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# MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

## OVERVIEW

Key decisions for sustainable development are supported using reliable data and solid evidence. Through this activity, USAID promotes the use of evidence among development professionals in Peru for the design and implementation of effective and sustainable programs. It also seeks to strengthen monitoring, evaluation, and learning capacities throughout the development community.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for Sustainability (MELS) designs and conducts assessments, evaluations and other studies that contribute to the use of evidence for decision making. The recommendations of these studies are discussed in collaboration and learning spaces and are disseminated to support strategic planning and adaptive management. MELS works in Peru and supports USAID offices in Brazil, Ecuador and Paraguay in the design and implementation of diagnoses and evaluations with the same purpose of contributing to making better decisions.

## HOW DOES MELS WORK?

**Knowledge.** To trigger evidence and contribute to knowledge generation, MELS uses appreciative and participatory approaches in methodology, information gathering, analysis and dissemination of studies under international quality standards.

**Capacity development.** To strengthen monitoring and evaluation capacities, MELS collaborates with authorities of the Government of Peru and USAID implementing partners in the identification of gaps and training, in the design and implementation of monitoring and evaluation workshops, online training and coaching, and in the construction of knowledge exchange spaces for continuous improvement.

**Collaboration with local partners.** To ensure that the evidence generated from monitoring and evaluation is widely accessible and used, MELS collaborates with local partners in defining learning priorities and managing knowledge, through participatory and innovative tools.

## KEY RESULTS

- **Recommendations plans based on final and midterm evaluations of USAID/Peru activities:** Three Global Development Alliances (Digital and Financial Services, Coffee Alliance for Excellence and Peru Cacao Alliance II), Natural infrastructure for Water Security (NIWS) and Amazon Indigenous Rights and Resources
- **Analysis and evidence to support new USAID/Peru activities:** Environment Compliance Review of three Global Development Alliances in alternative development, Study on Gender and Corruption in Cajamarca, Cusco, Huanuco, Madre de Dios, San Martin and Ucayali, Study on LGBTIQ+ Populations: Ecuador and Peru.
- **Strengthened monitoring, evaluation, and learning capacities and supported strategic USAID/Peru processes:** Data Quality Assessment, Performance Monitoring Plan, Performance Plan and Report, and the Mid-Course Stocktaking of USAID/Peru's Country Development Cooperation Strategy. Implementation of the Development Information Solution (DIS) system and Maps elaboration with essential geographic information for USAID and the US Embassy in Peru. Implementing partners' institutional performance strengthened, focusing on crucial development topics like gender inclusion in monitoring and evaluation systems, measuring capacity building initiatives, and involving the private sector in development interventions.
- **Peruvian Government institutions strengthened and using monitoring, evaluation, and learning tools.** Well-defined diagnosis and a proposal to integrate the Presidency of the Ministry Council's information system. One updated norm and one module for better information management, along with trained staff in data processing and analysis at the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation. A comprehensive diagnosis and proposal for developing the information system at the Ucayali Regional Government.
- **Enhanced USAID/Peru's effectiveness through collaboration, learning, and knowledge transfer.** Knowledge capture and transfer protocol aimed at ensuring seamless operations and effective knowledge management during staff transitions. Knowledge sharing, fostering horizontal learning, collaboration, and encouraging better problem-solving practices promoted among USAID partners at the regions of Ucayali and Madre de Dios.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

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