

# Strategies of the local to influence the global

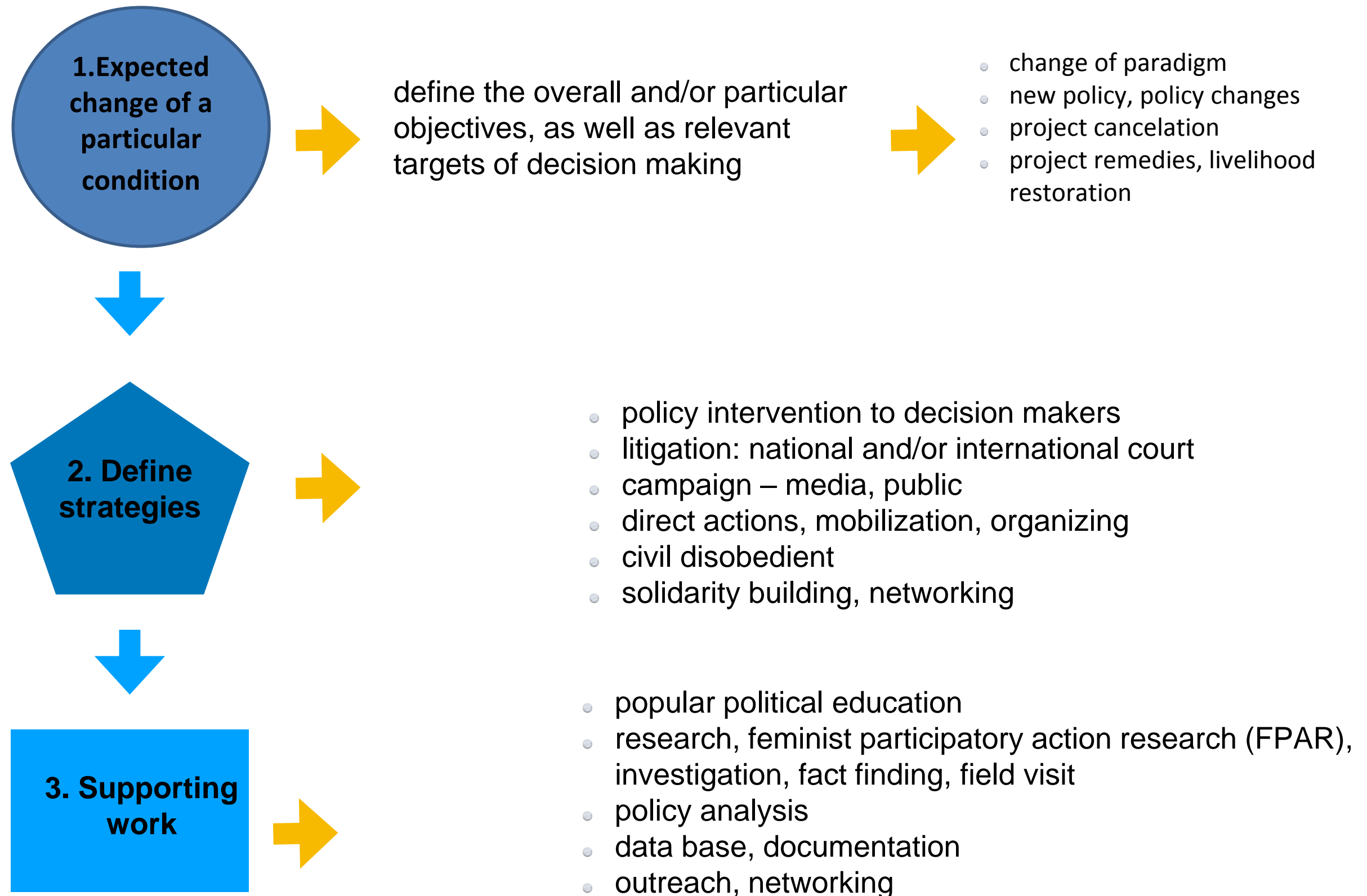
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# Aspects for consideration in building strategies





# Advocacy strategies

1) *combine strategies as many as possible and define overall and specific targets of each strategy*

- Policy intervention
- Campaign
- Direct actions
- People's organizing and mobilizing
- Networking





## 2) Evidence based, and be honest or correct in using data/information (no manipulation)

*A concern letter of Mekong Watch to ADB and World Bank after a field visit in 2008 to Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric Project in Laos*



Source:

[https://www.internationalrivers.org/sites/default/files/attached-files/mw\\_nt2\\_letter\\_to\\_wb-adb\\_200810.pdf](https://www.internationalrivers.org/sites/default/files/attached-files/mw_nt2_letter_to_wb-adb_200810.pdf)

### Indicators of Good and Bad Practices Climate and Investment Projects

Women's experiences in Indonesia



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We can't sleep anymore in the nights because of the noise. We complained to the company, no response !



*A woman complained to CNN Indonesia about the operation of geothermal power plant financed by ADB*

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzg9oA8qA84>



### ***3) Use the human and women's stories***



*A woman from the site of Maemo Coal Power Plant in Thailand funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB), submitted 400 death certificates of her fellow villagers due to pollution from the plant to ADB's President during ADB Annual Governor Meeting in Tokyo in 2007.*



*Om Cha .. or grandma Cha.. involuntary displaced by Asian Development Bank's (ADB) funded Highway One Project in Cambodia in year 2000. Cash compensation came after 4 years. She had to live in a barn together with cows and chicken due to lack of money; died in 2007 in misery and sickness while waiting for her additional compensation of USD 200...*



*A session at COP 21 in Paris facilitated on Experiences from grassroots: Why we need Gender Responsive Climate Finance*



*A meeting with the Indonesian Alternate Director to GCF during the GCF Board meeting February 2014 in Bali*



## Advocacy towards the planned Regional Road Development Project Indonesia by Solidaritas Perempuan and NGO Forum on ADB in 2011-2013



- Modality: Multitranche Financing Facility (MFF) - US\$ 500 million
- Technical Assistance: US\$ 1,3 million
- A road project throughout 6 provinces in Kalimantan and Java island



*Project document monitoring, political education, field visit, data collection, networking*

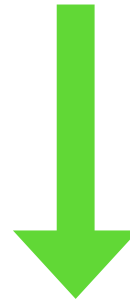


*People's organizing, mobilizing and direct actions*



*Policy interventions: letters, meetings with related Indonesian government officials, ADB project management, ADB Board of Directors, ADB Accountability Mechanism; also attended public and community consultations*

Result:



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- Modality: Ordinary Capital Resource (OCR): US\$ 180 million
- A road project throughout 2 provinces in Kalimantan island

Notes:

- MFF Modality: ADB Board only approves the 1st tranche of the project proposal, the remaining tranches by the management; higher risk usually presented at the second tranche onwards; no Board supervision on the tranches
- OCR: ADB Board approves and supervise the whole project proposal
- Indonesian CSOs concerns: lack of information to affected communities on the project and its risks; lack of meaningful consultation with affected communities; incorrect categorization of risk; potential double financed and corruption particularly for the roads in Java that was already financed by the World Bank.



# Take Aways

- This is a continuing work to for climate and gender justice
- We have access to decision making but not the control over it
- Appreciate achievements of 'small battles' whilst keep the overview on the 'war'
- Have a faith to people's power



Sunrise between Merapi and Merbabu volcano complex in Central Java taken from the ancient Borobudur temple

**Thank you for listening !**