

Governance, Citizenship, and Accountability: Community-Centered Development in the Uganda Health Sector

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- Throwing money at the problem may not work; incentives matter!

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- How can we operationalize the law to improve health service delivery?



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- Our innovation is not so much what we are doing but how we are doing it.

Long Route vs. Short Route





(World Bank 2004)

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Chairperson skills training:

- Standardized curriculum to train LC₃ chairpersons on monitoring local health facilities and acting upon their findings
- Topics: understanding rights and responsibilities, gathering patient complaints, conducting monitoring visits, using proper channels to pursue change



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- Implementation materials include a wide range of standard operating procedures and reporting systems that we have developed to guide each activity



HEALTH SECTOR PERFORMANCE INITIATIVE HEALTH LEADERSHIP MANUAL

For the LC3 Chairperson



Community-Centered Development Project



ENGLISH VERSION



TRAINING GUIDE

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CITIZEN-CHAIRPERSON DIALOGUE MEETINGS

For Meeting Facilitators



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Impact Pathway





- Health impacts
- Citizen satisfaction, agency, and empowerment





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- Contrasts with many projects that focus on novel interventions implemented in laboratory-like settings, often with limited generalizability due to background institutional context (Acemoglu 2010; Deaton 2010)



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- Approach provides a model that may be adopted across sectors in Uganda and integrated into GOU's local government protocols



Thank you!

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