



OFFICE OF LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Leading USAID's locally led development efforts

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New Locally Led Development Annual Program Statement

The [Office of Local Sustainability](#) (ES/LS) is pleased to announce the launch of its new [Locally Led Development Annual Program Statement](#) (APS), a mechanism for USAID Operating Units to solicit innovative and adaptive development approaches from local and non-traditional partners. The APS will further USAID's Journey to Self-Reliance for partner countries by empowering local actors to lead priority-setting, decision-making, management, and measurement in their communities. The APS restricts eligibility to local organizations that do not already do significant business with USAID. E3/LS will be communicating shortly with missions and other Operating Units on how to issue addenda under this "umbrella" to solicit, co-create, and fund a wide range of flexible and innovative approaches to locally led development. USAID colleagues should send their questions to LLD-APS@usaid.gov

Ghana: Latrine Construction

In Ghana, a Peace Corps Volunteer utilized grant resources through the E3/LS Peace Corps [Small Project Assistance Program](#) to support the construction of 33 household latrines in the Devego, Volta Region. This pilot effort included significant in-kind resources from the community. The village now plans to build 100 latrines to abolish open defecation, improve safety, and eliminate cholera and other diseases. E3/LS staff met with local officials, who were extremely positive about the health benefits and dignity that come with access to sanitary facilities close to home.



Philippines: Engaging Local Stakeholders for Sustainable Water Access

Last month, members of the [Local Systems Practice \(LSP\)](#) consortium -one of the four E3/LS [co-created research initiatives](#) -



Community representatives show their water source and explain difficulties in transporting water up a mountain through a series of multiple pumps to reach households.

Ugandan NGO partner AKAP, and USAID/Philippines staff visited the Philippines Municipality of Tublay, Benguet, and met local stakeholders to better understand the water access issues cited during the Mission's 2018 Broad Listening Tour. Over the next few months, LSP, AKAP, and USAID/Philippines will conduct a systems assessment – including more in-depth interviews, focus group discussions, and a network analysis – on water management coordination in Tublay, which will help the community enhance coordination activities that secure sustainable access to water.

Cost-Share Promotes Private Sector Engagement

E3/LS' [Cooperative Development Program](#) (CDP) successfully leveraged nearly \$1.5 million in cost sharing in FY18 from U.S.-based cooperative businesses, implementing partners, and local networks, more than doubling the initial annual target. Several examples of cost-share included technical specialists from U.S. dairy and rural electric cooperatives and credit unions providing technical assistance, mentorship, and relevant technology and tools to local partners. CDP co-designs, co-implements, and co-funds activities with local actors. This type of private sector engagement ensures equal participation, ownership - and empowers local actors on their Journey to Self-Reliance.

Dominican Republic (DR): Soft Drink Company Reduces Drought Impact

Industrias San Miguel (ISM), a Peruvian-owned soft drink company, and USAID/DR formed a new [public-private partnership](#) last month to reduce the impact of the severe drought currently affecting communities and dairy farmers located near ISM's Kola Real plant. The soda plant provides about 600 jobs for workers from communities that live along the Haitian border. Funds from USAID/DR's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) and [Local Works](#) programs will contribute to this private sector engagement activity. [Fundacion REDDOM](#), a respected local organization that USAID helped develop in 2010, will provide technical guidance for this partnership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

From the Field

- In March, USAID/Dominican Republic's [Local Works](#) team, E3/LS staff, and civilian military representatives conducted a field visit along the northern region of the Dominican Republic-Haiti border. They toured Industrias San Miguel's Kola Real (soda) plant and met with catalytic local organizations that are improving access to water in a drought-affected area, expanding ecotourism, developing more equitable fishery and agricultural value chains, supporting street children, and increasing access to primary education.
- E3/LS staff facilitated two [Broad Agency Announcement](#) co-creation workshops last month. The first, in Ghana, focused on mobilizing finance for agriculture, and the second, in Afghanistan, focused on civil society, media research and development. The majority of participants at both workshops were from local organizations. Together, participants and U.S. Government officials designed potential solutions to vexing problems. While in Ghana, E3/LS staff also engaged with the West Africa Regional Mission, one of 16 Local Works partners - and coordinated with [USDA Foreign Agricultural Service](#) on its Food for Progress activity to ensure increased alignment of donor-funded activities.

- In March, USAID/Serbia's [Local Works](#) Public Private Dialogue (PPD) for Growth activity started a campaign, *Bee Protection Month*, to engage local actors from the beekeeping, agriculture, and environmental protection sectors to find bee protection solutions. More than 60 beekeepers, farmers, and local governments participated in an initial dialogue. USAID/Serbia aims to institutionalize PPD by raising awareness about its benefits, building PPD capacity within the public and private sector, and showcasing successful public-private partnership examples.
- This month, Uganda's South Western Regional Steering Committee facilitated a review of the region's key development priority areas with representatives from 16 Ugandan universities and local government. Together, participants formulated a draft strategic framework for the region's development and investment strategy. The framework is based on priorities and needs that emerged during the Committee's various consultations with local municipal planners and commercial partners, women and youth representatives, and social sector heads. While in country, E3/LS staff participated in these dialogues.
- CDP partner Rural Electrification Agency (REA) is currently implementing the Electricity Connections Policy in Uganda that seeks to add 1.5 million new electricity connections by 2027. Check out this [interview](#) with REA's Executive Director on the Agency's efforts and how solar solutions can power Uganda's goal of universal access.

Policies and Strategies

- When implemented effectively, open government is a win-win for citizens, providing effective decision-making, value for money, a sense of democratic participation, and ownership of their choices and decisions. Read the Open Government Partnership's [article](#) on this view.
- USAID/Rwanda developed a [Local Partner Engagement Strategy](#) to lay out an approach, recommendations, and practical ideas for operationalizing the Journey to Self-Reliance. The Mission has deeply internalized the principles of locally led development and has taken important steps towards making it happen on the ground (**For internal USAID staff*).

Locally Led Development Opportunities

- On March 12, USAID's Evaluation Interest Group learned about the relationship between locally led development, local ownership, and the Journey to Self-Reliance - and how these concepts can be applied in program designs and evaluations. Listen to the [recording](#) (**For internal USAID staff*).
- Watch this [video](#) from the National Cooperative Business Association on sustainable supply chains.

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