



GLOBAL INTEGRITY

OPENING GOVERNMENT?

Global Integrity's Opening Government project uses case studies in five countries to unpack how the Open Government Partnership is playing out in practice in particular contexts. Does OGP give reformers the leverage to drive progress towards more open, accountable, and responsive governance in their country? How do local political dynamics and incentives interact with OGP inputs to produce more open government (or not)? Global Integrity is working with local researchers to generate evidence, learning, and guidance on these topics.

RESEARCH THEMES

Country teams are looking into two themes. Theme I, consistent across countries, is whether, how, and why OGP has been leveraged by reformers working to institutionalize the scope and sustainability of the open government agenda, as well as the nature and continuity of state-society engagement in open government decision making processes..

In addition to this universal theme, each team has identified a specific area of investigation that will allow them to dig further into the unique country contexts that inform experiences with OGP. In Mexico, for Theme II, researchers chose to examine whether/how pro-openness reformers leveraged OGP as they worked to implement targeted openness measures in different sectors of the federal public administration. In the Philippines, for Theme II, researchers have investigated how OGP and its inputs have informed Bottom Up Budgeting.

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

MEXICO

THEME I: OGP has become a somewhat sustainable platform for government and civil society to collaborate, co-create, and learn while forcing both sets of actors to compromise in pursuit of an open government agenda of limited scope.

THEME II: The extent to which OGP has facilitated meaningful reform within specific sectors varies due to sector-level differences in technical capabilities, the commitment of leadership, issue sensitivity, and the way sectoral commitments are legally designed.

PHILIPPINES

THEME I: OGP has provided a space and technical inputs through which reformers have been able to monitor and inform executive action, exerting leverage to ensure that the government prioritizes open government reform programs despite internal challenges to those programs in some agencies and sectors.

THEME II: At the subnational level, OGP's usefulness is limited because the commitment to, appreciation of, and capacity to pursue open government reforms varies widely across and among local civil society actors, national agencies, and local governments.