



## Our approach

If development is to be 'pro-poor' then institutions and political systems must work for poor people. Achieving pro-poor change requires good governance: legitimate and accountable rulers, an active civil society and a responsive and capable public administration. It also requires transforming the political structures and practices that prevent poor people from exercising their voice and realising their rights.

Our approach to supporting better governance goes beyond simply building technical capacity. We seek to facilitate processes through which poor people's voices are amplified, their political representatives and service providers are held to account, and coalitions for change are supported. For this approach to be successful there has to be a sound understanding of the political economy to inform a locally-owned transformation of policies, administrative and political institutions and incentives.

## The way we work

Over the past 15 years *theIDLgroup* has sought to provide pragmatic approaches that can help leaders within governments and government agencies to realise their ambitions for reform and change. All our work is grounded in sound understanding of the national and regional context and a realistic understanding of the processes of and possibilities for change. Based on these 'grounded' assessments and working closely with clients and stakeholders, we provide practical yet innovative approaches to change strategies, evidence-based public policy making and institutional reform.

## Our core competencies

- Political economy analysis and governance assessments
- Innovative programme design for governance, accountability and state building
- Institutional and organisational reform
- Governance monitoring and evaluation
- Strengthening institutions and processes for accountability and transparency
- Building civil society effectiveness
- Natural resource and environmental governance
- Aid Effectiveness
- Governance in fragile states and post-conflict environments

## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

### Applied Political Economy Analysis

- Design of a framework for analysing the Impact of International Drivers of Corruption at a country level
- Analyses of Political Economy of Growth in Ethiopia
- Strategic Governance & Corruption Assessments (SGACA) in Pakistan, Ethiopia & Zambia
- Drivers of Change analysis in Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Zambia & Papua New Guinea
- Rapid socio-political assessments in conflict zones: Sierra Leone, Liberia & Cote D'Ivoire

### Voice and Accountability

- Strategic advice and programme design for civil society support programmes & funds in the Western Balkans, Philippines, Lesotho, Ghana & Nigeria
- Co-management of the Civil Society Strengthening Facility (CSSF) & the Rights and Voice Initiative (RAVI) in Ghana

### Sector governance and transparency

- Facilitation & support to Forest Law Enforcement, Governance & Trade (FLEG-T) Voluntary Partnership Agreements in Ghana, Liberia & Gabon
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Validations in Nigeria, Ghana & Cameroon
- Design of the pilot of the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) for Vietnam

### Aid effectiveness

- Thematic study on the applicability of the Paris Declaration to fragile situations for 2008 Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness
- Support to Joint Donor Partnership in South Sudan to identify the optimum Aid Instrument Mix
- Working with Somali Donor Group to improve the coordination and harmonisation of donor engagement in Somalia.



## Our staff consultants include:

**DR. TAYLOR BROWN** is a political scientist who works on the political and social factors that drive or constrain pro-poor change and the politics of policy making and reform. Much of his recent work has also explored citizen-state relations and systems and processes for strengthening accountability and transparency. In all his work he aims to improve the process of evidence-based policy making and to ensure the effective and poverty-focused implementation of policies, programmes and projects.

**ANNA HALTON** is a research consultant focusing on transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of fragile and post-conflict environments. Her work is grounded in an understanding of underlying political economy dynamics. Anna has particular interest and experience in processes that engage with and build dialogue between a range of stakeholders. She has excellent facilitation and relationship-building skills, with the ability to build effective dialogue on complex and sensitive topics. Anna is also an experienced Project Manager and is providing support to the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) initiative in Liberia and Ghana.

**TERRY GREEN** is institutional development specialist, who has advised governments worldwide on the design and management of their reform programmes. He has a track record in governance and economic reform implementation in Africa, including: transport and

infrastructure, labour relations, state enterprise restructuring, forest governance and reform, civil society, regulatory reform, parliamentary support, privatisation, commercialisation. He has over 25 years experience in developing and transition economies, in Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, and Central Europe.

**DR RACHEL FLANARY** is a social development professional with substantial field experience in programme and policy formulation through to implementation and impact assessment. She has worked in a range of sectors, including governance, agriculture, rural/market access and transport/roads. Through this and other research and consultancy work, she has gained substantial field-based experience using a range of survey and consultation techniques, including participatory methods.

**PHIL COWLING** is a research consultant specialising in natural resource governance with a particular interest on the interactions between national and international policies and practices. His recent work has included provision of support to the Forestry Commission of Ghana in the development of their REDD+ Preparation Proposal and provision of monitoring and evaluation services to Global Witnesses Making the Forest Sector Transparent Programme. Philip also has experience of Government capacity building on forest management practices and the development of community and youth natural resource management groups.

## KEY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

Together with the wider team in *theIDLgroup*, we can offer a diverse mix of core technical and process skills to successfully support a range of development programmes and initiatives:

- Interim Advisers & Programme Managers
- Training, retreats & strategy workshops
- Programme Design, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Research & strategic analyses
- Facilitation, Consultations & Process Support

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