

The Importance of Civil Society Organizations in Development

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to give a theoretical background of the third sector; Civil Society Sector (or Nongovernmental Organizations: NGOs), and its role in development through its partnership with the other two sectors; public and private. This role will be discussed from three aspects of development; social, economic, and other development aspects. Also, the major obstacles that may face this third sector will be discussed. Some suggestions to encourage and motivate this sector will be presented. Experiences of some countries in this aspect will be mentioned.

Recent studies have pointed to a gradual shift in the development activities of NGOs, from a welfare orientation to a sustainable development approach. Two parties must take their responsibilities; the government should modernize its laws to induce the Civil Society Sector doing its best, and this sector has to search for different regular channels of funding.

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