DFID E&A Theory of Change

Reducing risks/barriers & increasing opportunities through support to:

- Political and institutional accountability
  - Fair and inclusive electoral systems / party systems
  - Effective parliamentary watchdogs
  - Women’s political participation, voice and leadership
  - Improved legal frameworks for open, inclusive government (eg OGP)

- Social accountability
  - Civil society coalitions
  - Media and social media
  - Context relevant transparency/info initiatives
  - Social accountability mechanisms
  - Action to address discriminatory social norms
  - Partnerships for sector transparency (eg budget and extractives transparency initiatives) including through new tech (eg MAVC)

Economic accountability
- Open, transparent and accessible labour markets
- Interventions in sectors of economy that are most likely to support more inclusive political processes
- Transparency of corporates
- Open transparent land and property markets
- Fair and accountable taxation systems

Strategic approaches that link interventions across sectors and state-society

- Increased individual capabilities
- Access to political space, influence in decision-making
- Change in gender/social relations → change in status
- Increased agency in private and public life
- Enhanced bargaining power and capabilities at individual and collective levels
- Increased channels for engagement between state and society
- Strengthened institutions for negotiation and adjudication
- Strategic alliances/coalition building with elite actors

Open politics
- Open, inclusive, transparent political processes
- Open societies
- Inclusive policies, accessible Services, improvements in equality +
- Open economies
- Competition
- Inclusive access to opportunities
- Accountable corporates

Increased opportunities & empowerment

- Poor people have voice in household, community and political decision making,
- choice through access to services, economic opportunities and information control over their own lives in more stable, transparent and accountable environments

Moving away from tactical technical inputs, such as one-off report cards, towards strategic approaches that build coalitions for change, work across social and political norms that benefit elites and undermine inclusive, sustainable growth.

- Social and political transformation rarely linear or straightforward
- Specific political economy conditions - open/closed deal nature of economy, inclusivity of political settlement, political space - shape design and impact of interventions
- International geo-politics and ‘backlash’ against donors increasingly shape impact