



# INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (INRM) ACTIVITY

The Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) activity provides on-demand support services and technical assistance for USAID Missions, Bureaus, and Independent Offices across a wide array of environmental and natural resource management issues. INRM covers the full range of environmental issues USAID works on and is managed jointly by the USAID E3 Offices of Land and Urban, Forestry and Biodiversity, and Global Climate Change. The activity is designed to help USAID operating units achieve higher impact environment programming and to support the uptake of principles and approaches outlined in the Agency's Environmental and Natural Resource Management (ENRM) Framework.

## KEY CONTRACT FACTS

Ceiling: \$34,976,131

POP: 7-30-20 to 7-19-25

Mission Buy-in Option: Yes

Location: Global

**IDIO: STARR II** 

#### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TASKS AREAS**

- Strategic planning based on timely analysis and best available evidence
- 2. Project and activity design and adaptive management
- Testing and learning from new approaches for integrated ENRM programming
- 4. Monitoring, evaluation, and learning of multi-sectoral programs
- 5. Communications and knowledge management
- 6. Other short-term technical assistance needs as identified by USAID

#### **EXAMPLE TECHNICAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS**

#### **SERVICES PRODUCTS**

#### Analysis and Evidence

- Support strategic on-demand research and synthesis for evidence-informed decision-making
- Identify evidence to develop cross-sectoral theories of change, causal models, and assumptions
- Support the use and generation of cross-sectoral evidence across the program cycle
- On-demand research products to inform USAID decision-
- Data-driven evidence to test and verify ENRM Framework assumptions
- Mission-oriented guidance on how to operationalize research insights in gender sensitive ways

#### Design and Adaptive Management

- Support the application of evidence to inform design and adaptive management of integrated ENRM programming
- Assist USAID staff to navigate challenges such as balancing multiple objectives, equitably including stakeholders, and dealing with power and gender asymmetries
- Design and facilitate integrated adaptive management processes
- Standard guidance tools and documents for integrated program design and adaptive management for USAID/ Washington and Missions
- Best practices and lessons learned for integrated co-design under the ENRM Framework
- Best practices for effective adaptive management of integrated programs and activities

#### Innovative Approaches

- Lead processes to develop, curate, and share innovative approaches for integration
- Identify programming opportunities to test integration of innovative approaches
- Support Missions and new partners to test innovative approaches
- Online library of promising approaches
- Catalog of opportunities for innovation and engagement around integrated ENRM Framework topics
- Guidance documents on how to integrate, apply, and test innovative approaches

#### Integrated Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

- Support the development of USAID's Integrated ENRM Global Learning Agenda
- Identify, disseminate, and evaluate innovative approaches and tools to support integrated MEL
- Support design and implementation of integrated MEL frameworks and evaluations
- User-friendly integrated MEL models and guidelines, including sample indicators for measuring integration
- Evidence of the efficacy of integrated strategic approaches, including improved benefits for women, girls, and indigenous peoples

#### Communications and Knowledge Management

- Generate, capture, share, and apply integrated ENRM knowledge
- Document integrated ENRM learning to demonstrate how it stimulates innovative ideas, increases effective practices, and fosters improved decision-making
- Assist USAID staff to share knowledge on ENRM integrated programming
- Clear communications products that disseminate key messages tailored to specific operating units' needs
- Workshops to address implementation challenges and share learning on integration
- Events and media placements to publicize the effectiveness and strategic importance of the ENRM Framework

#### THE INRM TEAM – INTEGRATION IN PRACTICE

- **DAI Prime contractor:** Provides expertise in cross-sectoral program design and implementation, integration theory and practice, private sector engagement, and innovative financing; draws on experts across the sectors of NRM, biodiversity conservation, WASH, health, food security, climate change, governance, and economic growth.
- Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History: Provides expertise on applied research and evidence synthesis, evidence-based practice, interdisciplinary learning, and research translation to broad and diverse audiences relevant to the **ENRM** Framework.
- Coastal Resources Center at the University of Rhode Island: Serves as the consortium's principal source of technical assistance for integrated community-based solutions for marine, coastal, and freshwater issues.
- Conservation Strategy Fund: Supports evidence-based decision-making and innovation through economic modeling and analyses such as ecosystem valuation, payment for ecosystem services, return on investment comparisons, and cost effectiveness analysis.
- New America: Supports land tenure, property rights, and resource security research, analysis, and programming; communications and media; provides expertise, resources and platforms to convene key stakeholders, and facilitate events focused on problem analysis and the co-creation of solutions.
- Resource Equity: Conducts gender analysis and training in gender and social inclusion and supports the design of gender-equitable legal and governance frameworks for natural resources access and use. Facilitates inclusive and equitable designs and interventions to advance land tenure and resource rights for women and vulnerable populations.
- Social Impact: Designs MEL frameworks for integrated programming. Works closely with USAID and implementing partners to develop integrated theories of change and teams that can draw on resources across multiple sectors to identify/implement optimal measurement approaches. Designs and conducts impact and performance evaluations of integrated programs. Develops learning agendas, CLA needs assessments, and action plans.
- Stantec: Provides expertise in land use and urban/regional planning, resiliency planning (climate data collection, mitigation planning, risk analyses), geospatial analysis, power and energy efficiency/security, solid waste management, and pollution control (marine, terrestrial, and atmospheric).

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