5 concrete ideas
Key Considerations

• Consolidate and strengthen what exists, start with audit of what's there and how well its working (Twaweza can help)

• Make existing information more accessible, simple, visual, local

• Focus on a few key areas that matter to wananchi

• Use possibilities created by new technologies

• Work with the champions in government for quick wins
1. Resources/Budgets/Revenues

• Put data online to the most disaggregated level, machine readable format (not PDF)
• Budgets, transfers, expenditures
• Revenues, exemptions (TRA)
• Procurement, tenders
• Audits, Parliamentary Committee reports, esp. value for money
• Land resources (eg digital maps)
Brazil expenditure
Info on wall (MKSS, India)
2. Education: My school

- Radical, practical transparency built from the mwananchi up
- The school level matters the most
- Build on BEST data, make it transparent
- Post basic data in all schools
- Build in feedback from citizens
- Connect digital and manual
- Consider quick wins in water and health
Daraja
3. Progressive Freedom of Info law

- Accelerate process to promulgate freedom of information (FOI) law
- Developed to reflect high standards
- Draw from experiences of countries that have it (e.g., South Africa, India)
- Keep administration simple
4. Make integrity disclosures public

- Strengthen transparency of ethics secretariat disclosures, make them transparency, online
- Explore ways to make public contracts transparent, online
- Draw from experiences of countries and organizations (EITI, Revenue Watch)
5. Citizen Feedback

• Systematize what is currently ad hoc
• Make it easy for wananchi to give views, in an open architecture (not workshops)
• Make constitutional review process open and participatory
• Respond, publicize, act on views
• Create separate space, as well as built in administrative procedures
Fix My Street

Report, view, or discuss local problems
(like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting)

Enter a nearby GB postcode, or street name and area: [Blank]
Or locate me automatically

How to report a problem
1. Enter a nearby GB postcode, or street name and area
2. Locate the problem on a map of the area
3. Enter details of the problem
4. We send it to the council on your behalf

Recently reported problems
- Birmingham Road - Street cleaning 06:08 today
- Dudley Road - Roads/highways 06:16 today
- Broken light 01:36 today
- Pot holes 01:32 today
- Dog excrement on pavement 01:10 today

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“When I ran for this office, I pledged to make government more open and accountable to its citizens. That’s what the new We the People feature on WhiteHouse.gov is all about — giving Americans a direct line to the White House on the issues and concerns that matter most to them.”

— President Barack Obama

How We the People works in 3 easy steps
Karibu Tovuti ya Wananchi

Madhumuni ya Tovuti hii ni kuwawezeza Wa-Tanzania:

- Kuwasiliana moja moja na serikali kupitia tovuti
- Kuwasilishia serikalini mawazo au maoni yako
- Kufuatilia majibu ya hoja za wananchi kutoka serikalini
Conclusion

50 years after Uhuru
OGP is an opportunity to demonstrate
deep responsiveness to the wananchi
and top class leadership to the world.

Tukiamua, twaweza. Tena sana.