

# **Mapping Civil Society:**

**who's there, who's  
where, and how they  
relate to each other.**

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# **Mapping Civil Society in any Country**

## **Objectives**

- **to clarify the functions of Civil Society**
- **to clarify the actors in Civil Society and the various functions they perform**
- **to clarify the constraints they have in carrying out these functions**
- **to clarify Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and to identify possibilities of collaboration between them**
- **to clarify NGOs and what we should expect from them.**

# Three Sectors in Society

## The Public Sector

(comprising the Regime and the Government)

- to rule and govern
  - *to enforce the law*
  - *to defend borders*
  - *to redistribute resources*
  - *to provide goods and services to the people*

## The Business Sector

- to make private profits
  - *to transform raw materials*
  - *to trade and exchange*
  - *to provide goods and services to the people in exchange for money*

## The Voluntary Sector (Civil Society)

- *to hold the Public Sector and the Business Sector accountable*
- *to enable citizens to associate together*
- *to improve the lives of the people*

**NB: FUZZY BOUNDARIES** (cf. Alan Fowler)

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# **Civil Society Organisations (Citizens Organisations)**

- **Mutual Benefit Organisations**  
*organisations composed of members whose purpose is to help their members*
- **Public Benefit Organisations**  
*organisations of people whose purpose is to help others, or to help everyone*
- **Private Benefit Organisations**  
*organisations of people whose purpose is to help themselves*

# **Mutual Benefit Organisations**

*(membership organisations set up to help their members)*

- **Religious Groups**
- **Indigenous Community Organisations**
- **Induced Community Organisations (CBOs)**
- **Ethnic Organisations**
- **Political Organisations**
- **Professional Associations**
- **Trade Unions**
- **Chambers of Commerce**
- **Trade Associations**
- **Cooperatives**
- **Mass Organisations/Movements**
- **Recreational/Cultural**

# **Mutual Benefit Organisations**

*(organisations set up to help the public in general or particular groupings of the public)*

- **Private Philanthropic Organisations  
(national, local)**
  
- **Public Philanthropic Organisations and  
Service Clubs**
  
- **Religious Organisations**
  
- **Civic Organisations**
  - **law**
  - **governance**
  - **democracy**
  
- **NGOs (Non-Government Development and  
Welfare Organisations)**
  - **Implementing and Service Delivery  
Organisations**
  - **Research and Advocacy Organisations**
  - **Networking and Support Organisations**
  - **Umbrella and Apex Organisations**
  
- **Non-profit Companies**

# **Private Benefit Organisations**

*organisations of people whose purpose is to help themselves*

- **Criminal gangs**
- **“Uncivil” organisations**
- **“Pretend” NGOs**
  - **PONGOs**
  - **GONGOs**
  - **BONGOs**
  - **DONGOs**

# **Characteristics of a Development and Welfare NGO**

- **Voluntary**
- **Non-profit**
- **Intermediary between funders and targets**
- **Has fiduciary responsibility**
- **Formally established under law**
- **Set up to improve the conditions of society as a whole or certain groupings within a society**
- **Working through and with community based organisations (CBOs)**



# The State

Sector	Name	Motivation	Resource	Resource Mobilization
First	<u>The Public Sector</u> (Regime & Govt. - including the Armed Forces) <i>"The Prince"</i>	to rule and to govern	State property laws, taxes	By law, coercion and command
Second	<u>The Business Sector</u> <i>"The Merchant"</i>	to make profits	Private property	By trade and exchange
Third	<u>The Voluntary Sector</u> <u>Civil Society</u> <i>"The Citizen"</i>	* to hold the other two sectors accountable to citizens * to enable citizens to associate * to improve the lives of the citizens	Own time, energy and personal resources Gifted time, energy and resources (private and public)	By shared values with other citizens By shared commitment to action with other citizens

