



## New roles of CSOs for Inclusive Development

### Enabling rules for advocacy in Kenya

The chain of funding for civil society aid, which flows from the North to South (from institutional donor to international civil society organizations [CSO] to local CSO), comes with policy priorities and requirements. How this aid chain is organized (i.e. its institutional design) shapes the way development work is undertaken. The research project 'Catalysing development: towards enabling rules for advocacy in Kenya' conceptualizes the institutional design of aid chains as consisting of interrelated 'rules' regulating, for example, who is in and who is out, roles and responsibilities, decision making, and information sharing. The study clarifies how the civil society aid chain influences the ability of CSOs to engage in various types of advocacy for inclusive development. The research will employ a comparative analysis of the institutional design of the Strategic Partnership (SP) and Accountability Fund (AF) – two main lobby and advocacy instruments of the Dutch government.

<b>Main question</b>	How does the institutional design of the aid chain shape the ability of civil society organizations in Kenya to engage in various types of advocacy for inclusive development?
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<b>Country focus</b>	Kenya
<b>Planned activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a literature review clarifying how aid chain dynamics affect advocacy in the global South</li> <li>• Conduct empirical research using semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions and (participatory) observation targeting relevant aid chain and non-aid chain players</li> <li>• Provide individual feedback to actors involved in the research based on the assessment at the end of the field work</li> <li>• Publish five scientific articles and policy briefs</li> <li>• Discuss the findings at the Ambassador Days organized by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2019</li> <li>• Organize a workshop in cooperation with Partos</li> <li>• Provide regular research updates for the INCLUDE website by visualizing (graphs, videos) the research (findings)</li> </ul>

