



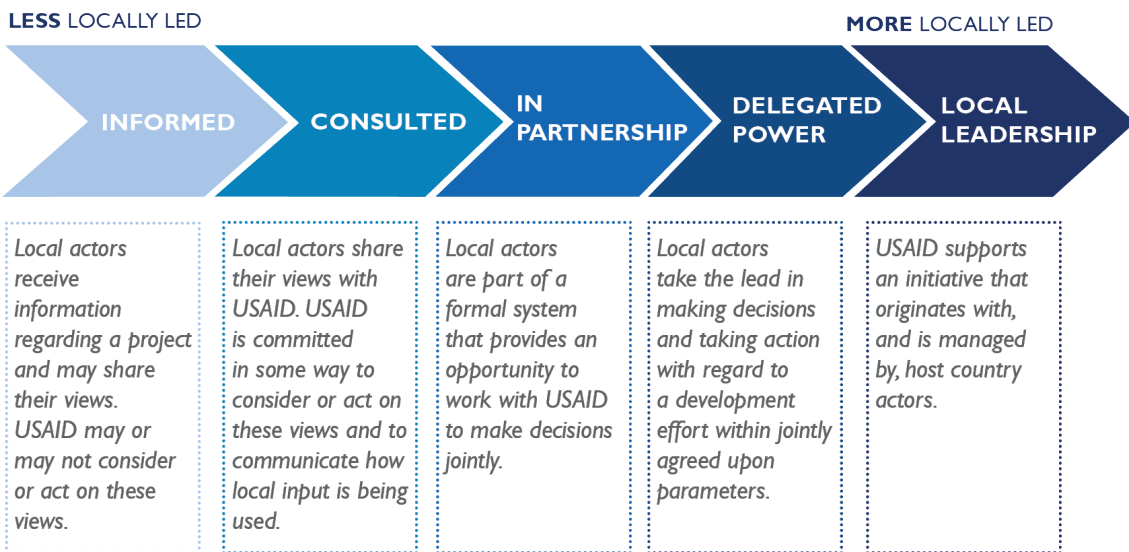
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WHAT IS LOCALLY LED DEVELOPMENT?

Locally led development is the process in which local actors – encompassing individuals, communities, networks, organizations, private entities, and governments – set their own agendas, develop solutions, and bring the capacity, leadership, and resources to make those solutions a reality. USAID recognizes that local leadership and ownership are essential for fostering sustainable results across our development and humanitarian assistance work.

USAID can catalyze and facilitate local leadership of development and humanitarian assistance in a variety of ways throughout the design, procurement, management, and measurement of assistance. Locally led development is not a single approach, but a range of ways that USAID, its partners, and communities can work together to shift agenda-setting and decision-making power into the hands of local actors:



USAID considers this as a spectrum of locally led development approaches, in which USAID can facilitate increased local leadership in our humanitarian and development work. Our goal, over time, is for our work to increasingly fall on the right-hand side of the spectrum. This spectrum was adapted for USAID use from Oxfam America and Save the Children's [Local Engagement Assessment Framework](#) (LEAF). The spectrum, and its related tools, are currently being pilot tested across various contexts, sectors, and programming in which USAID works.

USAID is committed to helping partner countries meet their own development and humanitarian assistance challenges, while also ensuring that U.S. taxpayer investments produce sustainable, long-term development outcomes. [Local Works](#) is USAID's flagship program exploring these issues. Local leadership of the development process is key to achieving these objectives.