

GRASSROOTS PROFESSIONALS' GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

This is a diagnostic exercise to gauge how much your grassroots field workers understand the workings of government functioning. The tool will help you assess how much the lack of knowledge on planning, budgeting, and decision-making have a direct impact on implementation of your programmes on the ground. It will also direct you toward the kind of knowledge on government functioning your grassroots workers need to strengthen their on ground interventions.

Name of org:

Theory of change:

Interventions at the grassroots:

Key Sectors or government programmes addressed:



Ask your grassroots professionals the following questions:

- What does engagement with the government look like on a regular basis? (Why do you approach government actors and who are key officials you reach out to regularly? What outputs do you expect?)

Local:

State:

National:

- What are some of the challenges in engaging with the government at these different levels?

Local:

State:

National:

- What are some of your strengths in engaging with the government at these different levels?

Local:

State:

National:

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1	Do you know how the money flows from the centre to the last mile in the sector you work in? All the steps in the process?		
2	Do you know how much money the government is meant to be putting toward that programme? How much is coming from the Centre and how much from States?		
3	Do you know the process through which the money is sanctioned to the beneficiary?		
4	Do you know the exact roles and responsibilities of the government officers you interact with? (who they report to and who they are accountable to?)		
5	Do you know the institutional constraints of government officers that you interact with?		
6	Do you know what documents you can ask for or look at to know about planning and budgeting at the grassroots level?		
7	Do you know all the functions that have been devolved to your Panchayats and have they been the funds and functionaries been devolved to them accordingly?		
8	Do you know if your programme has a citizen engagement component embedded in its design, and if it is functional?		

- What kind of information or knowledge do you think if you had on government functioning would help you drive better results?