



Learning from Assumptions: Promoting women's political participation as pathway towards inclusive governance

Workshop

14 November 2019, 13:00-16:00

Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law, Zeestraat 100, The Hague

Political governance is one of the domains of change that shapes the current partnerships supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) under the theme of Security and Rule of Law (SRoL). The SRoL's current theory of change (ToC) describes change in this domain as referring to the “strengthened national and local level governance structures that are inclusive and accountable to their constituencies, and that are - together with societies at large - able to effectively prevent and resolve conflict in a non-violent and inclusive manner”.

The workshop will engage with underlying assumptions that guide and drive programme ToCs, focusing on assumptions conceptualizing women's political participation (WPP) as a pathway towards achieving inclusive governance. By discussing different tools and ways of testing ToC assumptions and taking stock of evidence, the workshop aims to explore how reviews of ToC assumptions can guide decisions related to adjusting programme interventions. Participants are encouraged to identify 'blind spots', where evidence is required to further test assumptions related to WPP, as well as opportunities for learning collaborations between policy-makers, practitioners and researchers, to enable learning from ToC assumptions in the fields of WPP/political governance.

Agenda

13:00 Welcome & introduction, *Megan Price, KPSRL*

13:15 Presentation & discussion of recent CARE NL studies related to WPP

- Social Inclusion in Fragile Settings: Pathways towards inclusion of women and girls in local governance processes - presentation of key findings of global study on Social Inclusion, *Berlinda Nolles, CARE Netherlands*
- Norms and Practices of Public Authorities in Conflict-& Post Conflict-affected Contexts - presentation of key findings of global study on Norms and Practices, *Katie Whipkey, CARE Netherlands*

Plenary Q&A



14:00 *Coffee break*

14:15 Roundtable Discussion: Learning from ToC Assumptions, *Edin Elgsaether & Angela Rodriguez, NIMD, Koen Faber, Cordaid, Lori Cajegas, CARE Netherlands and Eunike Spierings, ECDPM*

Plenary Q&A

15:30 Plenary Discussion: Future learning collaborations and way forward

16:00 Wrap up & closing, KPSRL

Background

The workshop is part of KPSRL's practice-lab series, which deals with adaptive programming in fragile settings. The event series explores pathways for collaborative and creative action in learning for a better knowledge uptake, aiming at building learning partnerships and reflecting on scaling up and action. Bringing together practitioners, researchers and policy makers, this workshop particularly focuses on testing assumptions that guide and drive programme ToCs and interventions.

Registration

For further information and registration, please contact Karoline Eickhoff, KPSRL (k.eickhoff@kpsrl.org).