
How donors can contribute to equitable partnership : practices and challenges

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KOICA(Korea International Cooperation Agency)

Introducing KOICA

- ODA/aid agency in South Korea (a.k.a. donor)
- Established in 1991, have country offices in over 40 countries
- Annual budget of \$1.54 billion.
- Dual mandate in development and humanitarian assistance



Introducing KOICA

- **Humanitarian Assistance of KOICA**
 - ① cash and in-kind support
 - ② dispatch of the Korea Disaster Relief Team (KDRT)
 - ③ HDP Nexus program with international organizations
 - ④ **public-private cooperation program with NGOs**



Equitable Partnership For KOICA

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- Platform for joint action
- Building equitable partnership between government donor & NGOs through periodic discussion and joint resource mobilization



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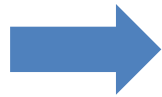
Cooperation with local NGOs

- Indirect support through Korean NGOs
- Direct Support project in Kyrgyzstan with Tazar



Challenges for Equitable Partnership

- Organizational policy limiting participation to Korean NGOs only
- Low priority on localization
- Avoid taking risk = strong preference for safe options
- Limited budget
- Language Barrier
- Administrative burdens, etc



We need strong and pragmatic reasons to advocate for localization

How to Tackle the Challenges?

