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LOCALLY LED DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Local leadership and ownership are essential to fostering sustainable results across USAID’s development and humanitarian assistance work.

The Locally Led Development Initiatives (LLDI) are enhancing and advancing USAID’s ability to support local leadership and ownership. LLDI has a range of uniquely flexible programs and opportunities, as well as tools and research, that support local ownership throughout the development process.

LLDI, previously the Office of Local Sustainability, is part of the [Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships Hub](#) in the [Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation](#).

ADVANCING LOCALLY LED DEVELOPMENT

[Locally led development](#) is the process in which local actors – encompassing individuals, communities, networks, organizations, private entities, and governments – set their own agendas, develop solutions, and bring the capacity, leadership, and resources to make those solutions a reality.

Through the following programs and opportunities, LLDI is advancing USAID’s ability to support locally led development.

PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- [Cooperative Development Program](#) (CDP): Investing in cooperatives and credit unions around the world to build social cohesion, stabilize economies, and support local communities.
- [Local Works](#): Working with USAID Missions to drive innovation and experimentation in locally led development.
- [Locally Led Development Research](#) (LLD Research): Generating evidence and learning to drive a more effective approach to locally led development.
- [Locally Led Development Annual Program Statement](#) (APS): Enabling USAID Missions to solicit, co-create, and fund innovative approaches to locally led development.
- [Unsolicited Solutions for Locally Led Development](#) (US4LLD): Supporting innovative ideas for locally led development.
- [Small Project Assistance Program](#) (SPA): Partnering with the Peace Corps to address community priorities and boost local capacity.

WHERE WE WORK

LLDI works in every region around the world. [Visit the interactive map](#) for additional details.



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