

The IDEAL Impact in South Sudan

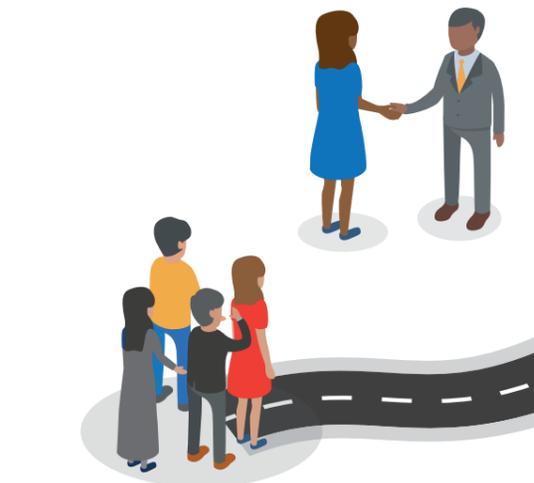
assessing the social contract between local
governments and their citizens



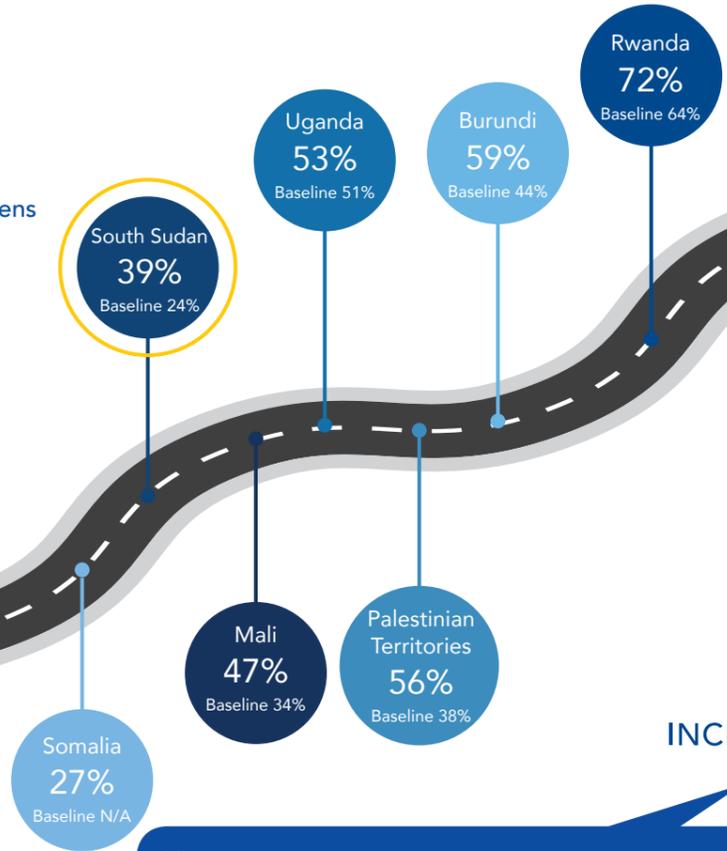
The Overall IDEAL Program

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.



"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."

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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."

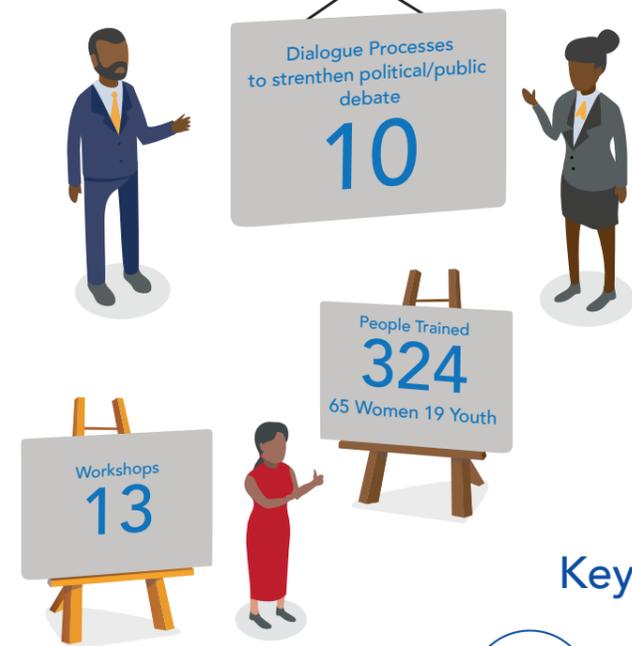
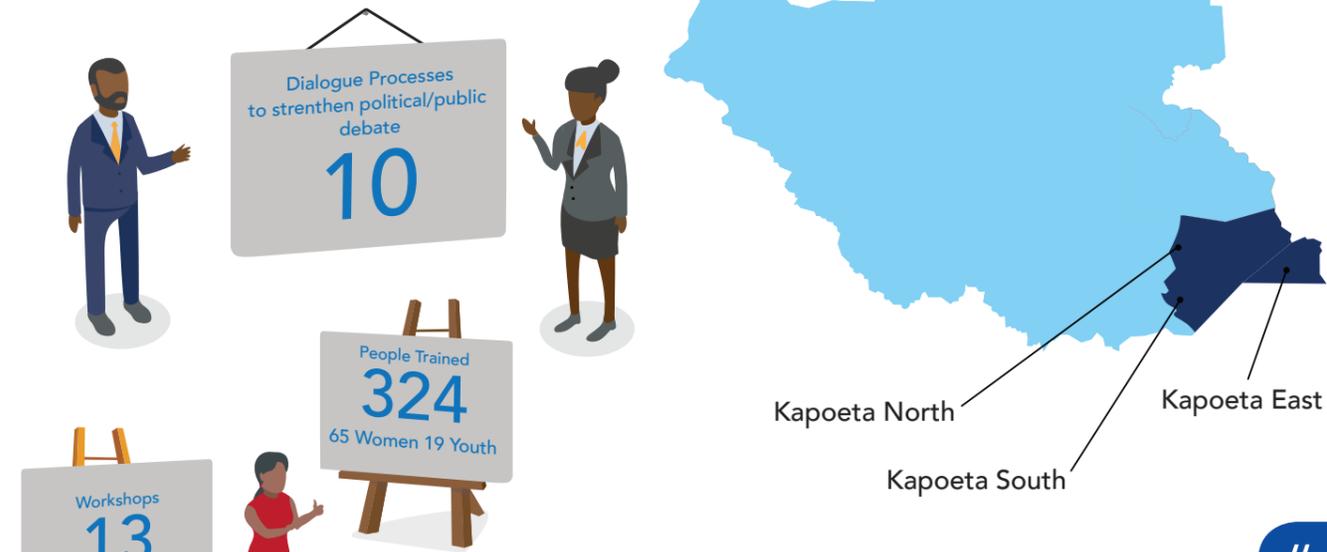
"The added value of the IDEAL program lies in the particular mandate and expertise of VNGI working with LGAs and with local governments."

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



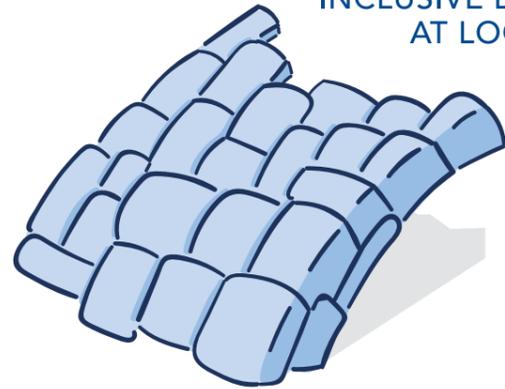
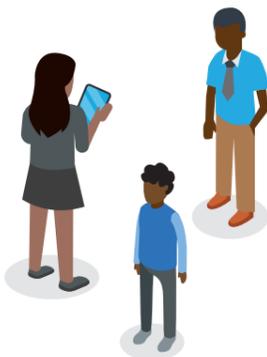
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Working with 3 municipalities in the south east of the country.

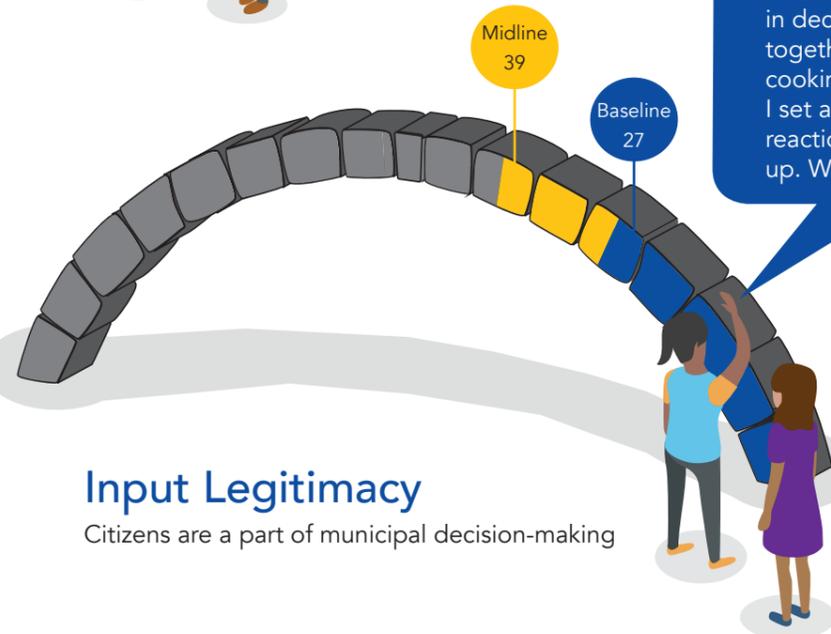


Key Achievements

- First full grant-cycle completed
- Staff engage with other counties and stakeholders independently
- Stronger and more effective dialogue with other organizations



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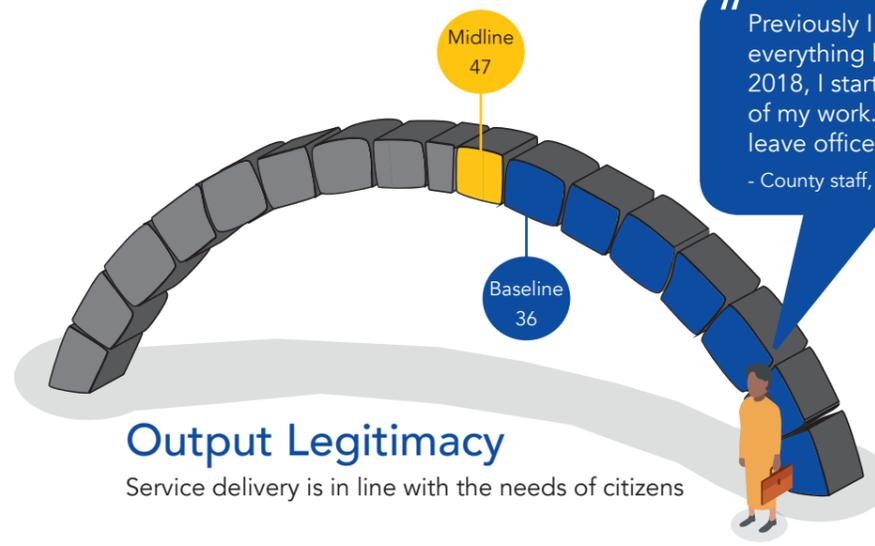


Input Legitimacy

Citizens are a part of municipal decision-making



"I was trained on gender in 2019. I learned how we can better interact with women. Women need to be included in decisions and that yields better results, we can work together. It changed me, since then, I help more my wife in cooking and washing and in decision making. At the office I set a good example. I discussed in communities, but the reaction wasn't always good, but some people are taking it up. We need to walk together." - County staff, Kapoeta North



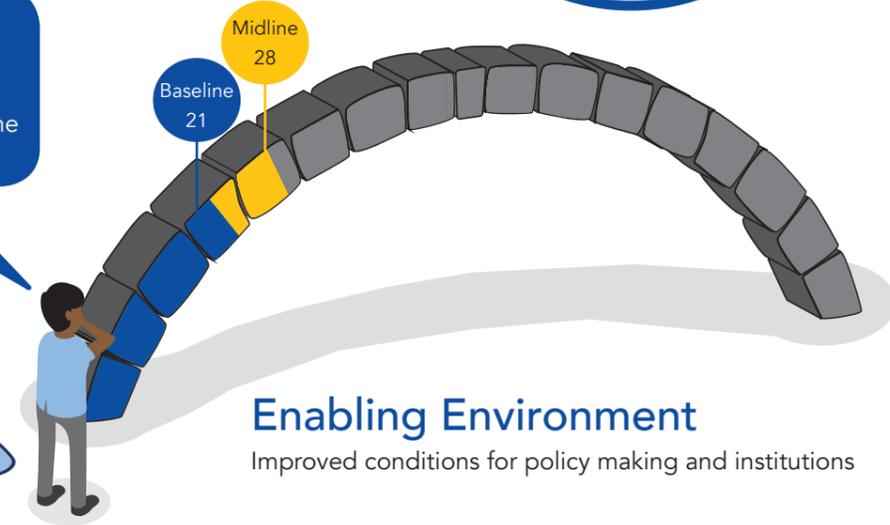
Output Legitimacy

Service delivery is in line with the needs of citizens



"Previously I did not delegate work and I was doing everything by myself. After the management skills in July 2018, I started to manage my work better by delegating part of my work. Now the work and the services continue when I leave office." - County staff, Kapoeta North

"I got knowledge and skills through the training given by VNG International, however putting them into practice became a challenge as the commissioner of the executive director sometimes takes over the work of the water points repair or the work that I'm supposed to do." - County staff



Enabling Environment

Improved conditions for policy making and institutions

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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