

# Locally Led Programs Indicator Reporting FAQs

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## **1. What is the Locally Led Programs Indicator?**

The Locally Led Programs indicator tracks the Agency's efforts to elevate local leadership of USAID programs, one of the Agency's two localization goals that focus on shifting funding and decision making power to the local actors driving change in their own countries and communities. The indicator measures the percentage of USAID-funded activities in a given fiscal year that create space for local actors—including local partners, host country governments, and local communities—to exercise leadership over USAID-funded development and humanitarian programming. By capturing a range of good practices that create space for local leadership across priority setting, activity design, partnership formation, implementation, and defining and measuring results, the indicator covers the multiple ways USAID engages with local actors—whether they are recipients of direct funding, sub-partners to an international intermediary, participants in a USAID program, or members of a community affected by USAID programming. In addition to reporting an overall percentage of locally led activities, USAID will track the individual good practices to understand more about how we work as an Agency.

## **2. How was the indicator developed?**

The Locally Led Programs Indicator was developed by USAID, informed by consultations with a range of stakeholders representing over 48 countries, more than 300 organizations, and spanning all sectors and geographic regions in which USAID works. Read more about the consultation process, findings, and how that learning informed the development of the indicator in the blog: ["What does it mean for USAID Programs to be Locally Led? We Asked!"](#)

## **3. Where can I find the Performance Indicator Reference Sheet, guidance, and other information on the Locally Led Programs Indicator?**

Information on the Locally Led Programs Indicator can be found on [USAID's Localization Measurement Website](#).

## **4. What entities report on this indicator?**

The Locally Led Programs Indicator is reported internally. USAID missions and OUs report on the indicator for all eligible activities within their portfolios. USAID partners are currently not required, nor expected to report on the indicator.

## **5. What activities in an OU or mission's portfolio will be included in reporting on the Locally Led Programs Indicator?**

Missions and OUs will report on any implementing mechanism in their portfolio (i.e. that is funded by their OYB) that carries out an intervention or set of interventions to advance identified development or humanitarian result(s). Activities include contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements with international or local organizations; direct agreements with partner governments, other USG agencies, or public international organizations; and

partial credit guarantees that mobilize private capital, among other examples. Activities also include buy-ins under global awards (e.g., Field Support mechanisms) that generate programmatic results in a given country or region. This also includes awards from pillar bureaus like GH and BHA. For the purposes of this indicator, all activities count regardless of the type of implementing partner.

## **6. What is the Agency going to do with this information?**

USAID will conduct analysis of the information generated through the annual reporting process, and include the analysis, findings, recommendations, and other information in an annual Localization Progress Report available on the [USAID Localization Measurement website](#). Results will first be reported in the second progress report, expected to be available in or around the first quarter of 2024.

At the agency level, USAID will use the information to identify opportunities to support OUs and teams to advance Locally Led Development in activity design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

By reflecting on the information generated by this indicator, USAID Missions and operating units will be able to identify opportunities and prioritize actions that elevate opportunities for local actors to exercise leadership and decision making power in USAID programs.

## **7. What should current USAID partners, stakeholders, and organizations interested in partnering with USAID do in regard to the indicator and the 14 practices?**

We recognize that the Agency's many, diverse partners and stakeholders are not just implementers for our programming, but also, key actors in shaping the broader path towards more sustainable development outcomes within a given country, sector, region, and globally. As such, we encourage our partners and stakeholders to learn about the Locally Led Programs Indicator and the fourteen good practices and to reflect on their own role and opportunities to promote these and other good practices to advance local leadership of USAID programming. We encourage you to share with us your ideas and recommendations on the indicator so we can continue to learn and improve our ability to measure locally led development.

## **8. Who do we contact for more information?**

For more information about the LLP Indicator, please email us at [llp-reporting@usaid.gov](mailto:llp-reporting@usaid.gov).