

Social Accountability and Citizen Engagement

World Vision underscores that the effectiveness of the Post 2015 development framework, will depend in part, on locally led and transparent mechanisms for monitoring progress and ensuring accountability so that people are able to hold their governments accountable for equitable progress at national and local levels.

There is evidence to show that social accountability, in and by communities, improves and sustains development outcomes, reduces inequality and improves development effectiveness by directly engaging marginalised groups in the development process and helps generate data in real time that will track and improve delivery on indicators. It is critical, therefore, to strongly embed opportunities for citizens to participate in monitoring and accountability processes, especially at the local levels, to improve the outcomes of sustainable development programmes.

We affirm the efforts in the zero draft to include marginalised and vulnerable people; increase inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making; develop effective, accountable and transparent public institutions at all levels; improve public access to information; develop and implement capacity building programmes in developing countries in support of national plans for implementing; strengthen capacities for data; and to undertake regular monitoring and reporting of progress on SDGs within a shared accountability framework. All these will go a huge way in ensuring positive development outcomes.

At the same time, there are visible gaps in the zero draft, particularly in monitoring and accountability, especially the participation of citizens and local communities. As such, World Vision would like to see;

- Strong language on monitoring and accountability at all levels, including the participation of local communities in real time monitoring and interactive systems of accountability
- A reference to a continuum, from the local communities to the global institutions, in the shared accountability framework for regular monitoring and reporting of progress on SDGs should.

Specifically;

Proposed goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Reduce inequality among social groups within countries:

Applaud a separate goal on inequality. However, as the targets presented will be left for interpretation in each country context, suggest to embed **participation** in decision making, monitoring and implementation by rephrasing targets 10.5, 10.7 and/or 16.4.

10.5 empower and promote the social and economic inclusion of the poor, the marginalized and people in vulnerable situations, including indigenous peoples, women, minorities, migrants, persons with disabilities, older persons, children and youth.

Suggest rephrase to: *10.5 empower and promote the social and economic inclusion of the poor, the marginalized and people in vulnerable situations, including indigenous peoples, women, minorities, migrants, persons with disabilities, older persons, children and youth. encourage their participation in design, monitoring and implementation of sustainable development programmes at all levels*

10.7 ensure the availability of high-quality, timely and disaggregated data to ensure monitoring of progress for marginalized groups and people in vulnerable situations

Suggest rephrase to: *10.7 ensure the availability of high-quality, timely and disaggregated data to ensure monitoring of progress for and by marginalized groups and people in vulnerable situations*

Proposed goal16. Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, effective and capable institutions

Fostering peaceful and inclusive societies:

16.4 by 2030 increase inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making, at all levels, taking into consideration the interests of present and future generations.

Note: This should be earlier than the end of the P2015 framework e.g. by 2025 or earlier as in 16.14, in order to have a meaningful impact on the implementation of the framework. Countries can increase a little in 2029 and still claim to meet this target.

Suggest rephrase to: 16.4 by 2020 increase inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making, at all levels, taking into consideration the interests and needs of present and future generations

Rule of law, effective and capable institutions:

16.14 by 2020 improve public access to information and government data, including on public finance management, public procurement and on the implementation of national development plans

Suggest rephrase to: 16.14 by 2020 improve public access to timely information and government data, including on public finance management, public procurement and on the implementation of national development plans

Proposed goal17.Strengthen and enhance the means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development

Proposed goal1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

17.1 develop and implement effective and targeted capacity building programmes in developing countries in support of national plans for implementing sustainable development goals

Suggest rephrase to: 17.1 develop and implement effective and targeted capacity building programmes in developing countries in support of national plans for implementing and monitoring sustainable development goals

Proposed goal10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

17.36 by 2020, substantially strengthen capacities for data collection and statistical analysis relevant to sustainable development with a focus on generating timely and high-quality data disaggregated, as appropriate, by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, and rural/urban location

Suggest rephrase to: 17.36 by 2020, substantially strengthen capacities for data collection and statistical analysis relevant to sustainable development with a focus on generating timely and high-quality data, including real time data from citizens on the realities in their communities, disaggregated, as appropriate, by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, and rural/urban location

17.43 undertake regular monitoring and reporting of progress on SDGs within a shared accountability framework, including means of implementation, the global partnership among Member States and multi-stakeholder initiatives and partnerships

Suggest rephrase to: 17.43 undertake regular monitoring and reporting of progress on SDGs within a shared accountability framework, including means of implementation, real time data from local communities, the global partnership among Member States and multi-stakeholder initiatives and partnerships