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Why is it important to measure Local Democracy?

1. Local democracy is, increasingly, where people feel democracy happens.
2. Because it is where participation might have the biggest impact.

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Measuring Democracy, IDEA style

First, we need to define democracy

Popular control of public decision-making and decision-makers, and political equality of those who exercise that control.

Second: It is qualitative

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We use three pillars

Pillar 1

Equal Rights
and Access to
Justice

Pillar 2

Representative
and
accountable
institutions
and processes

Pillar 3

Citizen
Initiative and
Participation

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Pillar 1

Equal Rights and Access to Justice

- Citizenship at the local level
- Civil and political rights
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Rule of law and access to justice

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Pillar 2

Representative
and
accountable
institutions
and processes

- Elections and mechanisms of direct democracy at the local level
- Local legislature
- Political parties
- Local executive/governing bodies
- Customary and traditional institutions

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Pillar 3

Citizen Initiative and Participation

- Active Citizen Engagement
- Media

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- **Mediating Values**

REPRESENTATION

PARTICIPATION

AUTHORIZATION

LEGITIMACY

RESPONSIVENESS

ACCOUNTABILITY

TRANSPARENCY

SOLIDARITY

