2024 Annual Learning Forum

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Legend

💻	Description, Slides and Recording
📋	Evidence and Learning Products
⚙	Relevant Technical Resources

Session Resources

Findings Track

Session 1: What do we know about how to support democratic openings?, Thursday, February 15, 2024, 8:00 - 9:30 am Eastern

💻	As a third wave of autocratization has unfurled, key questions remain on how to forestall and reverse democratic backsliding. Check out the slides and recording.
📋	Check out the infographic along with the Literature Review, Executive Summary of Case Study Report, and the Full Case Study report. Theories of Democratic Change (2015) Phase 1: Theories of Democratic Backsliding
⚙	Brookings (2019) The Democracy Playbook, Carnegie (2022) Understanding and Responding to Global Democratic Backsliding, Atlantic Council (2023) Fostering a Fourth Democratic Wave: A Playbook For Countering The Authoritarian Threat

Session 2: Interrogating Information Integrity: Insights on What Works, Tuesday, February 20 2024 at 9:30 - 11:00 am Eastern

💻	Information integrity - the accuracy, consistency and reliability of information - has become increasingly critical to the successful functioning of democratic institutions and processes. <u>Check out the slides and recording.</u>
📝	Check out the <u>infographic</u> along with the <u>Literature Review</u> and the <u>Research Database</u>.
⚙️	<u>Disinformation Primer</u>

Session 3: What we've learned about countering corruption: political will, transnational corruption, and behavioral change, Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 9:00 - 10:30 am Eastern

💻	This session explores what we have learned in the last year from separate studies on (1) how to address corruption in environments with low political will, (2) how to pivot existing approaches to address transnational corruption, strategic corruption, and kleptocracy, and (3) how to incorporate social and behavioral change approaches in preventing and combating corruption. <u>Check out the slides and recording.</u>
📝	- Anti-corruption in low political will contexts (<u>infographic</u> and <u>full report</u>) - Transnational corruption, strategic corruption, and kleptocracy in Sub-Saharan Africa (<u>overview report</u> and <u>sectoral report</u>) - Transnational corruption, strategic corruption, and kleptocracy in the Middle East and North Africa (<u>overview report</u>) - Countering corruption through social and behavioral change (<u>infographic</u> and <u>full report</u>).
⚙️	- <u>Dekleptification Guide</u> - <u>USAID Guide to Countering Corruption Across Sectors</u> - <u>Countering Transnational Corruption Innovation Analysis</u>

Session 4: Advancing Gender-Inclusive Democracy: Assessing Barriers and Opportunities for Advancing Women's Leadership and Participation in Politics and Public Life, Thursday February 22nd, 2024, 9:00 - 10:00 am Eastern

💻	A key step towards achieving gender inclusive democracy is women's political empowerment. Drawing on extensive research and expertise, this session details USAID's updated Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) Assessment Framework, and its special focus on men and elite gatekeepers. <u>Check out the slides and recording</u>.
📝	Evidence

- This two-pager presents a global snapshot of findings from the assessments conducted to date: WPPL Global Findings
- WPPL country assessment results.
  - Colombia report; Colombia two-pager
  - Côte d'Ivoire report; Côte d'Ivoire two-pager
  - Ecuador report; Ecuador two-pager
  - Honduras report; Honduras two-pager
  - Kenya report; Kenya two-pager
  - Kyrgyz Republic report; Kyrgyz Republic two-pager
  - Nigeria report; Nigeria two-pager
  - Tanzania report; Tanzania two-pager

Relevant Resources
- Women's Political Participation and Leadership Assessment Framework.
- The WPPL assessment framework draws on lessons and approaches from the Social and Behavior Change approach to international development. See more in the Social and Behavior Change Primer and Practitioner's Guide.

Session 5: Reinforcing Our Resilience: Insights on Supporting DRG Practitioner Mental Health, Tuesday, February 27rd, 9:00-10:00am Eastern

💻	How do we better support the resilience of DRG activists and reformers in the midst of democratic backsliding in our work?
📝	**Evidence** • [Re-envisioning Global Mental Health: Evidence Briefs](#) (USAID Research Technical Assistance Center, October 2023) • [Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation: The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community](#) (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the U.S. Surgeon General, 2023) • Extended Executive Summary (forthcoming)
⚙️	**Relevant Resources** • [Trauma-Informed Approaches to Development](#): An Actionable Toolkit for International Development Practitioners (Chemonics, December 2023) • [Trauma-Informed Approaches to to Development Checklist](#) (Chemonics, December 2023) • [USAID Trauma-Informed Programming Guide](#) (USAID Center for Conflict and Violence Prevention, August 2021) • [Trauma Informed Approaches in Global Mental Health](#) (USAID RTAC, September 2023) • [Safety/Security-Sensitive and Trauma-Informed Stakeholder-Consultations with Members of Marginalized Groups](#) (USAID Inclusive Development Hub, September 2022) • [Understanding Trauma and Trauma-Informed Approaches](#) asynchronous training (Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, January 2024) • [U.S. Surgeon General's Framework for Workplace for Mental Health](#) (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the U.S. Surgeon General, 2022) • [Doing What Matters in Times of Stress](#) (World Health Organization, April 2020) • [Collaboration, Learning, and Adaptation and Mindfulness](#) (USAID PIVOT Program) • [Practicing Resilience](#) - 25 episodes (USAID) • [Resilience Skills and Tools](#) (Department of State Center of Excellence in Foreign Affairs Resilience, March 2020) • [USAID Staff Care](#) • [Mindful FED](#) • [The KonTerra Group](#): KonTerra helps ensure groups and people addressing the

	world's most complex have what they need to flourish and specializes in staff care, organizational resilience, and evaluation services to enhance wellbeing and improve performance for those working in high-stress environments or roles. • Headington Institute: Headington Institute partners with organizations to create high-impact solutions for effective staff care and offers resources on resilience. • Greenleaf Integrative: Greenleaf Integrative specializes in equipping organizations to better handle trauma in their programs, systems, and teams including resources on trauma-informed design and resiliency as a competency.

Process Track:

Salon 1: Just Learn What? Informing Future USAID DRG Learning Priorities, Thursday February 15th, 2024 11:00am-12:00pm

💻	We are developing the 2024-26 DRG Learning Agenda and would love to hear from you on what you are learning, your priorities and questions along with recent research, evaluation and evidence you have produced. Check out the Padlet results.
📋	• DRG Center 2021-23 Learning Agenda • Past learning agenda work on DRGLinks
⚙️	• INFORMED: Learning Question Formulation in Eight Steps • Adaptive Management Decision Chart

Salon 2: Did we succeed? All you ever wanted to know but were afraid to ask about developing robust outcome indicators, Tuesday, February 27, 2024 9:00 - 10:00pm Eastern and Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:00 -10:00am Eastern

💻	We want to estimate the impact of our programs, but measuring DRG outcomes is notoriously challenging. In this interactive session you will learn about developing outcomes indicators that help us understand the impact of our programs. Check out the recordings here and here.
📑	Evidence • 📄 DRG ALF Robust Outcome Indicator Resources
⚙️	Relevant Resources • 📄 DRG ALF Robust Outcome Indicator Resources

Salon 3: Leveraging Rigorous Outcome Performance Evaluations (ROPEs) - Tips, Tricks and Applications, Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 10:00 - 11:00 am Eastern

💻	If I can't use an impact evaluation and a typical performance evaluation will not tell me the impact of my program, what do I do? Try process tracing as part of a rigorous outcome performance evaluation, or ROPE Check out the slides and recording.
📑	Rigorous Outcome Performance Evaluations (ROPEs) in Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance.
⚙️	• Joe Amick (2019) Process Tracing: A Three Part Module. USAID. • Macartan Humphreys (2023) Integrated Inferences: Causal Models for Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research. Cambridge University Press.