

Building Accountability Capacity for Local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Advance Accountability Dialogues for RH/FP Supplies in Uganda: A Case of Faith for Family Health Initiative (3FHi)

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CSOS CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

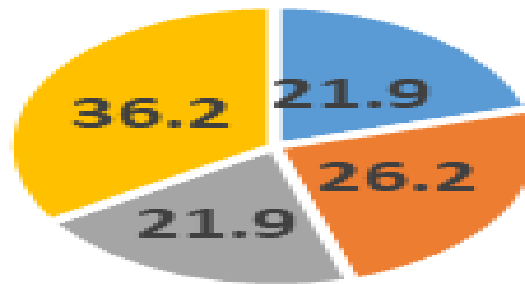
The Capacity assessment was conducted for over 100 CSOs and key findings include;

Lack of knowledge and skills to:

- ✘ Differentiate between accountability tools, approaches and processes.
- ✘ Competently utilize available accountability tools: motion tracker, citizen score card, PET, etc.
- ✘ Identify accountability opportunities in FP commodity financing continuum: allocation, disbursement, exp.
- ✘ Secure funding for accountability actions.
- ✘ Track FP commodity policy and budget commitments.
- ✘ Establish accountability networks for FP supplies.

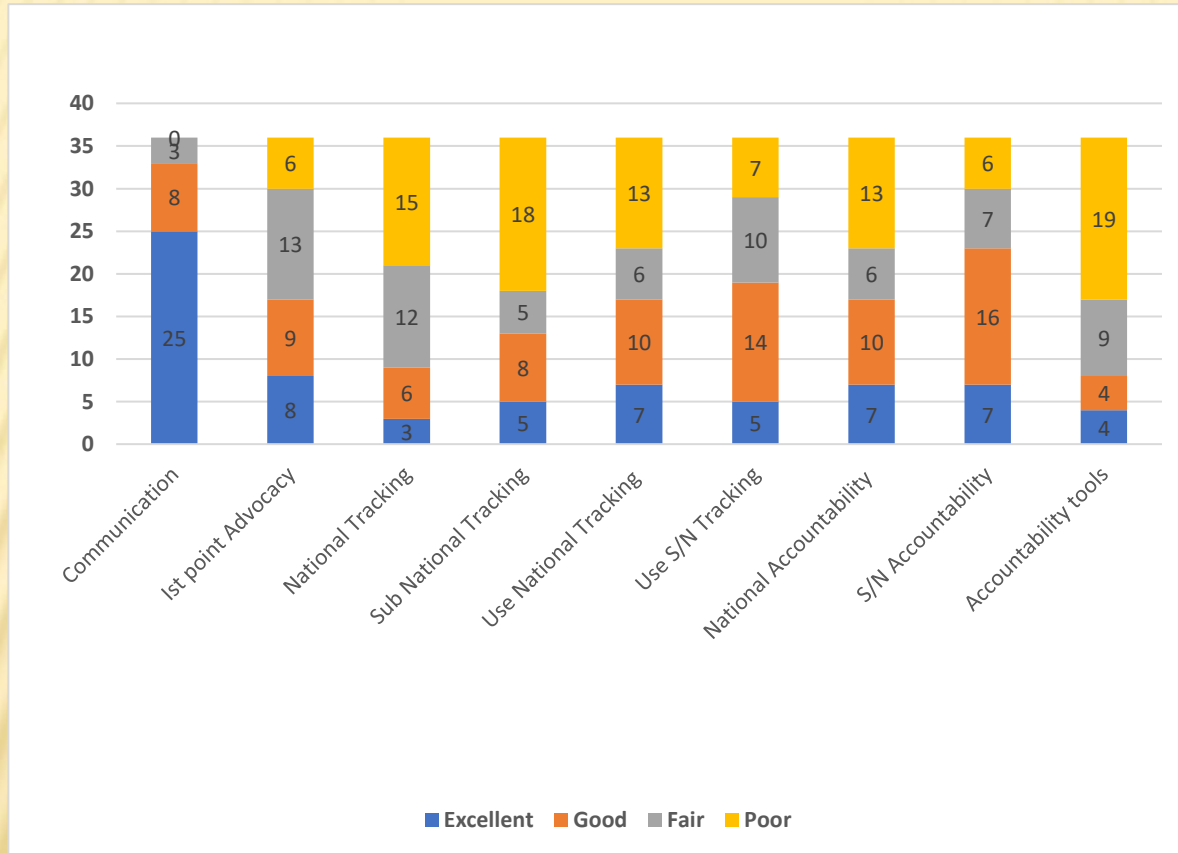
CSOS CAPACITY ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Overall Ability of CSOs in Accountability



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Fair ■ Poor

CAPACITIES OF CSOS IN FP BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY



RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✘ Accountability for family planning should be at the heart of capacity development using different training, coaching and mentoring programmes that target both operational and institutional capacities of CSOs
- ✘ CSOs capacity development should therefore, focus on strengthening collaboration between CSOs and government investing in facilitating dialogues and building trusted relationships between government and communities
- ✘ Efforts should be made to strengthen and support local CSOs' oversight and control of accountability mechanisms.
- ✘ Effective coordination of CSOs at national and sub national levels and strengthening efforts for CSOs to work together and develop systematic relationship with government, communities and the media.
- ✘ Civil Society should support Health Management committees at sub national level to improve existing feedback mechanisms to improve its targeting by engaging with the health facilities and communities to trigger their responses.

FORMATION OF LOCAL CSO NETWORK AND THE JOINT ACCOUNTABILITY COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY

- ✘ Local CSOs network was formed comprised of sex workers CSOs , young people Living with HIV, People With Disabilities, Youth ,farmers, women organisations, Religious/FBOs and media
- ✘ CSO network mentors were trained in accountability concepts and tools and graduated to join the Joint Advocacy and Accountability collaborative.
- ✘ Joint/collective accountability action developed, coordination processes agreed on, resource leveraging plan endorsed to address issues below;

Disbursement

- Advocacy for prompt/full disbursements to National medical stores from the national treasury.
- Advocacy for correct and timely ordering of the FP commodities.
- Advocacy for full implementation of policies that guide logistics, warehousing, distribution

Expenditure

- Accountability dialogue for open and transparent sharing of FP commodity expenditure data.