



# DRG LEARNING THEME: DRG Integration



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The DRG Learning Agenda is a set of priority and strategic research questions for which the DRG Center generated evidence and produced recommendations to guide DRG programming in five cross-cutting thematic areas. DRG research on DRG Integration answered questions related to how incorporating Participation, Inclusion, Transparency, and Accountability (PITA) elements change outcomes in non-DRG programs, how collective action in one sector may influence collective action in another, and others. The research consisted of **two** evidence reviews on PITA and **one** evidence review on national expansion.

For more information, see the [DRG Learning Agenda Overview](#) and [Learning Agenda Evidence Rack-Up](#).

## DRG Center Learning Agenda Findings

### National Expansion



**When citizen participation has led to local reforms in a particular sector, what processes lead to these reforms influencing changes at the sector's regional or national level?**

### Cross-Sectoral Expansion



**Where there has been collective action to improve local service delivery in one sector, how does that affect collective action to improve delivery in other sectors?**

### Expanding Reform Efforts



**How and under what circumstances can citizen engagement in community decision-making, advocacy, and monitoring influence reforms at higher levels of government? And how does this vary across sectors?**

Key Documents: "[Grassroots Reform in the Global South](#)"

### PITA



**When participation, inclusion, transparency, and accountability elements have been implemented in non-DRG programming, how do outcomes in that sector change?**

Key Documents: "[Does Incorporating Participation and Accountability Improve Development Outcomes?](#)"

- Grassroots reforms are most likely to scale up and cross sectors when defended by broad coalitions of local actors that hold autonomy from state authorities.
- The establishment of and/or support for convening spaces through which grassroots reform coalitions grow may be one of the most promising and least risky ways for external assistance to aid democratization.
- External development practitioners may further contribute to this process by supporting organizations or individuals who can help to identify emergent compromises.

- A wide array of PITA interventions have been found to effectively improve both citizen engagement in service delivery and service delivery outcomes.
- Interventions that strongly impact participation may have only small impacts on service provision quality.
- Factors to support success included strong local buy-in from front-line service providers for the intervention; incorporating specific, culturally appropriate measures that address local barriers to the participation of vulnerable groups; and interventions designed to spur the growth of local civil society and capacity for collective action.

#### Legend



Learning questions addressed by DRG research



Learning questions partially addressed by DRG research



Learning questions not yet addressed by DRG research