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The participatory model of development known as community-driven development (CDD) was expected to reduce corruption. In this paper, we contrast the experiences of projects in two countries that had roughly comparable levels of national corruption and ask why one had far higher rates of corruption in its CDD than the other. The Kenyan Arid Lands Resource Management Project (ALRMP: 1996–2010) was shut down for corruption in 2010 following a damning forensic audit. The Indonesian Kecamatan Development Project (KDP, 1998–2006), later PNPM (Program Nasional Pemberdayaan Masyarakat, 2007–2015), was widely considered to be one of the most successful CDD projects in the world. In acknowledgment of its success, the Indonesian government absorbed it into its Village Law decentralization initiative in 2015. What project design elements and other contextual issues explain these divergent performances?



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