Measuring Local Leadership in USAID Programs
Measuring and Motivating Progress: Agency Targets

**Target 1:** USAID will provide at least a quarter of all our program funds directly to local partners by the end of 2025.

**Target 2:** USAID will take steps to ensure that by 2030, fifty percent of our programming will place local communities in the lead to co-design a project, set priorities, drive implementation, and/or define and measure results.
In FY 2022, USAID recorded the highest level and percent of Direct Local Funding in at least a decade.
The Goal

By 2030, 50% of activities will place local communities in the lead to co-design an activity, set priorities, drive implementation, or define and measure results.

The Indicator

Percentage of USAID-funded activities that include “good practices” to elevate local leadership.
300+ organizations participating from 48+ countries and 22 USAID Missions.
Good Practices for Local Leadership

**Working Directly with Local Partners**
- Direct Prime Award to a local partner.

**Creating Effective Local Partnerships**
- Award is co-designed with local partner(s).
- Award to a local partner that is descriptive of desired outcomes but not prescriptive of activities.
- Efforts to achieve full cost recovery are part of the pre-award process and reflected in award.

**Recognizing, Leveraging, Strengthening Local Capacity**
- Demand-driven capacity strengthening approaches are used.
- Support to work directly with USAID is provided.
- Locally led monitoring indicator(s) are included in Activity MEL Plan
- Non-local recipients demonstrate good faith efforts to maximize subawards to local orgs
- Transition award process is included in award
- Local evaluation expertise is included in a core evaluation team.

**Engaging Communities Directly**
- Activity co-created with local communities using participatory systems analysis.
- Listening tour informed the activity design.
- Accountability and Feedback Plan included in MEL Plan
- Participatory MEL approaches used engage local communities to contribute to program MEL