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Strengthening Local Capacity

D4I's [capacity strengthening](#) approach empowers local actors to plan, identify, and implement solutions to their own development challenges and fosters the technical capacity of individuals and organizations.

In this edition of the D4I Monitor, learn about D4I's efforts in strengthening local capacity, mark your calendars for upcoming events, and explore recent publications!



Tools and Resources to Support Local Capacity Strengthening

Wondering what resources D4I has available to support local capacity strengthening? [This brief](#) summarizes tools and resources developed by D4I, plus tools created under MEASURE Evaluation.

Strengthening Capacity in the DRC, Nigeria, and Rwanda

D4I works with countries to increase capacity for rigorous evaluation by engaging with local institutions and evaluators as essential collaborators, systems actors, and learning partners. The following case studies highlight D4I's partnership with three local partners—the [Kinshasa School of Public Health in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) (DRC); [Data Research and Mapping Consult, Ltd. in Nigeria](#); and [Rwanda's National Child Development Agency](#).

March 2023

Strengthening Capacity in Nigeria: A Case Study

Background
The USAID Banded Data for Impact (D4I) project works with countries to increase capacity for rigorous evaluation by engaging with local institutions and evaluators to establish collaborative, systems-driven and learning partners. We plan and implement diverse capacity strengthening approaches, design our efforts around local priorities, and work to measure improvements in capacity and performance resulting from these efforts.

Context
USAID/Nigeria asked D4I to conduct an evaluation assessing the implementation and sustained effectiveness of USAID banded health, population, and nutrition (HPN) activities with a focus on understanding the differences between integrated and discipline-specific (siloed) approaches. As part of this effort, D4I has partnered with a Nigerian research organization and has collaborated with individual actors and host government entities. Local engagement extends to all aspects of the evaluation, including design, planning, capacity strengthening through collaborative implementation, training, and other strategies,

and support for evidence use in policies and programs.

In addition to the national opportunities for organizational capacity strengthening offered by co-implementing a large-scale evaluation, D4I and IDRC worked together to identify and design a set of activities to strengthen the organization's capacity to conduct qualitative research, among other priority topics.

USAID LCS Policy Principle 1: Start with the local system. Local capacity strengthening is a strategic and intentional investment in the process of partnering with local actors including individuals, organizations, and networks, to jointly improve the performance of a local system to produce locally valued and sustainable development outcomes. With IDRC, D4I focused capacity strengthening interventions to include and support local actors in the manner who their partners within the existing system to reduce overall system performance.




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February 2023

Strengthening evaluation capacity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A Case Study

Background
The USAID Banded Data for Impact (D4I) project works with countries to increase capacity for rigorous evaluation by engaging with local institutions and evaluators to establish collaborative, systems-driven and learning partners. We strive to reflect the principles for effective programs and capable personnel described in USAID's Local Capacity Strengthening (LCS) Policy by designing our efforts around local priorities, identifying and implementing diverse capacity strengthening approaches, and measuring the change in performance that result from these efforts.

Context
USAID/DRC asked D4I to evaluate IDRC's impact on the health system and health outcomes and design and implement complementary interventions to strengthen a collaborative capacity

with KISTH, The Kinshasa School of Public Health in the rapidly public health sector in the DRC, whose graduate go on to work with government health systems, local research organizations, and USAID implementing partners. Internationally, donor-driven engagement with the school is most striking strategically about how individual contributions to and benefits from the university's institutional capacity used to stimulate strengthen the organization and networks with KISTH affiliates as well.

USAID LCS Policy Principle 1: Start with the local system. This principle emphasizes the importance of engaging with local actors to understand the context and potential actors that they play in generating health and development outcomes. It also encourages the exploration of the existing and potential relationships that shape institutions and sectors. With KISTH already providing training in evaluation, D4I was able to offer opportunities and resources to address this systems response to local actor practices.




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June 2023

Strengthening Capacity for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Data Use in Rwanda: A Case Study

Background
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Banded Data for Impact (D4I) project works with countries to increase capacity for evaluation and data use by engaging with local actors as essential collaborators and learning partners. We plan and implement diverse capacity strengthening approaches, design our efforts around local priorities, and work to measure improvements in capacity and performance resulting from these efforts.

Context
In Rwanda, the government has partnered with USAID's Center on Children, Adolescence with a goal of improving the availability and use of data for policy and programmatic decision-making to support children facing adversity. As part of these efforts, D4I has partnered with NCD to strengthen data collection and reporting and information management systems, including development of an integrated monitoring and information management system for child protection services. In partnership with NCD, D4I is supporting

USAID LCS Policy Principle 1: Start with the local system. In working to improve the performance of the existing information systems designed to support children facing adversity, D4I and NCD set out in a joint effort to understand the existing systems and organizational capacities at NCD and their partners through a participatory assessment. This informed the selection of data for measure M&E capacity strengthening interventions.




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In Colombia, participants and D4I facilitators discuss indicators to measure and evaluate Colombia's progress in child protection and case management. © 2023 Data for Impact

Improving Child Protection and Care in Colombia

Read [our latest blog post](#) to discover how D4I supported the Colombia Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF) to develop and prioritize 19 child protection indicators to improve the standardization and quality of case management.

Read Blog

EVENTS

Upcoming Webinar

[Bangladesh's Adolescent Landscape: Unveiling Insights from the Bangladesh Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Survey 2019-2020](#)

Monday, October 30, 9:00-10:15 am EST / 7:00 pm GMT+6

Register



Webinar Recordings



- [Charting a Path Towards Local Capacity Strengthening: Systems and Tools for Mapping and Planning](#)
- [Research and Evaluation Needs to Support Sustainable Health Programs](#)
- [Equitable Approaches and Tools in Knowledge Management](#)
- [Preparing Social Workers for Data-Driven Practice](#)



Conference Updates

Join D4I at the [American Evaluation Association \(AEA\) Conference 2023](#) from **October 9-14, 2023**, in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the conference, D4I staff and partners will participate in a roundtable on capacity strengthening in the [DRC](#) and [Nigeria](#), a panel on [narratives of sustainability in Nigeria](#), and a session about an assessment of the [USAID Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy](#).

Close-out Events

In July 2023, D4I held close-out events for the USAID-funded children in adversity activities in [Armenia](#) and [Colombia](#).



Participants and D4I facilitators during the July 2023 workshop.

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Representatives from D4I, the Armenia Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, and USAID/Armenia at the close-out event that showcased highlights from the child protection and C-TIP activities in July 2023.



EvidenceUse Champions at the Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation Annual Meeting in Abuja, June 2023.

Evaluating USAID Nigeria's Health, Population, and Nutrition (HPN) Activities

For the [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation](#), D4I disseminated midline qualitative results at a [national-level validation meeting](#) in June and three state-level dissemination events in July/August.

Check out the updated [Nigeria web page](#) to view several publications and interact with activity timelines for three states—[Ebonyi](#), [Kebbi](#), and [Zamfara](#).

D4I's Work in Moldova Wins Multiple Awards

In June, D4I consortium partner [Palladium](#) was awarded the "Support to Ukraine" [Global Impact Award](#) from the International Stability Operations Association. The award recognizes D4I's support of Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. USAID/Moldova celebrated and shared the news on its [Facebook page](#).

In September, the USAID Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning recognized [USAID/Moldova's D4I activity](#) for external collaboration and adaptive management. D4I was one of nine winners of the [2023 Collaborate, Learn, and Adapt \(CLA\) Case Competition](#) among more than 150 applicants. By harnessing the power of locally-led CLA, D4I has created a cultural shift in using data to improve child outcomes in [Moldova](#).



Have you used D4I resources or evidence?

Have you used a D4I tool or resource in your work? Please tell us about it in this [short survey](#).

Have you used results from a D4I assessment or evaluation to make a decision about programs or policies? Please tell us in this [quick survey](#).



Journal Articles

- [Differences by age group in gender-related attitudes in Oromia, Ethiopia: Findings from a cross-sectional study of women of reproductive age](#)
- [Maternal mortality in Bangladesh: Who, when, why, and where? A national survey-based analysis](#)
- [Levels, trends, causes, place and time of, care-seeking for, and barriers in preventing indirect maternal deaths in Bangladesh: An analysis of national-level household surveys](#)
- [Preeclampsia and eclampsia-specific maternal mortality in Bangladesh: Levels, trends, timing, and care-seeking practices](#)
- [Association of gender-related factors and household food security in southwest Oromia, Ethiopia: evidence from a cross-sectional study](#)
- [Levels and trends in mortality and causes of death among women of reproductive age in Bangladesh: Findings from three national surveys](#)
- [Estimating the effects of COVID-19 on essential health services utilization in Uganda and Bangladesh using data from routine health information systems](#)
- [Area-specific covid-19 effects on health services utilization in the Democratic Republic of the Congo using routine health information system data](#)



Reports

- [Counter-Trafficking in Persons \(C-TIP\): Data Sources Review Report](#)
- [Republica Moldova: Copiii beneficiari ai serviciilor sociale în 2022](#)
- [Rapport de visite d'étude : Visite d'échange de Madagascar en Éthiopie](#)
- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation Most Significant Change \(MSC\) Workshop Results: Ebonyi, Kebbi, and Zamfara States](#)
- [Counter-Trafficking in Persons \(C-TIP\) Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Assessment Report for Armenia](#)
- [High Impact Practices \(HIPs\) in Family Planning \(FP\): A qualitative assessment of quality and scale of implementation for three service delivery HIPs in Bangladesh and Tanzania](#)
- [Study Visit Report: Madagascar Exchange Visit to Ethiopia](#)
- [Neonatal Mortality Estimates and Associated Risk Factors in Nine Counties in Kenya](#)



Briefs

- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation Most Significant Change Workshop Results: Ebonyi State](#)

- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation Most Significant Change Workshop Results: Kebbi State](#)
- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation Most Significant Change Workshop Results: Zamfara State](#)
- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation Most Significant Change: Methods Brief](#)
- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation Findings from a Most Significant Change \(MSC\) Workshop in Kebbi](#)
- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation: Findings from a Most Significant Change \(MSC\) Workshop in Ebonyi](#)
- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation: Findings from Most Significant Change Workshops in Ebonyi, Kebbi, and Zamfara](#)
- [Nigeria HPN Multi-Activity Evaluation: Findings from a Most Significant Change \(MSC\) Workshop in Zamfara](#)
- [Activité IMPACT Madagascar : dossier d'évaluation à mi-parcours](#)
- [D4I Technical Assistance on the Establishment of the Case Management Information System \(CMIS\) in Armenia](#)



Other Resources ▶

- [Care System Reform Information Needs Framework](#)
- [Results Framework for Human Trafficking and Exploitation: The 2023-2025 National Action Plan](#)
- [2023-2025 թ.թ. Մարդկանց Թրաֆիքինգի դեմ պայքարի գործողությունների ազգային ծրագրի արդյունքային շրջանակ](#)
- [C-TIP Data Flow Brief: Collection, Reporting, and Recommendations of Identified Gaps](#)

Work with the Measure Program

The Measure Program is hiring a Knowledge Management Manager. This temporary position will last from approximately November 2023 to March 2024. [Apply by October 6th!](#)



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