



New roles of CSOs for Inclusive Development

Dilemmas in sustainable development and civil society in Bangladesh and Zambia

The research project 'Dilemmas in sustainable development and CSOs in Bangladesh and Zambia' studies local civil society organizations (CSOs) in Bangladesh and Zambia, as well as European CSOs working with or funding these CSOs. In these countries, legal and extra-legal measures have evolved that could affect the operations of CSOs in various ways. The project investigates how CSOs have evolved in this context and looks at the implications for policies aimed at promoting inclusive and sustainable development.

Main question	What is the effect of legal and extra-legal measures on the civil society sector in Bangladesh and Zambia?
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Country focus	Bangladesh, Zambia
Planned activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out an in-depth comparative study of the Bangladeshi and Zambian CSO sectors based on case studies of four local CSOs in each country. At the same time, conduct a study of four European CSOs based on their relevance to the CSO sector in Bangladesh and Zambia. • Conduct empirical research using semi-structured interviews, publicly-available policy documents, internal documents of representatives, participatory observation and process-tracing. • Write blogs to share experiences with a broad audience. • Integrate results in a research report and present it at an interdisciplinary conference. • Discuss results and policy recommendations in organized meetings with policymakers. • Compile policy briefs on Zambia and Bangladesh describing the project's key findings. • Produce two papers for publication in interdisciplinary high-impact academic journals.

