

# Open Up Contracting

Foster civic oversight in public contracting



PEOPLE

*Unlimited*

# About Hivos

Hivos is an international organisation that seeks **new solutions** to persistent global issues. With **smart projects** in the right places, we oppose discrimination, inequality, abuse of power and the unsustainable use of our planet's resources.

Counterbalance alone, however, is not enough. Our primary focus is achieving **structural change**. This is why we cooperate with **innovative** businesses, citizens and their organisations. We share a dream with them of sustainable economies and inclusive societies.

# Facts & figures

WORLDWIDE

People reached **22.2 million**

Number of countries **27**

Offices abroad **6 regional and 6 local**

Partner organisations **713**

Total income **€ 115.8 million**

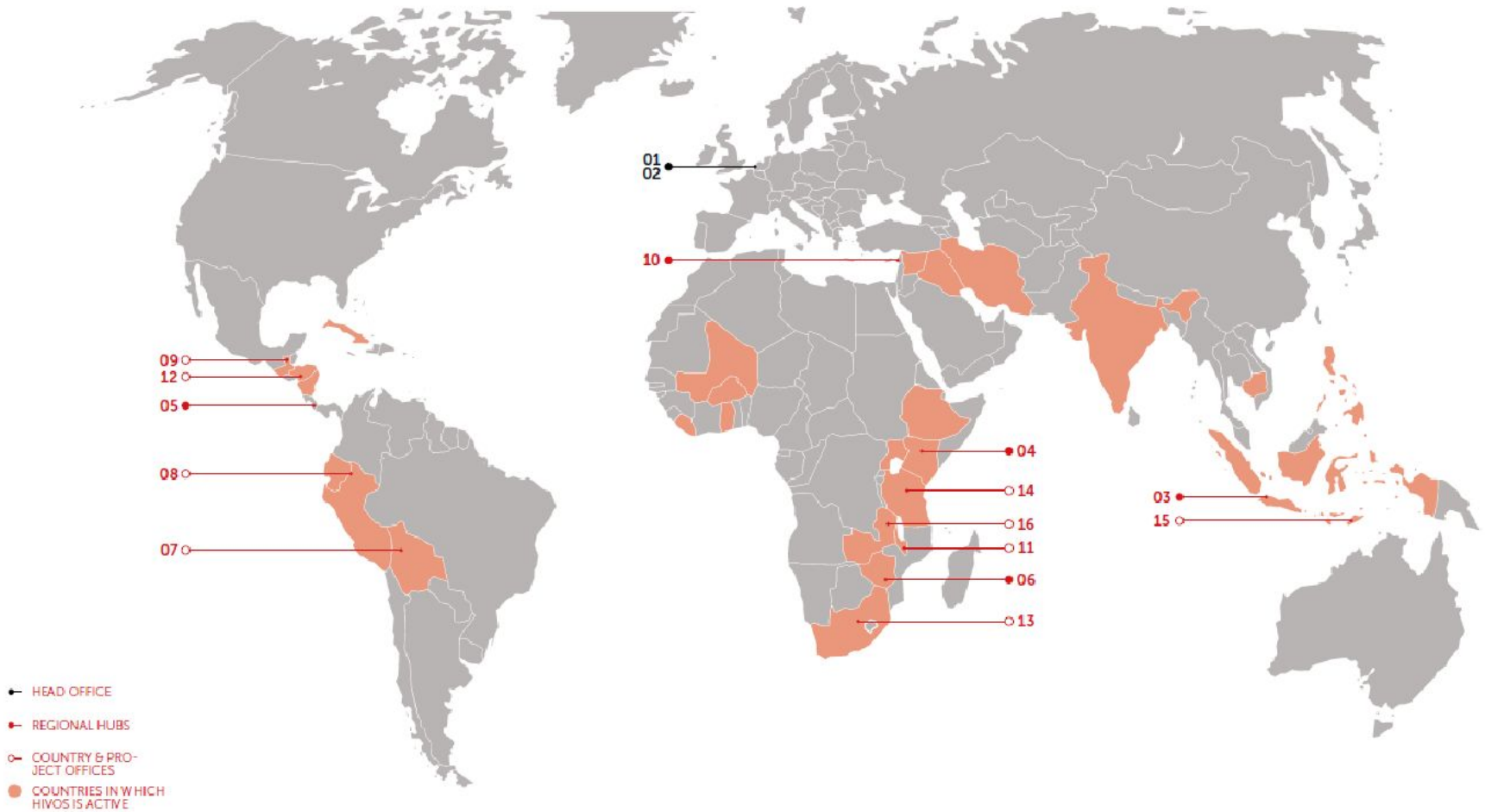
Employees **342**

# Public contracting

**US\$ 9,500,000,000,000**

**... that's what governments spend each year  
through contracts...**

# Worldwide



# What we do





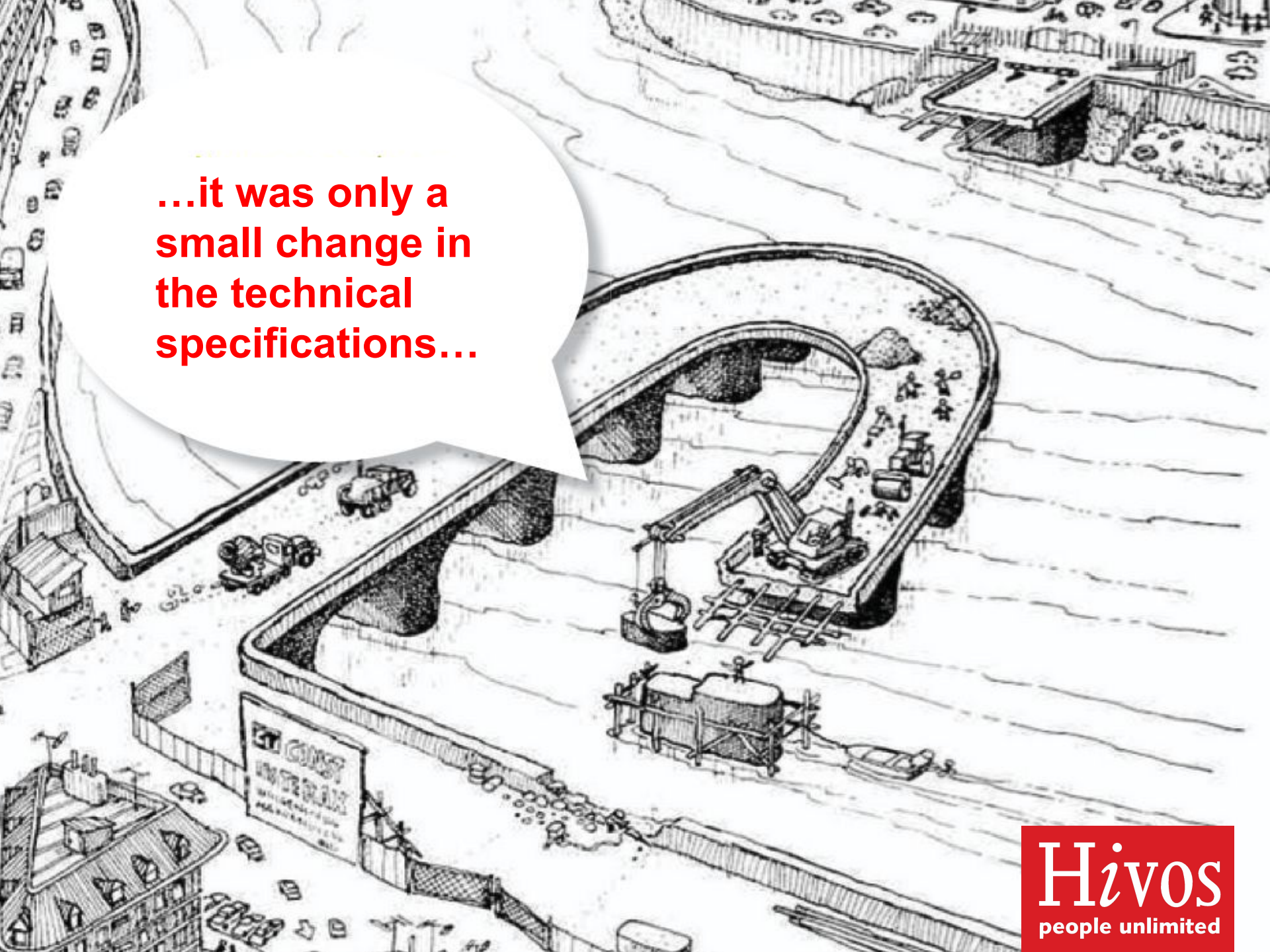
# Transparency & Accountability

Transparency and accountability are two essential elements of good governance. Hivos' partners operate through a **bottom-up, citizen-led approach** that concentrates on four themes:

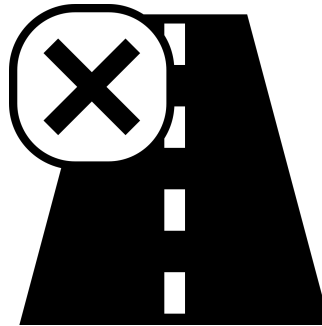
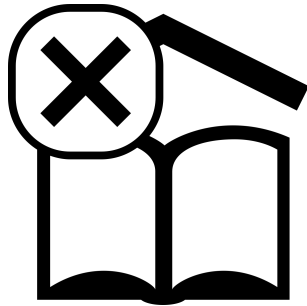
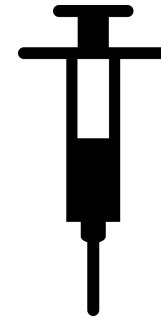
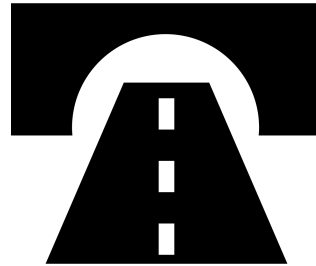
- a citizen's right to information;
- a government's duty to deliver essential services;
- collective election monitoring; and
- anti-corruption campaigns.



...it was only a  
small change in  
the technical  
specifications...



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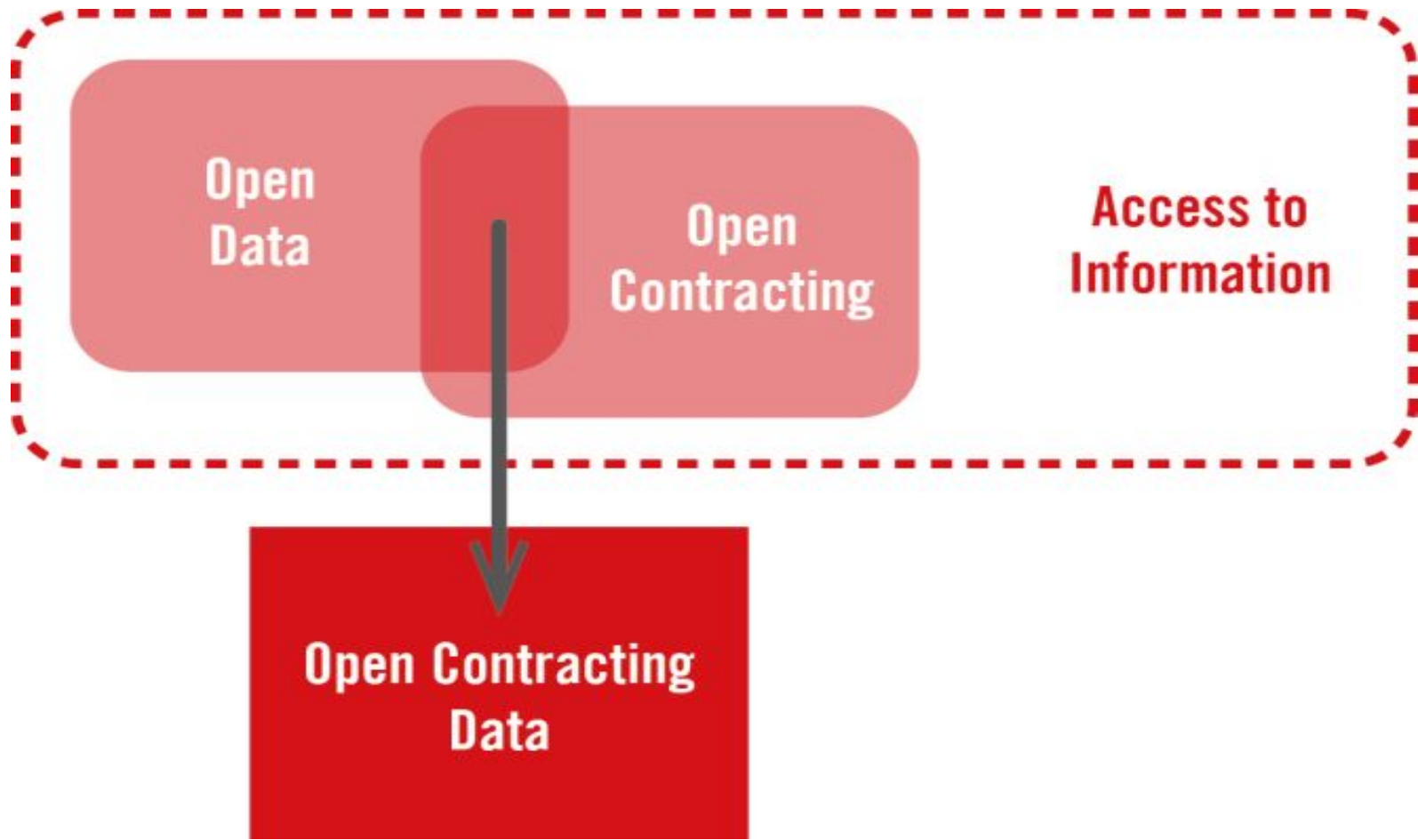


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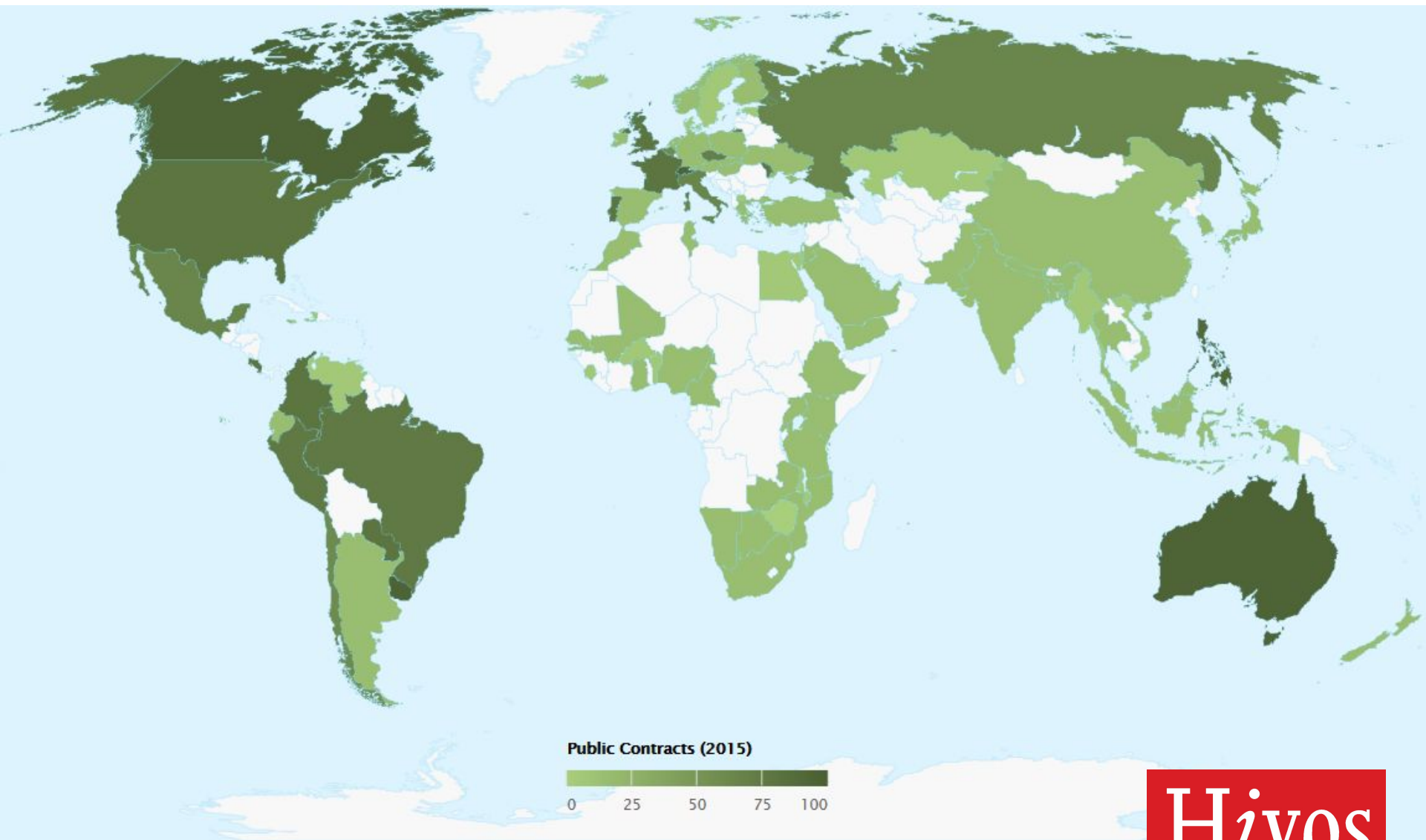
Public contracting has been identified as the government activity **most vulnerable to wastefulness, mismanagement, inefficiency, and corruption.**

# Improving public contracting

1. Public disclosure of data
2. Participation and use of contracting data
3. Accountability
4. Innovation



# Who is leading on Open Data in public contracting?



# However...

The public contracting process is complex and sometimes difficult to understand.

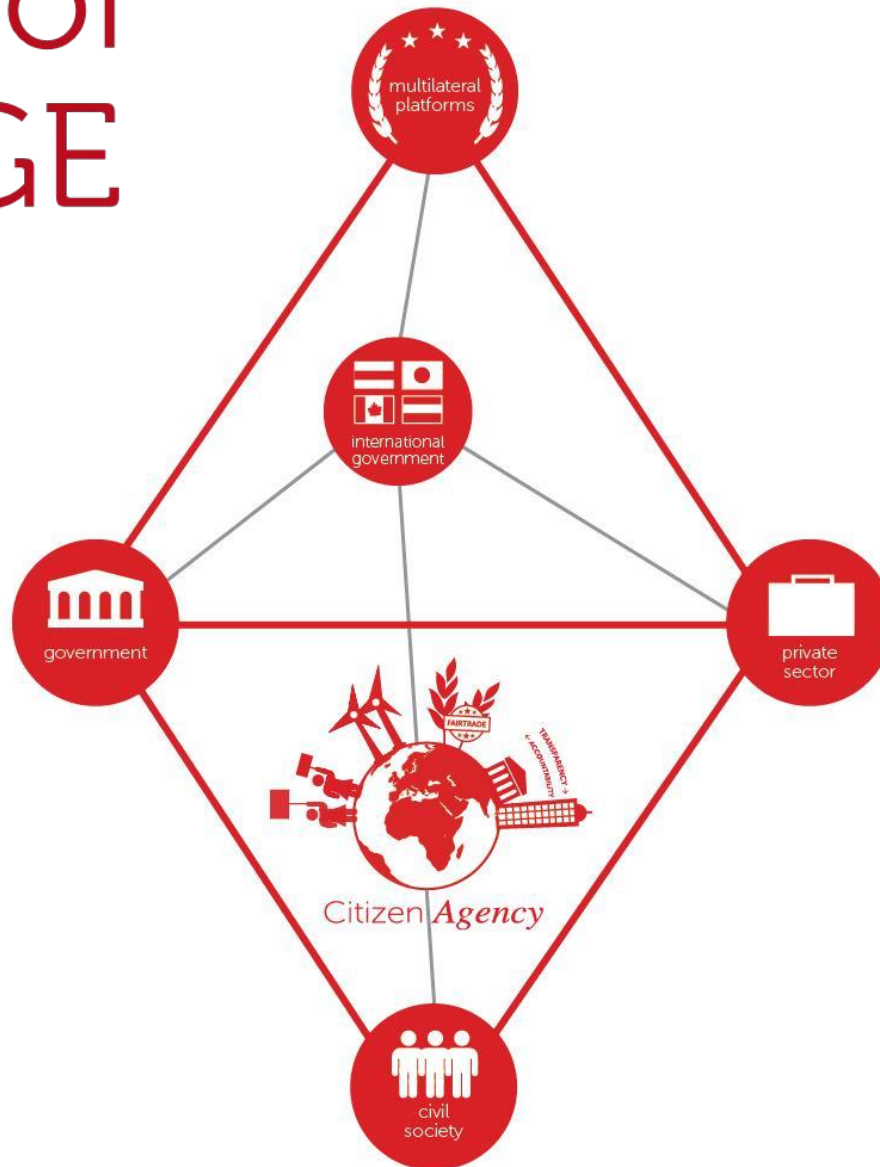
Journalists, civil society organisations and other infomediaries play an important role to analyse, contextualise and translate this information into tangible and relevant information for citizens.



# About the Programme

Open Contracting Data is a joint programme of Hivos and Article 19, funded by and in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, and in collaboration with the Open Contracting Partnership.

# *Theory of* CHANGE



# Vision

Civil society and citizens play a crucial role in a movement towards more government transparency and accountability.

# Mission

Governments are increasing transparency of public spending; non-state actors are participating in and engaging citizens in the planning, procurement, and monitoring of public contracting; and accountability mechanisms have been created to receive and act upon citizen feedback.

# Approach

Hivos approach is to support new **infomediaries** in civil society to analyse, compare, contextualise data about the contracting process to investigate misuse and mitigate corruption.

# What are infomediaries?



**An infomediary ‘translates’ data into actionable information. This means taking complex data and packaging it or contextualising it so that it can be understood and used by citizens and thus be transformed into action.**

# Activities and outcomes

The programme has two parallel and interlinked areas of activities and outcomes:

- **Lobby and Advocacy**, to improve the public contracting process and the availability of data, and
- **Capacity Development**, to empower civil society organisations and other intermediaries to transform this data into actionable information.



# Open Contracting Data

- Bottom up
- Citizen led
- Focus on lobby and advocacy and capacity building of stakeholders
- Engaging with local partners in six countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa
- Local partners are so called 'infomediaries'
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration

**Thank you for  
your attention!**