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AT LOCAL LEVEL



The IDEAL Impact in Somalia

assessing the social contract between local
governments and their citizens



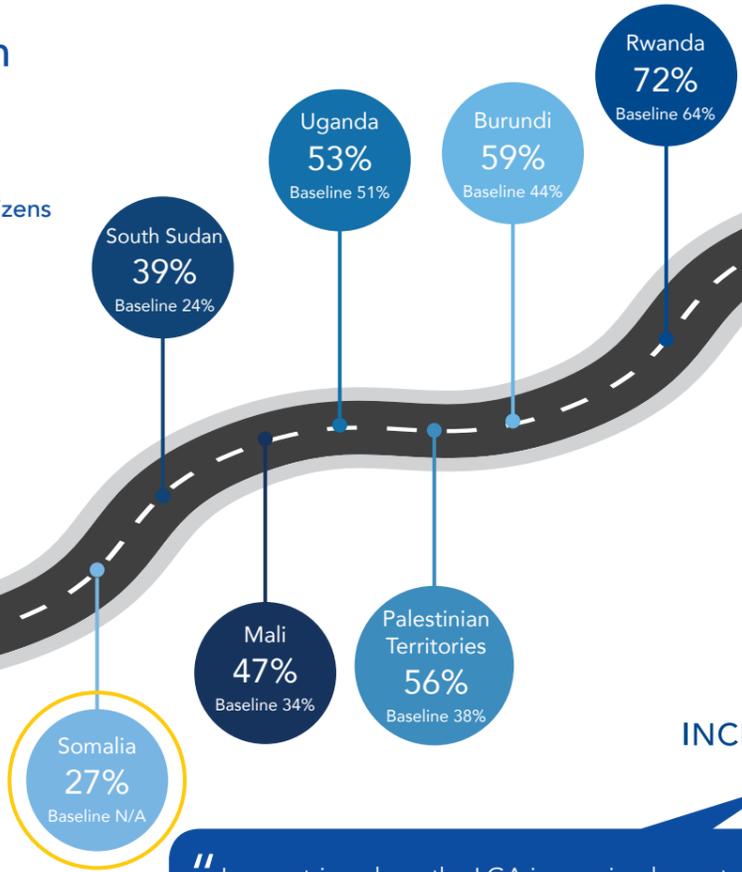
The Overall IDEAL Program

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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"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."



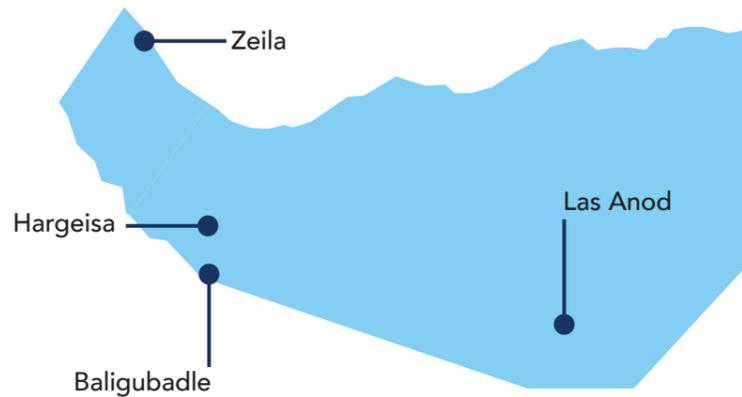
IDEAL - Somalia

Working with 3 districts and the Association of Local Government Authorities of Somaliland (ALGASL)

Dialogue Processes to strengthen political/public debate
8

People Trained
676
109 Women 101 Youth

Workshops
22



Key Achievements



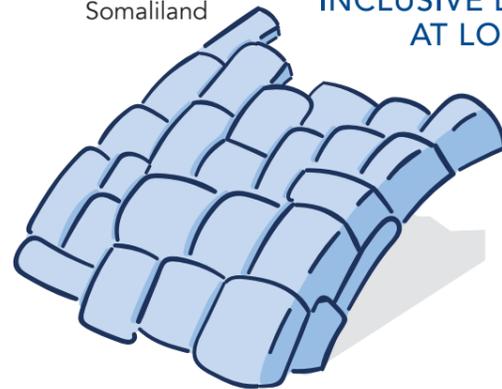
Maximum expansion of ALGASL membership reached



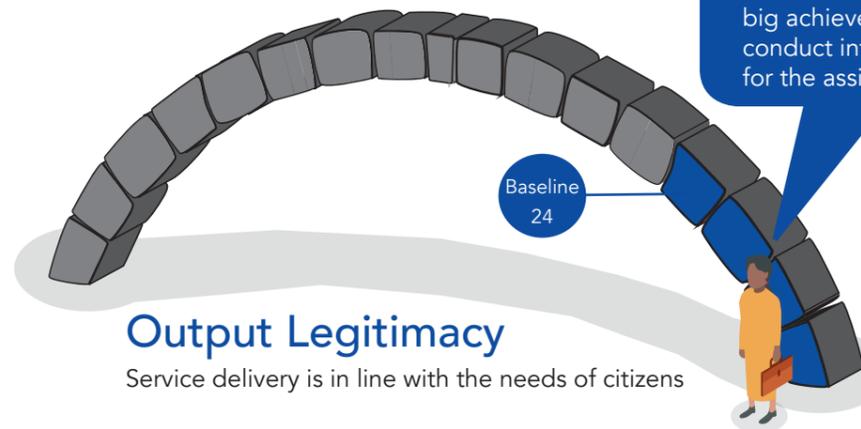
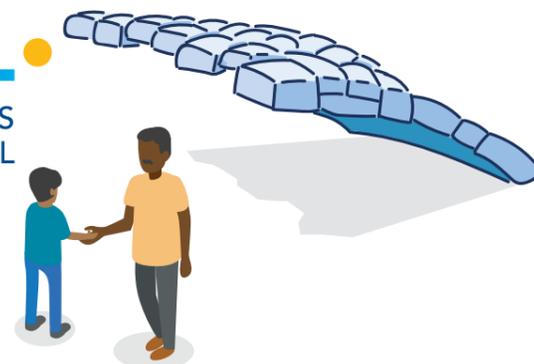
ALGASL leads consultation processes in pilot districts



ALGASL now provides trainings and services to districts across Somaliland



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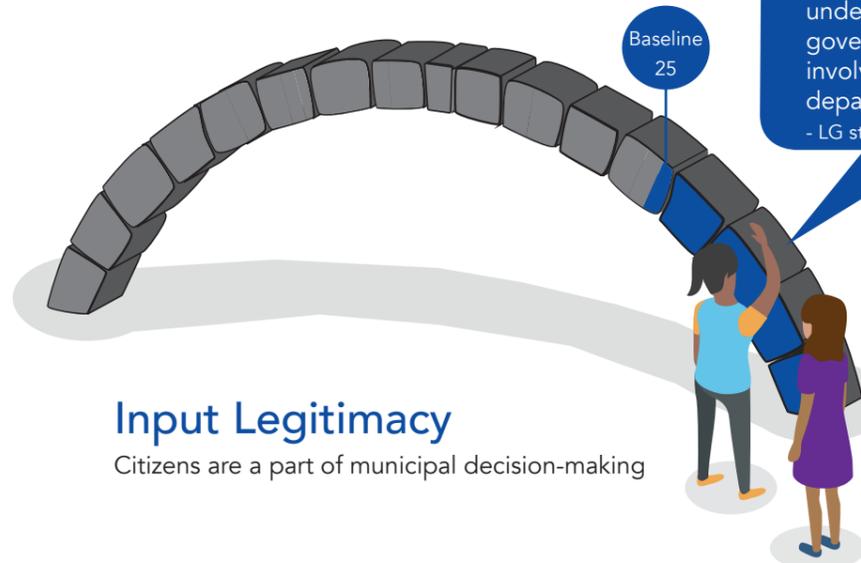
"Activities have changed in a positive way. The trainings improved our ability to implement activities/services to the district. It also resulted good communication between ALGASL and municipalities. I have contacted local government staff to have a meeting and to collect data in the district without any support of ALGASL. This is a very big achievement since I managed to reach districts and to conduct interviews alone, whereas before I needed to wait for the assistance of the Executive Director." - LG staff



"ALGASL's constitution was reviewed in 2018 and membership was expanded from 10 to 17 members. The change occurred throughout Somaliland. ALGASL, VNGI and LGs worked together. I felt grateful because these two things increased ALGASL sustainability and visibility." - LG staff



"The change for me is that more women are now coming to the municipality. We got a training from VNG and ALGASL under the IDEAL program, related to gender and local governance. We realized the importance of the women's involvement in local governance. Even the leads in our department is now female. Very transparent. Happy with it." - 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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