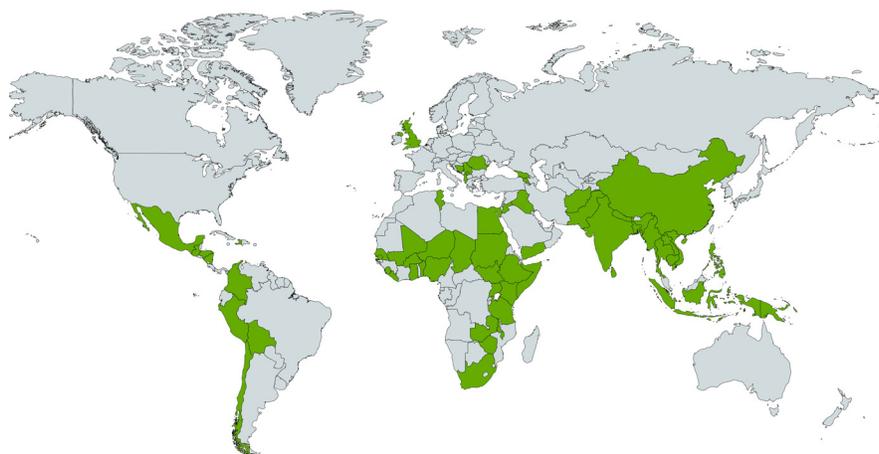




THE STATE OF COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

Achieving community-led development (CLD) on a transformative scale requires long-term processes that are hard to track. The Movement for Community-Led Development (MCLD) launched a collaborative research project in 2019 to unpack how, why and under what circumstances CLD leads to improved development outcomes. In phase 1 of this research, we used a collaboratively created tool to understand what organizations are doing when they say they are doing CLD. We identified 9 dimensions of CLD in practice that guide our analysis of programming depth and provide a benchmark for measuring CLD.

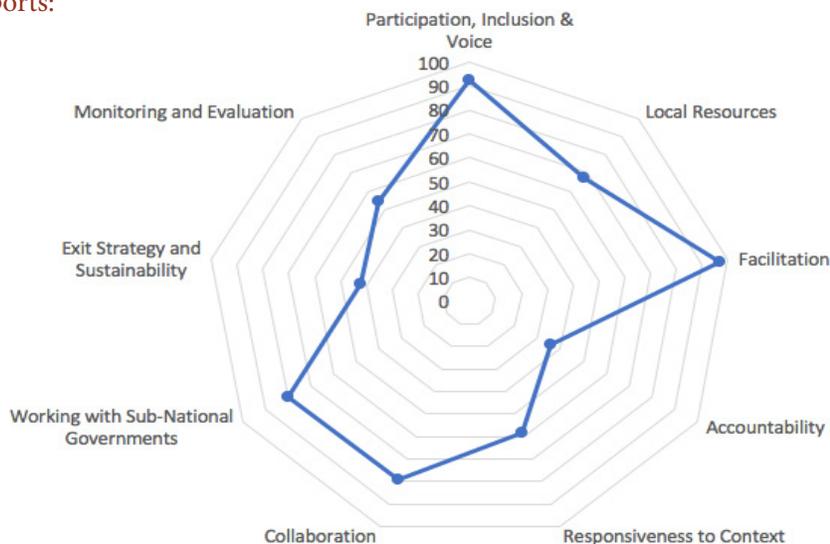
WHAT ARE ORGANIZATIONS DOING AS PART OF THEIR CLD PROGRAMMING? HOW DOES CLD PROGRAMMING VARY WITH CONTEXT?



- The average duration of CLD programs in the study was 5.23 years. Program duration and the presence of CLD dimensions are correlated: programs of over 7 years had more dimensions.
- On average, programs reported 6 dimensions of CLD (of the 9 shown below).
- Facilitation and Participation & Inclusion were the most reported dimensions; Accountability was the least reported.
- Health and governance focused programs report more CLD dimensions than others; economic empowerment reported fewer.
- Based on the principle focuses of programs in the study, there appear to be *six types of CLD programs*: Service Delivery, Agency & Empowerment, Service Delivery & Agency, Capacity Development, Policy Advocacy, and Social Accountability.

Presence of CLD Dimensions Across All Reports in the Study

The research uses spider diagrams to graphically reflect how programs employed CLD dimensions. The spider diagram below represents the presence of CLD dimensions across all 173 reports:



Development happens in communities, by community members.

Our research analyzed 173 program reports across 65 countries.

The CLD Assessment Tool is a first step towards creating standards for CLD.

CLD program evaluations need to align with the principles of CLD.

The Movement for Community-Led Development works to bring civil society and governments into an effective partnership to mobilize and empower communities through good local governance, resilience, and quality public services.