**A Checklist of Local Politics**

**Key things addressed when developing participatory approaches with refugee communities:**

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| **Questions to be addressed** | **Answers** | **What if anything can be done to address this** |
| **Is the host government supportive or hostile?** |  |  |
| **Local politics – is the host community supportive or hostile?** |  |  |
| **Are authorities supportive or hostile?** |  |  |
| **What is the level of commitment to participation by the most powerful stakeholders?** |  |  |
| **Do the values, attitudes, capacity and resources of the local staff support participatory approaches?** |  |  |
| **What role does ideology and culture, of refugees, hosts and service providers play in particular in sensitive issues such as human rights, including gender equality, and SGBV.** |  |  |
| **Are international agencies willing to co-operate together and work with local NGOs and refugee led groups as equal partners or does funding competition get in the way?** |  |  |
| **What is the level of trust between refugee communities, UN agencies and other service providers.** |  |  |
| **Is there fear that refugee-led groups are ‘too political’ and/or failure to accept that they can be both political advocates and rights-based service providers?** |  |  |
| **What political constraints are faced by local academic partners?**  |  |  |
| **Are Donors willing to provide flexible funding?** |  |  |
| **Others?** |  |  |