



EngenderHealth Partnerships Summary

Overview

Partnerships are fundamental to every aspect of EngenderHealth's work, across geographies and technical areas. While they take many varied forms, successful partnerships are comprised of shared decision-making power, clearly defined roles and responsibilities, and collaboration.

At the regional and global levels, EngenderHealth collaborates, shares knowledge, and learns from other organizations, through individual partnerships and participation in different types of fora including technical working groups, coalitions, and consortia. With these partners, we participate in global agenda setting, serve on advisory groups, and support communities of practice.

In the countries where we work, we have strong and often long-standing relationships with national and local governments, health-system authorities, and associations of healthcare professionals. We partner with community-based organizations, national technical working groups, and national and local civil society organizations, including women- and youth-led organizations. With these partners, we co-design and co-implement projects, support capacity strengthening, and design our engagement for mutual learning and growth. We are committed to supporting country-led solutions for country-specific opportunities and challenges; designing projects for local needs with local partners; developing and supporting systems and capacities for the future; and strengthening and shifting power and resources to national and local partners.

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How We Work with Local Partners

Convener and Amplifier

EngenderHealth strives to amplify the work of local organizations by elevating their voices, strengthening their skills, fostering connections across communities and countries, and bringing separate but related networks together. In this way, EngenderHealth supports young feminist activist networks and organizations in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Côte d'Ivoire through our Equitable Partnership with Youth-Led Organizations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Elimination project. The goal of this project is to ensure women, girls, and young people exercise their sexual and reproductive rights and live in a world free from violence. Through the project, we have established equitable partnerships with nine youth-led organizations (three in each country) and are providing technical and financial support to ensure they can effectively implement their advocacy goals and plans. These efforts are strengthening grassroots and regional SRHR and GBV movements, which previously operated separately from one another, and amplifying the voices of young feminist activists and organizations for more effective advocacy of SRHR at all levels.



We have been able to legally register as an NGO [nongovernmental organization]. Now we are eligible to apply for funding from donors on our own and in partnership with EngenderHealth and others.

Youth-Led Organization Partner, Côte d'Ivoire



Co-Design and Joint Implementation

A program can only be successful when the qualities, abilities, and experience of its partners are aligned with the program's deliverables and objectives. When forming partnerships, we seek out organizations with complementary expertise and aligned values. This enables us to facilitate a truly "one team" approach guided by co-creation and joint implementation. To ensure that our Scaling Up Family Planning in Tanzania project reaches the country's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations, such as people living with disabilities, we are partnering with a local organization, Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT). CCBRT's extensive experience delivering services to people with disabilities, combined with EngenderHealth's expertise strengthening the quality of contraceptive services, is accelerating uptake of SRHR services among impacted populations, addressing gaps in service delivery, and making services more inclusive.

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In Nigeria, as part of our global Momentum Safe Surgery in Family Planning and Obstetrics project, EngenderHealth collaborates with partners including the West Africa College of Surgeons and the Centre for Population and Reproductive Health. To launch this joint partnership, we hosted a comprehensive co-creation process to develop a country-led, context-specific project workplan. Acting as a catalyst, the project uses learning-by-doing interventions to strengthen the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women Affairs to implement a locally led approach that best meets the needs of women and adolescent girls.

Technical Assistance and Capacity Strengthening

EngenderHealth offers technical support in our core impact areas—SRHR, including contraception and abortion care; GBV; and maternal and obstetric care—as well as the integration of a gender, youth, and social inclusion lens across programming and organizational operations. In addition, EngenderHealth provides coaching and mentorship to organizations on donor procurement processes (including proposal writing and management), financial management, and donor reporting. These efforts enable our partners to become better able to pursue, access, and steward donor funds, diversifying their portfolios and deepening their impact.

For example, following the successful completion of the EngenderHealth-led Burundians Responding Against Violence and Inequality project, EngenderHealth supported our local partner, Society for Women against AIDS in Africa (SWAA-Burundi) to prime and win its first award directly from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for the follow-on GIR'ITEKA project. EngenderHealth now provides technical assistance to GIR'ITEKA, transferring our expertise in gender integration and GBV response and prevention to SWAA-Burundi and supporting them to roll-out GBV-sensitive training to other USAID-funded HIV and GBV implementing partners and healthcare providers.

Our Commitment

As we look towards the future, EngenderHealth is committed to evolving our approach to collaboration by authentically listening to partner voices and meaningfully evaluating our partnership models to ensure they are equitable, responsive, and accountable.

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