

Child Health Task Force PSE Subgroup Meeting Notes

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Meeting Recording:

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Action Items:

- **Elizabeth** to share PowerPoint presentation slides and additional resources.
- **Cathy** to connect Susan and Bryan via email.
- **PSE Subgroup Summer Series #3 is next Thursday September 5th!**

Meeting Notes:

Please refer to PowerPoint presentation for additional information.

- Questions/Discussion:
 - o Where can the key studies reference be found?
 - All of the studies are currently underway. The plan was released in April, so some of them will be another 6 months to a year. Once completed, they will be available on the USAID website.
 - o How do you envision NGOs to support you in this policy? Sharing lessons learned with the private sector on the ground? Etc.
 - We anticipate NGO support in a myriad of different ways. We certainly want lessons to be shared. Part of the learning plan is to reach out to others as well. This was launched right before the government shutdown so we are still trying to catch up in some ways. NGOs are really important and there are a variety of ways USAID works with its partners. At the Mission level, that is another way to share. Open to suggestions.
 - o Why doesn't the Administrator like the term PPP? It seems very similar to Private Sector Engagement. What are the differences?
 - The Administrator came from an implementing partner and felt like everything but the kitchen sink was a PPP. Not to say that USAID won't contract out. We'll continue to work with NGOs and FBOs, but when he talks about the private sector he very much means commercial. Also that PPP's have primarily not been with commercial entities. He wanted to be deliberate with what he is saying.
 - o Can you elaborate a little bit on the study looking at Cooperatives in Africa?
 - Susan to get back to him on this. This is being led by the Bureau of Security.

- How can nonprofit and faith-based providers adopt market-based approaches to align with USAID's private sector strategy? Often NGOs and FBOs work with like entities and it'd be great to get guidance on expanding scope, opportunities, and platforms.
 - Any organization should do what makes sense for them. If a markets based approach makes you more sustainable, then you should do that. But it shouldn't be done just because it's a USAID policy.
- Where can I find more information related to the country typology shown in the presentation?
 - "Blended Finance Roadmap" - <https://www.usaid.gov/cii/blended-finance>
- When do you see this policy being fully operationalized?
 - Currently the only indicator we have to show our engagement with the private sector is how much money we leverage. Everyone agrees that this is a bad indicator and we are trying to come up with something better. To see some change it will take a year or two, but we're already seeing some of the discussions change. Every country and mission will be different.