The Journey to Self-Reliance

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WHAT IS SELF-RELIANCE?

"Self-Reliance" is a country's ability to **plan**, **finance** and **implement** solutions to its own development challenges.
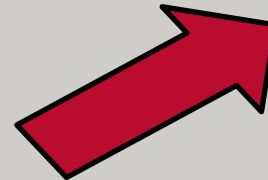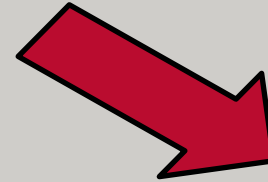
WHAT DETERMINES SELF-RELIANCE?

Commitment:
Choices / Behaviors

How well a country's laws, policies, actions, and informal governance mechanisms -- such as cultures and norms -- support progress towards self-reliance

Capacity:
Achievement / Outcomes

How far the country has come in its journey across the dimensions of political, social, and economic development, including the ability to work across these sectors

As Commitment and Capacity strengthen, so does overall Self-Reliance

HOW IS USAID RE-ORIENTING AROUND THE CONCEPT OF SELF-RELIANCE?

- Establish **clear and objective metrics** that will allow USAID to track host country progress and inform development strategies.

- Strengthen USAID's **private sector engagement and innovative financing** approaches to achieve greater results in the field.

- Partner with governments to develop effective, transparent, and accountable systems to better-mobilize domestic resources that allow them **to finance self-reliance**.

- Ensure our country relationships are firmly **rooted around advancing self-reliance**

- Develop a thoughtful and purposeful approach for transitioning to **new partnership models** when countries achieve advanced levels of self-reliance
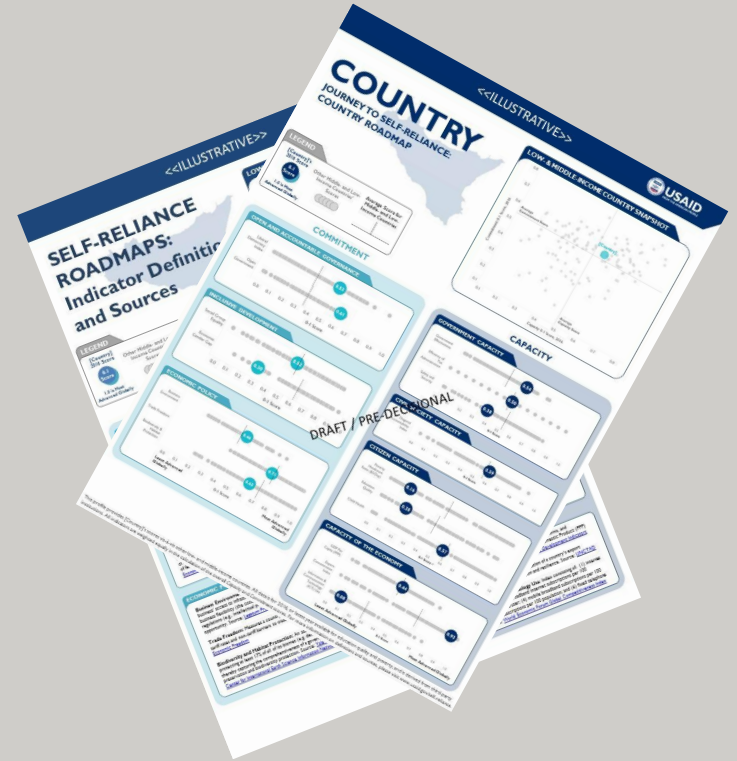
SELF-RELIANCE METRICS

The **Self-Reliance Metrics** are an analytical tool to:

- Understand where countries are on their Journey to Self-Reliance

- Plot the overall Journey

- Inform decisions on country strategies

- Consider countries for possible strategic transition conversations

COMMITMENT METRICS
CHOICES/BEHAVIORS

1. Open and Accountable Governance
   Liberal Democracy Index (VDem)
   Open Government (WJP)

2. Inclusive Development
   Social Group Equality (VDem)
   Economic Gender Gap (WEF)

3. Economic Policy
   Business Environment (Legatum)
   Trade Freedom (Heritage)
   Biodiversity and Habitat Protection (Yale/CIESIN)

CAPACITY METRICS
ACHIEVEMENT/OUTCOMES

1. Capacity of the Government
   Government Effectiveness Index (WGI)
   Efficiency of Tax Administration
   Safety and Security (Legatum)

2. Capacity of Civil Society
   Diagonal Accountability Index (VDem)

3. Capacity of Citizens
   Poverty Rate (World Bank)
   Education Quality (IRED)
   Child Health (CIESIN)

4. Capacity of Economy
   Per Capita GDP in PPP (World Bank)
   Diversification of the Export Sector (UNCTAD)
   ICT use (WEF)

COUNTRY ROADMAPS

- **Roadmaps provide a visualization of self-reliance** for a country -- where it is in the Journey overall, and where strengths and challenges are

- Organized around the two Self-Reliance categories of **"Commitment" and "Capacity"**

- **Will be produced annually** for all low- and middle-income countries

- We anticipate making them **publicly available in the Fall (October 2018)**
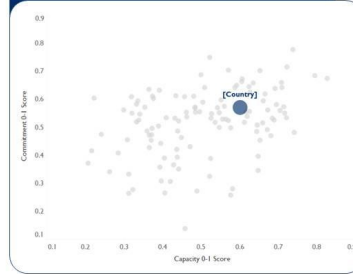
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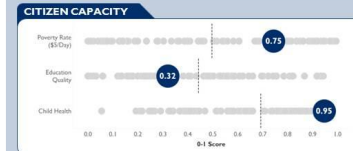## JOURNEY TO SELF-RELIANCE:
COUNTRY ROADMAP

LOW- & MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

Commitment 0-1 Score (y-axis: 0.1–0.9)
Capacity 0-1 Score (x-axis: 0.1–0.9)
[Country]

LEGEND

[Country]'s Score — 0-1 Score — 1.0 is Most Advanced Globally

Other Middle- and Low-Income Countries' Scores

Average Score for Middle- and Low-Income Countries

COMMITMENT

OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

- Liberal Democracy — 0.68
- Open Government — 0.38

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0-1 Score

INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Social Group Equality — 0.87
- Economic Gender Gap — 0.35

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ECONOMIC POLICY

- Business Environment — 0.48
- Trade Freedom — 0.84
- Biodiversity & Habitat Protections — 0.40

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Least Advanced Globally — **0-1 Score** — Most Advanced Globally

CAPACITY

GOVERNMENT CAPACITY

- Government Effectiveness — 0.48
- Efficiency of Tax Administration — 0.31
- Safety & Security — 0.59

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CIVIL SOCIETY CAPACITY

- Civil Society & Media Effectiveness — 0.80

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CITIZEN CAPACITY

- Poverty Rate ($5/Day) — 0.75
- Education Quality — 0.32
- Child Health — 0.95

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CAPACITY OF THE ECONOMY

- GDP Per Capita (PPP) — 0.54
- Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Use — 0.37
- Export Diversification — 0.91

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All source data is for latest year available, typically 2017 or 2016, and is derived from third-party institutions. All indicators are weighted equally in the calculation of the overall Commitment and Capacity scores.

For more information on definitions and sources, please visit www.usaid.gov/selfreliance.

What will the Roadmaps and Metrics be used for?

- Seeing where a country is on its journey to self-reliance
- Development dialogue, as appropriate
- To inform high-level strategic planning efforts
- As a signal for when to consider closer examination for strategic transition

What will the Roadmaps and Metrics not be used for?

- As a standalone "red light / green light" determinative tool
- As a sort of competitive "scorecard" (ala MCC)
- "Infallibly"– secondary / supplemental information will be key, and the indicators will need to be continually reviewed and improved
- To measure progress on specific USAID projects/activities

QUESTIONS

Ask a question today!

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