



## LOCAL, FAITH, & TRANSFORMATIVE PARTNERSHIPS HUB

The Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships (LFT) Hub is one of five hubs within the Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation (DDI). DDI’s Centers advance high-priority areas within specific development sectors, while Hubs focus on cross-cutting and sector-agnostic priorities.

The LFT Hub envisions a day when the unique capabilities and leadership of nontraditional and diverse partners ensure sustainable development and enhance U.S. public diplomacy worldwide.

### STRENGTHENING NONTRADITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are at the core of USAID’s work. That’s why USAID is finding ways to strengthen, expand, and diversify its partner base. The LFT Hub is leading the Agency’s work in this space.

The LFT Hub is strengthening USAID’s ability to partner with nontraditional and diverse actors, including local, faith-based and community organizations; schools and hospitals; minority-serving institutions; foundations; diaspora communities; cooperatives; and volunteer organizations. Through LFT’s various initiatives, opportunities, and programs, USAID is harnessing the power of partnerships to advance sustainable and inclusive development, and public diplomacy.

#### LFT Priorities



Support the field on partnering with non-traditional and diverse organizations



Foster locally led, sustainable development



Enhance U.S. public diplomacy

### INITIATIVES

The LFT Hub brings together five operating units (initiatives) that specialize in partnerships with nontraditional and diverse actors. These Initiatives include American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA), the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (FBNP), Locally Led Development Initiatives (LLDI), Minority Serving Institutions (MSI), and the New Partnerships Initiatives (NPI).

- [American Schools and Hospitals Abroad](#) (ASHA) advances U.S. foreign policy and public diplomacy by supporting partnerships between organizations in the U.S. and abroad that strengthen educational and medical institutions. ASHA also manages the [Limited Excess Property Program](#) (LEPP), which provides Private Voluntary Organizations and USAID Missions with federal surplus property to support projects abroad.
- [The Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#) (FBNP) works to build bridges between USAID and faith-based and community organizations. With its mandate from [President Biden's February 2021 Executive Order](#) establishing the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, FBNP reaffirms the U.S. Government's longstanding commitment to work with faith-based and community organizations, including diaspora groups, volunteer networks, and foundations, to advance shared diplomatic, international development, and humanitarian goals worldwide. FBNP also strengthens USAID's capacity to collaborate with these communities through the development of Agency training, research, and policy guidance.
- [Locally Led Development Initiatives](#) (LLDI) has a range of opportunities through which USAID strengthens its ability to work directly with local stakeholders. Through these initiatives – which include [Local Works](#), the [Cooperative Development Program](#) (CDP), and the USAID-Peace Corps partnership on the [Small Project Assistance \(SPA\)](#) program – USAID supports local ownership of the entire development process, from identifying development priorities, to designing and managing the program, and measuring the results.
- [The Minority Serving Institutions Program](#) (MSI) conducts outreach to MSIs – including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and institutions serving Asian Americans, Native American Pacific Islanders and Indigenous Americans – to raise awareness of USAID partnership opportunities and to increase MSI participation in USAID programs.
- [The New Partnerships Initiative](#) (NPI) seeks to diversify USAID's partner base and change how the Agency partners by lowering the barriers that nontraditional and new partners face to working with USAID. To this end, NPI makes Agency information, resources, support, and funding opportunities more transparent and accessible to all of USAID's potential partners, with an emphasis on new and nontraditional partnerships that promote local leadership, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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