

# Group 1- Crime.

Implications of the information for CSOs.

Priority concerns to be addressed.

Action steps for CSOs national and Regional levels based on priority issues.



# Implications.

- Need for a governance structure that supports accountability and transparency.
- Legislation that creates an enabling environment for the development of CSOs.
- Education of government and civil society organizations on the roles and responsibility of CSOs.
- Need to replace Charter of Civil Society with a legally binding convention.



# Addressing Crime.

- CSOs should develop their expertise in research and documentation to facilitate advocacy.
- Endorse the comprehensive approach as outlined by Prof. Griffith.
- CSOs do crime prevention work – human, social and economic interventions.
- Dialogue between criminals and law enforcement agencies.



# Addressing crime.

- Reform and improvements in the administration of justice.
- Rehabilitation of offenders and improvement of conditions in male/female prisons.
- Recognition of human rights.



# Priority concerns.

- A multidimensional approach instead of policing.
- Prevention work amongst families and communities.
- Training.
- Mediation.
- Job creation.
- Counseling.
- Education.
- Research and data collection.



# Priority concerns.

- Collaboration and information sharing.
- Sharing of expertise.
- Rehabilitation of offenders. Advocacy and interventions in prisons.



# Action steps-national level.

- CSOs to equip themselves with the relevant information and expertise.
- Information/data and expertise.
- Understanding the wider context.
- Formalize a representative body eg Crime Bureau, Commission.
- Networking to build alliances, share expertise among other CSOs and Government.
- Consensus building with stakeholders.



# Action steps-National level.

- Support existing community initiatives.



# Action steps-Regional.

- Research and training on related issues.
- Share successful interventions.
- Build consensus.
- Strengthen advocacy efforts.

