

Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Knowledge Repository

TALEARN's TAP Nexus Group seeks to better understand and leverage the connection between transparency, accountability and participation. For this purpose, it has developed a Knowledge Repository aimed at improving approaches for supporting TAP practices that promote responsive and accountable governments.

State of the Art Knowledge on TAP

The TAP Knowledge Repository (TAP KR) collects and organizes accumulated, ongoing and future practical knowledge and research on the TAP nexus, with a special focus on the contribution of participation to accountability.

The KR has a two-fold purpose:

- **Inform TAP practice** by providing practitioners and decision makers with up to date knowledge on what works and what doesn't, where and how for TPA initiatives
- **Guide research** by helping identify where are the strengths and the gaps in our knowledge of the TPA nexus

A Practice Oriented Map of TAP

The TAP KR organizes in a clear and understandable way what the field collectively knows about the TAP nexus. It is based on a tailored made taxonomy conceived to let the user grasp the main conditions that shape effective TAP initiatives.

Materials are classified into three main areas:

- **Actors** that lead & implement initiatives
- **Contextual Factors** that influence effectiveness in specific settings
- **Strategy & Implementation** issues that affect impact in practice

A Learning Tool

The TAP KR will serve as a learning tool for funders and practitioners, providing guidance and information for designing and implementing more

effective initiatives, supporting:

- Evidence based decision making
- Informed project design and implementation
- Improved project choice

In the TAP KR the user will find:

- **General overview** of the main aspects of effective project choice, design and evaluation
- Pages with **comprehensive and accesible explanation** of up-to-date knowledge, evidence and debates in the field
- **A large and growing archive of research**, background materials, and project documents for deeper understanding of specific concerns
- A clear and didactic **organization of materials**
- Tools for **searching and narrowing down** materials to match specific interests

Expert Analysis

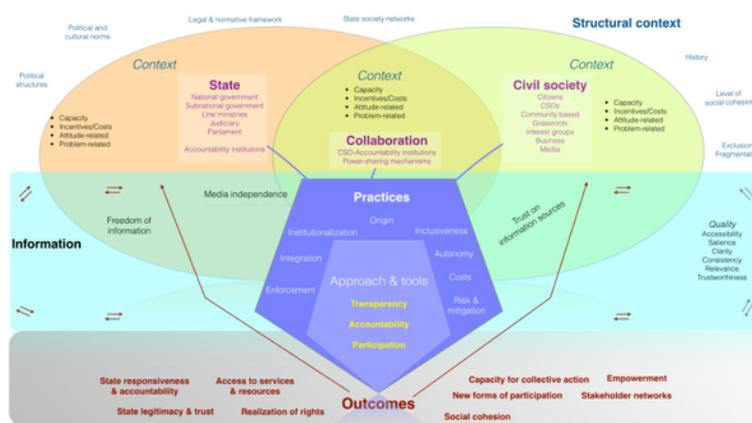
The user will find introductions by experts in the field, summarizing and explaining the state of our knowledge of TPA:

- Definitions & explanation of terminology
- Summary and analysis of current literature and evidence on specific topics
- Summaries and commentaries of materials in the archive

Guidance for Useful Research

The TAP KR also provides a snapshot of the current state of our knowledge on TAP, allowing the user to identify:

- Areas with stronger knowledge and evidence
- Gaps in our knowledge by exposing less researched areas and untested assumptions



For more information, please visit our platform: [TAP Knowledge Repository: http://tap.cmi.no](http://tap.cmi.no)