



Social Accountability's role in achieving Availability, Quality, Equity, and Choice

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### Social Accountability: definition

SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY
or
TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY

"civil society-led monitoring & accountability efforts to hold gov't <u>accountable</u> for promises....

...and to ensure that gov't policy, spending, and services are <u>responsive</u> to citizen needs"

Characterized by its focus on promoting citizen voice and rights

### Social Accountability: what it involves

Collect additional data

Conduct independent analysis

**Empower** citizens

Leverage citizen input and feedback

**Advocacy** 

Social Action

Citizen empowerment

Improved government programs, spending, and services

Improved human development

#### SAc: different levels



National commitments, policy, programs, budgets

- Consistency with need
- Operationalization and realization

Program Implementation

- Resource tracking PETS
- Policy tracking

Service delivery

 Quality, choice, equity, availability

Citizen empowerment and engagement

- Rights and entitlements
- Satisfaction; participation
- CSC; CRC

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#### SAc: What do we know?

Problem must drive approach

Focus level

Context

Type of information

# Thank you!

## Focusing on SAc at the community and facility level - What do we know?

	Accountable or willing individuals (collaboration)	Unaccountable or unwilling individuals (contestation)
Short route (individuals as beneficiaries)	1. Willing providers	2. Unwilling providers
Long route (individuals as self- governing citizens)	3. Willing public officials	4. Everyone is unwilling

## Focusing on SAc at the community and facility level - What do we know?

- 1. Information focused on **inputs** more successful than information on outputs only
- 2. Importance of providing information on the rights of citizens
  - All unsuccessful interventions provided information only on the performance of the provider, not rights
- 3. Importance of presenting **comparative information** (allowing users to see how their providers were performing relative to other villages or to national standards)
- 4. Providing **ideas of actions** for citizens to take in response to the is helpful