

## **Inclusive Local Governance Working Group Conclusions, Lessons and Challenges**

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# Success Factors – Short Term

- Political (LG) buy-in
  - social demand from below
  - Horizontal networking
  - Electoral incentives
- Legal frameworks
  - promoting SI principles and where demand can be channelled
- Donors
  - credible commitment (understanding of the context, longer term commitment)
- Financial commitments

# Success Factors – Long Term

- Lock in effect – point of no return:
- Vertical linkages
  - Policy framework(legal)
  - Political incentives
- Financial
  - Buy in, co funding
  - Entitlements
  - Promote revenue raising ability (taxation)
- Context matters
  - Longer term power constraints
  - Strategize actions

# Challenges

- Fundamental contradiction:
  - Long term processes – uncertain outcomes
  - Short term expectations – results oriented donor agenda
- Sustain finances in the long term
  - Cash transfers, earmarking, revenue raising (Link to other learning groups - finance)
- Integrate Power Analysis
  - Strategize accordingly to implement – link to Power Analysis learning project – PED
  - Mainstreaming: Integrate social inclusion with other local level initiatives (environment, growth, livelihoods)