What makes a successful decentralisation policy? Assessing DDA in PNG.

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Decentralisation

“Decentralisation is not a panacea. It has advantages and disadvantages. The overall impact of decentralisation on service delivery depends critically on its design and prevailing institutional arrangements.”

- Omar Azfar et. al., 1999, p. 28
Four conditions...

- clearly established legal framework
- institutions with capacity
- system of accountability
- active civil society
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DDA Arrangement

Source: Adopted from Table 1, p. 32 (Duncan, Cairns & Banga 2017).
... It weakens the LLGs role to have a politically constituted committee that neither belongs to, nor answers to any level of government, that makes decisions on budgeting and planning for LLGs (Public Sector Reform Advisory Group 2006:31).
Lack of accountability...

SIPs REPORTING

- Report SIPs
- Non-report SIPs

Active civil society...

- DDA operations depends on the leadership and the relationship that is built with civil societies.
- DDA meetings (Quarterly)
Conclusion

- Roles of institutions must be clearly defined,
- Establish a strong legal framework, and
- More awareness and training to beef capacity and support accountability mechanism.
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