

Alliance2015 is a strategic partnership of six European NGOs engaged in humanitarian and development activities. Alliance2015 is committed to reaching the Millennium Development Goals.

Fostering Democratic Ownership

Towards greater Impact on Poverty

New report: in April 2008 Alliance2015 published a report based on case studies in Mozambique, Ghana, Bolivia and Nicaragua.

Findings: Based on the premise that democratic ownership is a prerequisite for effective aid, the overall finding of the report was a lack of relevant civil society participation. Weak donor and government accountability and transparency undermine the basis for meaningful civil society engagement in development discussions.

The report proposes the following

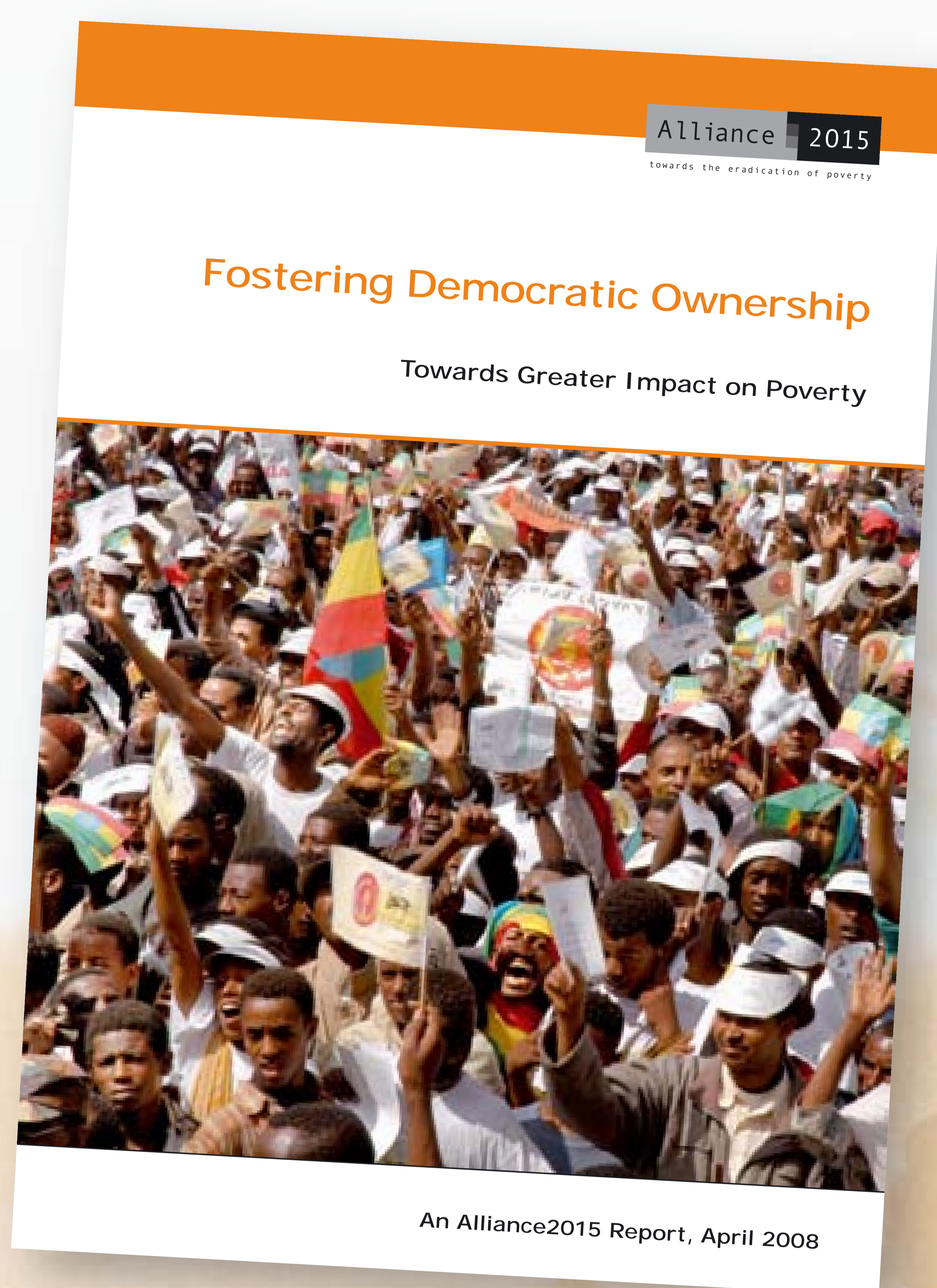
Recommendations

For Donors

- » Improve genuine mutual accountability and democratic ownership by reviewing policy conditionality
- » Support an enabling environment for Civil Society and ensure funding for local CSO activities
- » Be transparent and predictable in their aid disbursements
- » Establish a transparent and effective monitoring and evaluation framework for aid with CSO participation

For Local NGOs

- » Be assertive and evidence-based when advocating for poverty reduction
- » Be strategic and proactive about using available forums for engagement and continuously monitor budgets and policy implementation.
- » Group together to bring a common case forward, for example as alliances and coalitions



For Aid Recipient Governments

- » Transparently clarify policy decisions and budgetary data
- » Foster tripartite dialogue between government, donors and Civil Society Organisations
- » Accept and enable civil society participation in policy and budgetary decision making

For International NGOs

- » Lobby their own governments to improve the poverty and inequality focus of aid
- » Support local NGOs' capacities to engage in policy analysis, dialogue, advocacy and coalition-building
- » Do more to publicise the added value of all Civil Society impact in development.

Alliance2015 Aid Effectiveness Principles

Alliance2015 is working to strengthen its own cooperation for improved development effectiveness and has recently adopted a set of principles for effective aid.

Ownership: Base development cooperation work on the demands of the most marginalised and poor people in the recipient countries

Harmonisation: Strengthened cooperation within Alliance2015

Alignment: Aim at aligning to partners strategies and systems

Accountability: Long-term commitment, transparency in decision making and disbursements

Results: Achieving results towards the MDGs

Examples of Alliance2015 Internal Aid Effectiveness

- » More than 30 cases of harmonised funding where one member is funding and another member assumes management responsibilities.
- » 14 currently running consortia projects (EU funded)
- » 10 cases of basket funding to partners involving several Alliance members
- » 5 cases of shared offices, several cases of shared analysis and strategising
- » Joint lobby and policy dialogue and two joint campaigns.