

# PRESENTATION ON OUR VLR OVERVIEW

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# How can the engagement of various stakeholders contribute to a robust sub-national review?

Ensures parity of understanding of gaps on contemporary issues and strategic actions, necessary in increasing probabilities of attaining the SDGs.

*Our LGA has a wide range of institutions just as the other sub-national level, with stakeholders of different categories inclusive of both state and non-state actors, operating from sub-national to community levels with a highly diversified program implementing approach, despite contributing to similar goals. As a result of this reality, their engagement will promote the caption statement in acquiring leverage capacity regarding the SDGs through the review processes and Generally accepted strategies for onward program adjustments pursuant to the review outcomes.*

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**Strengthens inclusion and efficiency in identifying issues and generating evidence-based data.**

*This is relevant in the quest of attaining a strong feedback outcomes, especially in the consultative and drafting stages of the VLR process, helping the review team in gathering evidence based data, reports and taking part in grassroots engagements. Therefore, this will further enhanced validity and credibility of information to be compile and review for the VLR report development.*

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**Ensures cross sectoral, multi-faceted, diversified and an integrated implementation mechanism for the SDGs**

*Such an exercise, shall promote the familiarity of all development activities implemented or currently under implementation at the Sub-National/LGA level and further enhanced its alignment to the respective SDGs and Local Plans. As well, it will support the matching of institutional programs, partnership of similar sectoral interventions, and the adoption of flexible strategies which can enhanced synergy among the different development actors.*

# How can the VLRs help to ensure that no one is left behind?

## Engagement of grassroot structures

*The Engagement of low level structures through the Village Development Committees (VDCs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and the Ward Development Committees (WDCs) promotes the participation of community members, household heads, tax payers and the general natives of the various localities irrespective of the social, ethnic, racial, and other differences.*

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## **Involvement of Informal and Voluntary Organizations**

*This ensures the inclusion of other less represented development actors such as the farmer cooperatives, social voluntary groups, market committees, and other related structures. All these actors represents a critical role in the VLR processes and the actualization of local development initiatives*

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## **Engagement of minorities and less representative cohorts of the society (youth, women, PWD, etc.).**

*through this approach, social groups such as the Regional Youth Committee (RYC), Regional Women Committee, and the Regional Committee of the Federation of Gambian Disabled will immensely provide an opportunity for persons under such social groups to have their voices heard and involve as active participants through all the stages of the VLR.*

# What are some of the good practices for awareness-raising?

## Regional Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

*This exercises are held every three months at the Office of the Governor, and strengthens regular reporting of CSO and Government MDAs at the sub-national level in relation to their development activities and future plans. The activity also promotes knowledge sharing, and awareness on relevant interventions and development outcomes realized.*



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## **Community Outreach by DCD and CSOs**

*The Department of Community Development with support from the Kuntaur Area Council, conducts regular outreach activities in selected communities under a project called NAFA. The Council in partnership with CSOs & UN Agencies, also conducts outreach activities different communities around the LGA, mainly contributing to our priority SDGs and increasing awareness of the local population on such priorities.*

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## **Distribution of Graphic Images portraying Advocacy Messages**

*Due to the high illiteracy rate of the LGA, most of the advocacy messages and awareness raising are done through the dissemination of graphics stickers with drawings, and edited portrays as means of communicating essential messages. This approach has proven to be effective, and should therefore be maintained for future related activities.*

# What are the key steps in identifying stakeholders and preparing a stakeholder engagement plan?

Tabulation of the Priority SDGs accompanied with the list stakeholders alignment to each of the priorities based on their key intervention areas.

*This exercises involves the imputation of the priority SDGs, and input the list of stakeholders align to each of the SDGs in its followed columns through a group brainstorming and review of the general stakeholder list of the Kuntaur Area Council.*

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**Review of current interventions, resources (human & financial) potentials, and local projects that can add value to the SDGs.**

*Through a consultative exercises, identify the list of all existing local interventions, projects, and programs and discuss the resource potentials of these interventions, for onward alignment to the SDGs and measured relevance of resource contribution.*

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**Assessment of relevance, influence and capacity of each of the stakeholders based of gravity rankings.**

This component ensures the identification of how relevant is the stakeholder to each of the selected SDGs and label the most relevant stakeholders based on the gravity rankings (low, medium, or high) for onward consideration in the engagement plan.

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