

# **Public Participation & NSAs Capacity Building for Development Project-PuPNaC**

## **Introduction**

Though the concept of public participation is not as old as human kind, it has become a vital ingredient in the public policy discourse. The universal franchise of declared in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was a turning point in ensuring that people take part in decisions that are meant to shape their destiny.

Countries did not heed to the call at the sometime hence different formations and blocs have taken the issue of public participation as a guiding principle in effecting a development agenda. European Union- EU is no exception in the notion of public participation. In fact EU is one of the pioneers of public participation agenda.

In order to achieve that public participation is enshrined beyond mere lip service, The EU issues a number of call for proposals that are aimed at supporting endeavors that cherish public participation. The Public Participation & NSAs Capacity Building for Development Project is one of such noble gestures

## **The Public Participation & NSAs Capacity Building for Development Project-PuPNaC**

PuPNaC as the project is to be known intends to provide a conducive platform for NGOs and Non-State Actors to influence policy implementation and policy enactment where none exist. The project begins by mapping the NGOs within its the geographical area and assesses the capacity, both institutionally and programmatically of these NGOs. It is on the basis of findings of these assessments that capacity intervention is tailor made.

Further the project conducts massive social campaigns on various issues of advocacy, be it on basic human rights, influencing the national budget allocations and or influencing policy enactment or change. The project also seeks to capacitate at least 150 organisations to demonstrate sound financial management, project management, Information technology, monitoring and evaluation system, internal governance and leadership to execute their mandate.

## The Project Synopsis

Title of the action:	<b>The Public Participation &amp; NSAs Capacity Building for Development Project-PuPNaC</b>
Location(s) of the action: - <i>specify region(s) that will benefit from the action</i>	Southern Lowlands (Mafeteng, Mohale's hoek), SENQU River Valley (Quthing), and Mountainous regions of (Qacha'sNek Thaba-Tseka and Mokhotlong)
Total duration of the action ( <i>months</i> ):	December 2012-November 2015 (36 months)
Amount of requested EU contribution	€ 170,000.00
Objectives of the action	<p><i>Overall objective:</i> To enhance participation of NSAs in contributing to poverty reduction at community level.</p> <p><i>Specific objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To build organisational and institutional capacity of local CSOs and local authorities to influence inclusive development agenda at community level.</li> <li>2. To facilitate a more productive interaction between NSAs and the local government structures through policy dialogue.</li> <li>3. To promote gender equality in local governance processes</li> </ol>
Target group(s) <sup>1</sup>	Civil society organisations, local authorities and relevant central government ministries, relevant parliament portfolio committees and women groups
Final beneficiaries <sup>2</sup>	Local communities in the project areas
Estimated results	<p>Enhanced skill and knowledge of local CSOs and local authorities in influencing inclusive development agenda at community level</p> <p>Improved participation of CSOs and local communities, in design, implementation and evaluation of local level development interventions</p> <p>Increased women participation in local governance processes</p> <p>Enhance accountability, responsive and transparency of local</p>

<sup>1</sup> "Target groups" are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the action at the action purpose level.

<sup>2</sup> "Final beneficiaries" are those who will benefit from the action in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.

	authorities to members of local communities
Main activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Undertaking mapping and capacity assessment of local CSOs and local authorities in the project areas.</li><li>2 Deliver skills and knowledge aimed at improving organisational and institutional performance of CSOs and local authorities</li><li>3 Engagement with central and local government structures through advocacy, budget tracking, social mobilisation, policy dialogue and community parliaments etc</li></ol>