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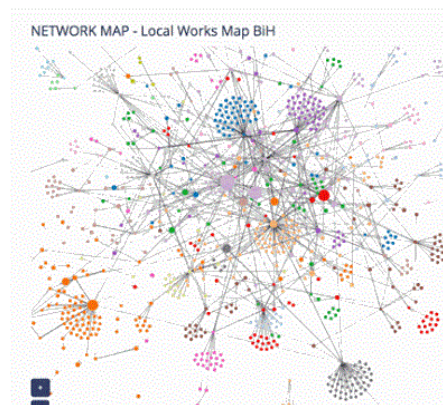
Small Project Assistance (SPA) Performance Evaluation Results

USAID and Peace Corps completed a jointly-funded and managed [Performance Evaluation](#) of the [SPA Program](#) from 2013 to 2017. SPA catalyzes the capacity of host country individuals, organizations, and communities to meet their own development needs and priorities. The evaluation found that SPA projects were remarkably successful in implementation and impact, resonated with the community years after the grant ended, and have led to increased development activities in communities in each country. USAID and Peace Corps are using this evaluation to better understand which drivers of locally-led programming ultimately lead to sustainable development outcomes, contributing to shared learning about what the [Journey to Self-Reliance](#) looks like from the ground up.



“Malawian Approaches to Malawian Challenges”: Co-Creation Workshops

USAID's Office of Local Sustainability (E3/LS) facilitated three [Broad Agency Announcement](#) co-creation workshops as part of USAID/Malawi's [Limodzi](#) program and [Local Works](#) this month. Limodzi is catalyzing sustainable development and strengthening support



Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH): Localization Learning System

E3/LS' partners, Root Change and Keystone Accountability presented a Localization Learning System to USAID/ BiH, as part of their Capacity 2.0 project. The system includes five key dimensions that measure local ownership of development activities. While in BiH, partners shared a process

systems for local development. A USAID Foreign Service National facilitated a fourth workshop after learning from E3/LS staff on site. These workshops were exclusively open to Malawian organizations that wrote Expressions of Interest to USAID regarding problems and potential solutions in a range of fields, including governance and service delivery. These groups will continue to collaborate with each other and USAID over the coming months to produce joint solutions to some of Malawi's greatest development challenges. A USAID Foreign Service National will facilitate a fourth workshop soon.

for using Pando, a web-based platform that uses system maps and feedback loops to track progress on these key dimensions. The local ownership measures of the platform have the potential to increase USAID's understanding of the full system of local development actors. Capacity 2.0 is one of E3/LS' [Co-Created Research Initiatives](#).

Uganda: HealthPartners Workshop

E3/LS participated in an advisory committee meeting for [HealthPartners](#)' activity in Uganda, where participants took part in a co-design session for the recently awarded [Cooperative Development Program \(CDP\)](#). Participants identified shared priorities, established high-level indicators, and established a joint work plan. The committee is comprised of representatives from the Ugandan health system, including the Commissioner of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Gender, Ugandan National Health Consumers Organization, International Health Sciences University, Uganda Healthcare Federation, National Environment Management Authority, and Uganda Network on Law, Ethics, and HIV/AIDS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

- Last month, [E3/LS](#) surveyed USAID staff on their preferences for finding the latest information on advancing locally-led development. 57% of respondents prefer email notifications, followed by 45% for events, 40% for trainings, and 35% for the E3/LS' monthly newsletter. E3/LS will use this data to inform future communications.
- During October's [National Cooperative Month](#), E3/LS hosted four cooperative events with more than 200 attendees at USAID on how cooperative businesses can create more self-reliant and inclusive economies. E3/LS also promoted nine external cooperative events in Washington, D.C., including conferences, panel discussions, webinars, and trainings for more than 30,000 people.
- Staff from USAID/Dominican Republic, one of 15 missions in E3/LS' [Local Works](#) Program, went on a listening tour along the country's southern border, hearing from 2,000 people and collecting nearly 500 questionnaires to inform their development strategy.
- As part of USAID/Morocco's [Local Works](#) program, the Mission will conduct regular, iterative political economy analyses, which will inform engagement with local partners and feed into the next [Country Development Cooperation Strategy](#).
- USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina made its first [Local Works](#) award to [KULT](#), a local youth-led organization. KULT has already conducted broad, open-ended listening activities of more than 300 individuals in areas of the country that they have identified as underdeveloped and under-served by international aid projects.
- Through the [Local Works](#) program, USAID/Armenia developed a desk study and rapid listening tour methodology of 52 consolidated communities to determine sites of implementation. E3/LS staff facilitated discussions that led to this

methodology -- and to the Mission's Local Works Learning Agenda.

- E3 Deputy Assistant Administrator Julie Cram traveled to Honduras in October to learn about [Local Works](#) programming, which includes strengthening community-led efforts to reduce violence, protect the environment, and improve tourism through enhanced solid waste management in crime and gang-affected communities.
- Fast Company recently published [an article](#) advocating cooperatives' unique value proposition in the U.S. economy, particularly for technology platforms that can support more democratic and equitable "sharing economy" models.

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