A participatory approach to governance, in PNG

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Participation & Governance
Listening to PNG people’s ...
Scoping research

... using focus groups & workshops, with:

- Youth Groups
- Women in Business
- Professionals in Public Sector & Aid Sector

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What did we ask?

How do you say “governance” in Tok Pisin?

How do you rank effectiveness?

How is your business journey?
Women in Business
“The security flung my jewellery on the road … I picked it up & faced him!”

“It’s about survival, … you know?”

“I didn’t know about tax, skills, registration, policies or plans”

- Resilience
- Venues
- Government support
- Skills support
- Compliance
“The BANK wouldn’t lend me money, but they did lend to my husband”

“I want to give back now, it is not just the money now”
Aid/Public Sector Professionals
“We need clear criteria to measure governance ... ”

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“They put a plant in the ground, to call people, discuss, respect. That is governance”

“Governance is abstract, we can’t see it ... but people can see schools, doctors ... they want services”

Leadership
Gender & Inclusion
Politics & Administration
History & Geography
Economic activity
Society & Culture
Discussion points

Is governance more than government?
Does governance depend on your position?
Do people assess governance with many criteria?
Can listening to people help us understand them, and help them engage, with “Governance”?
Two questions for you

1) Who should we talk to next?
2) And how can WE listen better?

Thank you!!
Ideas, feedback, suggestions welcome.

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