Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) And The State: Complementary Partners Or Competitive Rivals-An Analysis

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The role of non-governmental organization (NGOs) is important in national development and especially in alleviating poverty in the least development countries (LDCs) where the public institutions are weak and foreign donors have less confidence in the host government and their service delivery capabilities. These development partners turned in the ‘80s to the NGOs to deliver development assistance and various development projects. NGOs became a parallel development partners in many developing countries. The current study explores the role of NGOs in development, whether as a competing force with the state or an allying force in national development.