



# NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE EXPAND

*New Partners for Better Health*

New Partnerships Initiative Expanding Health Partnerships (NPI EXPAND) is a five year project funded by USAID operating globally in a diverse range of technical work. NPI EXPAND operates by **engaging and leveraging the expertise of new and underutilized local partners** (NUPs), such as community based organizations, faith based organizations, and small businesses, while simultaneously strengthening the capacity of local organizations serving diverse groups. A core function of NPI EXPAND is implementing a range of **customized, targeted capacity strengthening activities** with local partners. Technical activities are mainly in the areas of **health and education** with integration with environment, economic growth, social accountability, advocacy, and social marketing.

## Our Goals

- 1. Organizational sustainability of new and underutilized local entities or locally established partners strengthened
- 2. Utilization of high quality, high impact health services, information, and supplies expanded
- 3. Promising and innovative health approaches scaled up through new and underutilized partnerships for increased sustainability

## Where We Work



## Technical Areas



Family Planning



Maternal, Newborn, Child Health



COVID-19 Mitigation



Gender and Social Inclusion



Education



Advocacy and Social Accountability



Population, Health, and Environment

## What We Do

### CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

NPI EXPAND uses a variety of assessment tools and approaches to work with partners to identify capacity and performance gaps that inform capacity strengthening plans and activities that are owned by the local partners. A variety of capacity strengthening activities and support grants are implemented to improve organizational capacity and technical performance. As of Year 5, NPI EXPAND has organized over 1000 separate capacity strengthening activities, with over 9,000 instances of grantee participation. Additionally, four new technical organizational capacity assessment tools have been developed and piloted for social marketing, gender integration, COVID-19, and social accountability.



### Key Results

*Through Year 5*

- **8.47 million people** reached with COVID 19 mitigation information in 5 countries
- **Over 6 million people** reached with family planning information in Senegal
- **511,906 couple years of protection** delivered in Mali and Senegal
- **395,796 maternal, newborn, and child health visits** provided in South America
- **16 local organizations** in Pakistan, Kenya, Ethiopia and Tanzania incorporated gender integration into their organizational policies
- **Six gender, health, and education innovations** identified for scale up by local partners in 5 countries
- **18 learning centers** established for girls in Pakistan

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL PARTNERS

A core function of NPI EXPAND is selecting local organizations to receive grants and negotiating fixed amount awards (FAA). The FAA grants minimize audit risk for EXPAND and the grantee and incentivize grantees to focus on timely results.

Through year 5, EXPAND has:

- Issued **185 grants**
- To **92 different grantees**
- In **11 countries**
- For a total value of over **\$39 million**

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

As a global USAID project at the forefront of localization, NPI EXPAND hopes to improve knowledge and practice around capacity strengthening. NPI EXPAND hosts an ongoing webinar series with USAID on local capacity strengthening and global health, bringing together a range of panelists and attracting nearly 1,800 participants to date. In Year 5, NPI EXPAND launched its own Lessons in Localization series of webinars and through the eight webinars, it will reach 1500 participants from around the world.

NPI EXPAND also documents success stories and lessons learned, and conducts research on three key Learning Questions:

1. What organizational strengthening strategies for revenue generation and diversification work best for NUPs and under what conditions?
2. What capacity strengthening activities or combination of activities contribute the most to improved organizational performance?
3. To what extent does the adoption of the minimum 10% rate for

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