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Empowerment and Accountability in FCVAS: Lessons from Mozambique

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Structure/Plan

- **Concepts**: authority, Legitimacy and Intermediation

- **Typology** of Intermediation vs Authorities

- **Implications** for Governance

Useful links

- https://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/bitstream/handle/20.500.12413/15119/WP534_Online.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y (Governance Diaries Paper)

- https://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/bitstream/handle/20.500.12413/15933/IDS_Working_Paper_546.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y (Mozambique Paper)

Concepts

- **Authority:** entities that <u>solve</u> or <u>help solve</u> different governance issues, especially when they are seen as associated with the party-state.

  Eg. Healers, civil society organisations, police officers, village chiefs, and ward secretaries

  "… everyone who is responsible for something. For example, the chief and ward secretaries are authorities and watch over our existence. They care about our problems and fight for these problems to be overcome being mediators. They can decide on whatever. They decide who to choose to do a certain activity. They choose people they want and think can… so they can, for example, receive the money of the elderly. All this because they are authority and have power…" (Interview, Household 1, Nampula, Namicopo, October 2017)

  1. **Governance Issues**: e.g. security and justice, health and taxation
  2. **Legitimacy:** Vertical and horizontal
  3. **Intermediation:** connect community members with those who solve problems

Typology

Who	Type (Intermediary)	Sources of authority (legitimacy)
Village/Block Chief (state)	Formal	Vertical (Party-State)
Ward Secretary (partisan)	Informal vs formal	Horizontal vs Vertical (Community)
Commitee (CBO)	Informal	Horizontal (Community)
Amodemo (CBO)	Informal	Vertical (Party-State)

Implications…

- **… for governance, as 'empowerment' and 'accountability' are core part of governance;**

1. Empowerment: learning', 'knowing', 'being heard', 'respected' and 'included'… when there are (perceptions of) response to community requests, **when they 'do what we asked for**' (Interview, Household 1, Nampula, Murrupula, January 2018). Under these circumstances, people feel 'respected', 'considered', 'included', and therefore 'empowered'

> But **more feelings of disempowerment**: mostly when interacting with 'formal' intermediaries (e.g. chiefs   and more power when interacting with 'informal' intermediaries (e.g. Committee).

2. Accountability: soft (answerability) and top down … inform, update.