

Partnership Principles



Planning and implementing together:

- **Whose idea is this?**
- What do you want to achieve, and why?
- Who was involved in the planning?
- How do you communicate with your partners?
- Is this an equitable, and effective two-way dialogue?
- Are roles and responsibilities clear?
- Are expectations clear at both sides?
- Do you have a partnership agreement?
- Who manages the partnership?

Appropriateness:

- **How does it fit within local and governmental priorities?**
- Does this partnership fit within local culture and customs at both ends?

Respect, trust and mutual understanding:

- **How would you feel if you were at the other side of the partnership?**
- How well do you know your partners, and how are you improving your knowledge and understanding?
- What are the biggest issues at each side, and how does the partnership work effectively in this context?
- How is basic human dignity safeguarded?
- How do you know if respect, trust or understanding have been compromised, and what then happens?
- What do you do when the two sides don't agree?

Transparency and Accountability:

- **How are challenges, issues and concerns listened to?**
- How do you share information about your partnership?
- Who is your partnership accountable to?
- How do you communicate with these people?
- If an NGO, have you IATI registered your work?

No one left behind:

- **Who is excluded from your partnership?**
- Who precisely is your partnership with?
- How are the marginalised in the community at both sides engaged?

Effectiveness:

- **How do you know if your partnership is working?**
- Who is involved in evaluating the partnership?
- How do you use your monitoring and evaluation to learn, and develop the partnership?

Reciprocity:

- **What does each side contribute in the partnership?**
- Is it genuinely a two-way partnership?
- Who benefits from the partnership?
- Are opportunities, like travel, open to both sides of the partnership?

Sustainability:

- **How long is your partnership for and what happens when it ends?**
- How can you be sure your partnership isn't creating dependencies?
- Is your partnership building capacity at both sides?

Do no **H**arm:

- **Could anyone be worse off as a result of your partnership?**
- What impact is your partnership having on: the local economy; gender equality; food security; local culture;
- climate change; democracy, governance and local planning;
- Are you compliant with all relevant legislation?

Interconnectivity:

- **How do you connect with what others are doing in this area?**
- How do you learn from others and share your experience?
- Are the local diaspora community at both sides engaged?

Parity (equality):

- **Who 'owns' the partnership? Who has the power?**
- How is each side treated through this partnership?
- Who benefits from this partnership?