

# Social Accountability



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**Project full name:**  
Social Accountability  
Programme (SAP)

**Domain:**  
Governance

**Phase II:**  
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**SDC contribution:**  
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**Implementing partners:**  
Policy Forum  
Sikika  
ANSAF

**Other partners:**  
DANIDA  
DfID  
Comic Relief  
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## Program Overview

Social accountability is core to democracy, as it requires citizens to demand for better services, be a part of planning and delivery, and fight corruption.

Tanzania's public accountability culture and systems are characterized by relatively weak structures in favour of a strong executive and lack of transparency. Local Government Authorities (LGAs) are highly dependent on political and financial decisions dictated from higher levels of Government and corruption is perceived as being high in the public sector.

Switzerland has been supporting a Social Accountability Programme (SAP) that aims at improving service delivery in agriculture and health through empowering Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and citizens to demand for accountability and transparent public resource management.

In the Swiss Cooperation Strategy 2015-2018, social accountability has been defined as a cross-cutting theme and is pursued through projects and partnerships across all domains of Health, Employment and Income and Governance.

SAP extends support to the three leading Tanzanian advocacy organisations in the field of policy advocacy, health and agriculture; Policy Forum, Sikika and ANSAF respectively. Each organisation plays a key role in enhancing transparency and accountability of public resources at national and local level, scrutinizing public resource data and empowering citizens and local organizations to engage more effectively in public oversight.

## Overall goal

Improved service delivery in health and agriculture, in areas where SDC social accountability partners work.

### KEY RESULTS FROM PHASE I

- More than 50 local CSOs were trained and engaged on Social Accountability Monitoring (SAM); and SAM was implemented in 42 districts all over the country.
- CSO partners' joint lobbying led to citizen-friendly changes in the national budget, e.g. a reduction of unnecessary spending in the national health budget by 18% and an increase in the agriculture budget by 5%.
- Improved service delivery at local level due to SAM exercises.
- Policy Forum, Sikika and ANSAF are now recognised as lead advocacy CSOs in their respective sectors.

## Expected outcomes

- Citizens and CSOs are engaged more effectively in decision making, oversight and advocacy in the public resource management cycle.
- Increased government accountability in provision of quality, accessible and affordable health care services.
- Enhanced smallholder farmers' influence in local and national policy making.

## Expected outputs

- Increased geographic coverage of SAM across Tanzania through our SAP partners.
- Gender-sensitive budget analysis of national budget conducted.
- Increased availability and accessibility to quality medicines and supplies at all levels of health care delivery.
- Continuous organizational strengthening of each national CSO partner undertaken.

## Beneficiaries

**Direct beneficiaries:** CSO partners at national and local level; citizen-composed social accountability monitoring committees; and Local Government Authorities.

**Ultimate beneficiaries:** Citizens, small holder farmers, health facility users and health officials.