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EVERY **PERSON** HAS THE
POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Transparency Powered by Technology

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Every individual has the power
to make a difference.





OUR MISSION

Create opportunity for individuals to improve their lives, and the lives of their family, their community and society.



OUR STRATEGY

Drive sectoral change by deploying

- financial capital (early stage)
- human capital
- network capital
- intellectual capital

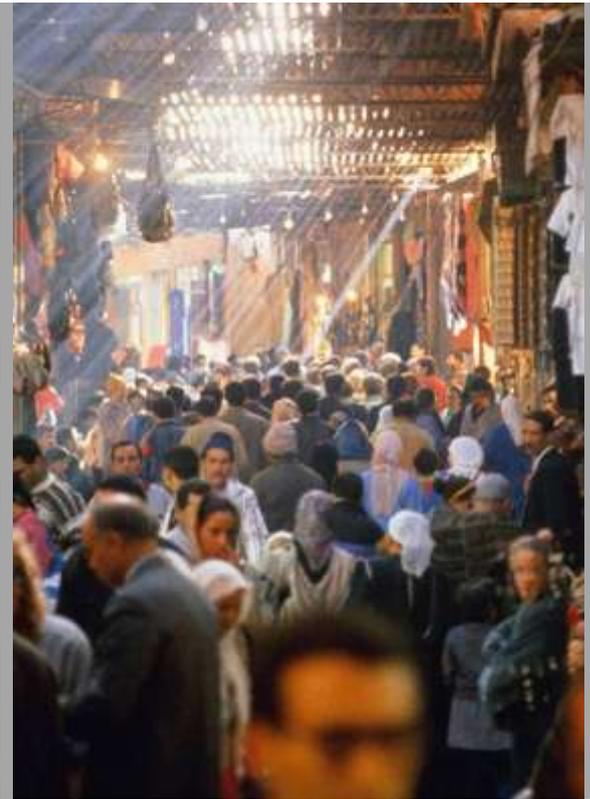
Investments leverage power of markets



Value



Sustainability



Scale

Grants address market failures



Disempowered Populations



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Public Goods



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Generate Positive Externalities



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Government transparency and accountability mission

To empower people with information about how government works and support technology and media platforms through which they can hold their leaders accountable and bring about positive social change



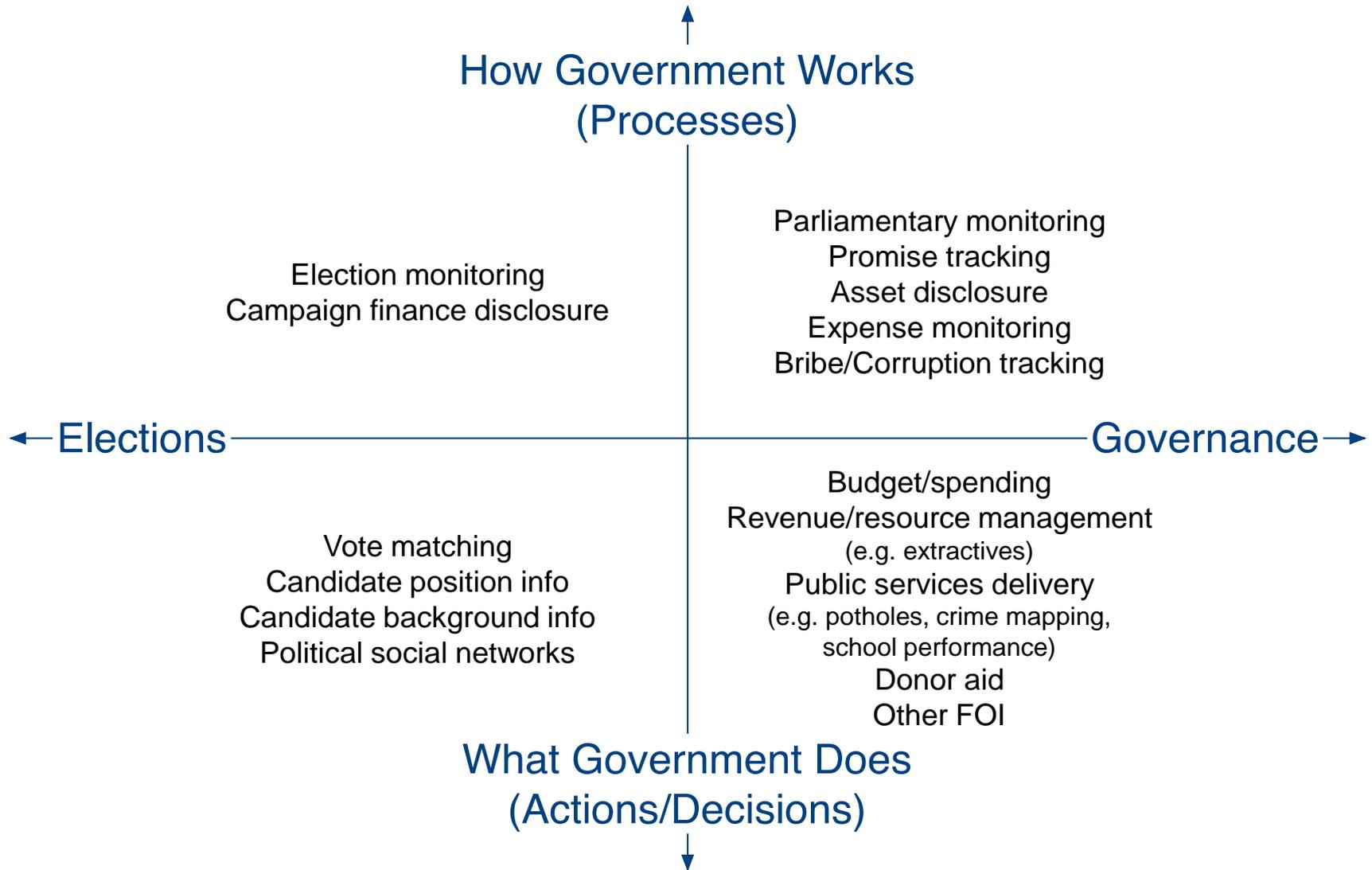


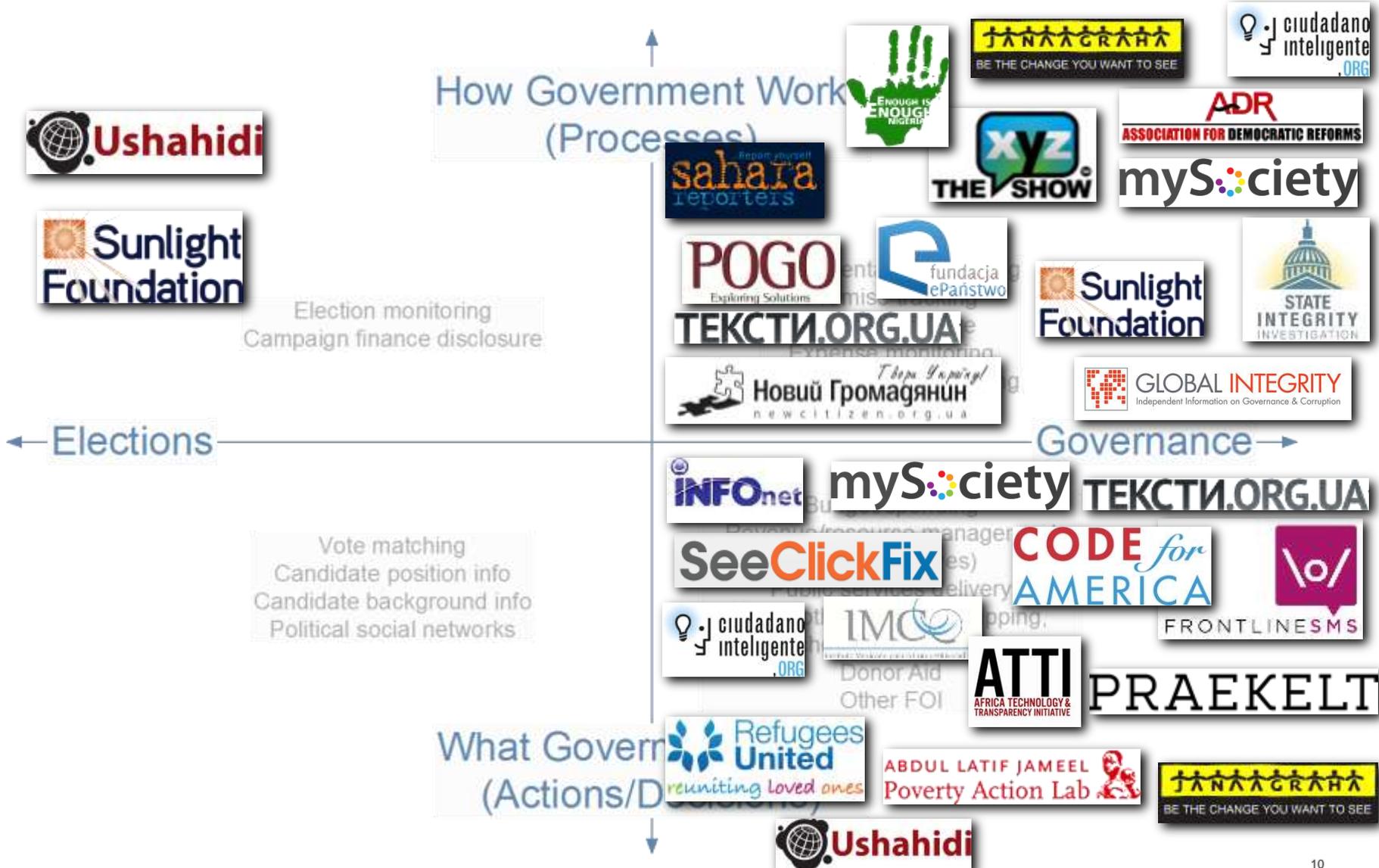
Ordinary citizens have limited means with which to hold their government accountable

Technology can enable transparency of government information and citizen participation, which drive accountability of government to citizens



- Nascent sector
- Omidyar Network most active investor/grantor
- \$59 million invested across 31 organizations
- Almost all non-profit, but many driving for sustainability through revenue generation
- Initiative led by Stephen King from London
- Supported by additional professionals in Silicon Valley, Washington DC, Mumbai and Johannesburg







- Main instrument of food security for poor in India
 - “Right to Food” legislation will dramatically increase its scope
- But, the TPDS is staggeringly inefficient
 - Gol itself estimates spending Rs. 3.65 for every Re. 1 of benefits received by beneficiaries (Planning Commission 2005)
 - Bihar had the highest estimated leakage – greater than 75%
- It also costs the poor in less obvious ways
 - Restricts choice of foods – 70% of respondents in PEO study strongly prefer local food varieties to those offered by the TPDS
 - Eligibility is tied to a single FPS which limits the coverage of migrant workers and families (highly vulnerable population)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Open Government Partnership website. At the top left is the logo and the text "Open Government Partnership". To the right is a search bar with "SEARCH" and "SUBMIT" buttons, and social media sharing options for Facebook and Twitter. Below this is a navigation menu with icons and labels for "ABOUT", "COUNTRY COMMITMENTS", "NETWORK", and "OUTREACH". The main banner features a photograph of a crowd of people clapping, with the text "OGP Annual Meeting 2012" overlaid. To the right of the banner is a "KEEP ME POSTED" email subscription form with a "TWEET" button and social media icons for "twitter" and "facebook". Below the banner are three news sections: "RECENT NEWS" with a link to "Big OGP Civil Society Survey", "MORE NEWS" with a link to "IRM International Expert Panel Call for", and "OGP BRASILIA 2012 SURVEY" with a "We appreciate your help in evaluating this program..." message and a "READ MORE" link. At the bottom right is an "INNOVATION VILLAGE" section with a "Review the presentations from the presenters at the OGP 2012 Innovation Village." message and a "READ MORE" link. A large, semi-transparent "Open Government Partnership" logo is overlaid on the bottom center of the page.



Theory Of Change

OGP is a new multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance.

Innovations

Multi-lateral approach

Operates with buy in from Heads of State, and creates a “race-to-the-top” political space around open government

Achievement

Raising the bar globally

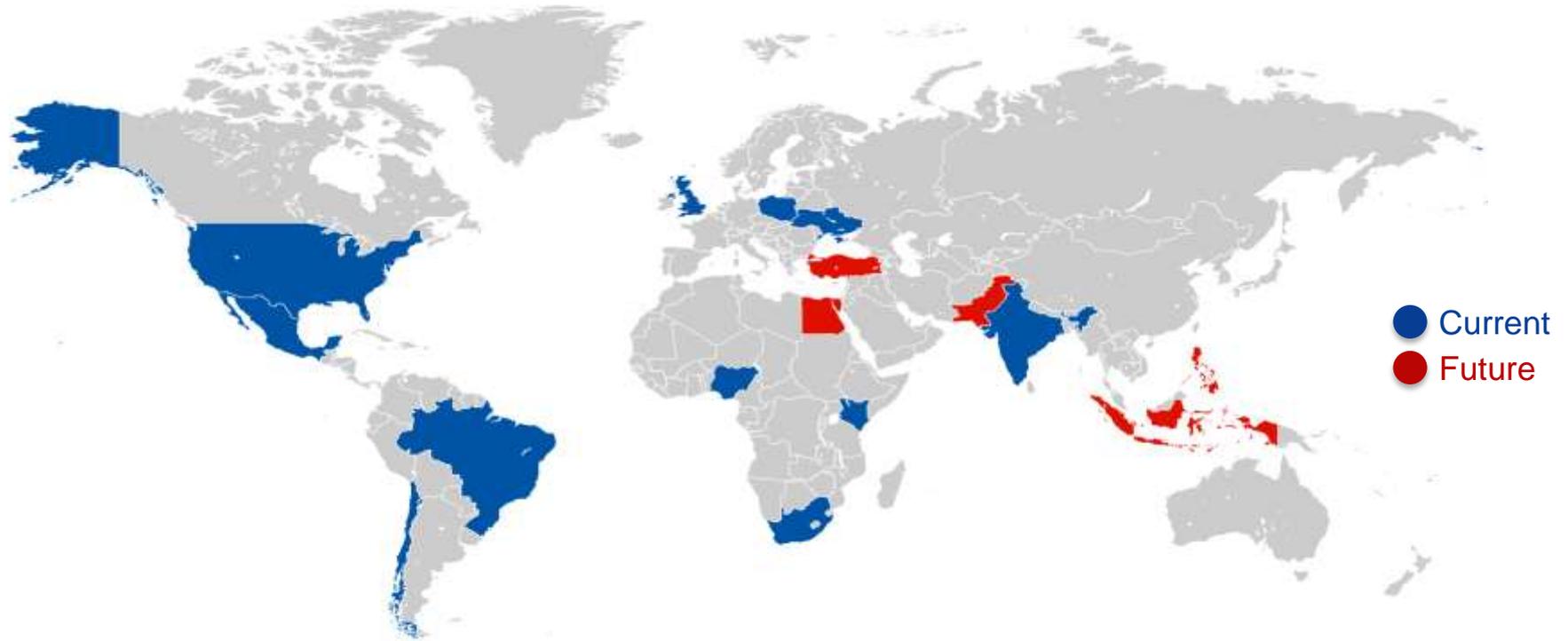
Over 50 countries now OGP members, representing almost 2 billion people.

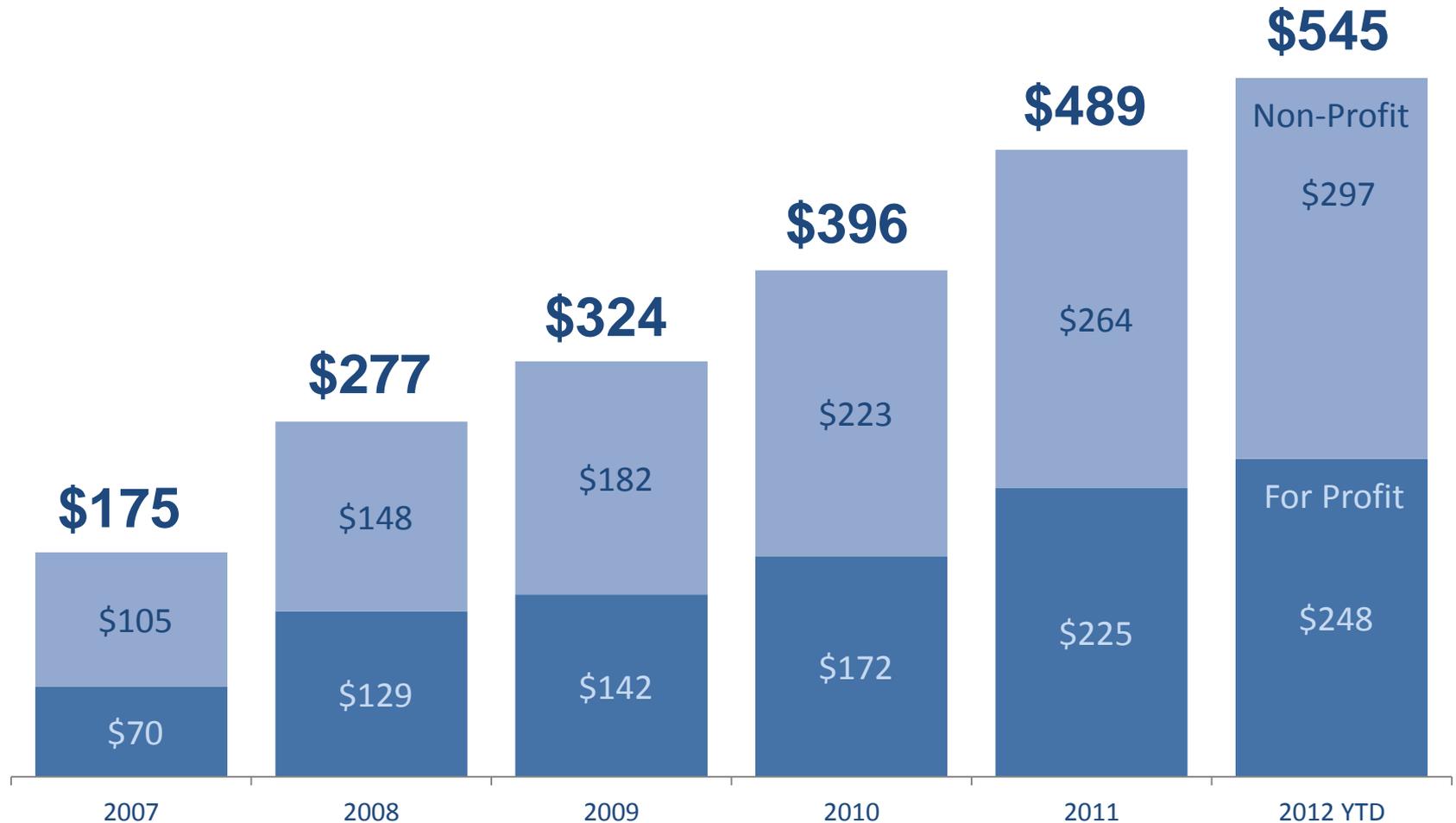
Commitments have been received from 48 countries



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Thank you





- Geographic depth vs. breadth
- How to effectively seed and scale the most successful innovations
- Tech-centric vs. tech enabled
- How to accelerate replication across countries
- What's this all about: democracy? open government? efficient and effective governance? accountability? citizen engagement?

- Play in more than one portion of the ecosystem
- Collaborate with other orgs even in the same part of the ecosystem
- Have platforms that can be used for multiple applications
- Relevant and replicable in many countries
- Can operate at various levels of government (global, national, state/local)
- Have strong, visionary leadership and support from active Boards
- Have a minimum threshold level of funding
- Exist in an environment where there is a thriving tech sector, active civil society and independent media

Limited tech ecosystems, especially Tech for GT

Limited number of viable Tech for GT organizations to support

Absence of strong commitments by governments around the world to transparency and lack of utilization of technology

An integrated strategy which deploys multiple interventions (beyond solely investments) is most likely to bring about significant change



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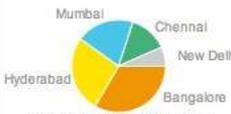
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ALL REPORTS
IN THE NEWS TODAY

1 MILLION VISITORS

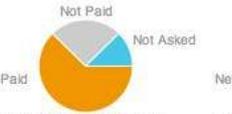
1 MILLION VOICES AGAINST CORRUPTION

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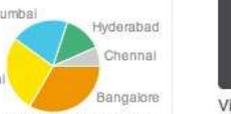
Do you think CORRUPTION is corroding our country?
Your data will help to change the system.
Your bribe story can help others. Act NOW!



484
Cities



20,503
Reports



45,53,66,529
Rupees

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No
 Yes

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Moral values hold more value than money

talked about issue almost



Theory Of Change

Janaagraha believes that the quality of life for urban poor in India can be improved by; strengthening local government to deliver services, enabling them with technology to increase transparency to their citizenry, and creating formal institutional platforms allowing participation and accountability.

Innovations

Technology

Creating a platform that allows citizens to report acts of corruption

Achievement

Citizen Engagement: In 2011, the I PAID A BRIBE website received 25K unique visitors / month and 20K reports

Anecdotal Evidence: Changing the focus and behavior of local officials in Bangalore

Replication: 10 countries



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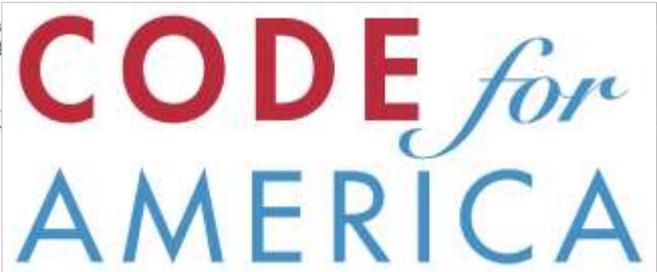
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Theory Of Change

Code for America (CfA) creates new opportunities for public service that embrace the people and power of the web. The injection of this ‘culture virus’ makes municipal Government more connected, lean, and participatory, resulting in *better service* delivery and a *more connected citizenry*.

Innovations

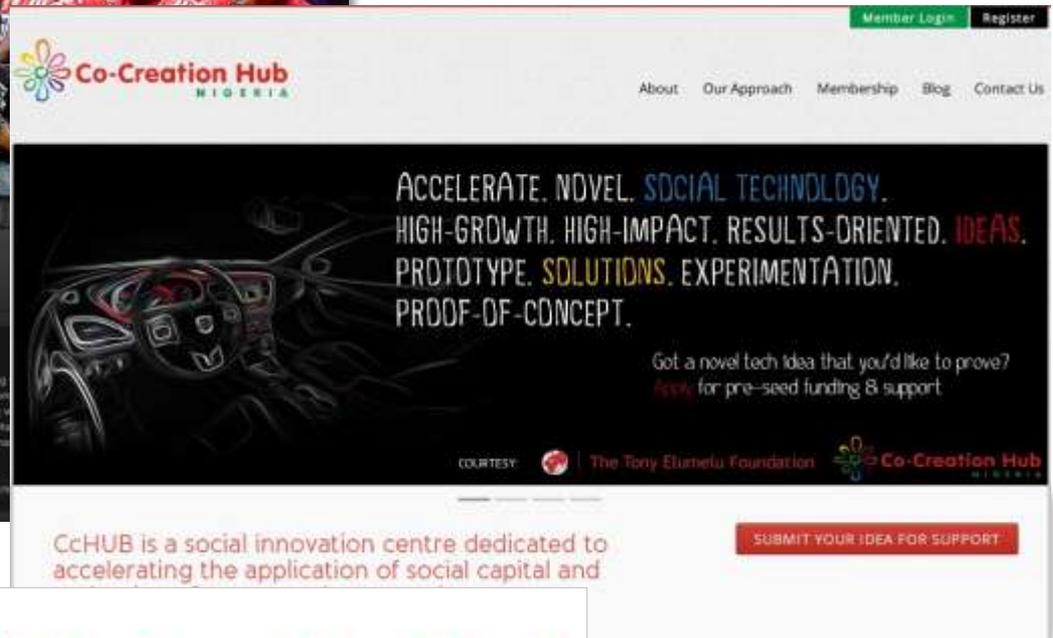
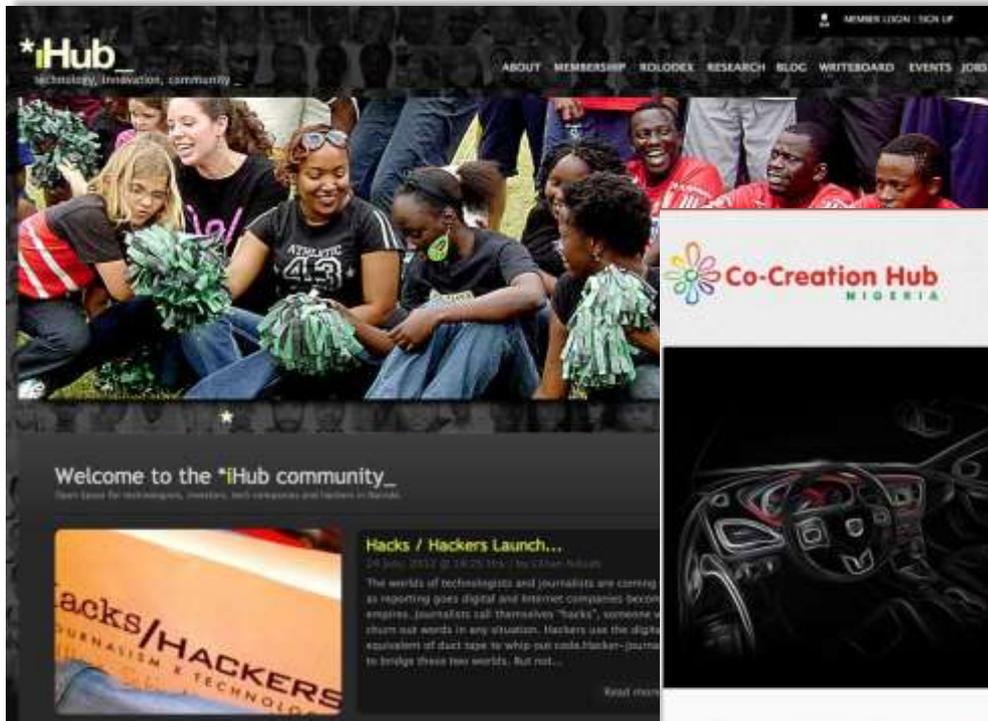
Changing Government Culture

Creating programs that infuse government with the ethos of the tech community (Fellowship, Brigade and Accelerator)

Achievement

Depth of change: Fellows in 14 cities in 2012 (up from 4 in 2011)

Scale of change: aiming for 500 participants in the brigade, over 11,000 Twitter followers



CcHUB is a social innovation centre dedicated to accelerating the application of social capital and



Theory Of Change

iHub (Kenya) and Co-Creation Hub (Nigeria) create hi-tech co-working spaces that allow tech entrepreneurs to collaborate, fostering innovation and developing an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Innovations

Supporting tech ecosystems

Creating a shared space that provides a home for technology entrepreneurs

Achievement

Creating community

The iHub in Nairobi now has over 8,000 members

The Co-Creation Hub in Lagos has been open less than a year and has already become the center for tech events in Nigeria



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Theory Of Change

ATTI seeks to support organizations in Africa that use *technology and media platforms* to provide greater *visibility into government* actions and spending. Visibility increases participation in the political process allowing *citizens to hold government officials accountable* for their actions.

Innovations

Building ecosystem

Fund structure allows smaller grants to help build the ecosystem

Achievement

Reach

Platforms deployed by ATTI grantees in 2011 reached an approximate 5.4M people with an 2.8M user interactions

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Crowdsourcing in "the cloud"
CROWDMAP

We built the Ushahidi platform as a tool to easily crowdsource information using multiple channels, including SMS, email, Twitter and the web.

SwiftRiver is an open source platform that aims to democratize access to tools for filtering & making sense of

When you need to get the Ushahidi platform up in 2 minutes to crowdsource information, Crowdmap will do it. It's our hosted version of the Ushahidi platform.



Theory Of Change

Ushahidi (which means "testimony" in Swahili) builds *tools for democratizing information*, increasing transparency and lowering the barriers for individuals to share their stories. These dynamic, crowd sourced visualizations *create unique knowledge* that can be used to enhance development outcomes, emergency response or service delivery.

Innovations

Technology: Developed a platform that can collect inputs from multiple sources (including SMS), and create beautifully designed, dynamic geographic visualizations

Pricing: Ushahidi's core platform is open source (and therefore free)

Achievement

Massive Scale: 30K deployments in 156 countries, translations into 18 languages between 2009 and 2012

Broad Use Cases: Used in Japan Tsunami, Haiti Earthquake and Kenyan and Indian elections



The screenshot shows the Sunlight Foundation website homepage. At the top left is the Sunlight Foundation logo, consisting of two overlapping yellow circles. To its right is a search bar with the text "search SunlightFoundation.com" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo and search bar is a horizontal navigation menu with the following items: ABOUT, BLOG, POLICY, PRESS, REPORTING, LABS, PROJECTS, ORGANIZING, and CONTACT. The main content area features a large graphic with the text "making GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENT & ACCOUNTABLE" in a mix of orange and black fonts, set against a background of a government building dome. Below this graphic is a call to action section with the text "Contribute to the open government movement!" and a prominent orange "DONATE NOW" button. To the right of the button is a section for "Politwoops" with the subtext "Find Potential Political Gaffes on Twitter" and a "Check it out" link, accompanied by a Twitter icon and navigation arrows. At the bottom of the page is a dark green footer area with the text "Become a part of the open government movement. get regular updates from us by signing up." and two input fields for "enter your email address" and "and zip code". On the right side of the footer, there is a section titled "TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS" with the subtext "Prevention of money from super PACs in the post".



Theory Of Change

Sunlight Foundation uses the Internet to catalyze greater government openness and transparency. *Improving access to government information* by making it *available online* enables individuals and communities to better access that information and put it to use.

Innovations

Technology: Using technology to catalyze government transparency and illuminate the role of money and power in U.S. politics

Achievement

Awareness: 8000 volunteer engagements, 6M annual website unique visitors and 3000 media mentions in 2011.

Sector Building: Sunlight helps grow the field, supporting other orgs and creating the annual Transparency Camp. 400 attendees from 27 countries

The screenshot shows the Praekelt Foundation website. At the top left is the logo 'PRAEKELT FOUNDATION'. To its right is a navigation menu with links: HOME, NEWS, ABOUT US, PRODUCTS, PROJECTS, PARTNERS, CONTACT. Further right are social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. The main content area features a large banner for 'Spotlight On Mobile'. The banner is split: the left side has a grey background with an illustration of a man holding a sign that says 'SPOTLIGHT ON Africa' and a large smartphone with a map of Africa on its screen; the right side has a black background with the text 'Spotlight On Mobile' and 'Mobile statistics and facts for Africa 2012'. Below the banner is a row of partner logos: VU MI, Jmbo, YOUNG AFRICA, txtalert, Ummeli, and MAMA. At the bottom center, the text 'PRAEKELT FOUNDATION' is displayed in a large, bold, black font.

Theory Of Change

Praekelt Foundation creates scalable, open source, *mobile technologies* that will allow a myriad of applications to be built and deployed in the *developing world*. These applications improve the health and wellbeing of people living in poverty.

Innovations

Technology

Developed simple mobile tools that have the potential for the greatest reach in the African continent

Developing Wikipedia Zero

Achievement

Massive Scale

Praekelt's programs have reached over 50 million people across 15 countries in sub-Saharan Africa

mySociety

Usability with Purpose



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Contact your elected representatives



FixMyTransport

Report, view and resolve public transport problems



WhatDoTheyKnow



MapIt



ePetitions



Theory Of Change

My Society creates websites that make it easy for people to write to their politicians, get potholes fixed, get public transport irritations resolved and extract information from government. These digital tools help people become more powerful in the civic and democratic parts of their lives.

Innovations

Technology: websites that changed the way citizens interact with government

Business Model: Open source, focus on sharing and replicability

Achievement

Replication: Fix My Street platform now been replicated in over 20 countries.

Reach: MySociety's core websites had over 5M unique visitors in 2011

Theory Of Change

Global Integrity believes that governance, transparency, and accountability reforms are best achieved when public sector reforms are met with a demand for good governance from the private sector and civil society. Its mission is to serve as a source of innovation for the government transparency and accountability community globally

Innovations

Corruption Indicators

Created actionable, data driven indicators and reports

Technology

Launched a field work tech platform that it now plans to license to others in the sector

Achievement

Go-to Data and Reports: GI reports are the go-to source of information for IFIs, NGOs and governments.

Technology for the Sector: field work platform trialed in over 100 countries.

Policy change: Work has resulted in over 50 policy / regulation changes

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Institute for Reproductive Health use FrontlineSMS for Rapid Prototype

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A lack of communication can be a major barrier for organizations (NGOs) working in developing countries. FrontlineSMS is a simple, open source, text messaging system created exclusively with the goal of providing a low-cost, easy-to-use, and scalable solution for organizations in developing countries. By leveraging basic tools already available on mobile phones – FrontlineSMS enables instant, large-scale communication. It's easy to implement, simple to use, and you just pay for the messages you send in the process. Our mission at FrontlineSMS is to lower barriers to communication and promote positive social change through mobile technology.

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Theory Of Change

FrontlineSMS (FSMS) recognizes that poor communication is a barrier for NGOs working in developing countries. Using simple tools (computers and mobile phones) FSMS enables *instantaneous two-way communication on a large scale*, improving operational performance and enhancing positive social change.

Innovations

Technology

Allows a basic phone (without internet access) to become a SMS group-messaging hub

Achievement

Massive reach

FSMS used to impact the lives of 11 million people in 2011; its budget that year was just \$500K

V1.0 has been deployed >20,000 times. V2.0 hopes to enable greater scaling in deployment.



Geography		ON GT Portfolio Organizations
Region	Country	
Global	N/A	Ushahidi (Kenya HQ), FrontlineSMS (Kenya HQ), Global Voices (Netherlands HQ), Open Knowledge Foundation (UK HQ), Global Integrity (UK HQ), Media Development Loan Fund (US HQ), Committee to Protect Journalists (US HQ), Open Government Partnership (US HQ)
Africa	N/A	Refugees United, African Technology and Transparency Initiative, African Media Initiative, Sahara Reporters, Praekelt Foundation, MidEast Youth
	Kenya	XYZ Show, Infonet
	Nigeria	Enough is Enough
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	UK	mySociety
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