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# BEST PRACTICES IN ADVOCATING EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

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## WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY

- A Non-departmental public body of the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- Works to support accountable, transparent and representative institutions
- Programmes in partnership with over 30 parliaments globally
- Also works with civil society, electoral bodies and other institution

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE NARRATIVE

- Participation and representation an end in itself
- Developing strategies for engagement which are inclusive and are not in silos to ensure no one is left behind
- Disseminating emerging trends and approaches that mainstream gender and disadvantaged groups

## HOW DOES WFD DO THIS?

- Context and demand led
- Capacity building sessions that are inclusive that include both soft skills and technical skills for Women and Youth
- Working with advocacy groups on mechanisms to strengthen engagement with parliament and policy makers

## How does WFD do this? (2)

### Sharing Best Practices

- Many countries have developed effective strategies; WFD as a facilitator that can spark debate and inform policy based on best practice
- Speaking with like minded organisations and peers can generate solutions, for example through building networks and nurturing coalitions on key issues

## How does WFD do this? (3)

Generate research that shapes the policy debate

- A) Violence Against Women in Politics
- B) Post-Legislative Scrutiny through a gender perspective

## **Cross cutting - lessons learned**

- Programmes that are culturally sensitive and context specific
- Local ownership; demand-led
- Tailored support to needs
- Importance of data and information
- Flexibility in programme delivery to capture evolving environment
- Do no Harm
- Comprehensive approach to supporting inclusive policies

Thank you!

Any questions?

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