

Session 3: Sources of Our Power

Analyzing and building our power and leverage to
change policies and systems

Agenda

- 1. Welcome + purpose**
- 2. Faith reflection**
- 3. Sharing 1:1**
- 4. Content Part 1: Team-building + Discussion**
- 5. Content Part 2: Our leverage + Discussion**
- 6. Debrief and Next Steps – Next training is May 28**

Nehemiah 2:17-20

17 Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. “What is this you are doing?” they asked. “Are you rebelling against the king?”

20 I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.”

Personal Reflection

Share about one team that you are part of or support. Why is the team important to you?



Teams are the foundation of our power

An organizing team enables a community or constituency to negotiate its own interests using its own power

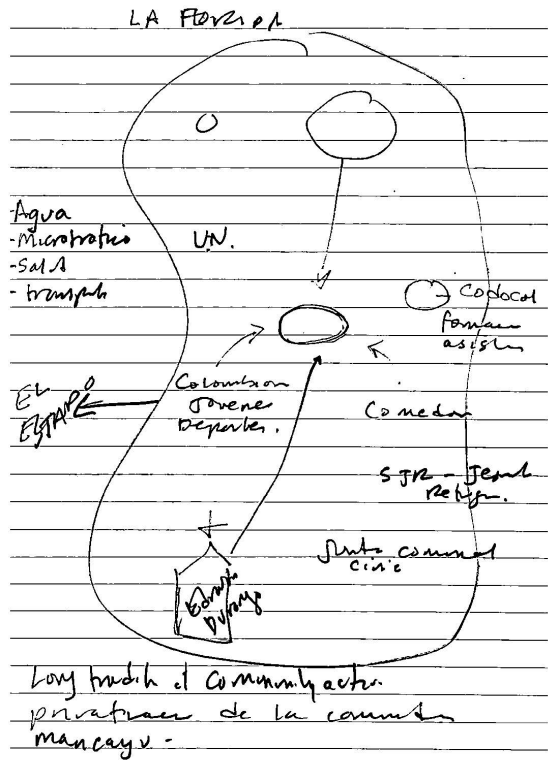


How teams build power

The organizing process is a step-by-step method for building the power of a community to negotiate on its own behalf.



Community of Piedras Blancas, Altos de la Florida



July 2024

August 2025

March 2025



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EN

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LOC Tracker

Overview

Field Log

Coaching

73

Field Visits

in Colombia

621

Participants Tracked

across meetings

21

LOC Events

in reports

139

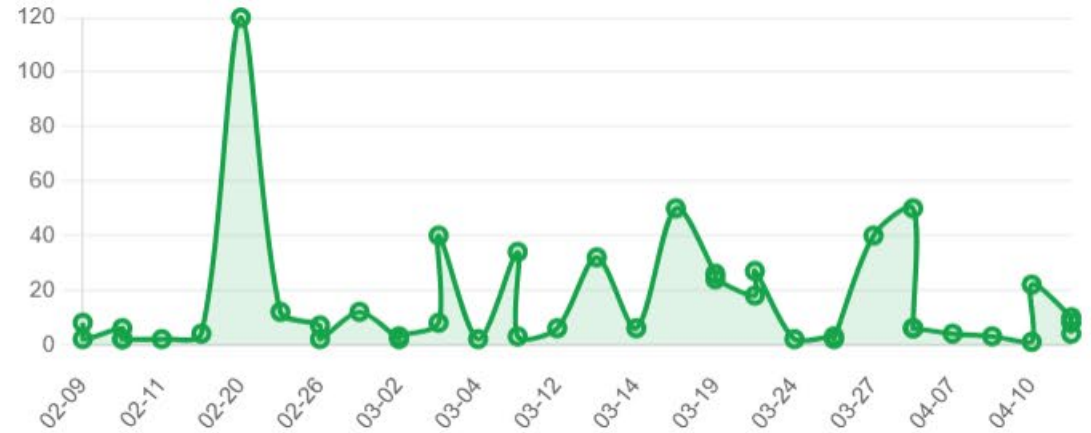
Total Reports

Feb 2 – Apr 13

ACTIVITY BY WEEK



PARTICIPANTS PER MEETING



THEME DISTRIBUTION

Community Organizing



73

Church/Pastoral



56

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Resumen

Bitácora

Supervisión

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Salidas de Campo

en Colombia

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Participantes Registrados

en reuniones

21

Eventos COL

en reportes

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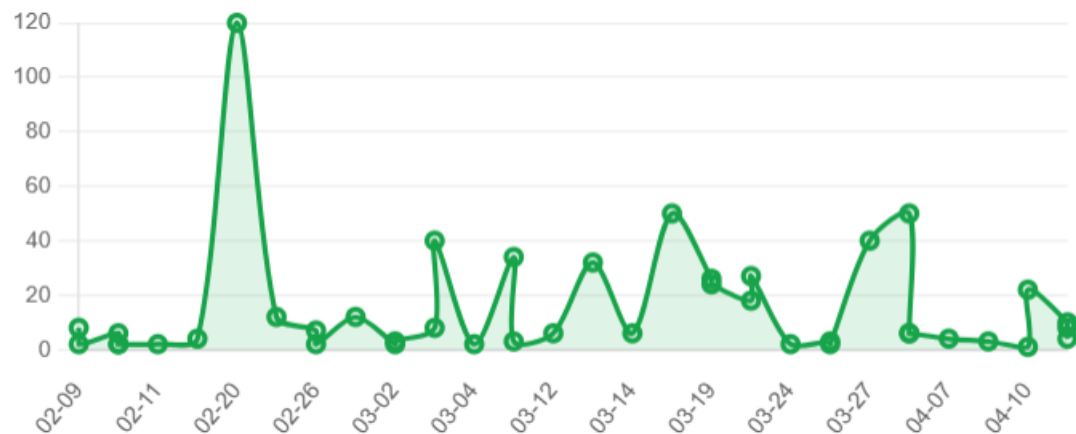
Reportes Totales

2 Feb – 13 Abr

ACTIVIDAD POR SEMANA



PARTICIPANTES POR REUNIÓN



DISTRIBUCIÓN TEMÁTICA

Organización Comunitaria



73

Iglesia/Pastoral



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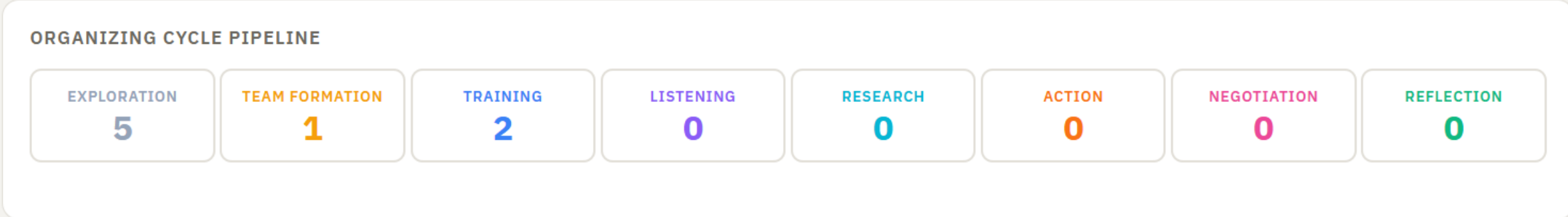
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8
LOCs in Development
across Soacha

3
LOCs Formed
teams active

46
Members Committed
in active LOCs

2
In Training
receiving methodology



COL-01 **Training** ✓ Formed **22** committed
Altos de la Florida / Altos de las Brisas
Comuna 6 – San Humberto

geographic · First Contact: 02-09 · LOC Formed: 03-07 · Next Training: 04-24

Water access / acueducto Road paving Alcantarillado

COL-02 **Team Formation** ✓ Formed **6** committed
La Isla / El Oasis
Comuna 4 – Cazucá

parish + geographic · First Contact: 02-10 · LOC Formed: 03-14 · Next Training: 04-18

Road conditions / access Needs to be defined collectively

COL-03 **Training** ✓ Formed **12**

COL-04 **Exploration**

8
COL en Desarrollo
 en Soacha

3
COL Conformados
 equipos activos

46
Miembros Comprometidos
 en COL activos

2
En Entrenamiento
 recibiendo metodología

CICLO DE ORGANIZACIÓN COMUNITARIA

EXPLORACIÓN 5	CONFORMACIÓN 1	ENTRENAMIENTO 2	ESCUCHA 0	INVESTIGACIÓN 0	ACCIÓN 0	NEGOCIACIÓN 0	REFLEXIÓN 0
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COL-01 **Entrenamiento** ✓ **Conformado** **22**
Altos de la Florida / Altos de las Brisas
 Comuna 6 – San Humberto
 comprometidos

📍 geographic · Primer Contacto: 02-09 · COL Conformado: 03-07 · Próximo Entrenamiento: 04-24

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COL-02 **Conformación** ✓ **Conformado** **6**
La Isla / El Oasis
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COL-03 **Entrenamiento** ✓ **Conformado** **12**

COL-04 **Exploración**



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REPORTE DE SALIDA

Fecha: 14 de abril de 2026

Lugar: Escuelita, barrio La Capilla, Comuna 4

Tiempo de traslado: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Tiempo de reunión: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tiempo de retorno: 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Número de participantes: 12

Fase: 1ra Campaña de escucha

Asunto: Sin definir

Actividad / Propósito de la reunión:

Acompañar los primeros diálogos uno a uno realizados por los líderes del Comité Organizativo Local del barrio La Capilla, en el marco de la fase de campaña de escucha de la metodología de COFOA.

Narrativa

1. El organizador comunitario llega sobre las 8:30 a.m. a la escuelita del barrio La Capilla, donde es recibido por dos líderes del comité. Se espera la llegada de la presidenta de la Junta de Acción Comunal, la señora María Elena, q

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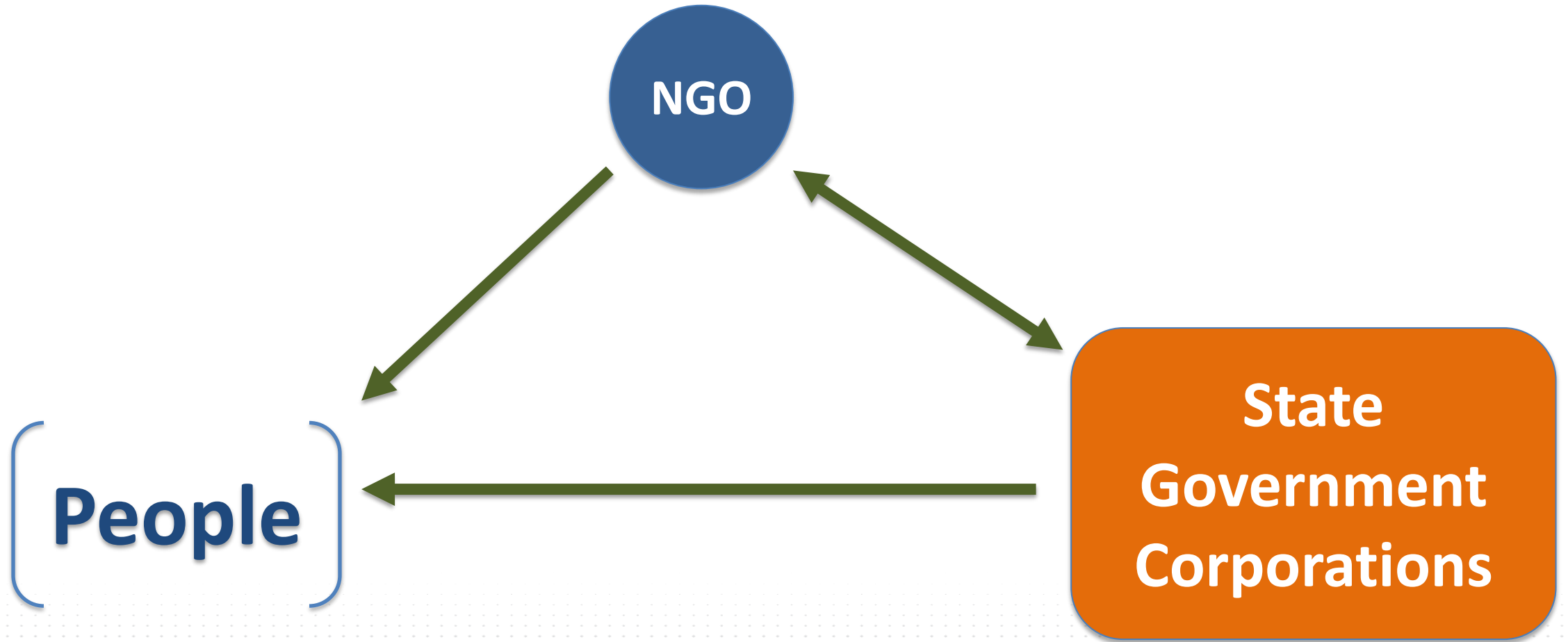
Activity Report

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- Place:
- Number of Participants:
- Phase:
- Issue:
- Activity/Purpose:
- Narrative:
- Next Steps

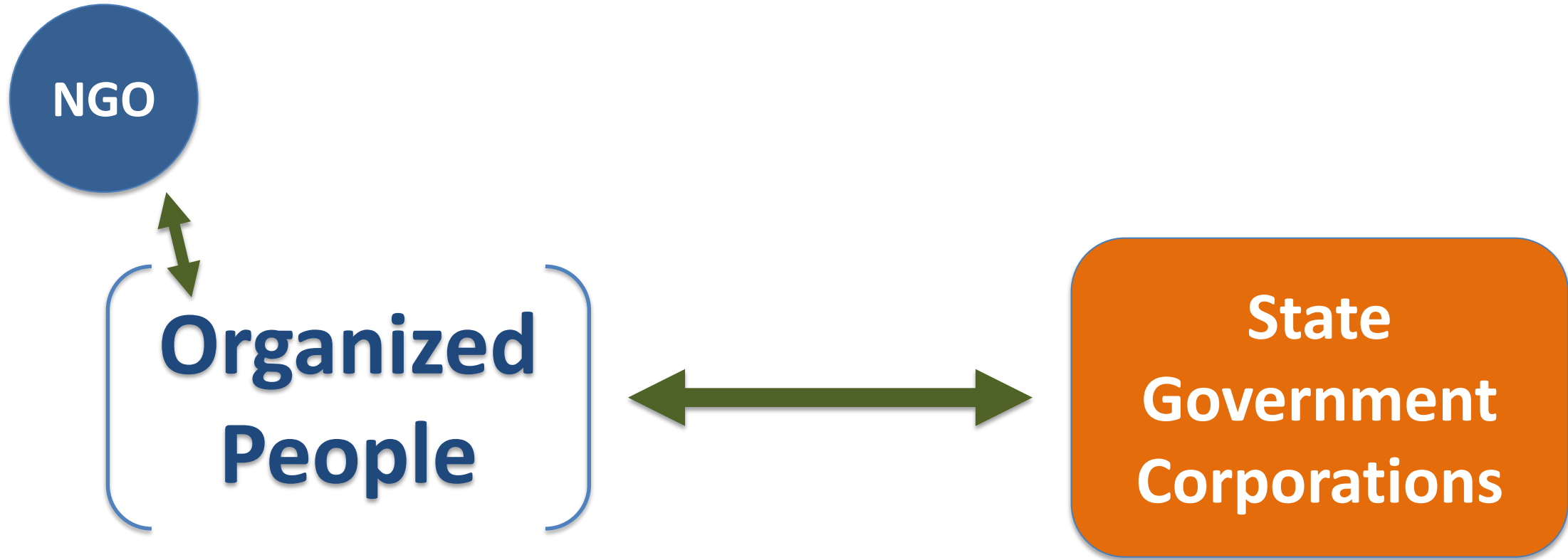
Reflection Questions

- **Why is the reporting that David is doing, and reflecting on your efforts, valuable?**
- **What is one step you could take to better track, report and reflect on your work with teams?**

NGO approach = advocacy & projects

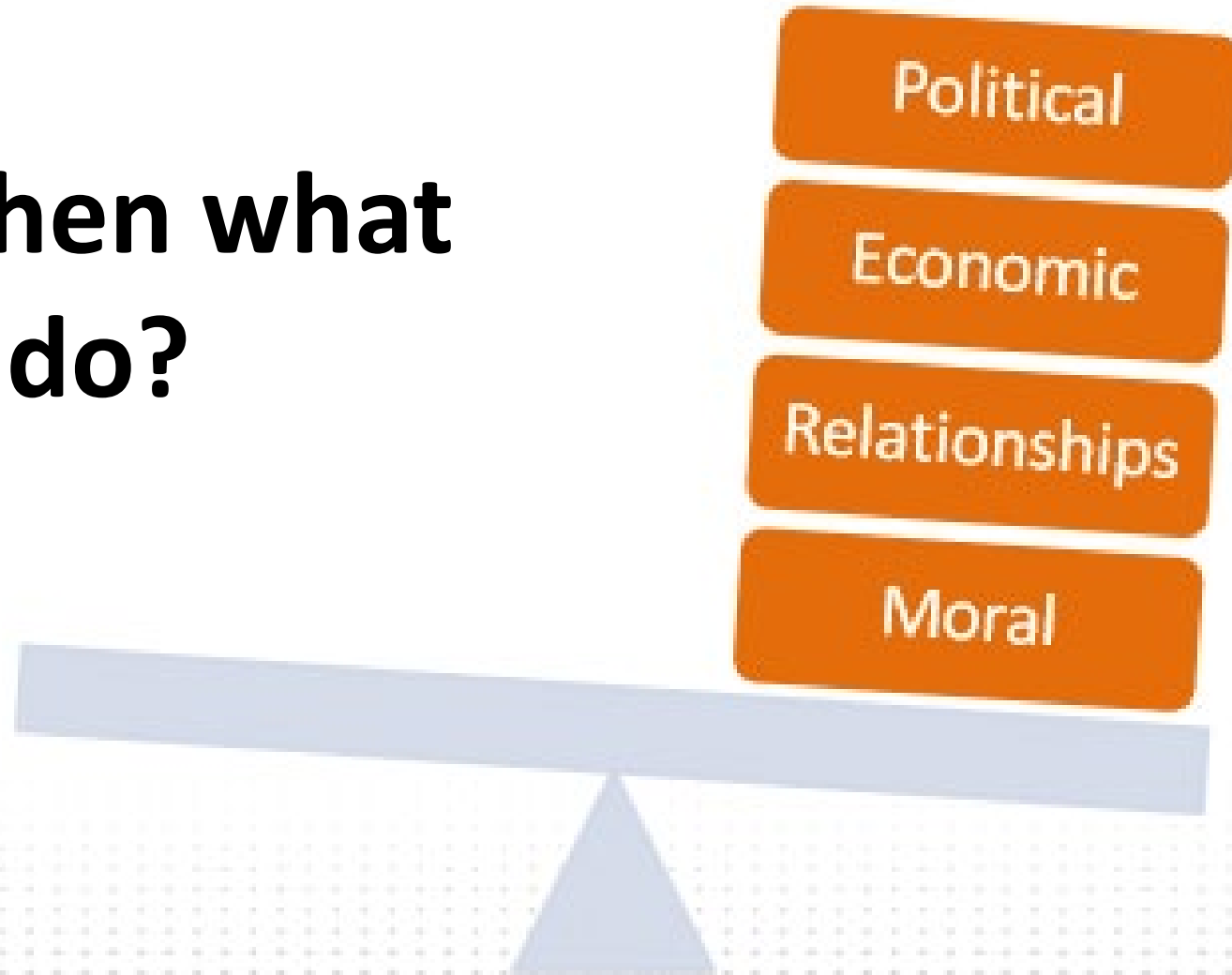


Organizing approach = people power



Sources of Our Power

**If NO, then what
can we do?**



Reflection Questions

- **What is one change that you are trying to win from an institution?**
- **What is something you could do to compel the institution to act?**

Reflection and Next Steps

- **What was most useful from this training?**
- **What was difficult or challenging?**
- **Next steps:**
 - **Test out better reporting and reflecting on your activities**
 - **Next training on May 28**