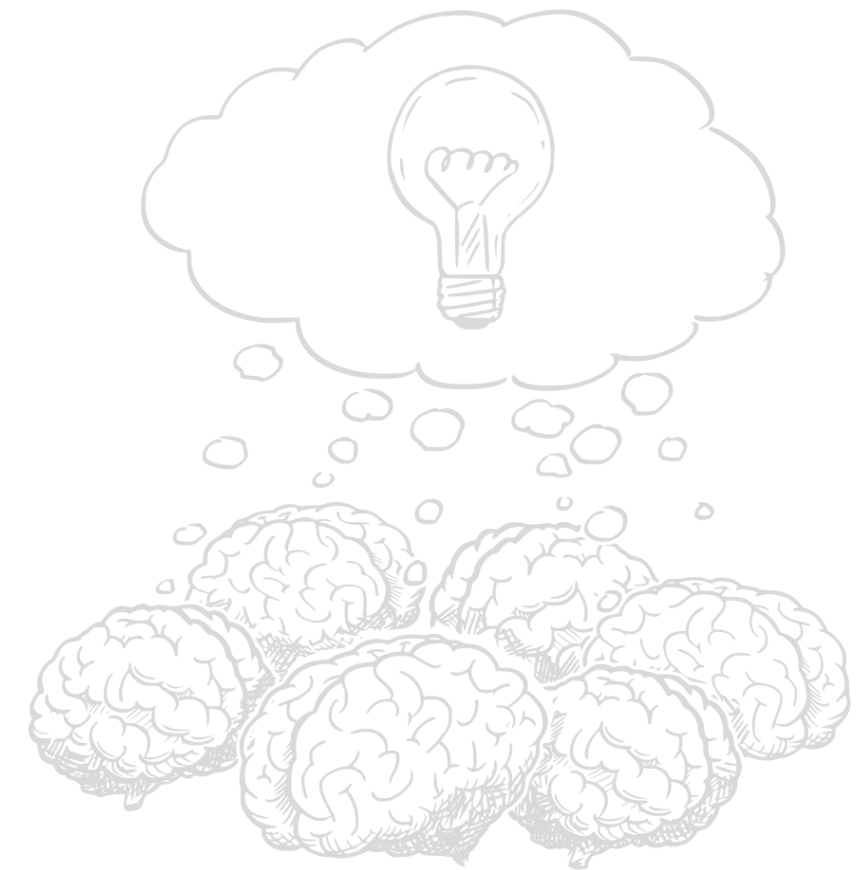


Uraghbishi

A catalyst for agency, responsiveness, and building trust

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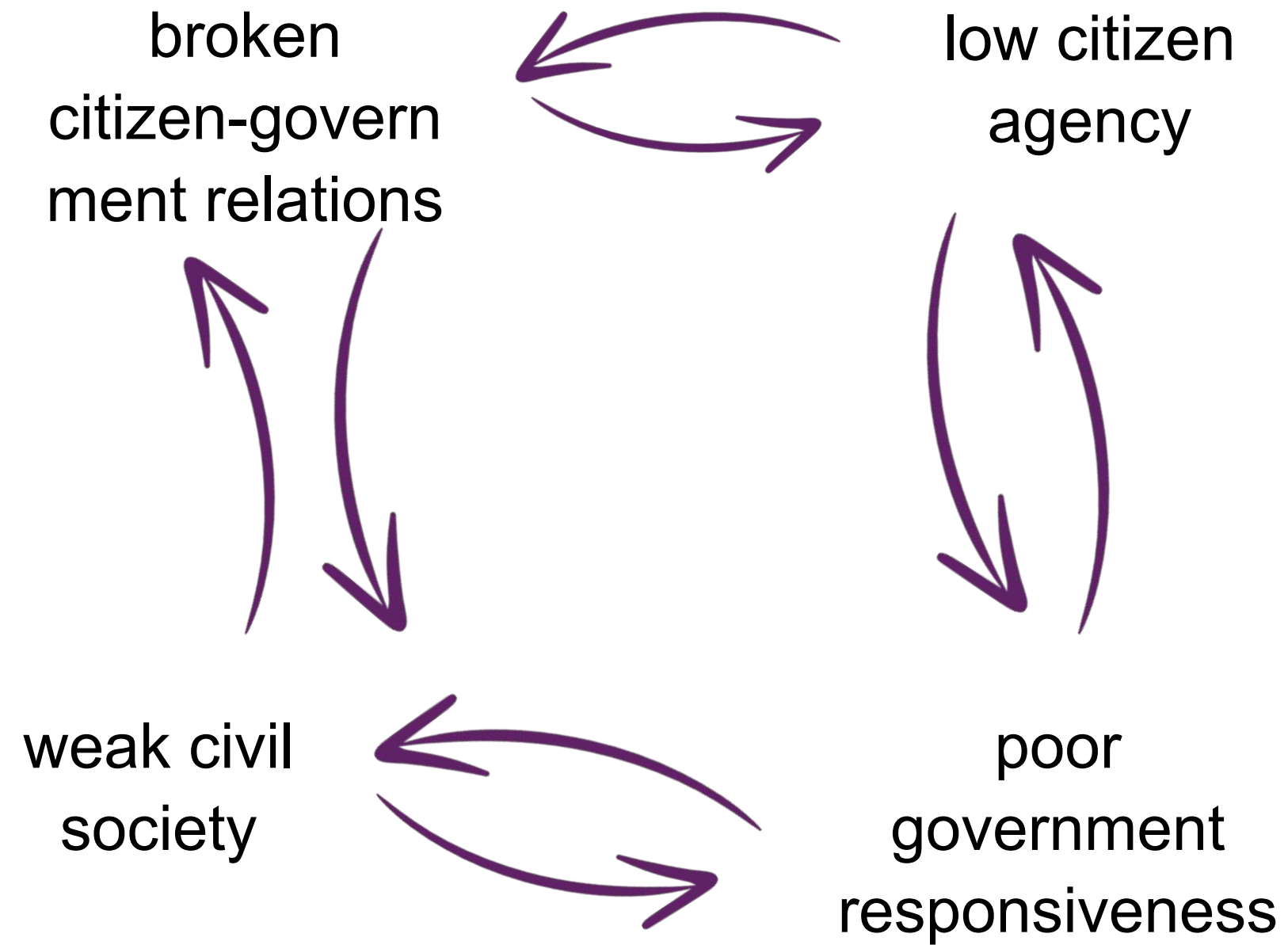
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Vision

We believe in an open society, built on the human impulse to make a difference, where information and ideas flow, all citizens engage, and authorities are accountable to the people.

What is the problem



Twaweza Mission

Mission 1: Demonstrating agency and responsiveness in action to foster collaboration and trust between citizens and their governments

Mission 2: Generating evidence to enhance insight, prompt debate, and amplify voices for better decisions and actions

Mission 3: Strengthening civil society to enhance legitimacy and impact

Ultimately, we aim to contribute to realizing better lives for all citizens by

Participatory Action Research Process (Animation)

- PAR awareness meetings
- Selection of Change Agents
- Change Agents training

Conscientization

**Problematization at the
community level**

- New information
- Refining action plans
- Follow up

**Dialogue and
Feedback**

Action and Review

- Assessment (identification & ranking)
- Analysis (HTL, RCA, GA, SHPM)
- Developing the action plan
- Citizen Follow-up

Committees

- Reflection & Learning

- Contributions
- Request letters
- Response

Coverage

10 Rural districts of Uganda and Tanzania

10 Local CSOs

118 Rural villages

236 Local change agents

122 Action plans **386** priority issues

102326 People reached **49779** women and **52547** men



Documentary

This video details the entire process, from setting priorities and identifying key problems to addressing these issues. Significant improvements have been noted in areas such as water and education, which were major challenges before the introduction of Uragbhishi work in the communities.

Results

- The revival of foundational basic community organizing has encouraged **community collective actions** (Bulungi Bwansi) especially in Uganda. Communities together to pool resources (ideas/materials) to maintain access roads and water sources, deliberate on mitigating GBV and other conflicts and **attend public meetings**.



- **Regular village meetings** lead to improved relations between the local leaders and communities. They **allow two-way information flow with** communities proactively seeking information and providing feedback on their experiences, while public officials provide update on progress on actions taken, budget expenditures especially in Tanzania, resulting in better local governance.

Results

- Government Responsiveness: **41 issues in Uganda** and **56 in Tanzania** community priorities were successfully addressed through consensus and dialogue.



- Communities became more aware and knowledgeable, they are confidently **seeking information**, following up, and **attending public sector meetings**.

Key Lessons

- **Problematizing** enables communities to better understand the root causes of priority concerns, which helps them **design innovative solutions**.



- Enabling communities to focus on their **felt collective needs** with minimal or no influence incentivizes them to actively participate and consistently follow up until concrete actions are implemented, which ignites **a desire to do more**.

Key Lessons

- Community pooling of resources for short-term solutions has demonstrated its power and potential impact when combined with government action, instilling a sense of ownership, hope, and optimism among stakeholders.



- Young people have a great potential for continuity despite the high (30%) attrition rate due to life changes.



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