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Capacity Sharing as a Mechanism for Amplifying and Empowering Diverse Voices in International Development Partnerships



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Panel Introductions



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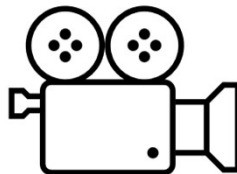
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Project Background (video)



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Panel Topics



**Building a Multi-National
Evaluation Team**



**Partnership Roles and
Capacity Sharing**



**Elevating Community
Voices**



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What makes program
evaluation challenging in
international development
contexts in general, and in
Somalia in particular?

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Challenges of International Development Program Evaluation

Domain Knowledge

Contextual Knowledge

Methodological and Analytical Expertise

Donor Knowledge



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Evaluation Challenges in Somalia

Post-Conflict Reconstruction

Safety

Mobile Society

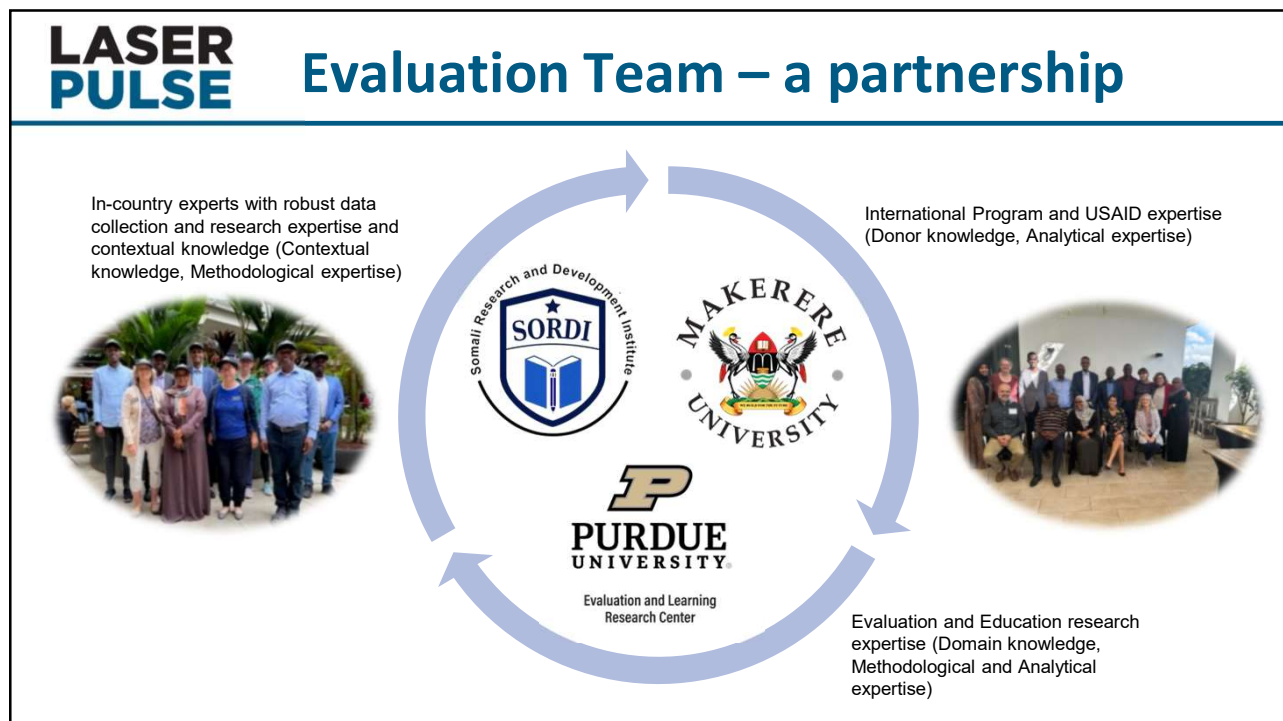
Natural Disasters



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How did you approach
evaluation team development?
How did you find partners?

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How did you integrate different groups into a single evaluation team? What helped team formation and what challenges did you face?

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Evaluation Voices



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Building the Team

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 CREATIVE IRB DATA REPOSITORY | COST ANALYSIS DATA REPOSITORY | Select ...

Workshop Main

- Module 1
- Module 2
- Module 3
- Module 4
- Module 5
- Post Workshop

2020 BAB SOMALIA VIRTUAL EVALUATION WORKSHOP

Purpose and Description:

The Evaluation Workshop is foundational to successful evaluation of the BaB project. Using a participatory, co-creation process, the Evaluation Workshop will inform development of a robust evaluation plan that will shed light on the effectiveness of proposed AEP approaches and models and is appropriate for the implementation context. The Evaluation Workshop serves to:

1. Build community, trust, and ownership of the evaluation process among the implementation

[Group: Laser Pulse Evaluation of Somalia's Accelerated Quality Learning ~ 2020 BaB Somalia Virtual Evaluation Workshop \(stemedhub.org\)](#)

EVALUATION

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Nurturing the Team – Communication!

Weekly meetings with donor

Bi-weekly meeting with Implementers

Weekly evaluation team meetings

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Key Challenges



Covid



Changing Implementation Designs



Turnover – Donor, Implementer



Time zones



Power imbalances



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International partnerships can become transactional and unbalanced. What strategies did you use to foster an equitable partnership?

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Identifying, Respecting, and Nurturing the Unique Contributions of All Partners



Communicate Regularly
and Substantively

Honor and Include All
Partner Contributions



Build Community

We thought of our partnership like a sports team (e.g. football) – with each member playing a different position. Not everybody was on the field or carrying the ball all the time, but all team members were still critical to success.

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Partnership Roles and Capacity Sharing

How did you capitalize on the full-range of team expertise available to in-country partners, while minimizing risks associated with miscommunication, misunderstanding, or misinterpretation?

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Partnership Roles and Capacity Sharing – Enumerator Training and Data Collection



Team-based enumerator training design



Continuous review and refinement of training and processes



Remote team support for field team

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Elevating Community Voices

How were stakeholder voices included in your evaluation? What impact did their participation have on interpretation of findings?

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Stakeholder Voices



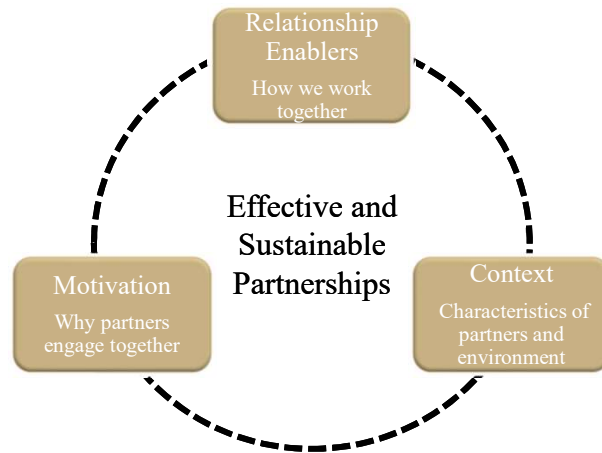
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Summary

What was critical to your evaluation team success?

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Using lessons learned from USAID partnership work to inform teamwork



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Summary

What would you do differently?

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Questions or Comments?



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