GOVERNMENT
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

IRI International Republican Institute

PLAN FOR THE EVENT

» Ensure buy-in through a stakeholder meeting

» Conduct a community needs assessment to determine **EVENT MODEL**

» Select event coordinator

» Design event agenda reflective of the chosen models' scope

» Create tools for follow-up, including surveys and interview questions

REPRESENTATIVE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY MODEL

Elected officials visit communities to host discussions based on the findings of a community needs assessment.

SERVICE PROVISION
IN YOUR COMMUNITY MODEL

Public service providers visit communities to provide citizens direct access to service agencies.

GOVERNMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY
BRINGS THE GOVERNMENT TO CITIZENS
by physically moving the interaction between **elected officials, council members, civil servants and citizens** to a local space that reduces citizens' need to travel, making accessing services and petitioning government more convenient.

FOLLOW-UP & EVALUATION

» Analyze data collected from citizen consultations

» Debrief relevant government staff and assign follow-up responsibilities

» Municipal officials should follow-up with community on decisions made and consultations conducted during the event

CONDUCT THE EVENT

» Elected officials or public service providers open the event and present the agenda

» Q&A with citizens, government officials and public service providers

» Conduct individual citizen consultations with elected officials and/or public service providers

BENEFITS

ENABLES DIRECT INTERACTION between government officials and citizens while allowing citizens access to public services

PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS from citizens and identify the needs of the community which results in their ability to better represent their constituency

INCREASES GOVERNMENTS' ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES to and engage directly with citizens by lowering a major barrier to participation—physical distance

OUR GOVERNANCE APPROACH

Citizen confidence in government institutions is critical for a strong, sustainable democracy.
Where governments are unable or unwilling to fulfill citizen needs, the democratic process is undermined and risks becoming a democratic façade. IRI works with government officials, citizens and civil society to bring government closer to citizens, transforming it into a more responsive, transparent and effective institution that is representative of—and accountable to—its citizens.

SUPPLY

*IRI views a democratic political system as a **feedback loop**; where government leaders and institutions are accountable, responsive and transparent to citizens, and citizens have a say in decision-making.*

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ADVANCING DEMOCRACY WORLDWIDE

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IRI advances freedom and democracy worldwide by helping political parties to become more issue-based and responsive, assisting citizens to participate in government planning and working to increase the role of marginalized groups in the political process—including women and youth.

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