OFFICE OF LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY
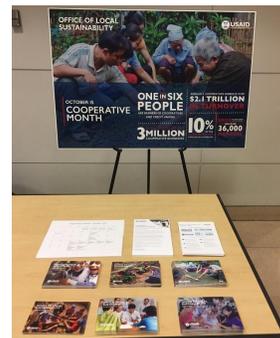## Leading USAID's locally-led development efforts

October 2018

Zambia: Small Project Assistance (SPA) Program Supports Women's Group

Using a SPA grant from USAID, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia helped a local women's group establish a garden to improve nutrition and help women build business skills. The garden expanded year-round access to nutritious produce, generated income for a local women's club, and created opportunities for women to start their own home gardens. Members of the group also gained valuable business and financial skills by marketing and selling seeds and using the profits to invest in new businesses.

Malawi: New Locally-Led Development Projects

Using Local Works funds, World Connect has launched 24 locally-led development projects in Malawi from April-September 2018. With more than $65,000 in small grants through field partners such as the Young African Leader's Initiative, CorpsAfrica, the Segal Family Foundation, and vetted community-based organizations, these projects work to combat local challenges. Each project grant is less than $3,000, serving as a direct, low-risk/high-reward investment in local

October is National Cooperative Month

Cooperatives generate more than $2.1 trillion in gross annually. This month, USAID is showcasing how cooperatives sustain inclusive economies and improve the livelihoods of more than 1.27 billion cooperative members worldwide. The Office of Local Sustainability (E3/LS) is hosting several events to highlight USAID's partnership with cooperatives. Check out this calendar* to learn more about USAID's National Cooperative Month activities.

Systems Training for Local Actors

Local Systems Practice, a co-created research initiative, is developing a cutting edge systems training for local actors. The training will consist of three individual week-long modules:

- Introduction to Systems Thinking and Scanning
- Actor Mapping and Network Strengthening
- Factors and Causality

While designed for local organizations, this training will also be open to USAID staff and is ideal for anyone interested in learning more about systems or applying a systems-thinking lens to their work. Please contact Elliot Signorelli for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

- **E3/LS launched a global community of practice for Local Works missions to facilitate knowledge sharing on locally-led development for USAID staff.**

- **Check out this month's USAID Cooperative Development Program (CDP) Learning Series blog post: Results-Based Funding in Ugandan Health Cooperatives.**

- **E3 Deputy Assistant Administrator Julie Cram was the keynote speaker at the National Cooperative Business Association, CLUSA International's Cooperative IMPACT Conference. She addressed USAID's Journey to Self-Reliance and the impact of E3/LS' CDP.**

- **E3/LS' CDP highlights findings on self-reliance in Poland, 20 years following USAID programming. The research was conducted by the Overseas Cooperative Development Council's Research Group showcasing the economic and social benefits sustained for cooperative membership and their communities.**

- **Equal Exchange, a CDP cooperative, just released its cacao sensory analysis tool and will present it at the cacao conference in Paris later this month. This tool will influence how the industry characterizes and grades specialty cacao.**

- **A Congressionally-mandated report on local sustainable development and Local Works is now live.**

- **Beginning this month, E3/LS will facilitate several Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) co-creation workshops in Lilongwe, Malawi. These events will gather local organizations to brainstorm solutions to challenging issues across a range of development sectors.**

SAVE THE DATE

October 23

12:00pm - 1:00pm: U.S. Overseas Cooperative Development Council Cooperative Leadership Webinar. Click here to join: AidConnect Webinar or attend in-person *(USAID staff only)* at Ronald Reagan Building Room 3.09.10

October 30

10:00am - 11:00am: Member Ownership & Value Retention in Agricultural Cooperatives Webinar. Click here to join: Aidconnect Webinar

10:00am - 11:00am: Results-Based Financing in Ugandan Health

October
31

Cooperatives Webinar. Click here to join: AidConnect Webinar

Find out more about our office!

Visit our locally-led development hub to view our knowledge products
For internal USAID staff

Questions? Send us an email