

# CIVIL SOCIETY INDEX: Recommendations

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# On Strengthening Governance within Civil Society

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## 1. Increase incentives for PCNC accreditation

- Government and donors to require PCNC accreditation for CSOs they provide with grants above a set amount
- Donors to provide support to enable their partner organizations acquire PCNC accreditation
- Donors to develop and institutionalize a mechanism to generate a list of negligent grantees and publish this regularly. CSOs should be involved in the creation of such a mechanism.

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## **2. Develop a consensus on standards for good governance**

- Generate consensus on board functions and performance (policy making, oversight, regular board meetings)
- Develop standards for financial transparency

# On Civil Society Participation at the LGU Level

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## **3. Strengthen networking among CSOs**

- CSOs, especially those outside urban centers, need more donor and government support for networking.
- Consolidate forces to better advocate for the convening of local development councils and other special bodies.

# On Financial Sustainability of CSOs

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- 4. CSOs should explore public giving as an alternative source of funding.**
- 5. Gov't can support public giving by providing incentives.**
  - Model in other countries: government allows taxpayers to allocate a minimal part of their income tax (say 1%) to a qualified CSO

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- 6. Government to tap CSOs/People's Organizations as alternative service delivery mechanisms**

# Other Recommendations

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## 7. Philippine CSOs to build consensus on:

- Labor standards applicable to CSOs
  - minimum standards for CSO compensation and benefits (beyond what is legally required)

(construction industry practice may serve as model for treatment of project staff)
  
- Environmental standards and how these should be practiced