Role of Civil Society

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INTRODUCTION

The position of civil society can be defined as a dynamic and interconnected network of people and groups drawn from a rich history of relationships and interactions between associations. From these organization networks, the idea of civil society has grown internationally to include a broad variety of coordinated and organic organizations of diverse types, sizes, and functions.

In the landscape of civil society, major changes have occurred over time. At various times, the most influential were community-based groups, employers' or trade unions, professional societies, and non-governmental organizations.

The role of civil society is not an easy one. As there is evidence of common experiences across continents and regions, there are some distinct types of social organisation, cultural and political practices, as well as contemporary economic systems in countries and, more precisely, groups that share similar cultural values and attributes within a country.

Within this sense, civil society comprises characteristics linked to aims, relationships, contextual interactions, beliefs, and informal and formal frameworks. The distinct typologies of civil society in recent times are:

- Civil society consisting of NGOs, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations that are usually registered entities and groups and have a structured structure and mission.
- Groups and events that can be "organized" but not necessarily have physical, legal or financial structures, like social media communities.
- Collective action and/or identity social movements.
- Worker representation unions and trade organizations
- Innovative and/or market-oriented approaches are used by social entrepreneurs for social and environmental results.

The Civil Society Situation

Civil society organisations have been involved in solving social issues, but because of numerous factors, including increased public mistrust and confusion about their importance and credibility, the efficacy of civil society in bringing about meaningful change has been called into question. A popular yet alarming trend has also been the implementation by governments of legislative and administrative policies that suppress civil society operations. Society organizations often face concerns about the importance, credibility and transparency of governments and their primary beneficiaries because, on the one hand, there is a widening divide between the sector and government officials and, on the other hand, between their supposed beneficiaries or constituents. In their attempts to restrict the operational room for CSOs, in particular democracy and human rights organisations, many governments have gradually become more emboldened and sophisticated.

Instead of performing their tasks, the aim of these organisations becomes survival. The willingness of certain organizations to continue to work and survive has also been adversely affected by global changes in donor support and withdrawals.

There is also an increasing impression that CSOs have

traditionally deviated from their initial mandate to promote citizens' rights, to demand good governance, accountability and government transparency.

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The organization's ability to enhance its institutional capacity to continue its activities among the target population over an extended period of time, to reduce financial vulnerability, to establish diversified sources of institutional and financial support and to optimize its effect by providing quality services and products.

Four dimensions and fifteen different parameters and metrics were established by WACSI's research on sustainability. The four dimensions are: the identity of financial activities and measures.

In addition, USAID's annual CSO Sustainability Index is focused on an examination of the legal environment, organizational capacity, financial viability, advocacy capacity, provision of services, facilities, and credibility and public image. The evaluations of CIVICUS often concentrate on structure, structures, operating space, identification, and effect.

These dimensions may not, however, be an appropriate description and reflection of the factors that affect the survival of the different groups within the ecosystem of civil society. The metrics used to assess the sustainability of civil society are also highly affected by the funding policies and activities of a donor. Policies and practices are mostly intended to provide funds for short-term grants and very limited core funding in the long term. This fuels the donor's short-term orientation toward the sustainability of civil society, stressing processes and institutions without taking external factors such as political space and foreign policy into account.

A description that incorporates both the internal aspects and the external forces that affect the degree of sustainability of the sector will therefore be imperative. Developing a more inclusive concept will pave the groundwork for more extensive and substantive research on civil society's future operations and resources.

Conclusion

In order to guarantee its survival, the relationship between donors and, in particular, civil society in the Global South needs to improve. The partnership of civil society with donors is currently ad hoc, short-term, and project-based rather than formalized and long-term. Civil society is also seen as implementing the creation of donors or policies for foreign policy. Donors working in the Global South do not feel the duty to help civil society beyond project timelines to become developed, robust, or sustainable. Civil society, particularly in the global South, must therefore shift emphasis and improve its capacity to mobilize capital from its own domestic constituencies and reduce excessive reliance on foreign donors.