

Local Tax Indicators - What Have We Achieved?



A list of indicators for LRP staff to categorize and assess their gains on tax. This can be shared with community people too.

Objectives

- To list local gains on tax in a closed, comparable manner along LRPs and countries (for detailed stories, see next tool).

Steps

1. Have a look at the following list and tick the ones that you think your local area has achieved victories on:
 - Local people know more about tax justice now although no action has happened yet
 - There was tax harassment during tax collection and we helped reduce/eliminate it
 - There was tax corruption during tax collection and we helped reduce/eliminate it
 - There was a sudden sharp increase in tax and we helped reduce/eliminate it
 - There was multiple taxation and we helped reduce/eliminate it
 - There was an attempt to increase VAT and we helped prevent it
 - There was an excessive VAT general rate and we got to bring it down

- There were no VAT exemptions on essential products and we helped introduce them
 - There was a threat to reduce VAT exemptions on essential products and we helped keep them
 - We helped advocate for fair tax to improve a public service for women's rights
 - We helped advocate for fair tax to improve a public service for quality public education
 - We participated in creating or reviewing ActionAid's strategy for campaigning on fair tax
 - We advocated with decision-makers, influencers or media at the district, national or international level on the impact of lack of fair tax on poor people's lives
 - We helped put pressure on a large company to pay fair share of tax
 - Another gain (explain):
2. You may want to briefly describe the gains above. For example: In our context, the government was legislating to introduce VAT on agricultural products like fertilizers and hoes but we got together, collected signatures and prevented the passing of the law.

Related Tools

- You may want to use the Kite tool to assess your progress regarding how well the local level has connected to national and international levels in both directions: local work feeding the national/international and national/international work feeding the local.

Resources

- ActionAid's Tax Power Campaign Reflection-Action Toolkit, ActionAid, December 2015.