Monitoring of COVID 19

SEND GHANA’s Experience
About SEND GHANA

• 22 years in exitence
• 2 broad programming areas
• Promotion of good governance practices
• 19 Years of mobilising and facilitating grassroots non-state actors’ monitoring of pro poor programs
• Public financial management monitoring
• Monitoring of public service
SEND’s Intervention on COVID 19 (what are we doing and why)

Launched COVID-19 online situation update to:

• Increase access to accurate, timely, and relevant information on Covid-19 to the general public through the weekly publication of articles(https://sendwestafrica.org/nu/send-west-africa-covid19-updates/)

• Generate, share, and document evidence-based to inform policy decisions by the government and other relevant stakeholders.
• Conducted studies that assessed the impact of COVID-19 on the citizenry

• Produced policy briefs on round 1 & 2 of COVID-19 impact assessment on the citizenry

• Disseminated reports through virtual dialogues with stakeholders, including representatives of government functionaries, CSOs and the media

• Issued at least 5 press statements

• Inputting into supplementary budget
4 Monitoring reports....2 on the way

• Rapid Citizenry Assessment of Government COVID-19 Measures (June 29 2020 )

• Assessment of Impact of COVID-19 on the Citizenry (August 23, 2020)

• Monitoring of Compliance with Social Distancing Protocol in Ghana (August 2020)

• Implementing COVID-19 Protocols in Junior and Senior High Schools: the Issues and the Way Forward (September 2020)
How does it work? (Delving more into the mechanisms of how it works)

• Online survey targeting members of society- citizens groups, people on our email list, social media, networks/platforms)
• Relaying survey through citizens monitoring groups to gather primary data on the impact of COVID-19 on the poor, marginalised and their families. These groups usually do not have access to the internet
• Google form for collecting the responses
• CSOs-government collaboration and engagement on COVID-19
• Government representation in CSOs inspired COVID-19 policy dialogues and engagements,
• Extensive collaboration with the media
• Leveraging the CSOs platform on the SDGs
The “learning” aspect

• What skills/expertise are needed to use the tool?
• Challenges – data, access?
• Sustainability over time –
The “learning” aspect

• Emergency situation requires flexible approaches
• Leveraging existing social/informal connections/relationships
• CSOs working together on COVID 19- multiplier effect
• Getting government’s collaboration/partnership in emergency situation
• Seeking to add CSOs add value to government
• When supply-side accountability mechanisms are relaxed... CSOs steps up to check and balances
• What are the potential trust issues? (financial information, elections, tussle between government and CSOs)
• Information- collaboration to provide information to the public
• What works in government-CSOs partnership/collaboration
• Relationship between government and CSOs on COVID19 response
• Challenges with partnering or collaborating with government on COVID 19
• SEND-Ghana is a good example of proactive CSO response using a range of mechanisms, and of partnership and collaboration approaches

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• Sustainability over time – this could be a great open question for all participants to reflect on, during their breakout rooms discussions.

• Anything else you may think relevant!
THANK YOU