

SCS Global Update

Sharing Resources and Knowledge Among the Global CSO Community

Winter 2019

SCS Introduces Multi-Stakeholder SCALE+ Methodology in Jamaica to Address Youth Violence

In December 2018, SCS introduced FHI 360's SCALE+ methodology in Jamaica by engaging stakeholders representing civil society, government, faith communities, young people and more in a Whole System in the Room (WSR) workshop to address youth crime and violence.

This approach--inviting stakeholders to identify solutions and commit to bringing them to fruition through joint actions plans--was out of the ordinary in Jamaica and hailed by the participants as a way to address an overwhelming development challenge. The Mayor of May Pen, Councillor of the Clarendon Municipal Corporation, and representatives of the police force, academia, and media, along with community activists, youth leaders and other CSOs, spent three days participating in the WSR, yielding five initiatives that will be supported by the SCS Jamaica project:

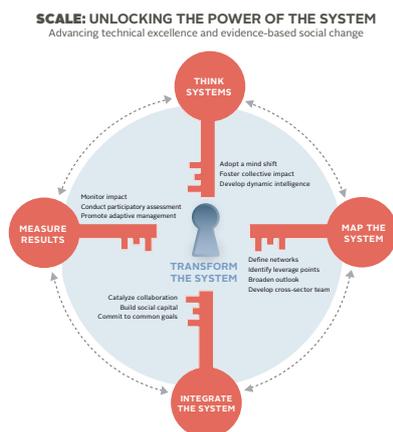
1. Advocacy for Inclusion of Youth Development in Governance
2. Re-integration of Unattached Youth into the Secondary School System
3. Strengthening of Economic Development Initiatives in Clarendon
4. Development and implementation of a Youth Mentorship Program
5. Parent Support and Training Program for Parents in Clarendon

The SCALE+ Steering Committee will lead the five stakeholder groups to implement joint action over the next nine months.

Check Out SCS Global Development Resources on NGOConnect.Net!

In January, SCS Global launched its updated website, www.NGOConnect.Net. NGOConnect:

- serves as a resource center dedicated to connecting and strengthening civil society organizations, networks and support organizations
- provides information on SCS Global Leader and Associate Award achievements, consortium partners, and how USAID Missions can use the LWA mechanism
- highlights knowledge products developed by SCS, including the 2018 *Capacity Development Interventions Guide* and *Implementation Tips for USAID Partners*.



Community Youth Mappers Promote Civic Engagement in Zambia

The Youth Lead Activity, launched in October 2018, is a three-year SCS Global program which has two inter-related components: The first will build youth's civic engagement skills through an internship and training program that culminates in grant-funded, youth-led projects; the second will establish structures and systems for engaging youth as leaders in government agencies, non-profit organizations and private businesses.

In December, 20 young women and men were trained by FHI 360 in Community Youth Mapping (CYM). The mappers then spent several weeks canvassing Lusaka, interviewing other youth leaders and adults from the public and private sectors, and documenting attitudes and perceptions towards and experience with internship programs. After analyzing the results, Youth Mappers successfully presented findings to the Advisory Group and Ministries. Next actions include engaging young people to provide feedback regarding the youth policy being considered by government.

USAID DCHA DAA Speaks on Journey to Self-Reliance, Launches 2017 CSOSI Reports

On December 19, 2018, USAID's Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance V. Kate Somvongsiri formally launched the four regional [2017 Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index \(CSOSI\) reports](#) at an SCS Global Learning Event focused on the Journey to Self-Reliance.

The CSOSI includes 71 country reports, summaries of significant regional trends and graphics depicting country scores for the Index's seven dimensions of sustainability. Also at the event CSOSI promoted an [online data dashboard](#) for exploring visualizations of the CSOSI's current and historical data (back to 1997 for some countries).



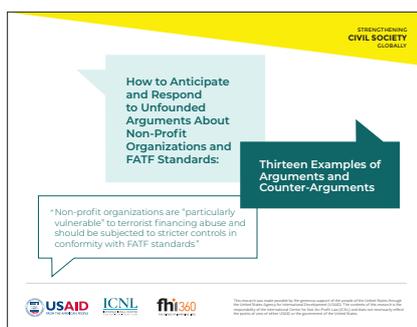
Presenters at the event included Thomas Carothers, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, speaking about how new types of civic movements have challenged the legitimacy of mainstream CSO sectors; Jenna White of LINC speaking about how CSOs' financial viability has been affected by reduced funding and alternative models; and Cathy Shea, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, speaking about how growing authoritarianism has affected legal environments for CSOs.

USAID Missions Use Co-Creation for SCS Associate Award Program Designs

One of the ways SCS Global is supporting USAID missions is by co-creating projects and activities. For our Associate Award in Kenya, for example, we had pre-award discussions with the mission and a series of post-award regional consultations and co-creation workshops with myriad types of stakeholders that fed into our year one workplan to address national dialogue between election cycles. For our Associate Award in Azerbaijan, we are undertaking a post-award co-creation process with the government to promote transparency and accountability. In Zambia, we had pre-award discussions with the mission and are having post-award co-creation sessions with civil society and government about youth leadership development. And for our Associate Award in Indonesia, we had extensive co-creation stakeholder sessions throughout the country that included USAID along with civil society and others. We believe that co-creation through engagements of these kinds leads to better development and local ownership of interventions—important steps on the road to self-reliance.

Toolkit to Advocate Against Excessive Financial Regulations on CSOs Released!

SCS Global partner ICNL has developed a toolkit to help CSOs ease excessive financial restrictions imposed as a response to Financial Action Task Force (FATF) anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing (CTF) ratings. These resources assist stakeholders with:

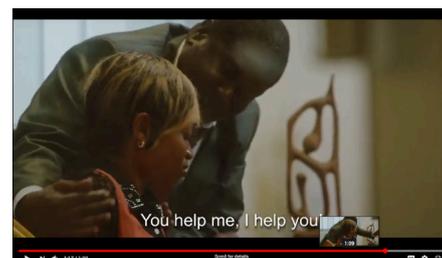


- Understanding FATF standards, procedures, timelines, and options for engagement;
- Mapping relevant laws and actors;
- Evaluating their country's AML-CTF laws, regulations, and other measures; and
- Developing advocacy strategies to anticipate and counter government arguments premised on inaccurate characterizations of FATF's revised standards.

The toolkit is available [online](#) in both English and Spanish. SCS Global plans to conduct trainings on the toolkit to raise awareness of excessive financial restrictions and its potential effects on programming, as well as the ways in which the toolkit can assist CSO partners.

SCS Tanzania Launches PSA to Prevent Sextortion in Media

In newsrooms in Tanzania—and all over the world, women journalists face sexual harassment. The SCS *Boresha Habari* project helps raise awareness on “sextortion” in the media with a PSA launched in November 2018 during the *16 Days of Activism on Gender-Based Violence in the Workplace*. The PSA, created by SCS partner Internews, is based on an actual incident and shows harassment of a woman journalist while interviewing a source.



Boresha Habari supports women journalists, and sextortion is one of the biggest obstacles in their careers. Even though sexual harassment is criminalized under the Tanzanian Constitution and labor laws, women whose rights are violated fear losing their jobs, having their stories bypassed for publication, or being blackballed from the industry if they submit complaints.

Boresha Habari COP Angela Nicoara presented, at an SCS media round table, the key points of the *World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers Sexual Harassment in the Media Guide* and encouraged attendees to adopt its sample sexual harassment policy. *Boresha Habari* will continue to support female journalists and raise awareness as the battle against sextortion goes on.

SCS Global Associate Awards

USAID/AZERBAIJAN

Anti-Corruption, Transparency, Citizen Engagement
\$2.5 million, 2018 – 2023

USAID/BALKANS

Media and CSO Strengthening
\$7 million, 2017 – 2021

USAID/BOTSWANA

PEPFAR HIV/AIDS Services, CSO Strengthening
(\$25 million pending)

USAID/BURMA

Civil Society and Media Strengthening, Peacebuilding
\$25 million, 2018 – 2023

USAID/DJIBOUTI

CSO Strengthening, Community Development
\$2.9 million, 2018 – 2020

USAID/DRG

CSO Sustainability Index
\$9.5 million, 2017 – 2022

USAID/GUINEA

Civic Activism, Strengthening Health Governance
\$12.17 million, 2017 – 2020

USAID/HONDURAS

Civil Society and Media Strengthening, Anti-Corruption
\$9.962 million, 2018 – 2022

USAID/INDONESIA

CSO Capacity Development, Governance
(\$19.8 million pending)

USAID/JAMAICA

Local Partner and Social Enterprise Development, Youth Engagement, Countering Violence
\$15 million, 2017 – 2022

USAID/KENYA

Governance Reform, Institution Strengthening, Rule of Law
\$6.35 million, 2018 – 2021

USAID/KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

Media and CSO Strengthening
\$6 million, 2017 – 2020

USAID/TANZANIA

Media Strengthening, Gender and Youth Integration
\$9.7 million, 2017 – 2020

USAID/ZAMBIA

Youth Engagement, Civic Leadership
\$2.818 million, 2018 – 2021

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