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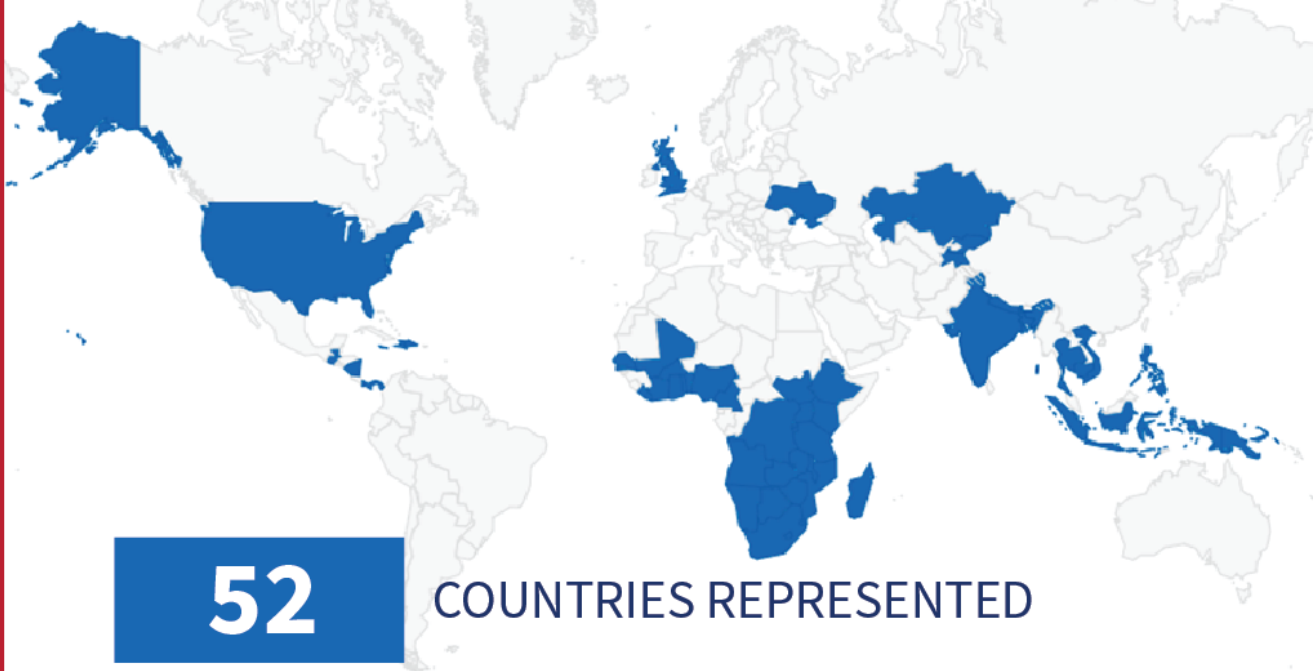
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BY THE NUMBERS



52

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

180+

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

1387

REGISTRANTS

500+

IN-PERSON DELEGATES

870+

VIRTUAL DELEGATES

230+

ABSTRACTS RECEIVED

120

POSTERS DISPLAYED

38

SESSIONS

96

SPEAKERS

30

INTERPRETERS



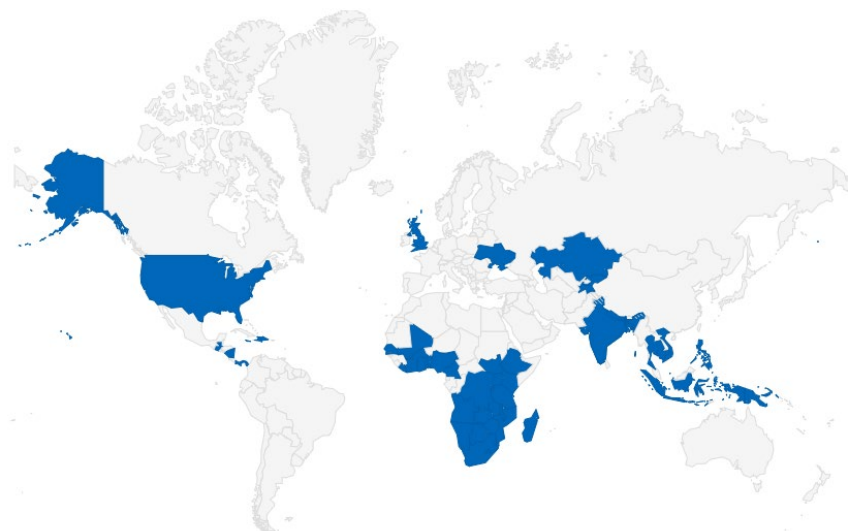
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Executive Summary

The [United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#) held its fourth annual Global Health Local Partner Meeting in November 2022, hosted by the [Office of HIV/AIDS \(OHA\)](#) with support from USAID's [Accelerating Support to Advanced Local Partners II \(ASAP II\)](#) mechanism, a contract primed by IntraHealth International. The annual meeting serves as an opportunity to connect USAID prime local partners who are implementing the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) programs with USAID staff to focus on common goals, share lessons learned, and generate actionable strategies to improve program outcomes as the Agency transitions towards localization.

After two years of virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's meeting was a hybrid event held November 14-17 in person in Johannesburg, South Africa, and virtually in what U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Reuben E. Brigety II, declared potentially "the largest gathering of local partners that USAID has ever organized."

More than 500 partners and USAID staff from around the world met onsite, with an additional 880 attendees joining virtually. Fifty-two countries participated in this year's meeting—an increase of 18 percent from 44 countries in 2021.



Fifty-two countries participated in the 4th Annual USAID Global Health Local Partner Meeting, both in-person in Johannesburg, South Africa and online through the virtual platform.

U.S. Ambassador Brigety noted that the conference is potentially “**the largest convening of local partners that USAID has ever organized**” and called participants “**the heart of [PEPFAR’s] success.**”

The meeting kicked off with recorded opening remarks from U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative to Global Health Diplomacy, Dr. John Nkengasong, and remarks from U.S. Ambassador Brigety, USAID Counselor Clinton White, and Deputy Assistant Administrator for the USAID Bureau for Global Health, Melissa Jones. Han Kang, Director of USAID's Bureau for Global Health, Office of HIV/AIDS, shared the Agency's progress towards epidemic control in the countries it partners with, before turning the floor over to an opening

plenary panel of long-term USAID prime local partners sharing their experiences and challenges.

As in past years, USAID and ASAP II ensured that partners had an opportunity to play key roles in developing the agenda and presenting, throughout the meeting, program results and lessons learned. Discussion sessions involving local partners were held throughout the planning process, where partners provided insight and recommendations to help to craft the overall agenda and feedback sessions.

Local organizations submitted more than 230 abstracts to this year's meeting, four times the increase from 2021, with 153 accepted for posters and panels. Partners from 39 different organizations—representing 20 countries—presented in 16 panels during the meeting. Posters were printed and displayed at the meeting venue and on the virtual platform.

“We are an inclusive, agile, and innovative team, co-investing resources and expertise with communities and countries to advance the equitable delivery of sustainable public health approaches, improving lives everywhere. **You all are our experts.”**

***Melissa Jones, Deputy Assistant Administrator for USAID’s Bureau for Global Health** speaking to staff from local partner organizations from around the world at the 4th Annual USAID Global Health Local Partner Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, November 14-17, 2022.*

On November 16, 45 local partner representatives were chosen by random drawing to attend dinner with USAID leadership, providing an opportunity for both local partner and Agency staff to share a meal and conversation on the hotel patio. The event was a highlight for both groups involved, with recommendations to repeat it at future meetings.

The meeting concluded with engaging presentations from local partners on behalf of each of the seven feedback sessions, and responses from several members of USAID’s leadership, including Melissa Jones, Han Kang, Sarah Rose, and Eleanor TanPiengco. The feedback sessions were a highlight of the event, with partners highly engaged in sharing strengths,



challenges, and recommended solutions for building relationships with USAID that will improve the localization transition and program outcomes. Common feedback themes included the need for continued capacity-strengthening, the importance of addressing pressure for results and program staff burnout, the value of cross-learning for local organizations, funding disbursement delays, and ongoing language barriers between the Agency and its partners.

Melissa Jones closed the meeting with the promise of continued capacity-strengthening in business development, leadership and governance, and the unique entity identifier (UEI) process, to be implemented by USAID's ASAP II mechanism.

A feedback survey was sent to all participants, and 150 responses were received from local partners and USAID staff. Partners who attended the meeting in person or online shared their hope that similar opportunities for engagement continue in the future. The morning partner trainings, feedback sessions, and opportunities to network with fellow local organizations and USAID staff were repeatedly mentioned as highlights of the overall event.

Through discussions that took place at the meeting, as well as feedback from the post-meeting survey, future recommendations for improvement include holding smaller, regional meetings, building more time for discussion and networking into the agenda, and reducing the number of concurrent sessions. Planning is currently underway for next year's meeting. For details, please contact ASAP-LP@IntraHealth.org

*Click on a session below to view the **recording, presentation, and abstract anthology.***



Welcome & Opening Plenary:

Welcoming Remarks from USAID & PEPFAR Leadership - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Why Localization Matters: Long Standing Local Partners' Origins, Experiences, and Lessons Learned
[PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Local Partner Training Sessions:

Building Highly Effective Boards - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Business Development: Pre-RFA to Post Submission Best Practices - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Data for Decision-making: Part 1 - Demand and Use of Data - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Data for Decision-making: Part 2 - Using Dashboards Efficiently - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Procurement, NICRA, and 10% de minimis - [Only available on virtual platform with registration](#)

Subaward Management - [Only available on virtual platform with registration](#)

Concurrent Technical Talks by Local Partners:

Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence in USAID's PEPFAR Programs - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Impact and Evaluation of Novel Differentiated Service Delivery Models - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Prevention is PrEParing for the Future - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Strengthening Programming Through Local Sub-awards - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

TLC for Your VLC: Clever ways to improve viral load testing coverage - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Operationalizing Social & Behavior Change: From theory of change to lessons learned - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Baby on Board: Pediatric & PMTCT interventions to improve HIV outcomes for infants, children, and adolescents - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Community-Led Monitoring: Lessons from implementing CLM across geographies and diseases - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Leveraging Program Improvement to Optimize HIV Treatment and Well-being for PLHIV - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Creating an Enabling Environment for Youth - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Designing Supportive and Sustainable Work Environments to Maximize Health Worker Engagement and Impact - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Government Partnerships for Enhanced HIV Control and Sustainability - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Evidence-based Support to Children & Families in the Epidemic - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Best Practices for Implementing Key Population Competent Services - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Innovations in HIV Testing - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Secrets to Success: Local Partner Business Development Best Practices - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Office of HIV/AIDS Technical Guidance Sessions:

Across the Clinical Cascade for General and Key Populations - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Priority Populations - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Sustainable Approaches to Prevention - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Data Quality - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Supply Chain for Health and Research - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

USAID Guidance Sessions & Closing Plenary:

Question Time with Offices of Acquisition & Assistance (OAA), Financial Management (OFM), and Inspector General (OIG) - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

How to Tell Your Story: Working with USAID Communications - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Closing Plenary – Feedback Report Out & Leadership Panel - [PDF](#) | [Recording](#)

Abstract Anthology: [Click for the 4th Annual Abstract Anthology and read all submitted abstracts.](#)