Data for Accountable and Transparent Action (DATA)

Data for Accountable and Transparent Action: Activity Goal

Program Duration – 2 years

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Activity Goal

To strengthen the capacity of local CSOs to use sound, robust data and communicate it effectively thus contributing to the improved evidence-based policy making cycle.

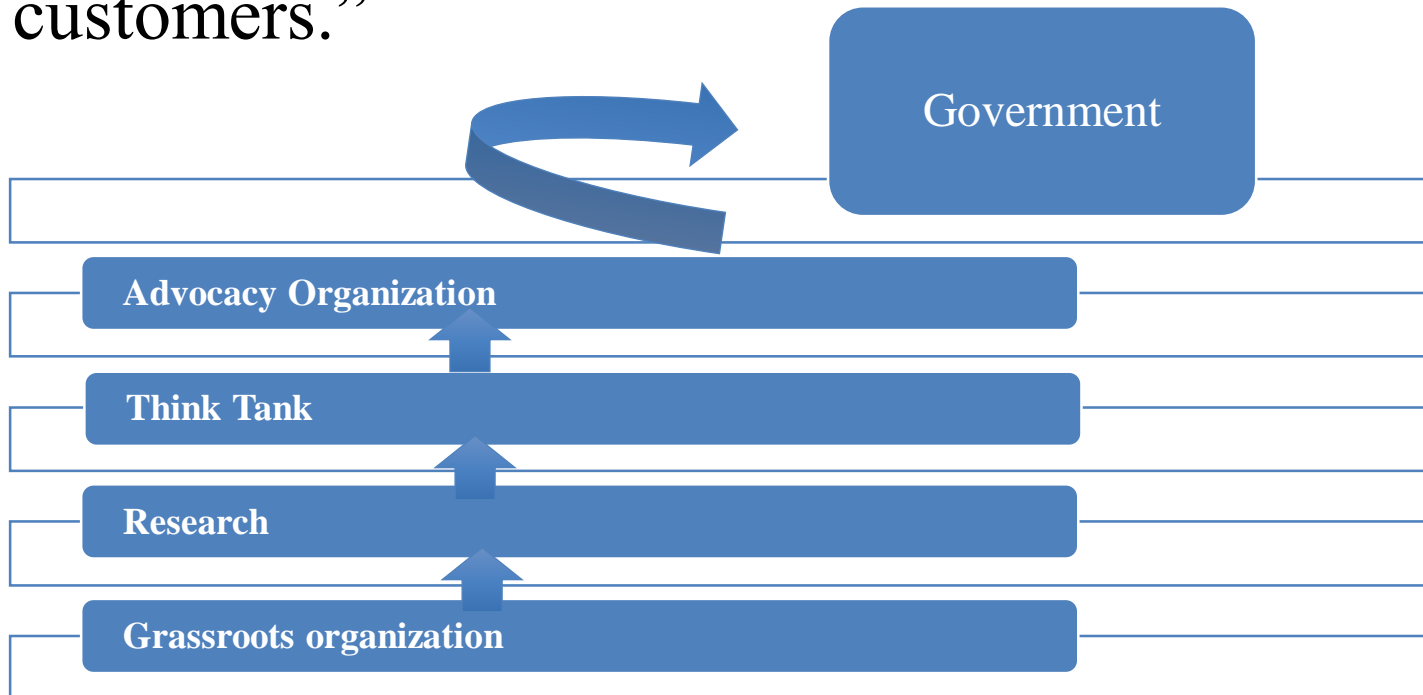# Data for Accountable and Transparent Action: Objective 1

Improve the capacity of CSOs to identify, assess, analyze, and effectively communicate the evidence for policy making.

Data for Accountable and Transparent Action: Objective 2

Establish networks engaging CSOs and government into evidence-based policy development and promote inter-sectoral cooperation

Data for Accountable and Transparent Action: Approach

- **"Value Chain":** "adding value to the raw materials through multiple stages of production to create a final product, and then sell the finished product to customers."

Government

Advocacy Organization

Think Tank

Research

Grassroots organization

Data for Accountable and Transparent Action: Value Chain Approach to Policy Making

Step 1:

Problem Identification by Grassroots CSOs, groups

Step 2:

Evidence, Research, Justification, with the help of research organizations

Step 3:

Development of Policy recommendation with the help of think-tanks, policy-related organizations, experts

Step 4: Publicity and communication: to effectively communicate to decision makers and public

With the help of Media, Communication organizations

DATA Implementing Partners

Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Program Lead, Grants Management, Capacity Building

SOCIES Expert Center NGO

Research, Data, Capacity building

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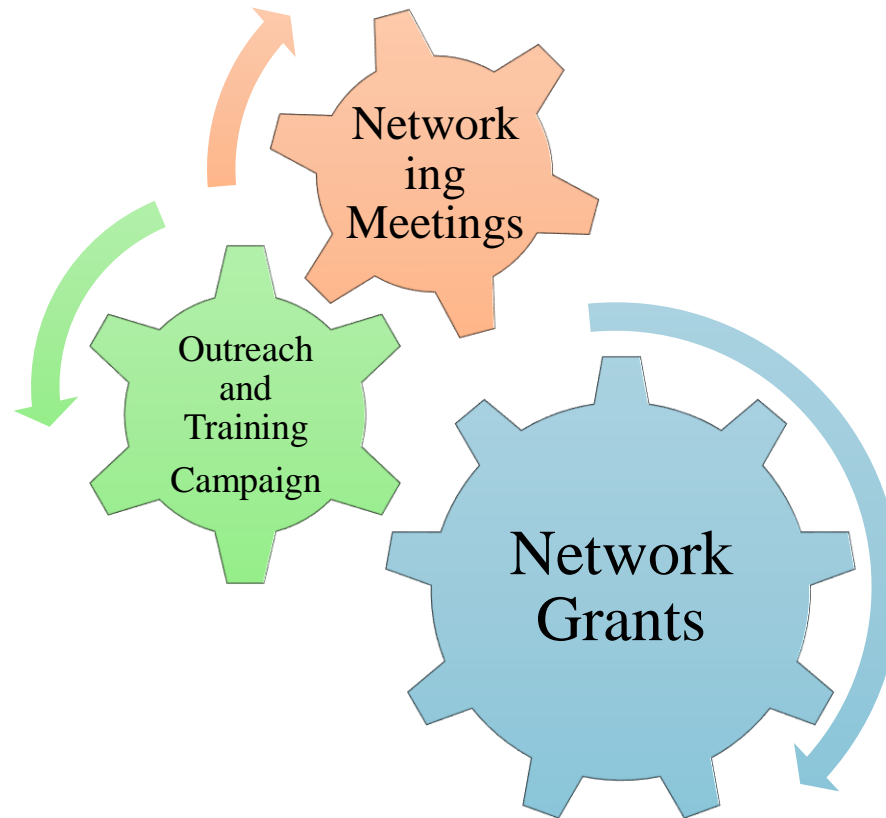
Communication in Policy, Capacity Building

Youth Cooperation Center of Dilijan NGO

Youth/Citizen participation in Policy Processes

Sose Women's Issues NGO

Gender mainstreaming in policy processes

DATA Activities

Networking Meetings

Outreach and Training Campaign

Network Grants

Network Grants Accompanied Support

2 Networking Grants: Cycle 1

- Concept Paper
- Capacity Building on VCPP Method
- Full Proposal
- Co-Creation of Program

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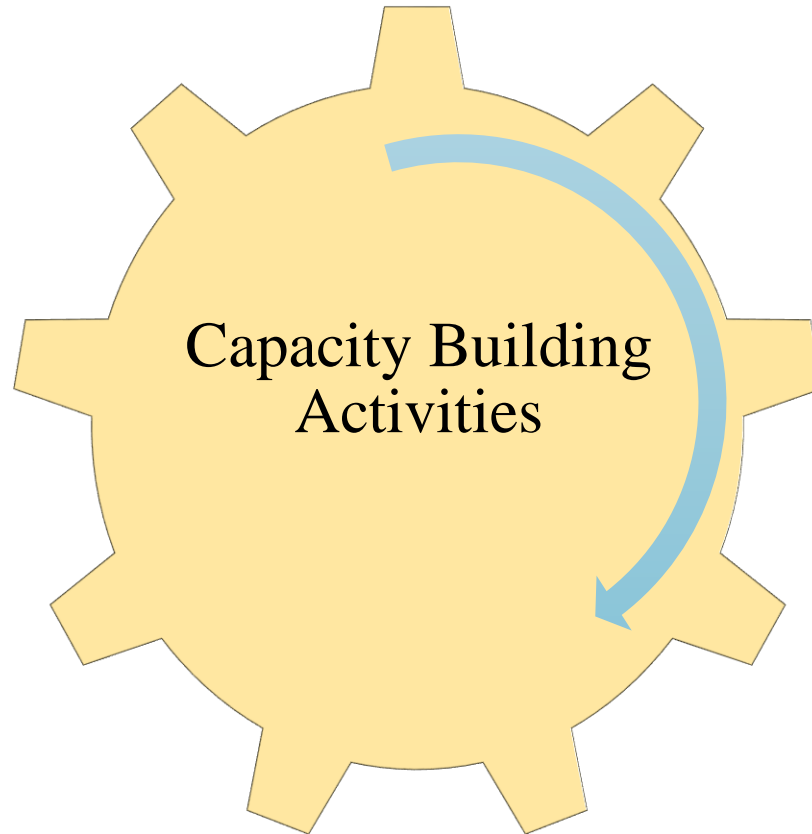- Co-Creation of Program

Accompanied Support to Network Initiatives:

- Thematic discussions, International practice, Resources
- Policy papers, research, articles, multimedia products, publications
- Institutional Capacity Building Support
To at least
16 CSOs engaged in 4 Policy Network Consortia
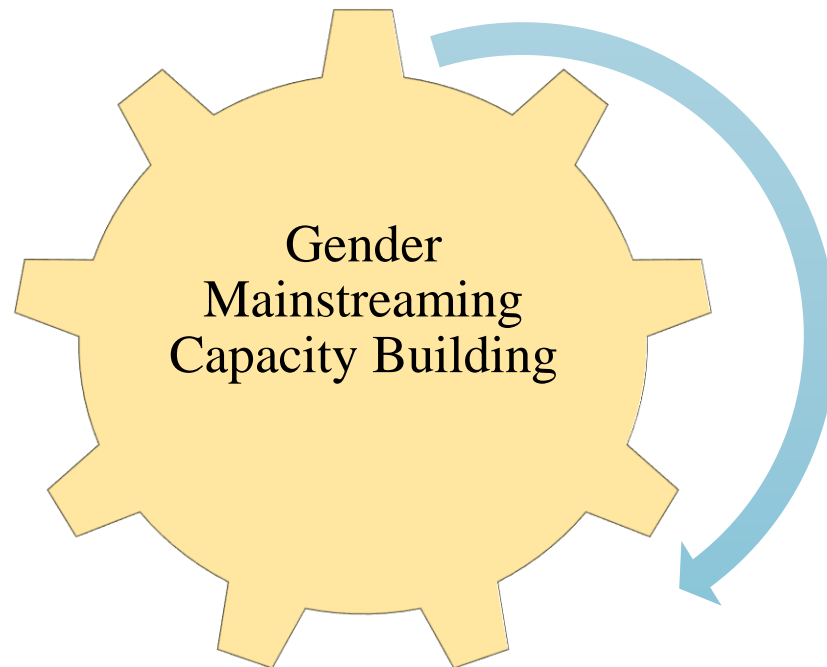
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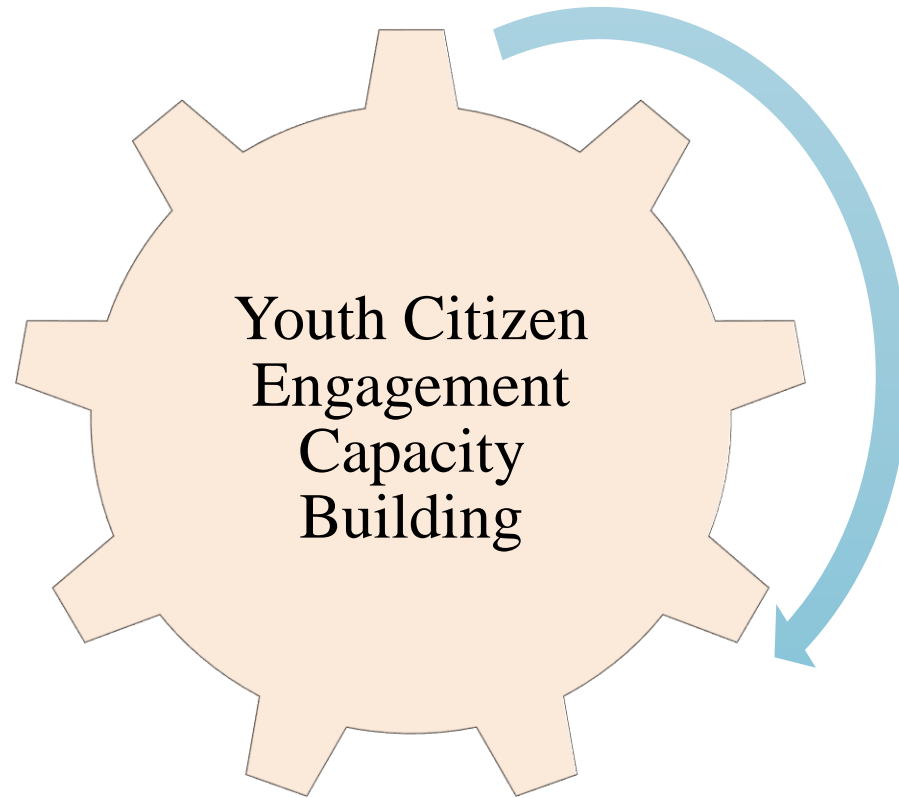
DATA Activities

Capacity Building
Activities

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International Practices

Technical Assistance

DATA Activities

Gender Mainstreaming Capacity Building

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Youth Citizen Engagement Capacity Building

DATA Activities

Research, Data collection

Capacity Building

DATA Activities

Fellowships
Scholarships
Research/Analysis

DATA Activities

Publications, Tools, Modules, Multimedia Resources to support Evidence-based Policy Processes

DATA Results: Near term

- Methodology for Data-Driven Policy Processes for CSOs is developed and applied

- Four thematic policy challenges addressed via Network Consortia

- Sixteen CSOs (from various sectors) engaged in data-driven policy interventions

- More than 100 CSOs improve their capacity in engaging in data-driven policy making at grassroots level

- Improved communication and cooperation between State and Civil Society on policy issues

DATA Results: Near term

- Gender equality mainstreaming in policy-formulation processes improved

- Positive Youth Participation boosted in local development processes

- Comprehensive Communication/media tools and products for effective policy communication

- Young scholars and fellows conduct at least 20 policy-related analysis

- Strong CSOs (at least five DATA Partners and 16 Network grantees) with capacity to effectively engage in policy and/or promote policy change

DATA Results: Long term

- New culture of data-driven policy and advocacy promoted

- The voice of civil society translates into policies due to the sector's improved capacity to produce well justified and sound evidence-based recommendations for policy input.

- The CSOs have sufficient skills and tools to effectively communicate to the decision-makers.

- The civil society organizations engage in effective cooperation with each other and their constituents within and across sectors.

DATA Results: Long term

- Armenia's civil society is able to embrace data-driven decision making.

- Demand and supply in data-driven decision making approach is fostered.

- CSOs' capacity to adopt nondiscriminatory, inclusive, and integrated approaches in decision making, is improved.

- Civil society strengthens their watchdog role and creates a new role of trusted advisor and policy advocate.

Vision of DATA program

The presence of a robust civil society is a necessary component of any well-functioning democracy: this activity will build the capacity of civil society to contribute to Armenia's stability and prosperity.

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