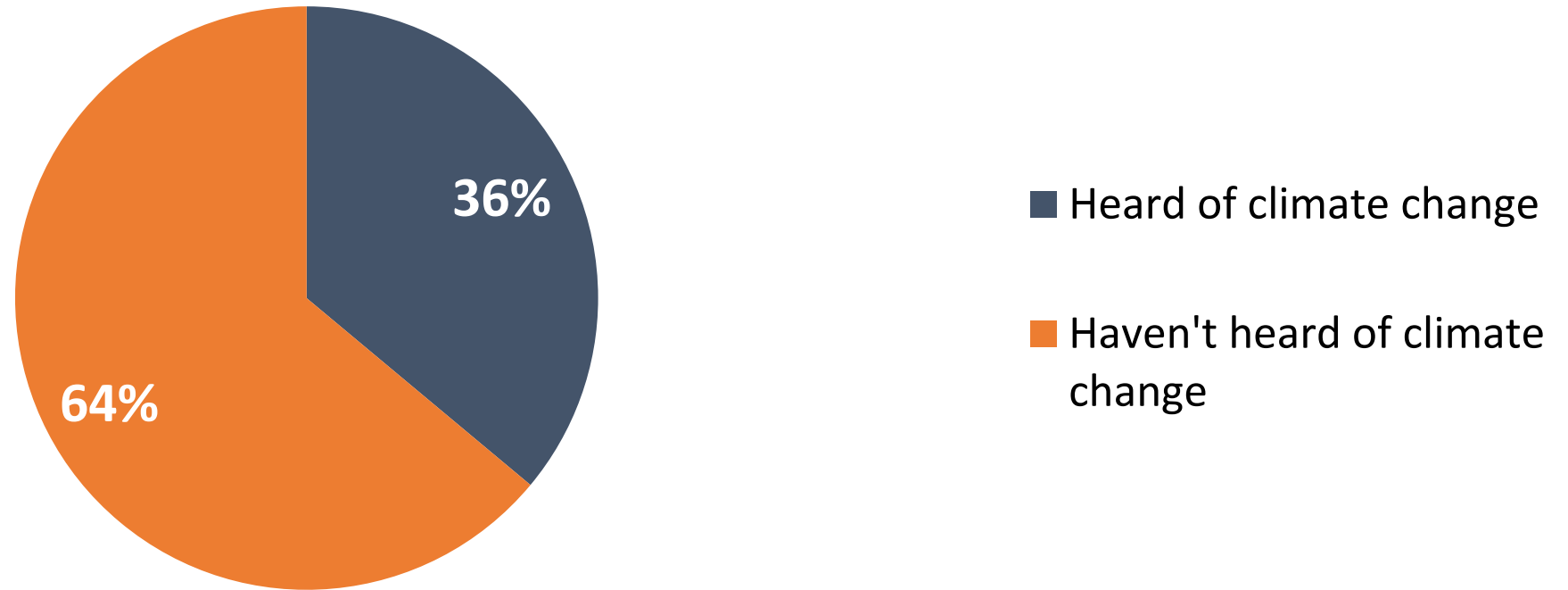


Capacity Building of Local Councils for Resilience Shocks and Disasters

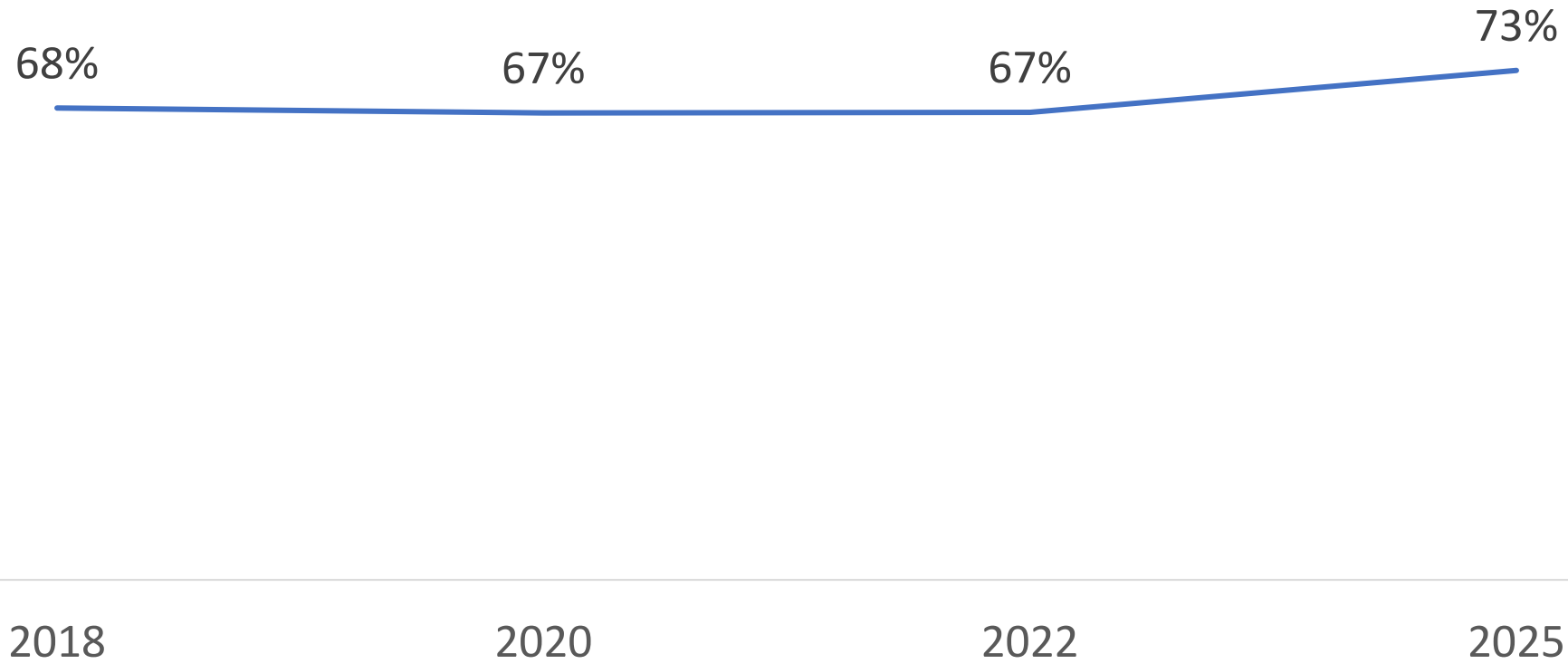
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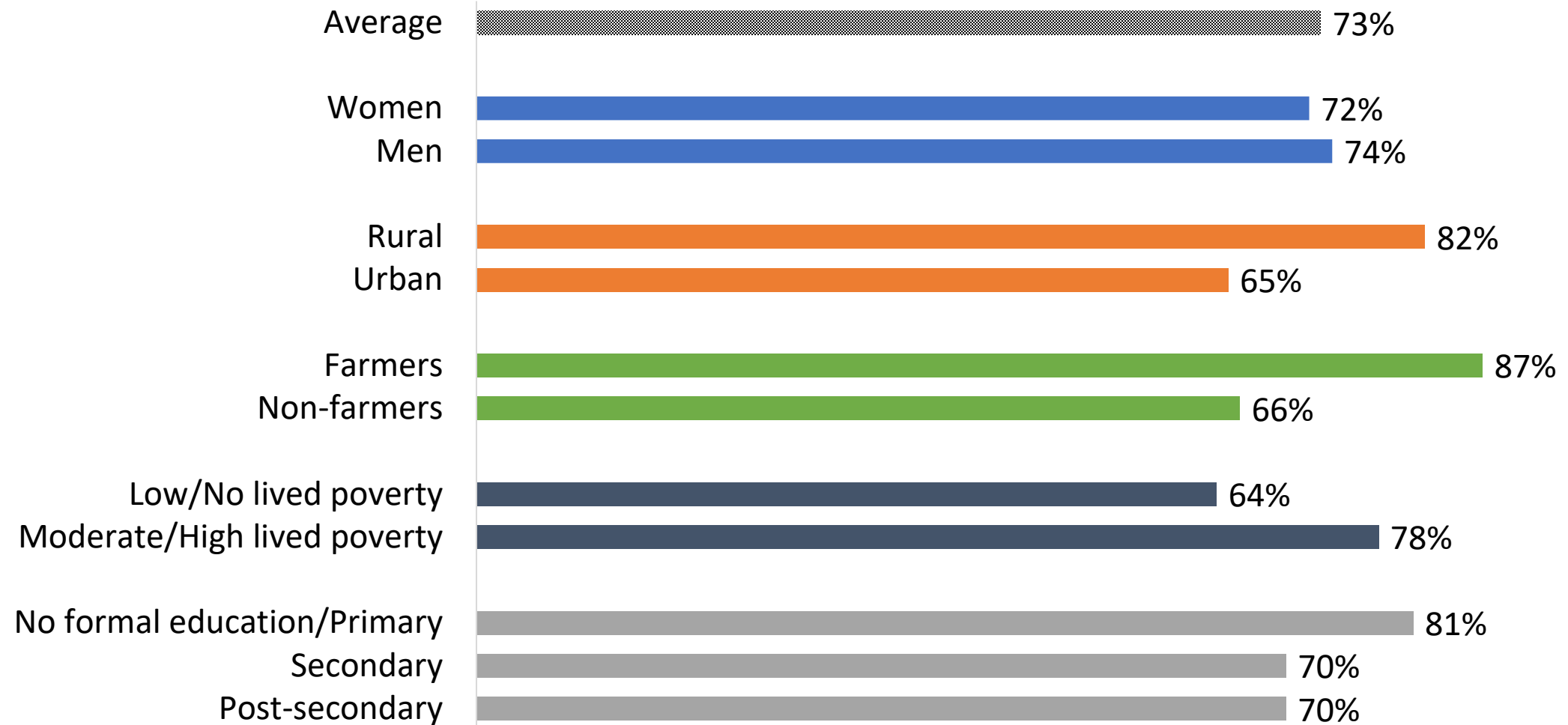
Awareness of climate change



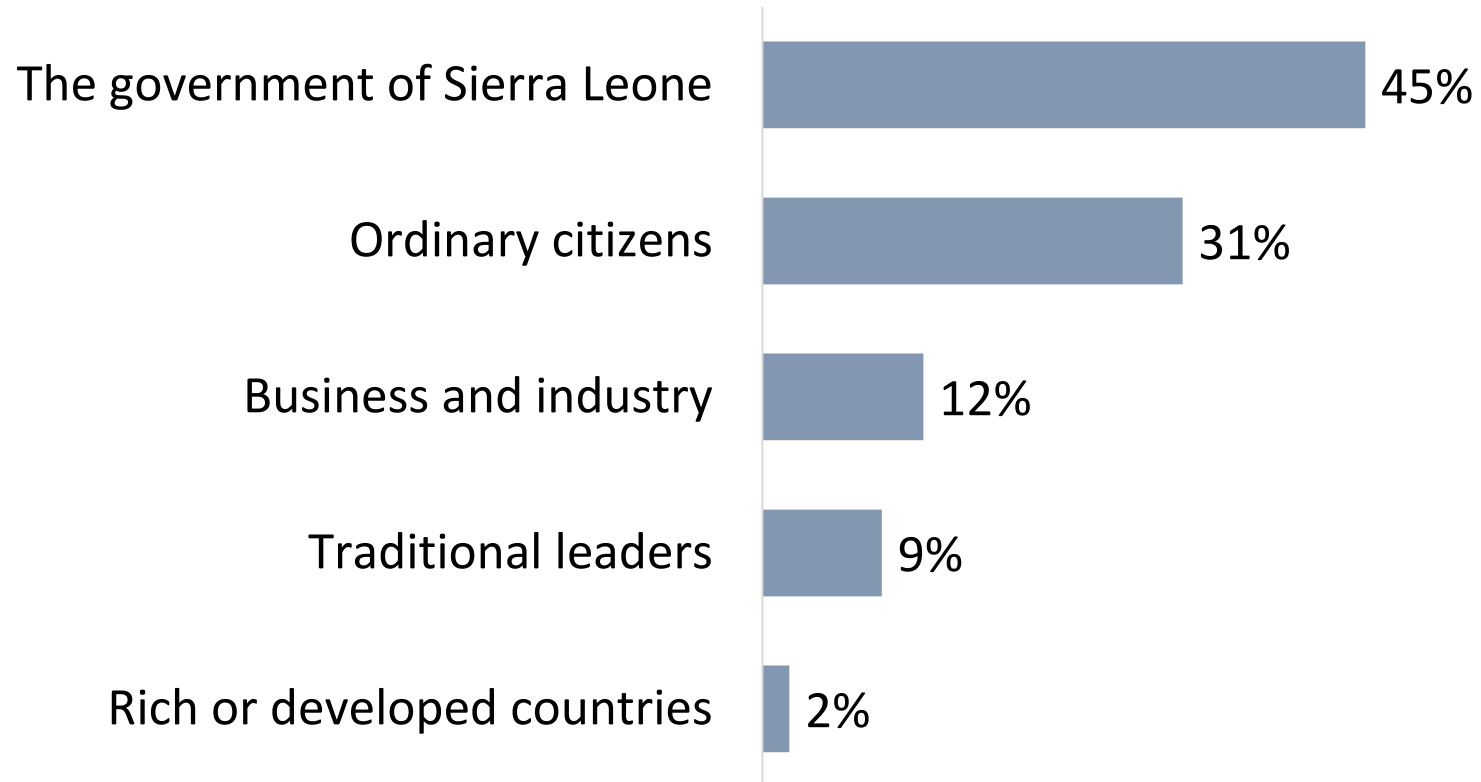
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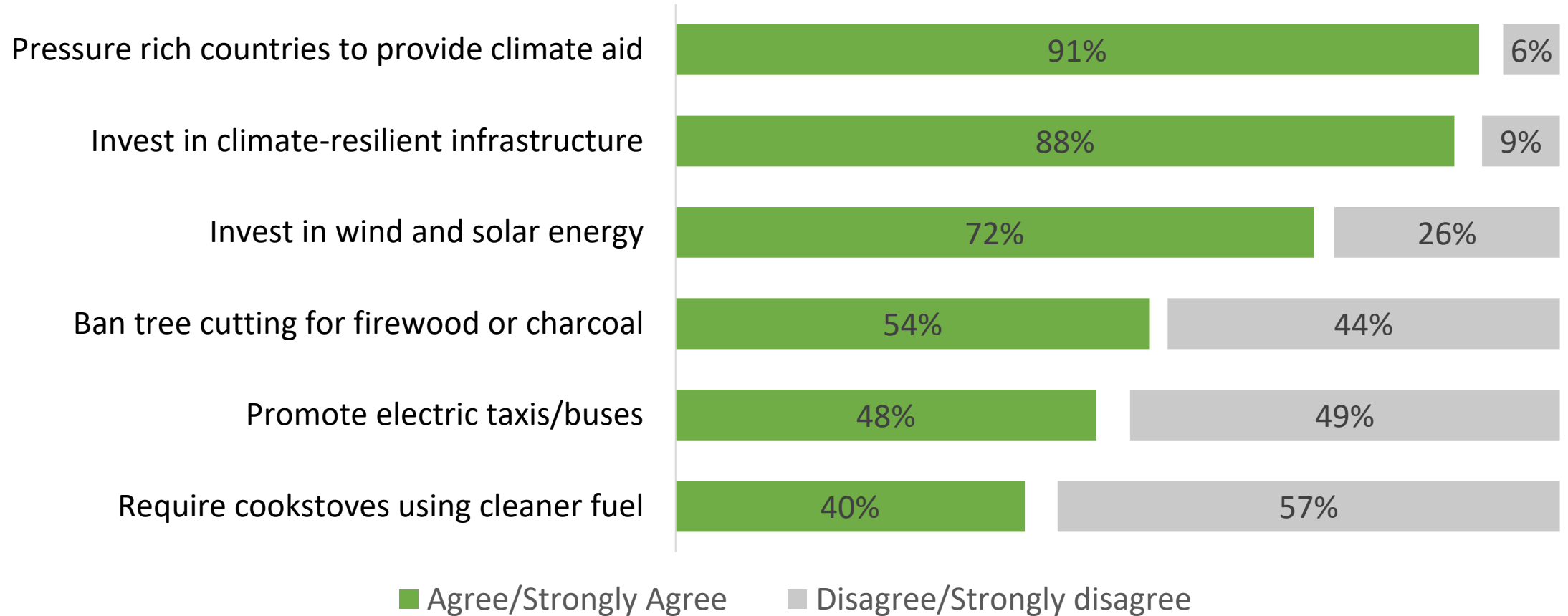
Demographics – climate change is making life worse



Who has responsibility to address climate change



Recommended Actions



Decentralisation in the context of dwindling aid

- Transfers to central MDAs are limited. There are some MDAs not received transfer. EDSA cut of sector capacity
- Political objective: bringing citizens, especially excluded groups closer to decision making; inclusive governance –citizens bring diverse capacities on the governance agenda; without decentralization the state is underutilized.
- Sociocultural objective: regarding the social differentiation of the state, local governance makes diverse socio-cultural groups to fit into the state. E.g. the governance of cattle rarer in Falaba may be different from the interest of coffee and cocoa farmers in Kabala.
- Local economic development: local councils can be a conduit for citizens to realize their economic rights. How farmers, artisans, teachers are supported to deliver services

Competencies needed to address the challenges

1. Critique of decentralization: training, equipment, and buildings
2. Planning integrate external shocks into planning – know what to achieve together with citizens, central government, private sector, and not-for-profit sector
3. The role of the central state: - supporting the delivery of plans
 - a. Conferring authority: not recentralization
 - b. Increasing opportunities and space for local councils to operate
 - c. Demanding standards – delivery standards – Rwanda's Imiglo
4. Citizen voice and demand for accountability (capacity building beyond training and equipment)
5. Role of the private sector: financial capacity, human resource capacity to improve state delivery: health – testing, elementary diagnostic, drugs management; partnerships in large scale agriculture – tobacco in Karene; veterinary services in Falaba; establishing local banks – get a certificate from the central Bank; infrastructure loans – toll road; university hostel;



Gaps

- Private sector role in decentralization and local economic development. How to facilitate private sector input in local service delivery. The emphasis is on local private sector. Partnership with India on South South cooperation
- Planning and M&E by the central state
- Commitment to decentralisation

THANK YOU