



The IDEAL Impact in Burundi

assessing the social contract between local
governments and their citizens



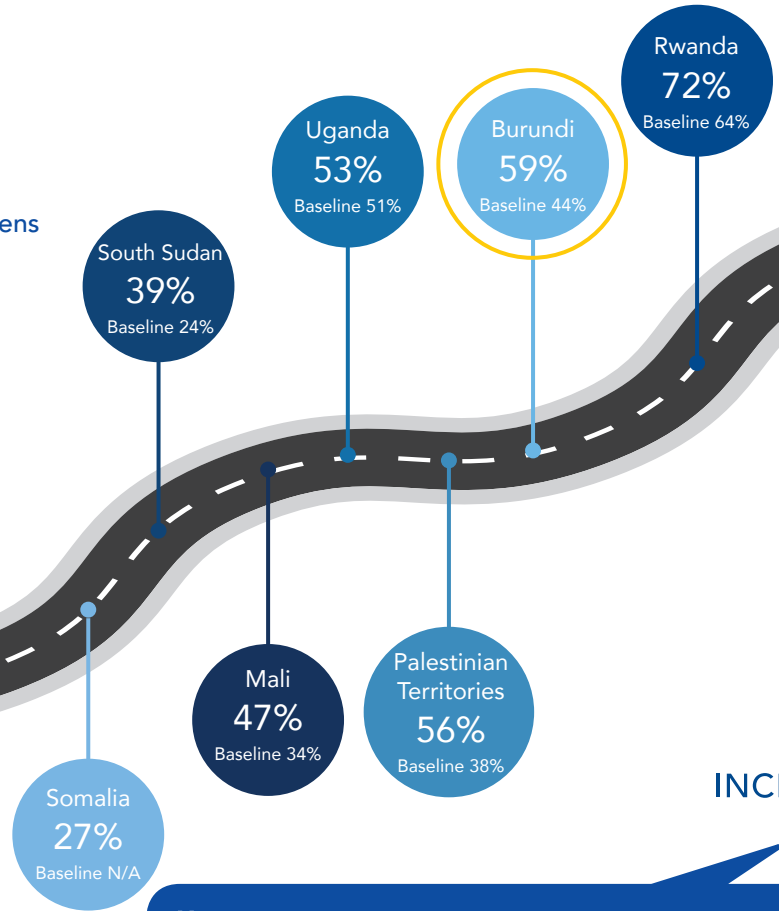
The Overall IDEAL Program

Social Contract

The contract between local governments and citizens



The IDEAL program works with seven Local Government Associations in 6 of the 7 countries: Burundi, Mali, the Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, Somalia, and Uganda.



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AT LOCAL LEVEL



"The unique selling proposition of a program such as IDEAL is the fact that it can work on the politics of local decision-making."



"The IDEAL program makes great efforts to adapt to the fragile contexts in which it works, and thus displays a conflict-sensitive approach in practice."

Most Valued Aspects of VNGI Collaboration Overall

- Technical Expertise
- Connecting and Convening people
- Policy Influencing

"In countries where the LGA is a co-implementor, the IDEAL program is relevant to strengthen the capacity, the visibility of the organisation and its credibility."



An improved Social Contract between local governments and citizens



"Development players appreciate the capacity of VNGI/IDEAL to support processes at LG level, to manage tensions between technical staff and politicians, to deal with the political implications of what are seemingly 'easy' technical issues."

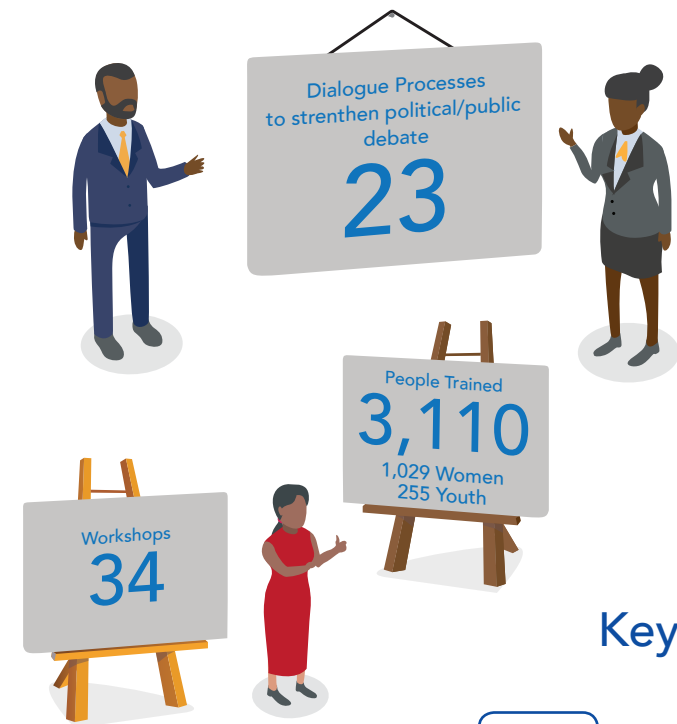
"The added value of the IDEAL program lies in the particular mandate and expertise of VNGI working with LGAs and with local governments."

"VNG makes considerable efforts to look for collaboration, synergy and complementarity."



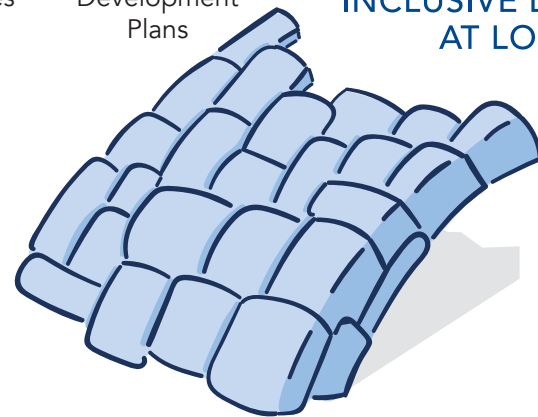
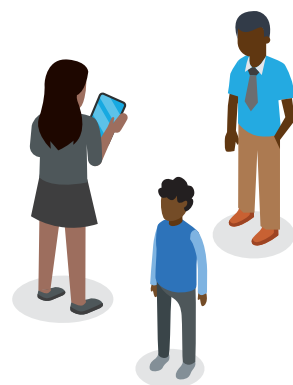
IDEAL - Burundi

Working with 8 municipalities and the Association Burundaise des Elus Locaux (ABELO)

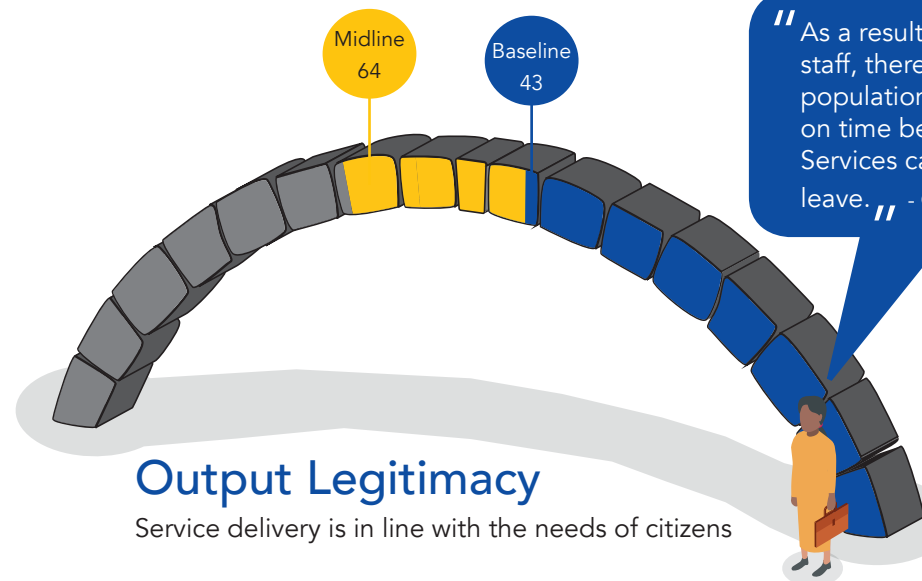
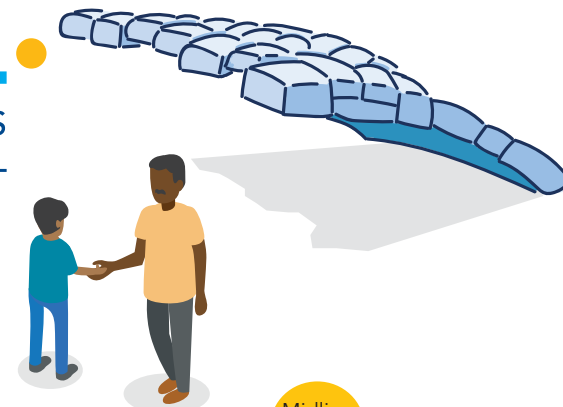


Key Achievements

- 8 inclusive committees on communal development are in place
- Advocacy strategy on human security and transference of competences
- Security, gender and inclusivity incorporated into Communal Development Plans



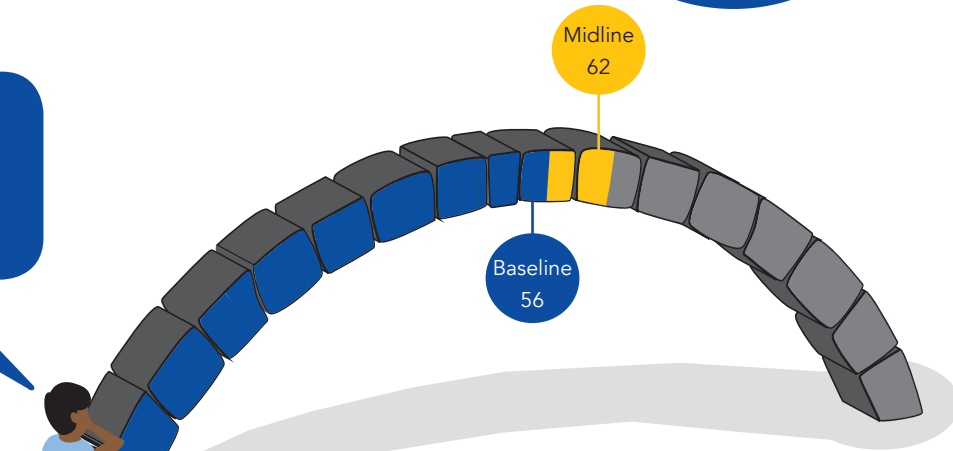
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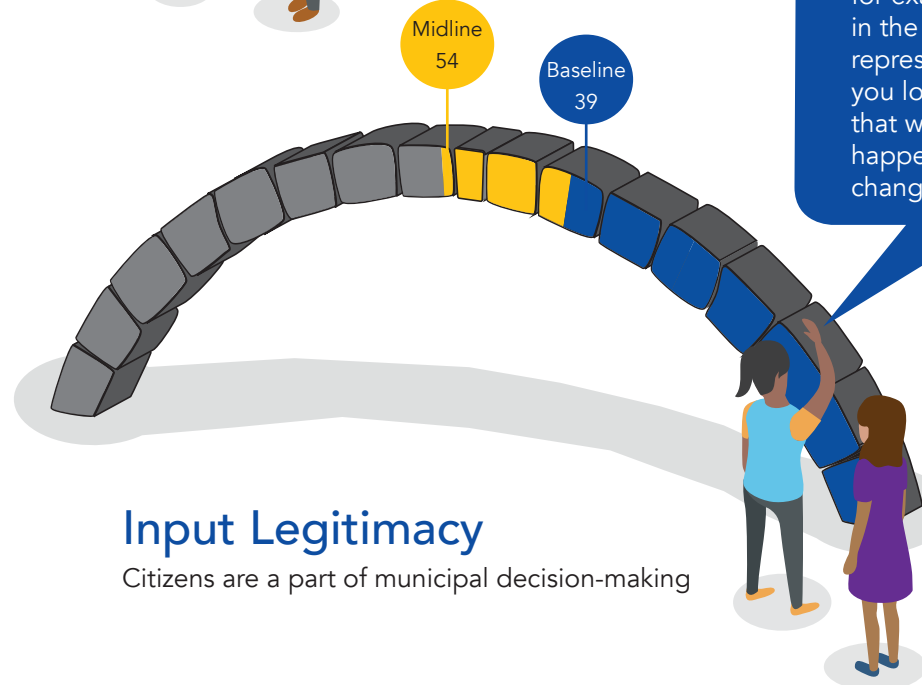
"As a result of the training provided to the administrative staff, there was a change in the services given to the population. Now the population benefits from the services on time because the administrator delegates his powers. Services can now continue when the administrator is on leave." - Gitanga, LG staff



"In the last year, ABELO participated in the PCDC development process in VYANDA commune. For the first time, all segments of the population have been involved in prioritizing the projects for their villages." - Gitanga, LG staff



"After ABELO's training, in the area of inclusive governance, for example, we understood that women have to participate in the local development. Women must appear in representative numbers in associations and cooperatives. If you look at the cooperatives in our commune, you would see that women are in considerable numbers. This achievement happened between the 2018 and 2019. It's a positive change." - Bururi, LG staff



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The IDEAL programme

IDEAL is a programme by VNG International that works on the involvement of citizens in local governance in seven countries facing fragility or conflict. The participation of citizens contributes to inclusive decision-making. It improves local governance and the delivery of basic services. It makes local governance more sustainable and increases welfare and stability. Our drive and expertise is to support local governments in building bridges with all their citizens – including marginalised groups.

Building better futures

by strengthening democratic local government

VNG International are experts in strengthening democratic local government in developing and transitional countries. Local governments play a key role in the provision of basic services such as water, waste management, health care and housing. They have a profound impact on areas like safety, food security, rule of law, and women's rights. This is how our projects contribute in a sustainable way to better futures for people, communities and countries.



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