

School Choice: Examples from Developing Countries

Parents: The Silent Education Stakeholder?

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Voice versus Choice (1)

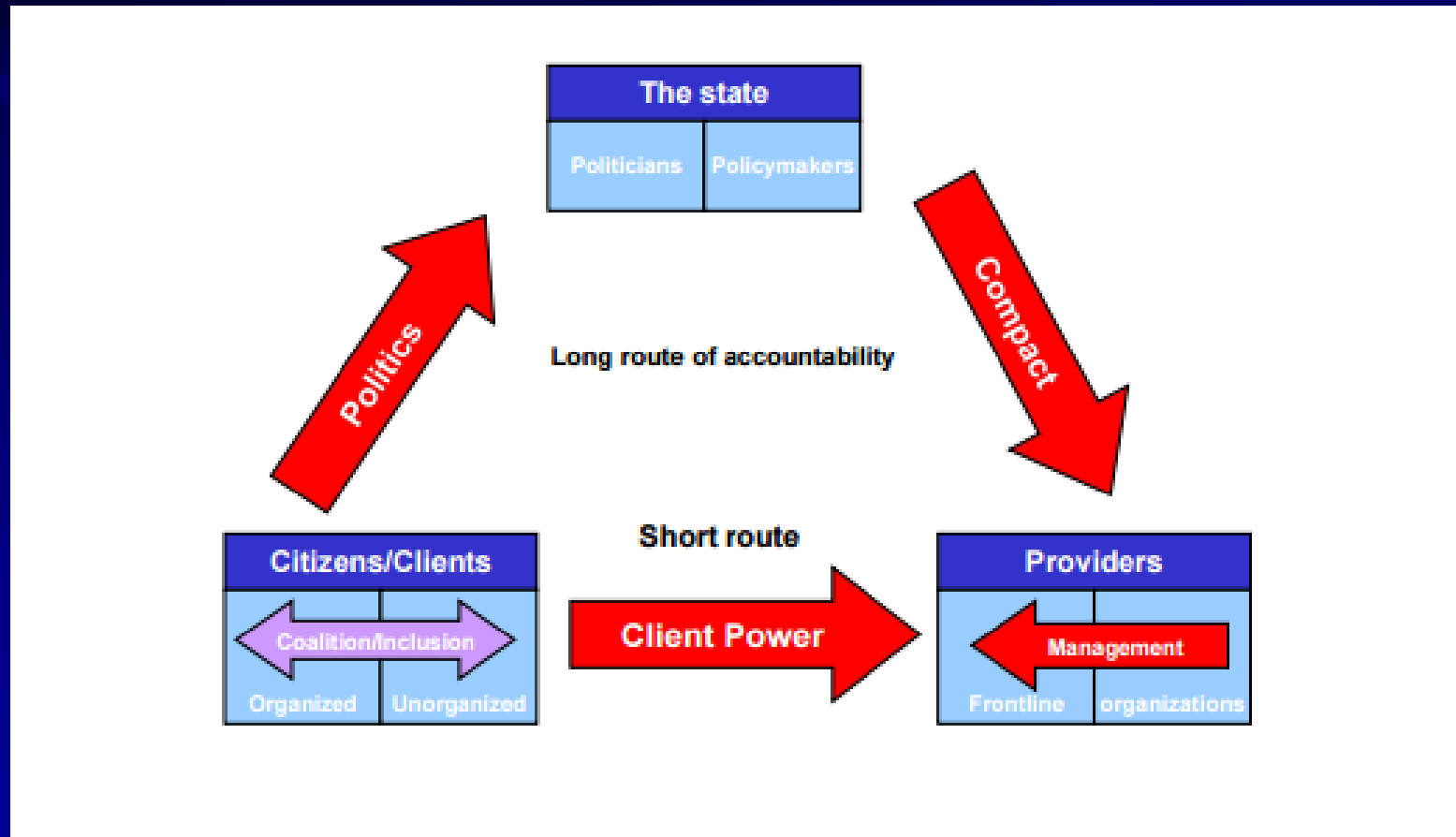
- Considerable debate over relative role of voice and choice in driving education accountability and improvement in educational outcomes
- Long and short route accountability
- Debate over effectiveness of different approaches and instruments: school committees, community monitoring, SBM, inspections, testing, school report cards, vouchers, dezoning, etc
- Impact on inequality

Voice versus Choice (2)

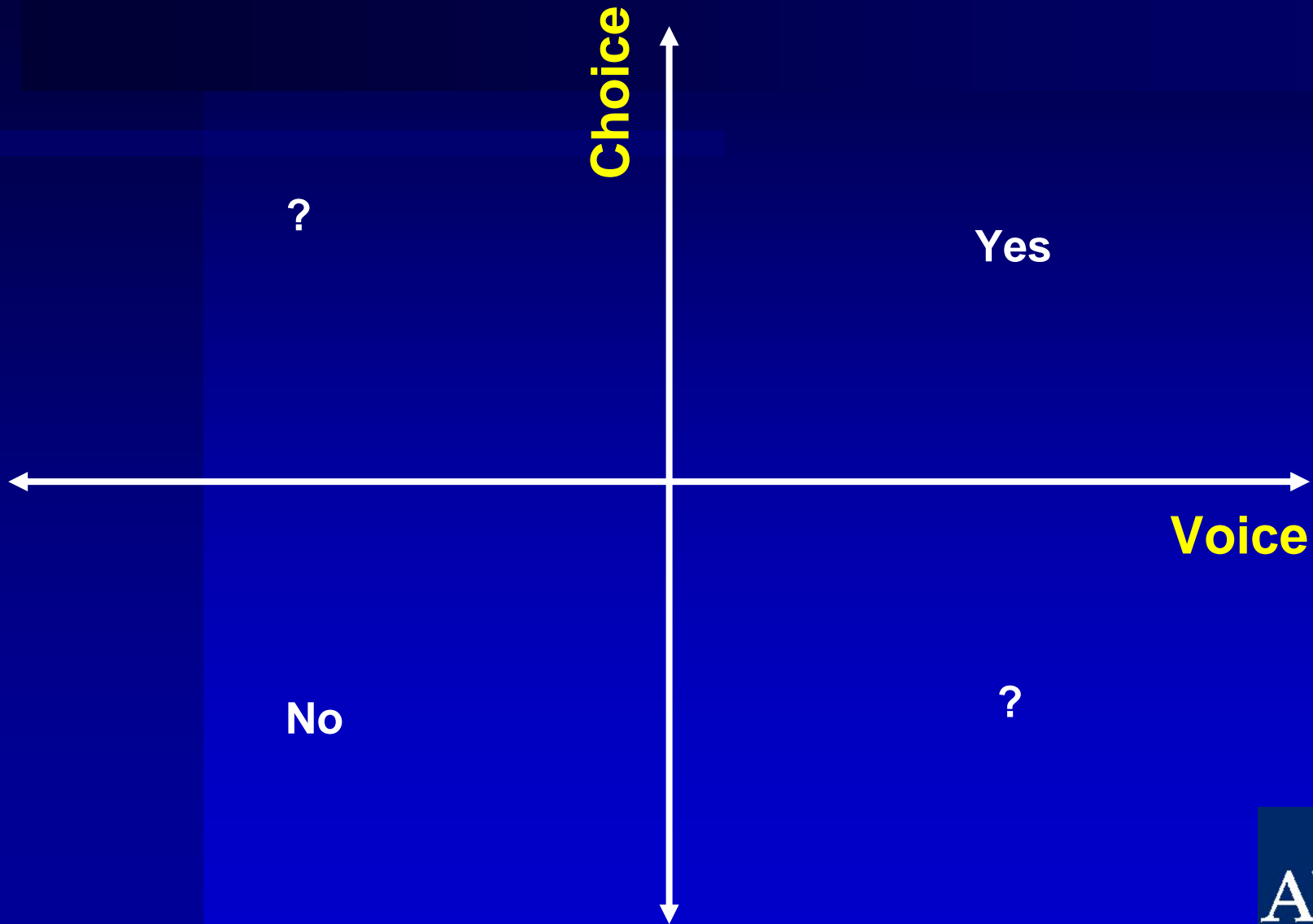
	Choice	Voice
Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to choose a school – publicly or privately funded• Ability to transfer school• Ability to opt out of formal schooling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability of parents/students to participate in school decision-making (e.g., school committees, school boards)
Collective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to establish schools (e.g., charter schools) – publicly or privately funded• Multiple school/examination systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest group influence on schooling and related issues – e.g., curriculum consultation, lobbying, or advocacy

Adapted from OECD, 2006

Long and Short Route Accountability



Voice *and* Choice



School Choice Programs (1)

- Government contracting with private schools for the delivery of teaching services
- Private management of public schools
- Voucher/subsidy programs
- Distinction between different types of programs not always clearly defined
- Exist in various forms in many developed and developing countries

School Choice Programs (2)

Partnership Type	Examples
Contracting for the Delivery of Education Services	Education Service Contracting, Philippines Foundation Assisted Schools, Punjab, Pakistan Universal Secondary Education, Uganda Promoting Private Schooling in Rural Sindh, Pakistan SEF Assisted Schools, Sindh, Pakistan
Private Management of Public Schools	Concession Schools, Colombia Management of Government Schools, Lahore, Pakistan Independent Schools, Qatar Charter Schools, USA Partnership Schools, New Zealand Education Management Organizations, Sindh, Pakistan
Vouchers/Subsidies to Private School Students	Senior High School Voucher Program, Philippines PACES voucher program, Colombia Voucher scheme, Chile Private school subsidy programs - NZ, Australia, etc Indiana Choice Scholarship Program, USA

Examples: Philippines (1)

- Senior High School (SHS) Voucher Program and Education Service Contracting
- Under **SHS Voucher Program**, graduates from all public and some private junior high schools receive a voucher to finance fees at private SHSs
- Voucher amount varies, but averages around P18,000 – estimated public sector unit cost
- Voucher can be used at registered SHSs – private schools, SUCs/LUCs, private HEIs or TVET institutes
- Voucher program managed by Fund for Assistance to Private Education

Examples: Philippines (2)

- SHS voucher program began in school year 2016/17
- In 2017/18:
 - P21.6 billion financial subsidies to students: P20.7 billion on vouchers and P875 million on program for students in TVL track
 - 1.2 million beneficiaries in private schools, SUCs and LUCs
 - 54,000 beneficiaries in private institutes subsidized under program for students in TVL track
- Education Service Contracting (ESC) at JHS level
- Target of 2.6 million grantees SHS Voucher Program and ESC) in 2017

K to 12: SHS Voucher Program

SINO ANG MAKIKINABANG SA PROGRAMANG ITO?

Lahat ng mga JHS completer mula sa pampublikong paaralan at mga JHS completer mula sa pribadong paaralan na Education Service Contracting (ESC) grantee ay agarang mabibigyan ng voucher. Maaari ring mag-aplay ang iba pang mga JHS completer mula sa pribadong paaralan na hindi ESC grantee ngunit ito ay sakop na ng karagdagang patakarang ilalabas ng DepEd para sa panukalang ito.

100%
voucher value

- mga completer mula sa pampublikong JHS

80%
voucher value

- ESC grantee

50%
voucher value

- Papasok sa isang State o Local University o College

Ang completer mula sa pampublikong JHS at ESC grantee na papasok sa SHS ng isang SUC/LUC ay awtomatikong makakatanggap ng 50% na halaga ng voucher.

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Examples: Pakistan

- Range of school choice programs at provincial level
- Punjab Education Foundation, Sindh Education Foundation and Sindh School Education and Literacy Department
- Programs include:
 - EMO model (Sindh): 23 schools contracted out
 - Foundation Assisted Schools (Punjab): 3,500 schools and 1.8 million students
 - EVS (Punjab): 360,000 students
 - SEF Assisted Schools (Sindh): 160,000 students
 - Promoting Private Schooling in Rural Sindh (Sindh): 300,000 students