

MAPPING CIVIL SOCIETY

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CURRENT STATE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

350+ groups?

No comprehensive list

Silos and little coordination

Most groups under-resourced and under-staffed

No clear way to assess/ measure the impact and role of Civil Society & NGO's

THE CIVIL SOCIETY VICIOUS CIRCLE

- The general population does not understand what Civil Society is and isn't .
- The economy and the high unemployment rate create greater need than CSOs can possibly serve.
- Longstanding disenfranchisement has left a weak culture of civic engagement or community cohesion.
- Little culture of philanthropy.
- The low visibility of civil society negatively impacts on its image as an initiator of the social agenda and participant in the policy-making process.

BENEFITS OF A MORE ORGANIZED CIVIL SOCIETY

- Increasing governmental and corporate accountability;
- Empowering citizens to become involved in decisions that impact on their lives;
- Improved Advocacy for specific causes, as well as democratic values more generally;
- Providing social services, where gaps exist. Moving away from the old mentality that the state will, must and should provide services and programmes to meet emerging needs;
- Legitimising the diversity of a nation's culture and heritage.

GOALS OF A REGISTRY/ MAP

Greater recognition of the sector by Public,
Media and Government

Increased Communication and Coalition
building

Measurement of impact and value proposition of
Civil Society

Better assessment of overlaps and gaps in the
sector

Greater opportunity for recruitment of
volunteers and fundraising

Stronger collective voice



PROCESS OF BUILDING A REGISTRY AND MAP

- Develop a common and up-to-date database of organizations with mission, contact & programs and identify a platform
 - Resource- University of The Bahamas & Mobile Assist
- Develop a Survey and Map of impact
 - Resource- Inter-Americas Development Bank
- Create a tool to asses the Social and Economic Value of Civil Society
 - Resource- KPMG Lighthouse

NEXT STEPS.....

