

- CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN
TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ISSUES

OUTLINE

- Sector Reform
- Transparency and Accountability Issues
- What we have been doing
- Key Challenges

SECTOR REFORM

- Major reforms started in 1995
- Key Components:
 - Separation of urban and rural services
 - Privatisation of urban services.
 - High level of resistance to process due to lack of transparency, bribery
 - Led to delay in effecting privatisation
 - CSO emergence in transparency discourse within the sector
 - Decentralised planning, delivery and management of rural and small towns services

KEY ISSUES RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE SECTOR

- Policy making
- Planning aspects
- Procurement
- Implementation
- Management

WHAT HAVE CSOs BEEN DOING?

- Citizens engagement issues
- Policy engagement
- Knowledge management
- Engagement with the Media

Key Issues

- Biggest challenge is now at decentralised level
- Little capacity/interest in transparency within the sector at National Level
- Little attention to transparency at District levels (no presence of anti-corruption agencies, weak CSOs, no information)
- Problems with implementing procurement law
- Little impact of donors so far?

CHALLENGES AND ROLE OF CONIWAS

- Lack of information (weak documentation of cases, lack of tools/approaches to conduct advocacy and capacity building)
- Weak capacity of CSOs at decentralised level
- Resistance of Public officials to dialogue on transparency/accountability