

Comments from Save the Children

Save the Children is working to amplify citizen voices to exercise political influence over the transparency and accountability of DRM decision-making. We are concerned that the report does not validate the essential role of civil society - individual citizens, grassroots organizations, the private sector, think tanks, and the philanthropic community – in advancing DRM and tax policy through engagement with donors and partner country governments. We believe that civil society has a fundamental part to play on DRM by conducting innovative research, convening key stakeholders, sharing challenges and good practices, and holding governmental officials accountable for using additional revenue to fund better social services for children and families.

We respectfully request language in this document reflecting the principle of civil society engagement on this essential element of the citizen –state compact. With the recent growth of the Addis Tax Initiative and country-level reporting to meet the Sustainable Development Goals this is an opportune moment to ensure that citizen voices are part of the conversation pressing for inclusive and equitable DRM efforts.