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- Lack of understanding of the operations of civil society organisations by state regulators e.g. social development MDA’s SMOH, SMOE, SMOA, SMWA & SD, Planning Commission
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### Solutions

- Balancing risk with the need for regulatory frameworks
- Support a stronger, more productive, and diverse civil society sector where innovation, investment and jobs are created
- Ensure existing regulations and policy directives for CSO’s to register at the sub-national level are found in law but not a barrier to CSO services and operations

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- Organisations have reported several challenges associated with civil society regulations at the state level,
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### Solutions

1. Establish a one-stop-shop (OSS) as a way of government providing better services to CSO
2. Improve delivery of regulatory services and operations.
3. One-stop shops (OSS) can be an effective way to communicate regulatory requirements and services at one office with the presence of compulsory agencies.
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## Solutions

- Adopt a multi-stakeholder approach to civil society regulation through sector wide consultations
- Deepen understanding of the operations of nonprofits in the state in order to avoid cumulative or overlapping regulatory burdens.
- Involving CSOs as they are an important source of information about what may or may not work.
- Work with CSO’s as solutions providers to identified problems

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