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Ihan kaikkialla.*

# Country programmes from stakeholder point of view: Road signs, service stations or dead ends and road works?

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# General remarks

- Finland's development policy is to a large extent implemented in fragile contexts – a justified choice in terms of need and Finnish competence  
→ on the flip side is the instability of operations
- The results of the country programmes have been good: more than 80% satisfactorily or well in the long and short term
- Good results are fragile
- At the personal and community level, the results can be more permanent
- The bright light of monitoring and evaluation also casts deep shadows

# Development NGOs have a wide presence around the world



- Activities and presence in over a hundred countries
- about 150 organisations operate in 96 ODA countries, including Finland's LDC or LMIC partner countries: Kenya\*, Mozambique\*, Somalia, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Afghanistan\*, Myanmar\*, Nepal

\* Finland's country programmes to be discontinued

## Cooperation between Finnish actors at partner country level

# Challenges, strengths and new possibilities

Country programmes **facilitate cooperation** (between Finnish actors) in partner countries

The indicative programmes **facilitate communication** with the authorities of partner countries

**Information** for NGOs and stakeholders with a Finnish background operating in programme countries on the progress of the country programme

Joint **implementation** of aims of country programmes (development impacts)

Country programmes as **enablers** of stakeholders' objectives

Can NGOs more than at present complement the presence of public Finland in partner countries?

**Visibility and usefulness** of diversity of work of actors with a Finnish background in programme countries

Planning, monitoring together – eg. Thematic workshops?

NGO as implementors of the country programmes – especial. human rights, civil society

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