

Strengthening Civil Society Participation in Regional Food Security Policy Processes

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*Look, listen and learn -
An Action Research Project*

- **Purpose**

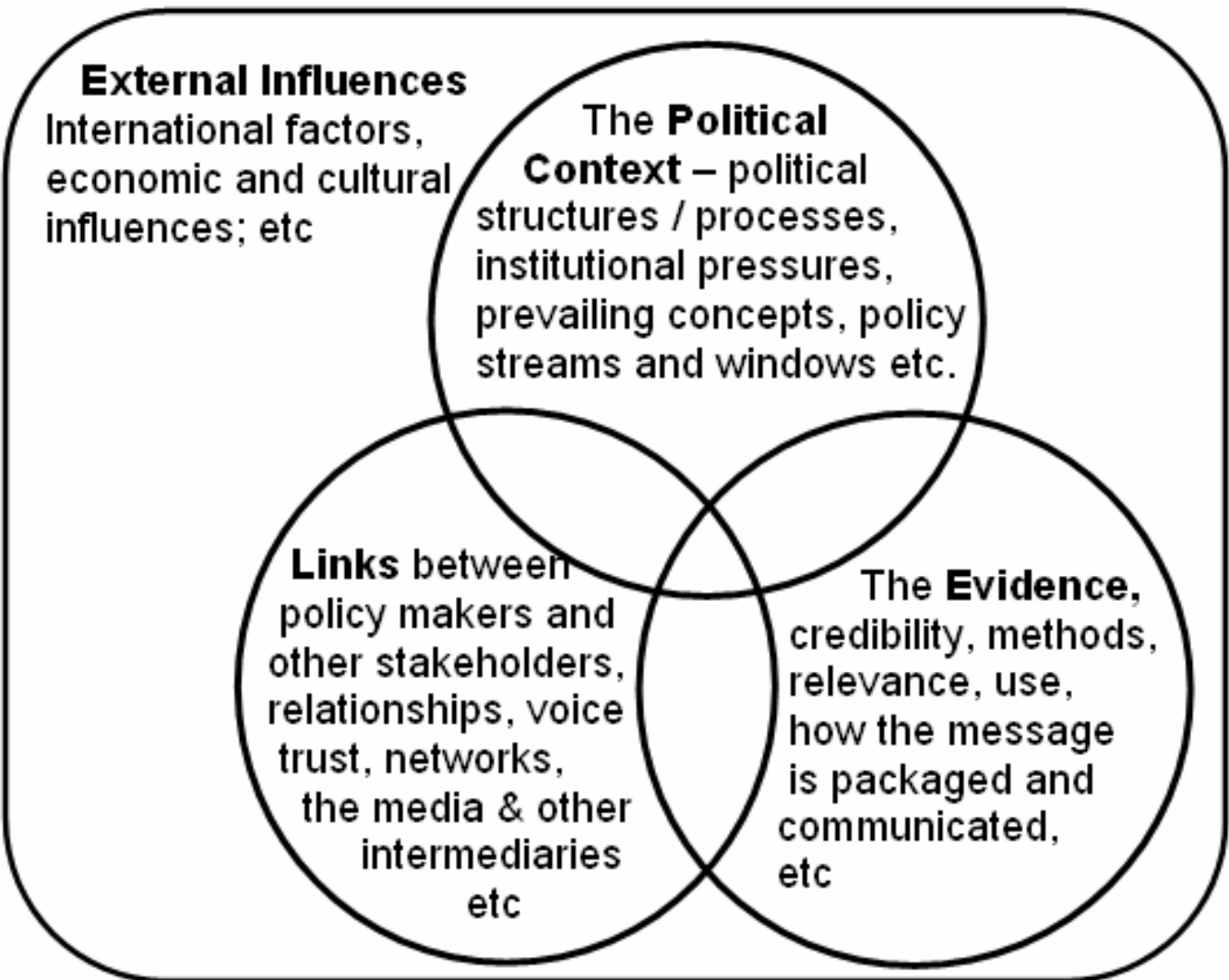
To strengthen the capacity of civil society actors to participate in regional food security policy processes.

• Definitions

policy

civil society

• Factors influencing CSO input



• Objectives

- promote the contribution of civil society organisations to the debate within SADC on food security policy;
- promote the voice of SADC civil society organisations in the international debate on food security policy;
- publicise within the region and internationally the policy and practice lessons learnt;
- disseminate within the region relevant evidence and policy lessons from civil society organisations elsewhere in the world.

• **Activities – Pilot Phase**

Stage 1: Planning (Jan – May 2005)

- project concept, mobilisation of resources etc.
- inaugural meeting

Stage 2: Activities (June – March 2006)

- regional paper
- regional conference
- national consultations (Zambia, Zim, Mal & Moz)
- policy alerts
- influencing activities piloted

• **Outputs**

- **Understanding of policy processes relating to food security regionally and internationally increased amongst CSOs and other development partners in southern Africa (through project's collaborative action research, meetings, and Project Alerts)**
- **Generalisable lessons about the role of CSOs in using evidence to contribute to pro-poor policy processes disseminated internationally (through Project Alerts and web alerts)**
- **The voice of southern Africa poor people promoted in the international debate on food security policy (through selected dissemination activities by regional CSOs)**