

Global Standard for CSO Accountability

AN INTRODUCTION

Rapidly changing world

- Economic and political power
- Demographics
- Distribution and nature of poverty and inequality
- Collective action problems
- Development sector

Changes in civil society

- Rapid growth in CSOs
- Relevance, effectiveness and legitimacy in question.
- Declining public trust
- Proliferation of accountability standards
- Donor focus on innovation and impact
- Repressive laws, regulations and practices
- Declining legitimacy, increasing compliance burden, shrinking space

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This global wave of restrictions has a rapidity and breadth to its spread we've not seen before...you can visibly watch the space shrinking.

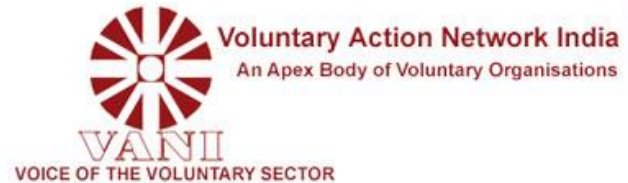
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James Savage, Amnesty International

But challenges are opportunities

- Get our own house in order
 - Address trust deficit
 - By improving our accountability and transparency
 - Do this in innovative ways
 - Learn, adapt, improve, evolve
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- ✓ Functional, strategic, social accountability
 - ✓ Upwards and downwards accountability
 - ✓ Real-time accountability
 - ✓ Accountability driving learning and change

Built by networks of 1,500 CSO's globally



The Global Standard for CSO Accountability



Aims to improve CSO accountability practices

- Improving accountability standards
- Reducing transaction costs
- Contributing to an enabling environment for civil society

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- Translate the Istanbul Principles into a set of actionable commitments.
- Apply to all CSOs, particularly those in the south.
- Together form a powerful narrative of who we are, what we do and how we do it
- Anticipate future role of CSOs
- Framed in simple but aspirational language
- Facilitate an ongoing dialogue between CSOs and their stakeholders
- Increase trust, drive innovation, enhance effectiveness and impact

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- Reference standard
- Not replace existing standard
- Not have verification/certification
- Drive alignment in existing or new standards, donor policies, government regulation
- Multiple end users

This isn't the 321st CSO Standard.

This is a way to rebuild trust. A way to innovate by learning from the people we work with and the work we do. This is a way to scale our collective impact.

Cluster A: WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

1. Justice and Equality
2. Women's rights and equality
3. Healthy planet
4. Lasting positive change

Cluster B: OUR APPROACH TO CHANGE

5. People-driven work
6. Strong partnerships
7. Advocating for fundamental change
8. Open organisations

Cluster C: WHAT WE DO INTERNALLY

9. Empowered and effective staff and volunteers
10. Well-handled resources
11. Responsive decision-making
12. Accountable Management and independent oversight

Cluster A: WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

1. *Justice And Equality*

We Will Address Injustice, Exclusion, Inequality, Poverty And Violence To Create Healthy Societies For All.

2. *Women's Rights And Equity*

We Will Promote Women's And Girls' Rights And Address All Forms Of Discrimination.

3. *Healthy Planet*

We Will Protect The Natural Environment And Ensure Its Ability To Support Life For Future Generations.

4. *Lasting Positive Change*

We Will Focus On Long-term Positive Results.

Cluster B: OUR APPROACH TO CHANGE

5. *People-driven Work*

We Will Ensure That People We Work With Have A Key Role In Driving Our Work.

6. *Strong Partnerships*

We Will Ensure Partners Play A Strong Role During And After Our Collaboration On Shared Goals.

7. *Advocating For Fundamental Change*

We Will Advocate With Affected People For Fundamental Change.

8. *Open Organisations*

We Will Be Transparent About Who We Are, What We Do And Our Successes And Failures.

Cluster C: WHAT WE DO INTERNALLY

9. Empowered And Effective Staff And Volunteers

We Will Invest In Staff And Volunteers To Develop Their Full Potential In Achieving Our Shared Goals.

10. Well-handled Resources

We Will Handle Our Resources Responsibly To Reach Our Strategic Goals And Optimally Serve The Public Good.

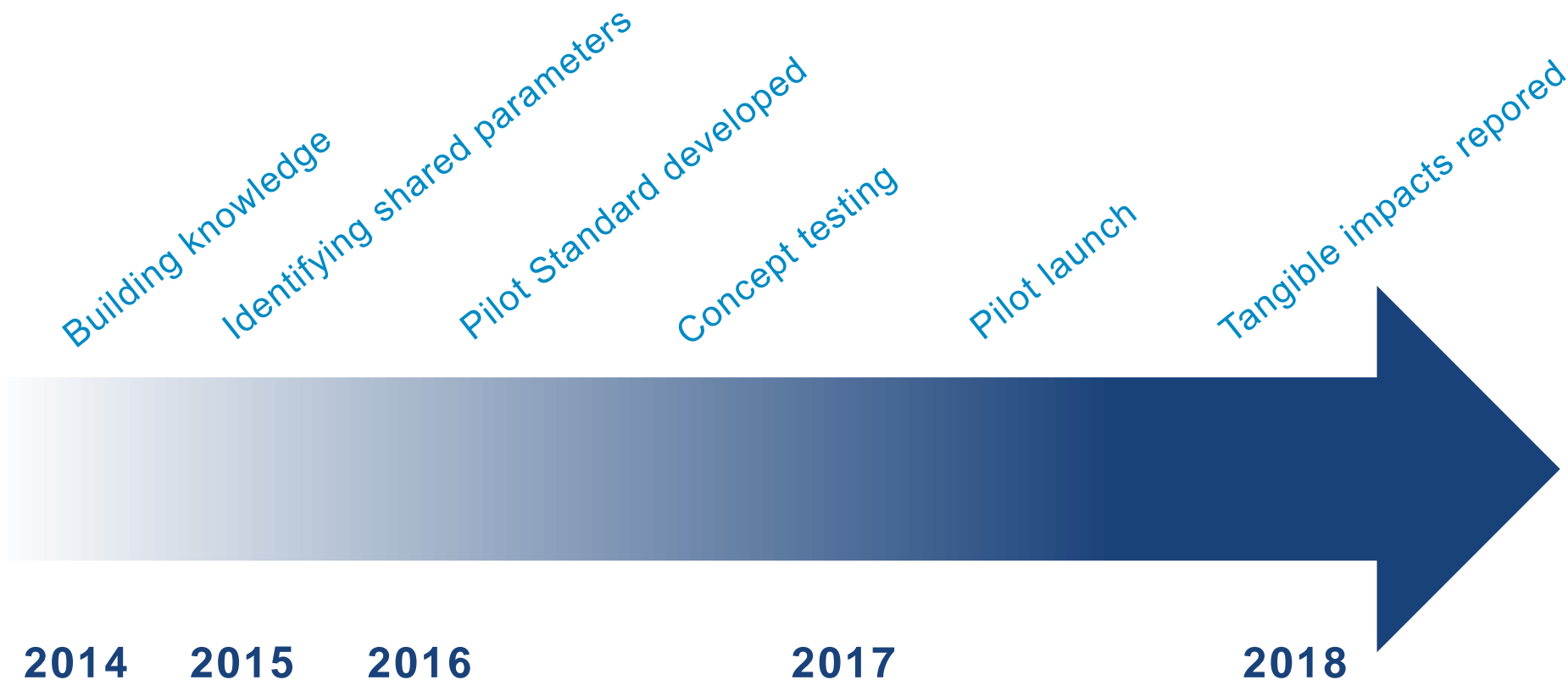
11. Responsive Decision-making

We Will Ensure Our Decisions Are Responsive To Feedback From Staff, Volunteers, Partners And The People Affected By Our Work.

12. Accountable Management And Independent Oversight:

We Will Deliver On The Twelve Commitments Of This Standard And Invite You To Hold Us To Account.

How we get there



How you can get involved

- Be part of the concept testing
- Take up the pilot testing
- Add your voice to the movement

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