

Fourth Annual Report Web Update

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Our GTF programme, *Power to the people: making governance work for marginalised groups* (P2P), nurtures the development of effective civil society movements and empowers marginalised and vulnerable people to hold community, local and national authorities to account. The programme includes activities to secure increased participation by and government responsiveness to marginalised groups as well as more effective civil society movements. It involves partners and activities in ten countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. P2P has four overall outputs which apply to all the projects and which focus on:

- voice and participation of marginalised groups;
- action and interaction with authorities;
- civil society working together;
- experience sharing.

Within these four outputs, each partner has been able to design very different projects which reflect the wide difference in operating contexts between the ten countries. As a result, the range of activities has broadly been concerned with empowering and mobilising marginalised groups by claiming or creating spaces to interact effectively with power structures and power holders, or to challenge decisions and fight for rights and entitlements to be upheld.

In Tajikistan, much work has been done on setting up Public Chambers to help women to claim their rights and empower them to know that they have more choices than remaining in abusive relationships. As the Public Chambers have progressed, they have become entrenched in the local system and finally recognised in law, giving women a permanent source of help.

In Ghana, partner SEND has worked consistently on ensuring that the Ghana School Feeding Programme is run effectively and that the maximum number of schools and school children are registered to receive benefit from this. Through constant monitoring and advocacy, the success of this is now seen in year-on-year increases in registrations of over 100%.

In Brazil, our two partners CESE and INESC, are part of large civil society movements which publicise minority voices, such as those of excluded ethnic and indigenous groups, helping them to fight for their rights at national level, and to protect their indigenous lands. A website set up by the partners has been viewed over 9m in its first 8 months of operation.

In the Dominican Republic, Kenya and Uganda, our partners have been fighting for the rights of refugees to be able to access key documents like birth certificates, and have taken their cases to international human rights courts..

In the coming 18 months, our plan is to continue with this strong delivery, but where possible to consolidate and scale up work to try to achieve even bigger and deeper results, thinking ahead to the end of P2P, and also looking at cross-programme linkages and best practice that may help the partners to learn, share and ultimately be more effective.

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CESE – Brazil - Image of indigenous women at the 17th Meeting of Indigenous Peoples from Ceará.
Credit: Camila Garcia



NAID – Kenya - Launch of a Maarifa (knowledge) centre, where community members are trained in budget monitoring etc.
– *Credit: Northern Aid*