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Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships Hub (LFT)

The Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships (LFT) Hub works to mobilize the unique capabilities and leadership of new, nontraditional, and diverse partners to ensure sustainable development and enhance U.S. public diplomacy worldwide.

PRIORITIES



Support

Missions on partnering with non-traditional and diverse organizations



Foster

locally led, sustainable development



Enhance

United States public diplomacy

PURPOSE

Partnerships are at the core of USAID's work. As an Agency for inclusive development, USAID is finding ways to strengthen, expand, and diversify its partner base. The LFT Hub is leading the Agency's work in this space.

The LFT Hub strengthens USAID's ability to partner with new, nontraditional, and diverse actors, including: local, faith-based, and community organizations; schools and hospitals;

foundations; diaspora communities; cooperatives; volunteer organizations; and more. Across sectors and priorities, the LFT Hub harnesses the power of partnerships to advance USAID's sustainable, inclusive development and public diplomacy efforts.

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LFT PROGRAMS

The LFT Hub brings together the following USAID initiatives that specialize in partnerships with new, nontraditional, and diverse actors.

American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)

[ASHA](#) advances U.S. foreign policy and public diplomacy by supporting partnerships between organizations in the U.S. and abroad that strengthen educational and medical institutions, libraries, and centers of excellence. ASHA also manages the [Limited Excess Property Program](#) (LEPP) which provides U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations and USAID Missions with access to federal surplus property to support their development projects abroad.

Locally Led Development Initiatives (LLDI)

[LLDI](#) offers uniquely flexible programs, opportunities, tools, and research to support local ownership and leadership throughout the development process. Programs include [Local Works](#), [Unsolicited Solutions for Locally Led Development](#), Peace Corps [Small Project Assistance program and Global Agreement](#), and [Locally Led Development Research](#). LLDI created the Locally Led Annual Development Program Statement and co-created the Local Capacity Strengthening Policy — a [policy to invest in the capacity of local partners](#) to better achieve inclusive and locally led development.

Cooperative Development Program (CDP)

The [Cooperative Development Program](#) (CDP) is a global initiative that is strengthening the capacity of [cooperative](#) businesses, credit unions and cooperative ecosystems. USAID supports overseas cooperative development through partnerships with U.S.-based Cooperative Development Organizations (CDOs) working in a diversity of sectors. With the goal of advancing sustainable and inclusive development globally, CDP invests in cooperatives to build social cohesion, stabilize economies, and support local communities.

New Partnerships Initiative (NPI)

[NPI](#) supports USAID Missions and Operating Units to design funding opportunities and partnership approaches that help the Agency better collaborate with new, nontraditional, and local actors through strengthened accountability, capacity, and local leadership. In pursuit of more inclusive development, NPI seeks to diversify USAID's partnerships and change how the Agency partners by lowering the barriers faced by nontraditional partners, including through the [Work with USAID](#) website.



The Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (FBNP)

[FBNP](#) works to build bridges between USAID and faith-based and community organizations. FBNP reaffirms the U.S. Government's longstanding commitment to work with these communities — including religious actors, diaspora groups, volunteer networks, and foundations — in order to advance shared development goals and strengthen the Agency's capacity to partner with them through improved policy, training, and technical assistance. In 2023, FBNP launched the [Building Bridges in Development: USAID's Strategic Religious Engagement Policy](#).

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