

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries
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Reports from Breakout Group Discussions: Civil Society and Vulnerable Groups

Question: How have the needs of civil society and the vulnerable groups been reflected in your SPCRs and how will they be involved in the implementation??

Samoa

- No major challenge

Zambia

- Involved in advocacy, agriculture/food security programs, and through crowd sourcing
- Directly helped plan through committees/platform for working with civil society
- 50% of resources for the district will go towards socially vulnerable groups
- Governments use best equipped CSOs, those with comparative advantages, in communities
- Government holds annual discussions and make recommendations for implementation
- Partnership with social cash transfer programs aimed at vulnerable populations

Saint Lucia

- No major challenges, but expecting more challenges when it comes time to prioritize activities
- Public awareness/communications strategies aimed at vulnerable groups

Tajikistan

- Well engaged. Using grant funds for local communities to directly access assistance

Mozambique

- CSOs are engaged and integrated in local administration
- CSOs are useful for building capacity and awareness

Bolivia

- Platform for working with civil society

Common approaches/challenges/needs

- Focus group discussions with CSOs, earlier
- Hired as implementers, later
- Finding organizations to represent civil society (Dominica, Mozambique)
- Consultations at the local level (bottom up) to the national level
- Formulate projects with their inputs
- Start engagement early, and continue to the end
- Important role for awareness raising - unpacking information for local audiences, creating a positive feedback loop
- Roles also in promoting accountability and equity
- Potential to widen the scope of CSO involvement to leverage