



LOCAL CAPACITY FOR LOCAL SOLUTIONS PROJECT

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Local Capacity for Local Solutions project is improving the managerial, operational, and administrative capacity of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in ten countries in the Eastern and Southern Caribbean (ESC).

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Local Capacity for Local Solutions strengthens the managerial, organizational, and administrative capacities of NGOs in the ESC region so that they can operate more efficiently, effectively, and sustainably. Utilizing a demand-driven and customized approach, we are bolstering the capacity and connectivity of NGOs so that they have improved hard and soft skills and can strengthen and expand partnerships; mobilize and diversify revenue; expand services, and achieve development goals. Our techniques prioritize workplace-based learning through mentoring and coaching so that we can tailor assistance to the unique needs of NGOs. Over a three-year period (2017 – 2020), we are supporting NGOs engaged in the youth and citizen

TARGET COUNTRIES

Antigua & Barbuda
Barbados
Dominica
Grenada
Guyana
St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad & Tobago

security sector, HIV/AIDS, the environment, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, and intersex (LGBTI) issues.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Workshops, trainings, and customized technical assistance** in a wide range of areas, including: advocacy, strategic planning, financial management, institutional governance, resource mobilization, communications and marketing, networking, partnership development, leadership, negotiation, gender equity, project management, monitoring and evaluation, procurement, and information technology.
- **Scholarships for online accredited courses** in nonprofit management offered by the University of West Indies Open Campus.
- **Comprehensive Capacity Grants** for select NGOs in the region so that they can apply their capacity development skills and make improvements within their organization.
- **Select peer-to-peer learning and networking opportunities** that enable NGOs to connect and share information with each other as well as with potential donors, the private sector, government agencies, and academic institutions.

SELECT RESULTS

Capacity building grants issued and over 152 individuals participated in project activities

12 capacity building workshops, trainings, and technical assistance activities held to date

Over 90 NGOs reached in ten countries

EXPECTED RESULTS FOR NGOS

- Increased managerial and operational capacities.
- Improved hard and soft skills that enable NGOs to create, improve, and implement their policies, systems, and practices in order to perform at higher efficiency levels.
- Improved connectivity with each other and with disparate actors, leading to increased collaboration and peer-to-peer learning.
- Increased revenue through fee-for-service, innovative partnerships, or funding opportunities.