



WHO WE ARE

The collaborative currently consists of five leading funders in the transparency, accountability and participation (TAP) field:

Members



Associate Member



Our members are committed to building a world where:



Citizens are informed and empowered



Governments are open and responsive



Citizen engagement with government advances the public good

WHY WE WORK TOGETHER

Working together takes time and money, and requires trust and coordination. So why do it? We believe that aligning resources, data and leadership helps us achieve greater impact, without sacrificing the diversity of approaches and funding channels found across the membership. Compared to the mainstays of the development agenda, such as health or the environment, the scale of funding for the transparency and accountability field is small. This makes the case for a deliberate, collaborative, systems-level approach all the greater.

AN EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH

Since 2010, TAI has helped catalyze new thinking and models through its research, connecting donors and practitioners and supporting development of innovative initiatives, such as the Open Government Partnership. Across the field, there is growing recognition that understanding local context, supporting more broad-based coalitions, and adapting around political realities are important factors for success.

Building on a period of evaluation and reflection, the 2017-19 strategy marks two refinements in TAI's own approach:

- A stronger orientation toward serving the donor members directly, thereby seeking results through improved grant making rather than direct field-building, and
- Aligning efforts in pursuit of ambitious goals on a few specific issue areas - testing the value of the collaborative model.

OUR PRIORITIES

The TAP field is broad. We believe it is important to prioritize engagements. As laid out in our 2017-19 strategy, TAI members have identified these four areas as critical to making a difference in the current global context:



DATA USE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Assuring more and better use of data by citizens and governments, while addressing concerns around data privacy.



TAXATION AND TAX GOVERNANCE

Supporting development of more inclusive and equitable tax systems and practice.



STRENGTHENING OF CIVIC SPACE

Fostering a plurality of independent and legitimate civil society voices.



LEARNING FOR IMPROVED GRANT MAKING

Boosting impact of TAP funding through thoughtful, evidence-based, and adaptive donor and grantee practices.

HOW WE WORK

TAI does not give grants itself. TAI has a small but nimble team to support smarter donor practices that empower grantee organizations to be effective.

Learning >>>>> Collaboration >>>>> Impact

CONSOLIDATE

TAP evidence base

FACILITATE

knowledge exchange

GENERATE

new insights on content and practice

ALIGN

strategies and funding

LEVERAGE

rapid response and collective voice/resources

REDUCE

transaction costs and test new approaches

INFLUENCE

grantee behavior

STRENGTHEN

collective action

BUILD

evidence base

TOWARD A MORE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE FUTURE

If transparency and accountability funders align efforts, can this help foster a more equitable, pluralistic and open future for citizens around the world? We think it can. Of course, the real work is done by the organizations on the ground. Along the way, we plan to share what we learn, including reporting honestly on whether our theories match practice. We look forward to hearing your ideas and exploring ways of working together.

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