Does transferring aid money direct to the accounts of national institutions and organisations, i.e. “localising aid”, strengthens the sectors in which this method is applied? This is the question raised by a [new report from ODI](https://www.odi.org.uk/) which examines the impact of localising aid on the main 3 sectors of society- the state sector, the private sector and civil society- in stable low-income, middle-income, and fragile states. The study concludes that while not by any means a panacea, localising aid is a tool that cannot be ignored in any aid strategy aimed at strengthening state systems.