

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide Government & International Partnerships

Group Name	Government and International Partnerships	
Strength	Challenge	Solution
<p>International Partnerships: International partners bring best practices and technical assistance to better implementation results</p> <p>Government Partnerships: Strong relationships with government at facilities, communities, national level and already influence policies and implementation across countries</p>	<p>International Partnerships: Insufficient funding and prioritization of capacity strengthening in international partner budgets so local partners can't strengthen systems. Insufficient funding to cover indirect costs for local partners</p> <p>Government Partnerships: Sustainability and country ownership of programs (elephant in the room- what happens when the funding goes away?)</p>	<p>International Partnerships: Require capacity strengthening as part of all international partner budgets (a line item in their budget) and provide sufficient indirect costs support for local partners (such as (NIRCA's or 10% de minimis)</p> <p>Government Partnerships: USAID should require co-creation early and at every level with government (in activity design and at policy and planning level) with local, sub-national and national government at the highest level that ensures greater sustainability and country ownership</p>

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide - M&E Pain Points

Group Name	M&E Pain Points	
Strength	Challenge	Solution
<p>Existence of clear guidance and collaborative routine data review processes, including support for co-creation and MOUs revision, particularly as facilitated by USAID Missions.</p>	<p>Lack of consistency in reporting requirements across both internal and external stakeholders, including within the Agency, which is exacerbated by changes in reporting requirements and necessitates changes to reporting systems.</p>	<p>Include local partners in strategic meetings that lead to target setting by being more inclusive and collaborative in coordinating targets and reporting requirements, alongside working to digitize data collection.</p>

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide Portuguese Local Partners

Group Name	PORTUGUESE (LOCAL PARTNERS)	
Strength	Challenge	Solution
<p>USAID has demonstrated confidence in local partners by increasing the total number of civil society organizations as prime partners and has invested in CBO strengthening</p>	<p>Scope of work is not aligned with the budget provided and there is inadequate flexibility for negotiation between local partners and USAID</p>	<p>USAID avails itself to a bi-directional relationship whereby local partners are empowered to negotiate scope of work, new approaches, and budget implications throughout the course of implementation</p> <p>Direct technical and organizational support from USAID to decrease dependence on international NGOs</p>

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide Portuguese Government Partners

Group Name	PORTUGUESE (GOVERNMENT)	
Strength	Challenge	Solution
The opportunity of having direct funding relationship (G2G) with USAID and receive funds through sub-grants with international organizations	Delays in contracting, planning, and funds allocation has resulted in limited time for implementation and an inability to meet expectations	USAID to clarify timelines and improve the planning process to ensure a timely start at the beginning of the fiscal year

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide Spanish

Group Name	Spanish (Central America and Caribbean)	
Strength	Challenge	Solution
USAID supports a platform, Learning Lab, which trains local partners on different topics, including sustainability	The current awards do not include time, human resources, and funds to implement the business plans that USAID requires of local implementing partners, as part of the award and sustainability.	Include in the current awards, at least three years of human resources and funds that enable the implementation of the business plan developed by local partners for their sustainability.

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide 50% Local Voice

Local Voice	Holding USAID to account: Top 3+ “good practices” to prioritize tracking	
Co-creation:with potential partners, communities, and government (including through G2G)	Capacity building (ongoing) with a goal of sustainability, tied to budget flexibility and availability of resources, including providing/increasing indirect costs	More targeted opportunities for funding local partners: Restrict eligibility to local partners, requirements for sub-contracting to local partners
	+Humane approaches: Staff wellness policy, timing of NOFO releases	

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide

Group Name	French Room	
Strength	Challenge	Solution
<p>Capacity building, strengthening, and reinforcing (for example: trainings, workshops, etc.)</p> <p>Hiring of local staff in USAID Missions who understand the local context and can work with Local Partners and inform programs that will be effective in the local context</p>	<p>Difficult to build relationships with USAID and International Organizations due to language barriers, and limited relationships between local partners and government</p> <p>High management burden (for example: reporting requirements, additional burden caused by misalignment between USAID and local government indicators and priorities)</p>	<p>Continue capacity strengthening efforts, including access to French translation and materials, and expand to include additional technical areas</p> <p>Continue hiring local staff and improve coordination and communication between USAID, Local Partners, and Local Governments</p>

Room Deliverable: Report Out Slide Award Management

Group Name	Award Management & Brand-new Awards	
Strength	Challenge	Solution
<p>A. USAID is accessible and has good relationships with staff</p>	<p>A. Limited understanding of prime award and sub-award management</p>	<p>A. Additional mentorship; more regular trainings post-award on compliance; overlap of mechanisms; south-to-south learning; give LPs more time to understand awards</p>
<p>A. USAID is putting local partners forward</p>	<p>A. There is an equity gap between INGOs and local partners</p>	<p>A. Share additional information (and share it more locally); build local capacity; build trust with INGOs; increase networking; increase investment opportunities for LPs</p>
<p>A. Restricted eligibility to local IPs when publishing RFIs/RFPs (note: not all OUs do this though)</p>	<p>A. Funding issues: many LPs have accounts in local currency (not USD) and do not receive disbursements in a timely manner. Many LPs have a low capacity for cushion</p>	<p>A. Allow LPs to hold USD accounts; provide a faster turnaround for funds disbursements</p>