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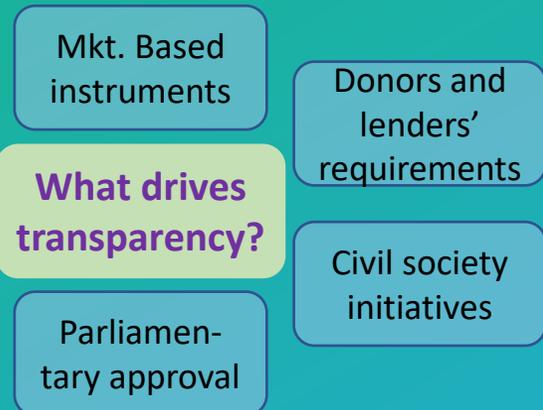
Public access to information can help make investments more responsible and lead to inclusive outcomes with greater accountability. Current approaches to transparency are mostly supply-driven, often overlooking environmental and social concerns.

CCSI seeks to establish an evidence-based understanding of the transparency needs, demands, and uses of communities affected by investments and host governments.

Research methodology

- Literature review of 21 publications.
- Interviews with government officials.

Key findings of the lit. review



Key findings of the lit. review (cont.)

What hinders transparency?

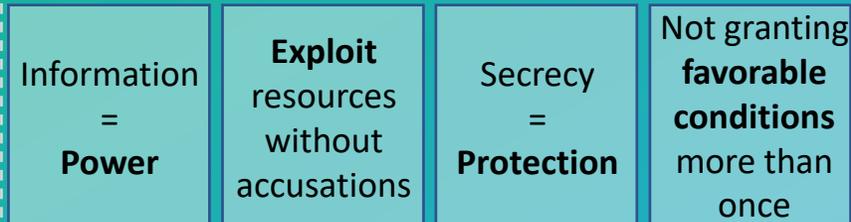
Govts:

- Disclosed information is often **incomplete, inaccessible, inaccurate, long and too technical.**
- Local officials are **selective with the information they disseminate.**
- **Not** all countries have an **appropriate framework to disclose beneficial ownership.**

Investors:

- **Opaque corporate structures.**

What disincentivizes transparency?



Host government actors mapping: attitude towards transparency

Ministry of Environment

- Information is an **important decision making tool (EIA)**, and enables effective **monitoring and compliance checks.**
- Information on the EIA can also work against projects.

Host government actors mapping: attitude towards transparency (cont.)

Ministries of Agriculture and of Land

- Information helps with **initial decision making**, prepare and negotiate **responsible contracts**, and **monitoring.**
- **Less risk of conflict**, but longer lead time when allocating land.
- Fear of **repelling investors**, who may want to keep their information private.

Ministry of Finance

- Background information about investors can **influence fiscal incentives granting.**
- Corrupt practices around public spending **hinder public accountability.**



Conclusions / What's next?

- **Barriers** are both **technical and power-related.**
- Research was **influenced** by reports from **technical orgs like FAO and WB** and their approaches.
- Mapping of government actors enables CCSI to focus in **political economy analysis next.**