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Rwandan Child Protection & Welfare Officer with D4I M&E Advisor. © Lisa Parker, D4I.

Localization and Local Capacity Strengthening in Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL)

Localizing MERL helps ensure that local actors have the resources and capacity needed for equitable, evidence-informed decision making. Applications of this in MERL activities include local capacity strengthening, using a systems lens, engaging with diverse stakeholders, and implementing other good practices for locally led development.

The D4I resources highlighted in this newsletter provide tools and approaches for effective capacity action planning, monitoring sustainability including local actors' roles in complex program systems, promoting local voices through social accountability methods, and more.

EVENTS

Upcoming Webinar

Localization in MERL Webinar Series

D4I is kicking off a webinar series on localization in MERL this month with the two webinars highlighted below. Throughout 2024, D4I will host more localization in MERL webinars.

Using Sentinel Indicators and Network Analysis to Assess Health Program Sustainability in Nigeria
February 28, 2024, 9am EST/15:00 UTC+1

Register

Webinar Recording

Social Accountability in Ethiopia: Community Score Card Implementation to Improve Primary Health Care
February 14, 2024, 8am EST/16:00 UTC+3

Watch Now

Save the Date!

Panel Discussion: Shifting Power and the Need to Better Understand Locally Led Capacity Strengthening Efforts
March 27, 2024, 9am EDT/15:00 UTC+3

RESOURCES

Strengthening Local Capacity

D4I works to ensure that its capacity strengthening approach is aligned with USAID's Local Capacity Strengthening Policy. Wherever possible, the project incorporates intentional, demand-driven processes that start with understanding local systems and the roles that local actors play.

How can we increase the capacity of local actors for rigorous evaluation? The resources on our Strengthen Local Capacity page and videos on the Strengthen Local Capacity YouTube Playlist offer insight into fostering the technical capacity of individuals and organizations. Want to learn more about D4I's approach to individual and institutional capacity strengthening? Read this brief!

TOOLS

Catalyzing Capacity Strengthening: D4I's Research and Evaluation Capacity Assessment Tool and Resource Package (RECAP)

Did you know that you can find a wide array of tools and resources for assessing research and evaluation capacity all in one place? RECAP supports local organizations to rapidly assess their technical and management capacity for conducting research and evaluations. It also helps users create actionable plans for institutional strengthening, with the goal of improving country and organizational capacity to address local

health information gaps and to receive direct awards from the USAID and other funders.

Discover the user guide, tool summary, assessment workbook, and webinar recording introducing RECAP today!

Using Tools and Resources to Support Local Capacity Strengthening

Interested in learning how to plan, identify, and implement capacity strengthening solutions? Check out these Tools and Resources to Support Local Capacity Strengthening.

Putting USAID's Local Capacity Strengthening Policy into Practice

Looking for innovative ways to engage with local partners? Learn more through the following case studies that highlight D4I's local partnerships in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Moldova, Nigeria, and Rwanda.

D4I has partnered with the Kinshasa School of Public Health in the DRC to evaluate the USAID-funded Integrated Health Program, focused on strengthening the country's health system. D4I put into practice USAID's LCS Policy and designed interventions with sustainability and the local system in mind.

In Moldova, Territorial Social Assistance Structures (TSAS) provide support to individuals and families to reduce adversity and promote social inclusion. Following a capacity assessment in 2020, D4I has developed and implemented a capacity strengthening plan to support TSAS.

In collaboration with Data Research and Mapping Consult, Ltd. in Nigeria, D4I implemented the RECAP tool to identify existing organizational strengths and opportunities for growth in qualitative data collection and analysis, quantitative data analysis, and results dissemination.

Rwanda's National Child Development Agency has partnered with D4I to improve the availability and use of data for policy and programmatic decision making to support children facing adversity. Capacity strengthening interventions were designed to correspond with the Government of Rwanda's goals and priorities with specific actions, roles, and expected outcomes outlined in the Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Strengthening Plan.

FAMILY PLANNING (FP) AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (RH)

Strengthening Local Research Capacity through Small Grants

Locally led research capacity strengthening can be a sustainable solution to building the evidence base to identify best practices in health and improve health outcomes. Small grants are one solution to promote research capacity. D4I funded four small grants and provided technical assistance to the sub-grantee teams.

Find out more in this four-part blog series by Knowledge SUCCESS, featuring the tacit lessons and experiences of FP and RH research conducted in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria, and Nepal.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Assessing the readiness of health facilities to provide family planning services in low-resource settings: Insights from nationally representative service provision assessment surveys in 10 Countries

Reports

- D4I Tanzania Intensive Site Monitoring: Year End Report

Briefs

- FUTURES Project Midline Evaluation: Most Significant Change (MSC) Results
- FUTURES Project Midline Evaluation: Key Findings
- Child Development and Protection Sub-Cluster Meetings, October 2022 to August 2023
- Progress Brief: M&E Framework Implementation Plan in Rwanda
- Data for Impact (D4I) Year 5 Annual Highlights

Other Resources

- Standard Operating Procedure for Integrating Gender in Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research
- D4I/USAID Tanzania – Intensive Site Monitoring Process
- Private Sector Engagement (PSE) Self-Assessment Monitoring (SAM) Tool

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