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CONCEPTS AND BUSSWORDS AID EFFECTIVENESS CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

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- Localisation of development assistance and humanitarian assistance
 - Locally-Led Development, Country owned (2000-2010)=> local institution owned (2010-)
 - Community Driven Development = Participation (1990-)
 - Community-Led Development = Systems change (1998-)
 - Locally-Led Adaptation (2021-)
 - Decentralisation – devolution – deconcentration (1995-)

MY SPECIFIC EXPERIENCES WITH LOCAL CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT



➤ Farmer Field School (FFS)

- Individual emancipation, group empowerment

➤ National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS)

- Community drive service provision

➤ Democratic Rural Organizations (DRO)

- Thresholds for successful federation of farmer groups

➤ Timber Rush & Rural Prosperity in Africa

- Under the radar private sector development

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ?

- Assumption that aid effectiveness can be enhanced through citizen engagement is valid
- We know what approaches works to stimulate empowerment and citizen engagement
- Yet, Aid agencies and NGOs are rarely willing, able or capable of doing what is needed
- Sustainable change require endorcement/support from local government administration and politicians

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

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- Approaches to local citizen engagement
 - Are Danish NGOs willing to invest additional time and take additional risks and transfer decision making power to local (farmer) institutions
 - Importance of local government endorsement

THANKS

