

# Capacitating Civil Society Organizations on Procurement Monitoring through Open Data

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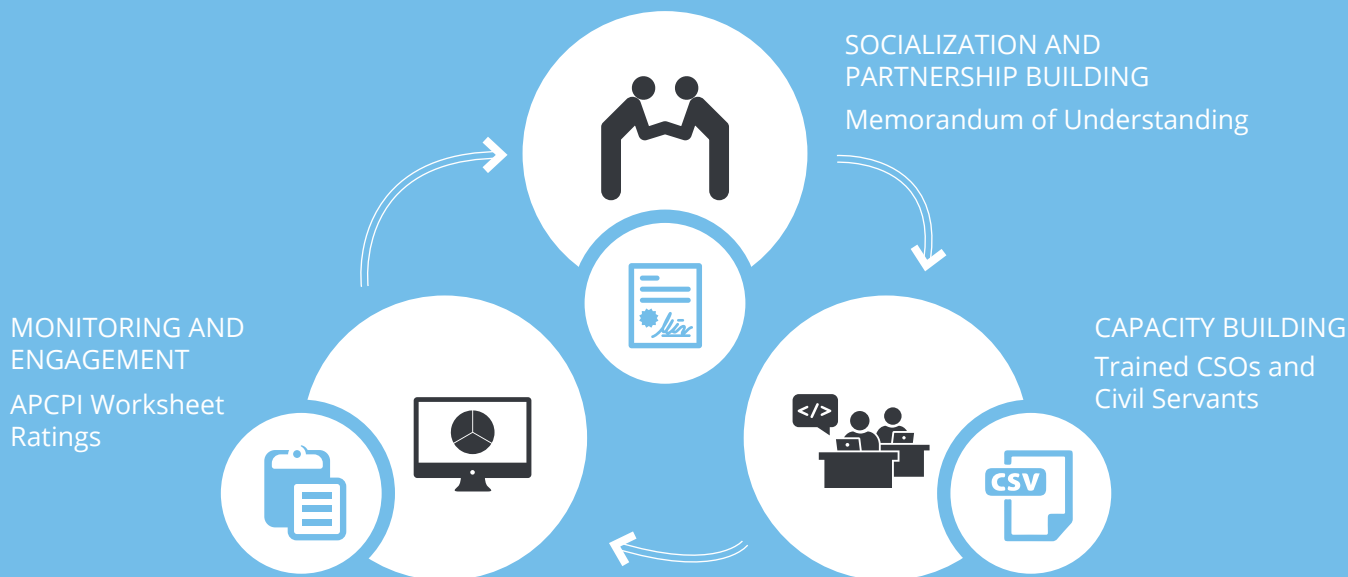
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## BACKGROUND

INCITEGOV acknowledges the critical of the local government units (LGU) in mainstreaming initiatives and efforts on public transparency and accountability, especially in procurement. Currently, there is also a need to identify opportunities for civil society organisations to constructively engage with LGUs in the procurement process.

INCITEGov, in partnership with the Government Procurement Policy Board, piloted capacity building activities on citizen engagement in the procurement process by using the Agency Procurement Compliance Performance Indicator (APCPI) tool. This tool measures openness, transparency, and accountability in the procurement process. This initiative ensures procurement compliance in LGU La Trinidad, and promotes not only a more accountable and transparent LGU to the citizens, but also engages citizens to work together with government for better service delivery.

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS



## HINDERING FACTORS

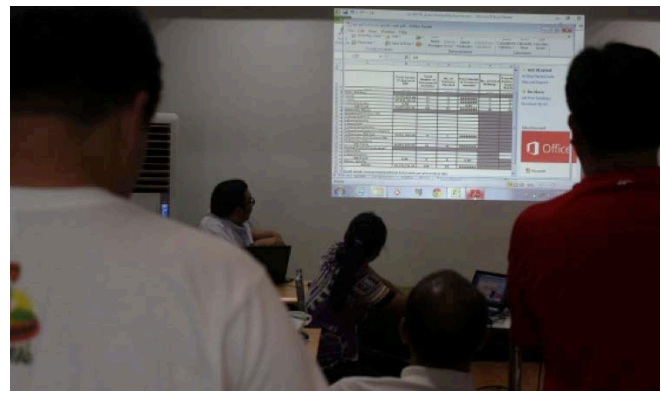
Initially, the main challenge encountered by INCITEGov was the reluctance of the LGU to participate in the project for several reasons - lack of system set up on the procurement process; reluctance to open government transactions to the public, and lack of knowledge and practices on procurement. Two LGUs declined to work with INCITEGov and this manifested the limited readiness of LGUs to make procurement systems more transparent and readily open to public scrutiny.

## ENABLING FACTORS

INCITEGov's previous engagement with the Municipality of La Trinidad's Public Safety Planning agency secured the trust of the LGU. Additionally, La Trinidad's Mayor Hon. Edna Tabanda's support in opening the municipality's door for citizen and CSO engagement sealed the partnership. Through the department heads and the inceptive training assessment report, INCITEGov also saw the need to involve procurement process users, including CSOs and the private sector.



Project Briefing and MoA signing with the local government of La Trinidad



Session 1: LGU discussion and filling-in of the APCPI tool



Session 2: CSO discussion, filling-in of the APCPI tool and local action planning



Workshop with the local government of La Trinidad and 6 civil society organizations