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Civic Forum: An Action Civics Model for New and Emerging Democracies

Organized and politically active citizens are instrumental in driving democratic and socio-economic development. In new and emerging democracies, the National Democratic Institute has helped citizens play these roles through a guided, iterative process called Civic Forum. The process combines educational discussions, experiential learning and citizen-led collective actions to address local-level community needs. Results have included increased citizenship competencies, space for participation and accountability relationships with public officials.