

## Governance, Institutions & Politics

### Our commitment

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.



### The way we work

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. All of our work is grounded in sound political economy analysis and a realistic understanding of the processes of and possibilities for change.

Over the past decade and a half, *theIDLgroup* has honed its expertise in the areas of political economy analysis, policy and institutional reform and organisational change management in support of better governance. We have contributed to the creation of more effective and accountable community-based and non-government organisations, local governments, line ministries, parliaments and regional and international organisations.

### Our core competencies include:

- ✓ Research and strategic analysis
- ✓ Innovative programme design
- ✓ Facilitation, training, learning events and capacity building Institutional and organisational reform
- ✓ Governance monitoring and evaluation

### Our specialist areas include:

- ✓ Political economy analysis and governance assessments
- ✓ Strengthening institutions and processes for accountability and transparency
- ✓ Support to civil society organisations
- ✓ Local governance and decentralisation
- ✓ Improving governance traditional authorities
- ✓ Natural resource and environmental governance
- ✓ Governance in fragile states and post-conflict environments

### Selected experience

- ④ Analysis of the political economy of growth in Ethiopia
- ④ Working with budget support donors in Zambia to improve dialogue around good governance and to develop governance indicators
- ④ Country-level Drivers of Change studies in Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone
- ④ Facilitation of a workshop for UNDP on Developing Capacities for Accountability and Voice
- ④ Strategic Governance and Corruption Analyses in Pakistan and Ethiopia
- ④ Facilitation and design of DFID's annual governance advisors' retreats
- ④ Review of DFID Nepal's enabling States Programme
- ④ Strategic analysis and policy options on the links between natural resources, conflict and poor governance
- ④ Support to Ethiopia's flagship safety net programme to improve accountability and transparency
- ④ Support to legislative and institutional reforms for poverty-focused rural development In Uganda, Ghana and Mozambique
- ④ Socio-political analysis for the World Bank's Rapid Social Assessments in Liberia
- ④ Co-management of RAVI a funding facility to strengthen civil society and to enhance citizen engagement with the state in Ghana
- ④ Reform of state research organisations in Kenya, Nepal and across west Africa
- ④ Support to a Parliamentary Select Committee in Ghana to build capacity and policy fluency and improve transparency