Open Government Partnership (OGP)

Operating: 2012 – Present (Data until 2016?)

Reasons why the OGP was created :

* People around the world are demanding more openness in their representative governments.
* They are calling for greater “civic participation” in public affairs
* They are seeking ways to make their government more Transparent, Responsive, Accountable and Effective.

The OGP is committed to :

* Increasing the availability of information about government activities (planned and current).
* Supporting more civic participation in the development of government policy.
* Implementing the highest standards of professional integrity throughout the administration. This means being a transparent, responsive, accountable and effective facilitator in implementing their mission.
* Increasing access to new technologies for openness and accountability. *Future Question: Does this commitment only apply to increasing openness and accountability? How does increasing this access interact with other dependent variables? Ex: production, voting, and FDI.*

What is OGP? :

* OGP is an organization that was started in 2012 by 8 founding governments, and presently, it consists of over 70 participating governments. OGP’s main purpose is to improve the transparency, responsiveness, accountability and effectiveness of governments by promoting and facilitating effective agreements between the OGP’s government partners and that government’s civil society (NEEDS IMPROVEMENT). OGP is a global movement of *reforms*, working to make their governments more effective and responsive.

How does OGP work? :

Steps to joining OGP :

* OGP has established four different criteria that a country’s government needs to meet in order to join the OGP. They are:
  + Fiscal Transparency
  + Access to Information
  + Public Official Asset Discloser
  + Citizen Engagement
    - These criteria are subject to review by…. (NEED TO FIND REVIEWER)
* A National Action Plan (NAP) needs to be created by the country’s government, in tandem with civil society, and it needs to be signed by a high-level government official.
* Subject to independent review by: OGP Steering Committee Co-Chairs???????

Potential Research Questions:

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Data:

The data is collected from the Independent Reporting Mechanisms (IRP)