



OFFICE OF LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Leading USAID's locally led development efforts

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Guatemala: New Indigenous Peoples' Engagement Strategy

USAID/Guatemala recently launched an Indigenous Peoples' Engagement Strategy, the first of its kind for the Agency. The Office of Local Sustainability's (E3/LS) [Local Works](#) program will help support the implementation of this strategy, which has been highlighted in [Prensa Libre](#),

[Guatevisión](#) and [Viva la Mañana](#), two popular Guatemalan news shows.

To learn more about Local Works, watch E3/LS' [new video](#).

Apply Now for Local Works!

E3/LS is accepting submissions for [Local Works](#). This program is designed to advance locally led development and empower local actors to take the lead in addressing development challenges. The deadline for USAID missions to apply is **April 10**, while [unsolicited materials](#) are accepted from eligible organizations on a **rolling basis**. Find out how to apply [here](#), and check out our [frequently asked questions](#) and recently recorded [webinar](#) for more information.

Zambia: Women Find Success Through USAID SPA Program

Through E3/LS' [Small Project Assistance](#) (SPA) program, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia organized a series of sewing classes for women in her community. By gaining these skills, the women were able to sell their products and raise enough money to form the Kagunda Women's Group.

Stopping as Success (SAS) Continues Case Study Research and Prepares for Tool Development

SAS, one of four E3/LS [Co-Created Research Initiatives](#), conducted case study research in Bangladesh last month on the USAID-funded Climate Resilient Ecosystems and Livelihoods project. SAS also researched [Interpeace](#)

Today, these women produce about 20 different items for sale and earn monthly salaries ranging from \$40 to \$160. Learn more about how one woman stabilized her household income and became a community leader through the support of this Group [here](#).



and [Columbia University's](#) transitions out of Timor-Leste and operations handover to local non-governmental organizations.

Next month, SAS will examine two exciting transitions in Guatemala, one focused on food security and the other on building capacity of village savings and loan associations to fight poverty. Additionally, SAS will hold a regional workshop in Thailand with USAID mission staff, and local and international actors from across Asia to solicit feedback on initial case study research that will inform its cross-case analysis and tool development.

National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA) Panel on Cooperative Business Model

E3/LS [Cooperative Development Program](#) implementing partner [NCBA CLUSA](#) convened supply chain actors in Washington, D.C. to discuss the value of the cooperative business model in leveling the playing field and creating more inclusive and resilient markets. Approximately 200 participants learned about the competitive advantage of the cooperative business model in developing and strengthening inclusive global supply chains.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

From the Field

- [Watch](#) USAID's Human Institutional Capacity Development approach in action as it assists Georgia's State Procurement Agency in developing a Code of Ethics through a locally driven and inclusive process. For more information on performance improvement of local organizations, please contact [Jeff Shahan](#).
- Last fall, USAID and Peace Corps completed a joint evaluation of the [SPA program](#), coinciding with the 35th anniversary of the partnership between the two agencies. Learn more about the [evaluation findings](#) and how SPA grants foster locally led development in communities worldwide, or [view](#) the full evaluation.
- While conducting a [Local Works](#) listening tour, USAID/Dominican Republic connected with a Peace Corps Volunteer serving along the country's border with Haiti. Through this connection, the Mission and [World Vision](#) facilitated community meetings that enabled Haitian children to attend school in the Volunteer's community. These efforts highlight the Mission's continued inter-agency collaboration and successful efforts to enhance sustainable development and self-reliance.
- USAID/Macedonia held a workshop with 40 representatives from the private sector, civil society, and government to discuss the legal, tax, institutional, and cultural challenges for strengthening Macedonia's ecosystem of giving. This was the first step in the forthcoming co-creation process through which the Mission will partner with local stakeholders to help create a more generous and responsible society capable of and willing to fund its own development solutions.

Locally Led Development Opportunities

- Last month, E3/LS addressed the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the [Broad Agency Announcement](#) and co-creation. And later this month, E3/LS will facilitate Broad Agency Announcement co-creation workshops in Ghana and Afghanistan. Contact [E3/LS](#) if your mission needs facilitation or co-creation advice **(For internal USAID staff only)*.

- E3/LS developed a [Tableau-based mapping platform](#) to track [cooperative development](#) activities over the last decade. The platform allows users to search by country, sector, or keyword and download detailed data on funding levels and activity descriptions. For more information, contact [E3/LS](#).

SAVE THE DATE

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[Webinars: Q&A with Local Works DC](#) **(For internal USAID staff only)*

8:00am-9:00am EST

9:00pm-10:00pm EST

April
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[Local Works](#) Application Deadline for USAID Missions



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