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NGOs

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the important role which is increasingly being played by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the development process of different countries, it is necessary that significant efforts are directed at making it possible for them to participate actively in the achievement of the MDGs. Consequently, it is recommended that

To the Ministers

1. Centralize Government must ensure that appropriate national policies are formulated to provide the enabling environment for NGOs to actively participate in the process of actualizing the MDGs
2. Due recognition must be given to NGO's effective participation in the evaluation and monitoring of MDG projects.
3. Necessary legislation must be enacted in order to monitor and moderate the activities of NGOs so that they keep within the mandates of their establishment.
4. Effective machinery must be put in place to evaluate the activities of the MDGs in their quest for relevance in the implementation of the MDGs.

To the Mayors.

1. Efforts should be made to utilize the expertise of the various NGOs for the collection and analysis of information on local communities for development planning purposes.

2. The Local Authorities should engage in fruitful partnership with the NGOs in the planning and implementation of their Millennium Development projects.
3. NGOs within the jurisdiction of their respective local authorities should be encouraged to work together among themselves in facilitating democratic governance at the local levels.
4. NGOs should be encouraged to participate fully in the sensitization of inhabitants of the local areas for effective participation in development projects at the local levels through organization of seminars, workshops and training.

To Development Partners

1. Development partners should foster an enabling environment through financial assistance to the NGOs for the execution of their activities at the local levels.
2. Development partners should encourage partnership with the NGOs in organization of seminars, workshops and training for enhancing capacity building at the local levels.
3. Development partners should cooperate with government agencies in the monitoring of the activities of the NGOs in order to promote prudence, transparency and accountability in financial matters.