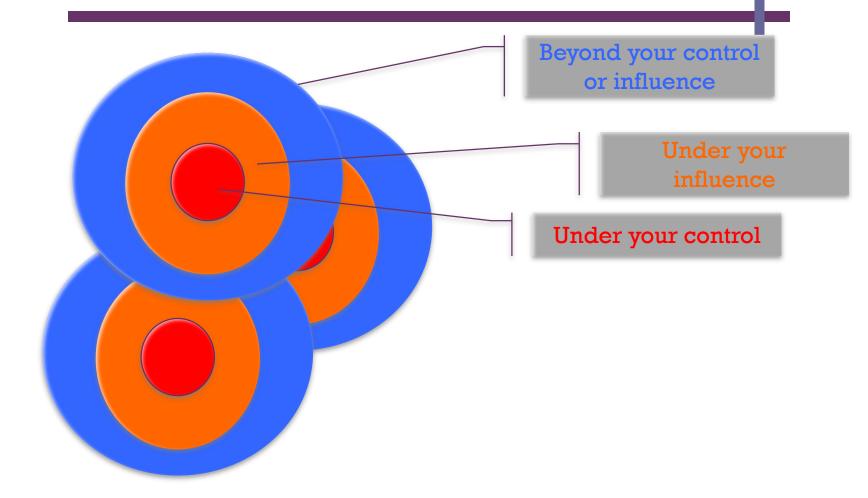


Concepts and key mechanisms of collective action

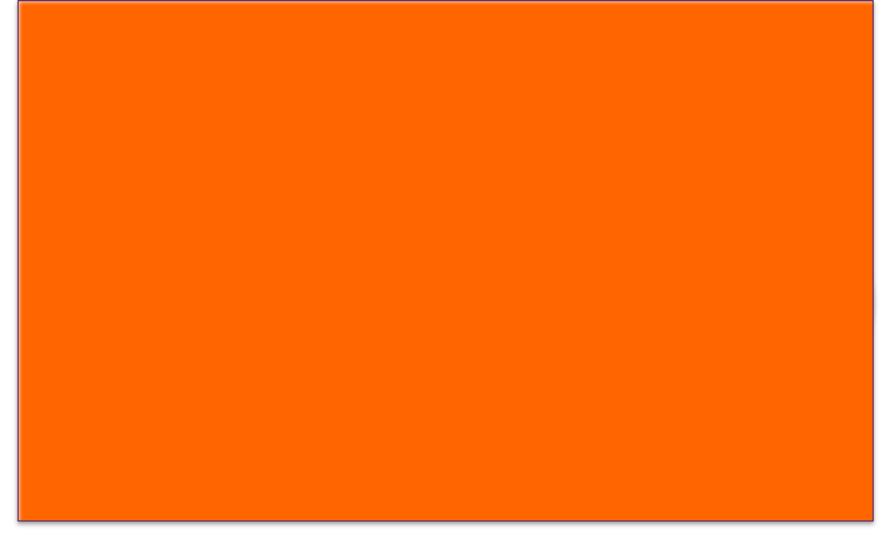
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The rationale for collective action



The logic of collective action



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Individual or Collective Action?

ABOUT WHAT

- To reduce corruption
- To Support AC efforts

.... Corruption is a collective game anyway

FERTILE GROUND

- Shared interests or concerns
- Shared "enemies" or risks
- Where trust building, communicating, or generating is needed

.....Work together to be able to work together

Individual or Collective Action. When is the time for collective action?

- Collective action starts:
 - Where individual action stops. "Out of my control" "Can't do anything about this"
 - Where collective action brings increasing returns to scale
 - Sharing costs saves costs
 - Multiply visibility and attention
 - Sharing the burden
 - Getting support (no marketing, no campaigning)
 - Where benefits can only be reached collectively (Takes the sector/the group to a Pareto Optimal) Trust
 - Anti-corruption
 - Has to pay off for it to work
 - Not possible single-handedly

Getting things done

- Defining and identifying partners Stakeholder Analysis
 - National and/or international
 - Not your usual choice? Take it!
- Defining what to do:
 - The problems carry the information for their solution
 - Feasible at first
 - Added value
- Implementing
 - Need facilitator: your role can be different
 - Small steps can be the biggest building the network
 - Do not need to be a formal gathering
 - Resilience
 - Added value may change in time

Possibilities of action

Knowledge Information Sharing		Policy and Rules Change			Behaviour Change
Sharing practices, collective learning	Guidelines for Conduct	Grievance Mechanisms	Codes of Conduct (enforced)	Integrity Pacts and other multistakholder initiatives	Standards Certifications, Debarment



Examples: Integrity Pacts

An agreement among the bidders for a specific bid, and the contract authority in order not to bribe, not to collude and to act transparently (among others), that is monitored by an independent entity.







Document

Process

Independently Monitored

You will find a guide to implement Integrity Pacts here: <u>https://juanitaolaya-impactools.com/publications/</u>

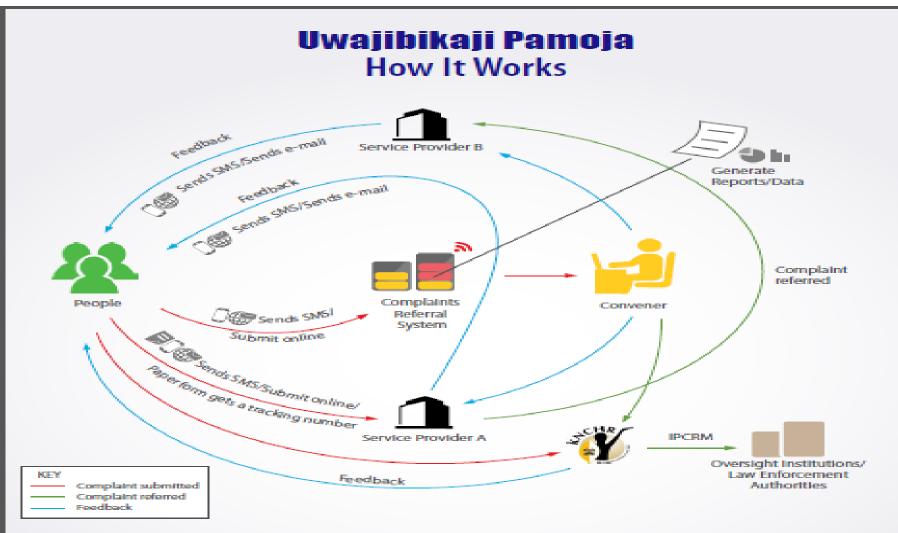
How integrity pacts they work



Bidders

Collective Complains Mechanism





- All complaints are fed into the web-based system and referred to the organisation concerned.
- Complainants receive a tracking number by SMS and a notification each time any update or progress is made in addressing the complaint.
- If no action is taken or response is given after a defined lapse of time, the concerned organisation receives a reminder by email from the convener of the Integrated Complaint Response Mechanism, who will have been notified to follow up. The system also generates data and reports regarding the type of complaints received (broken down per gender, age
- group, sector, type of complaint), geographical areas and the duration between the lodging of complaints and subsequent actions or resolutions.





Collective implementation at County level

- Steering Committee representing partners at County level jointly select and manage the convener of the system @ County level
- Convener hosted by one partner organisation @ County level
- Joined information and communication campaigns at the county level implemented by partners agencies
- Public meetings and direct engagement with citizens at the grassroots level to provide information about the system mainstreamed into partners regular operations
- Partners' organizations jointly publicize and advocate for the system and share lessons learned through existing coordination and stakeholders platforms

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