



## Empowerment and governance structure of opportunities

CERFE (2012) elaborates on the issue of "structure of opportunities", based on the link – considered by the World Bank as fundamental – between empowerment and governance. It is widely acknowledged, indeed, that a high level of empowerment tends to bring about a greater control of citizens over public institutions and better governance. On the other hand, a better governance, also at the local level, makes the institutional system (i.e., public bodies at the central and at the local levels) the societal actors (from citizens to entrepreneurs) interact with more productive in terms of both promotion of development and effectiveness of public policies (especially when the struggle against poverty is concerned). Therefore, it is fundamental to deal with not so much the empowerment in isolation, but what might be referred to as the empowerment-governance connections. In this frame, a relevant role will be given to local governance.

Note: See source document for full reference.

### Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Attitudes toward authorities](#)

Disaster Phases: [Prevention](#), [Preparedness](#), [Response](#), [Recovery](#), [All disaster phases](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [Active citizens](#), [Government](#), [Local authorities](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#), [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#), [Man-made intentional hazards](#)

### Recommendations:

- [Foster the adoption of a culture of disaster prevention and resilience by informing and motivating citizens to take action](#)

### Source

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