



HEALTH IN KENYA

**THEME: TOWARDS AN EQUITABLE, RESILIENT,
TRANSFORMATIVE HEALTH SYSTEM IN KENYA AND BEYOND**



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VIRTUAL THEMATIC MEMBER FORUM
HEALTH IN KENYA



Ms Susan N. Mochache, CBS

**Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health,
Republic of Kenya. Keynote Speaker**



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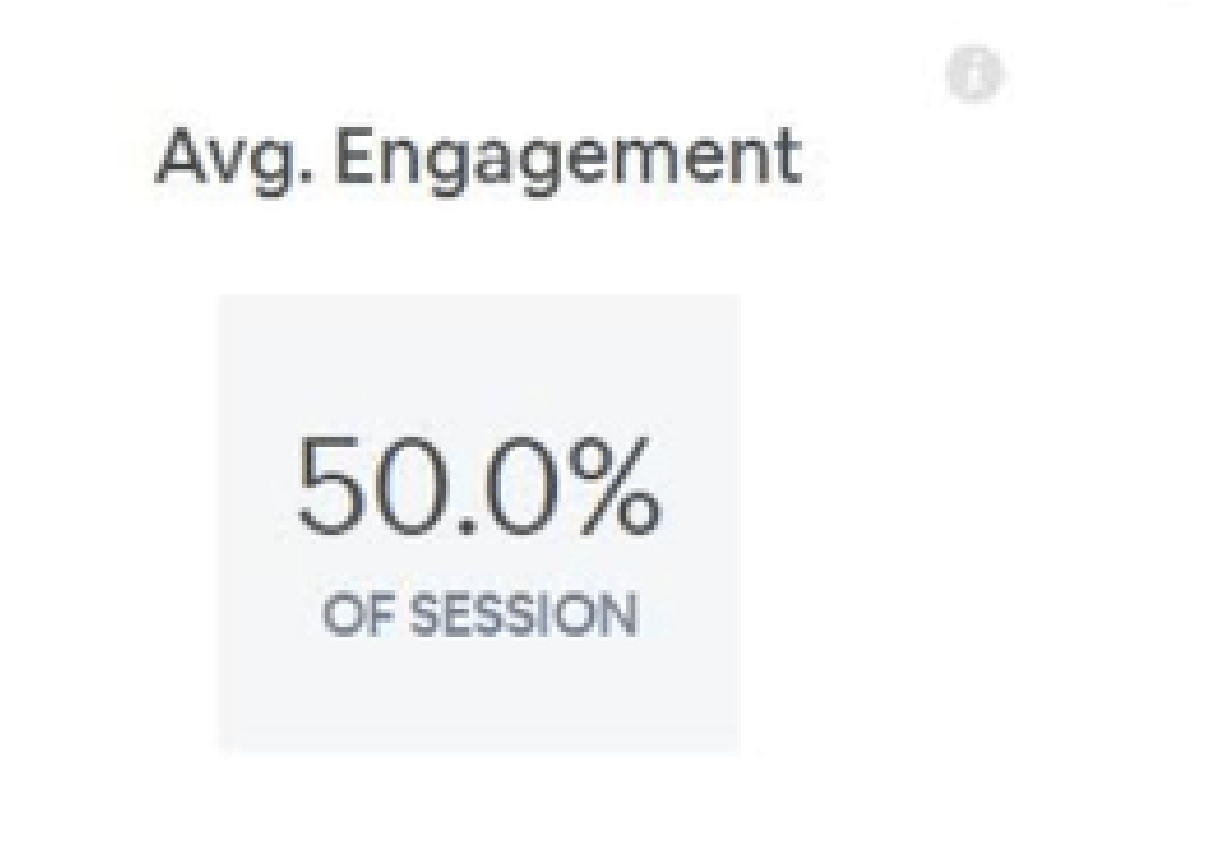
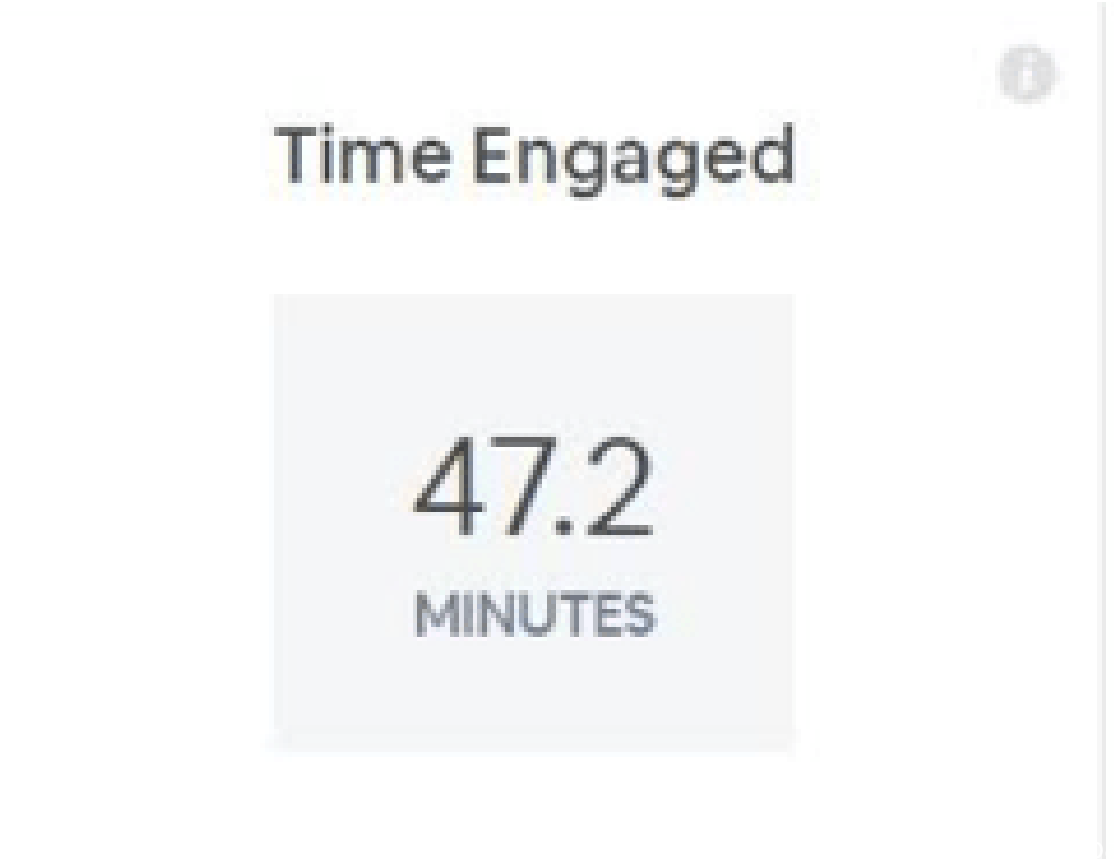
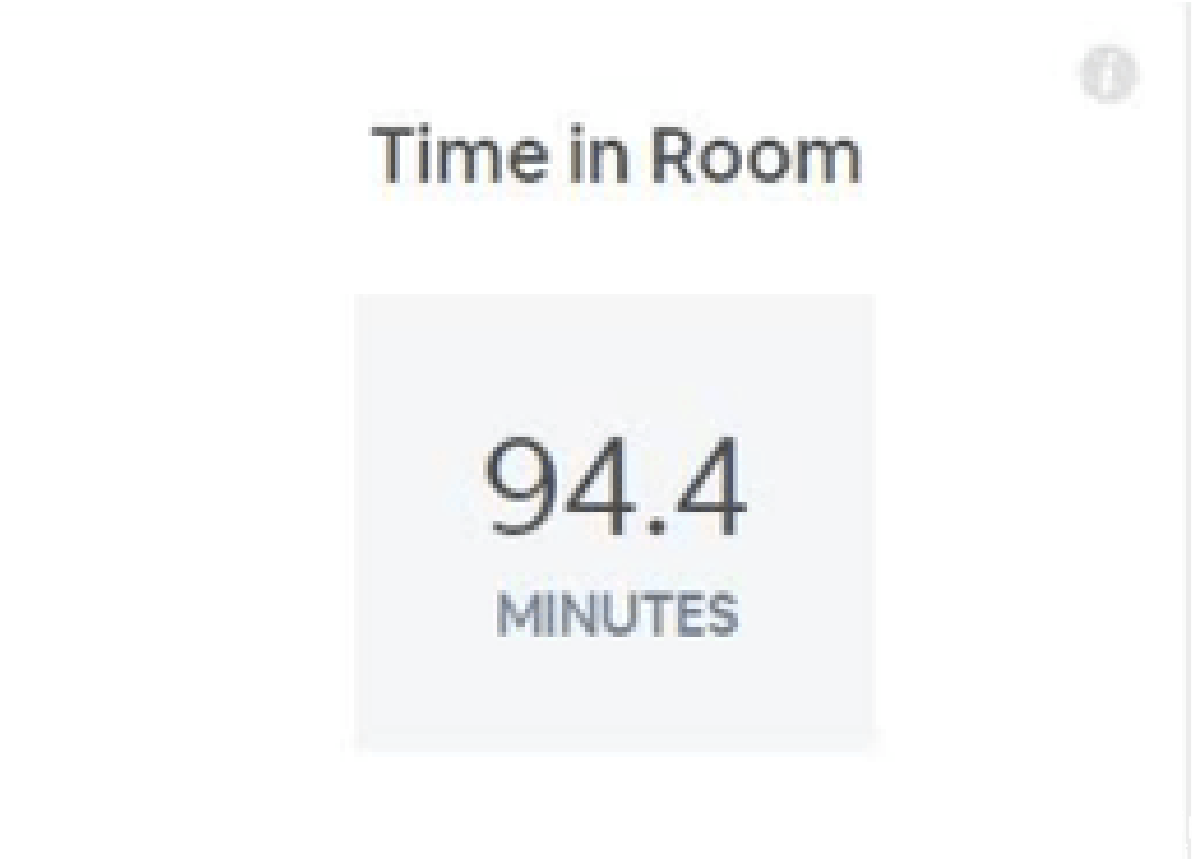
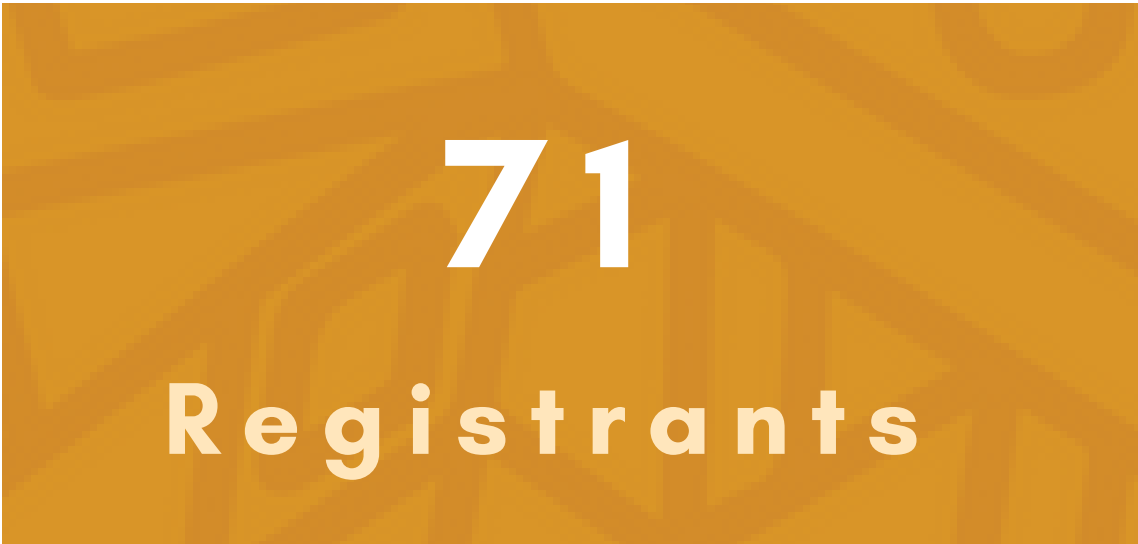


Ms Leah Kibe

**Director, Co-Funding and
Partnership and
Head of Kenya Office, CIFF Africa**

On Wednesday 13th October 2021, Impact Philanthropy Africa hosted a series of nuanced and inspiring conversations around the theme of Towards an equitable, resilient, transformative health system in Kenya and beyond. Other upcoming events will cover Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship, Agriculture and Sustainability among other themes.

Attendance



AGENDA

HEALTH IN KENYA VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

THEME: TOWARDS AN EQUITABLE, RESILIENT, TRANSFORMATIVE HEALTH SYSTEM IN KENYA AND BEYOND

8:45AM- 9:00AM

Log-in and Registration into the Virtual Workshop Platform

9:00AM – 9:05AM

Introduction and Welcome

Moderator: Patricia Mugambi-Ndegwa Head of Secretariat, Impact Philanthropy Africa

9:05AM- 9:10AM

Introduction of Speakers by the Moderator

9:10AM – 9:30AM

Opening Remarks: Contextual Overview of the State of Health in Kenya

Ms Susan N. Mochache, CBS - Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, Republic of Kenya. Keynote Speaker

9:30AM- 9:40AM

Video highlights showcasing Impact members programs and investments in health

9:40AM- 10:00AM

Regional perspective on what we are learning across Africa?

Dr Rispah Walumbe, Health Policy Lead at Amref Health Africa

10:00AM- 10:10AM

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Philanthropic Perspectives on Health Sector Investments

Ms. Leah Kibe, Director, Co-Funding and Partnership and Head of Kenya Office, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)

10:30AM- 10:40AM

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10:40AM - 11:10AM

Question and Answer Session

- Questions from a panel of members
- Moderated Q&A

11:15AM - 11:20AM

Closing Remarks by Co-convener

Mr. John M Ohaga, Trustee, M-PESA Foundation & Managing Partner Dispute Resolution, TripleOKlaw LLP, Advocates

11:20AM

End of Health Thematic Forum

SPEAKERS & KEY MEETING NOTES

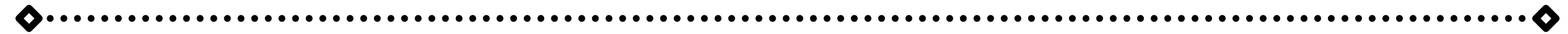
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Patricia Mugambi-Ndegwa

**HEAD OF SECRETARIAT,
IMPACT PHILANTHROPY AFRICA**

Introduction and Welcome



Patricia Mugambi Ndegwa, Head of Impact Philanthropy Secretariat welcomed the guest speakers and all the participants to the virtual Health forum.

She pointed out the importance of the Forum as Health being at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the government of Kenya's Big 4 Agenda. The country has prioritized reforming its Health sector as key to achieving her health goals.

The health forum will help advise the Forum members on how to collectively engage with with the government and other health stakeholders through concrete mechanisms moving forward.

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**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
REPUBLIC OF KENYA.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Opening Remarks: Contextual Overview of the State of Health in Kenya



- Overview of Education in Kenya and key reforms taking place.
- Government education priorities to meet SDG4 and Vision 2030 in the next 10 years.
- Opportunities to strengthen government and philanthropic sector collaboration on education, especially around policy priorities, programmes, and strategies for the education sector over the next few years.
- Kenya's performance in the education sector: Gaps and Challenges across key areas such as equity; enrolment and access; learning outcomes; quality education; retention and transition; appropriate life skills, etc. Where is Kenya doing well and where are there major hurdles to overcome? What is the opportunity for corporate and private foundations in each of these key areas of education?
- How does the government ensure sustainability? How can private sector programs become more sustainable and complement what the government is doing?
- How can we improve learning outcomes across our schools? What should various private sector programs focus on?
- Opportunities for corporate and private giving in education. How does corporate and private philanthropy work with government? How do we complement what government is doing under CBC? What mechanisms exist for ongoing dialogue and exchange with government? If none exist, can we create a mechanism between Ministry of Education and Impact Philanthropy Africa?

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Dr Rispah Walumbe

**Health Policy Lead
Amref Health Africa**

Regional perspective on what we are learning across Africa?



Dr Walumbe started by outlining what made the difference in the fight against the pandemic as the following:

- Emerging key issues (both conventional and unconventional areas such as local manufacturing, technology, research) in the health sector regionally;
- Impact on healthcare, economic, and social sectors in the context of recovery- lost lives even health workers, lost livelihoods and limited access to education.
- Multi-sectoral action- It is important to assess the government design of the health system, UHC , the issue of vaccines and manufacturing vaccines. Multi-sectoral action gave us the success that we had during the pandemic.
- Impact of clear leadership was important in communication during the pandemic at the county, national and regional level. This was important in coordination and succinct action.
- Preparedness, adaptability, and execution- we need to continue to be prepared and learn how to adapt and shift to any health challenges.

She continued the state the following as what a we are learning more so in light of the pandemic?

- We learned that vaccine equity is at the core of fighting the pandemic. Only 3% of the African population is vaccinated.
- We need to re-evaluate our health systems and build resilient health systems.
- There is Regional commitment to develop resilience and reliability in the health systems' access affordable vaccines doses regionally

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Are there areas in health that are making better progress and if yes, why?

We have seen success in the uptake of innovation in access to care in both private and public sector. For e.g. Call centers where people can make reports on the pandemic and centers ensuring women get maternal care We need to know how we sustain them

What are we seeing, emerging as a result of the pandemic. How should the philanthropy sector respond/pivot to these new learnings?

Due to the vaccine inequity, we must advocate for resilience, self-reliability and access to vaccines. So look at manufacturing vaccines and other health products. Being able to access health products regionally at an affordable price
Philanthropies need to have strategic investments in the health sector and indeed other sectors to facilitate a self-reliant and resilient health care system. They also need to focus on long term Impact guided by the government approach and priorities.

What is your advice to make CSI more strategic with regards to healthcare financing and service delivery?

Mobilise resources and pool the same as well as purchasing of health products for a reliable and effective health system.
Health financing and delivery go hand in hand and they inform each other.

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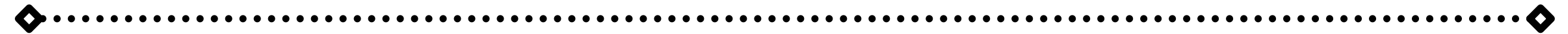
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Philanthropic Perspectives on Health Sector Investments



What are the key foundational issues that philanthropy actors have to ensure are in place as a precursor to investing in health systems / embarking on co-creation with governments?

- Education access and quality
- Health care access and quality
- Neighborhood and built environment
- Social and economic context and
- Economic stability

What are the learnings to date? major challenges and best practices in this area that are important to highlight

CIFF partner engagement with government includes

1. Nurturing government relationship to secure co-funding and alignment on strategic priorities
2. Partnership and design of health solutions with government agencies and CSO and development partners.

Success drivers include:

1. Integration- cross sectoral integrated approaches enable lasting change
2. Localization- local knowledge and insights, government and local partners
3. Execution-Use of evidence to map priority geographies and improve execution of current portfolios
4. Sustainability- investments are designed with sustainability in mind.

Looking ahead, where are the opportunities for further co creation, creating maximum impact and return on investment in health.

What can Philanthropy do to implement common programs that are impactful and at scale.

Philanthropy should think of areas of collaboration, pooling resources to implement large scale multi-year projects that will create impact. Avoid working in silos and working in an adhoc way and carrying out small scale programs that barely scratch the surface.

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John M Ohaga

Trustee, M-PESA Foundation &
Managing Partner TripleOKLaw LLP

Closing Remarks by Co-convenor



Mr. Ohaga thanked the key speaker and all the guest speakers. He thanked all the participants for taking part in the Health Forum.

Mr Ohaga also congratulated the Impact Philanthropy secretariat for organizing a successful forum.

He gave a brief background to the work of Mpesa foundation in Kenya including use of technology in the health and finance sector.

He emphasized the importance of partnership to deliver impact in the community.

He concluded by highlighting the main points from the forum with emphasis on having clear leadership in the health sector. And the importance of working together in the philanthropic space.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

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- Members wanted to know if there would be support for elimination of Neglected Tropical diseases?
- Would there be national screening for non-communicable diseases especially in children including for example for heart malformation and hearing impairment
- How are we promoting physical exercises in the country?
- Will there be Health System Strengthening for MOH in primary health care with focus on capability, inadequacy and sustainability
- What is being done in the counties that have no County Finance Bill

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Response from the MOH; Government is committed to the health of the people but needs to work with Partners and Funders

Government has accelerated on the activities to reach Universal Health Care – health is a major pillar in Kenya and Vision 2030

- They have faced challenges with NTD and its management. Together with WHO, government is working to eliminate NTDs (neglected tropical diseases and)looking how to increase funding to do this
- MOH in partnership with UNDP have programs, including school programs to reduce impact of NTDs
- MOH has a department working on NTD- effects on lower income people
- Working together with government, Impact Philanthropy and its member organizations can increase financing to eliminate NTDs.
- MOH Launched the NCD strategic Framework- screening is part of it
- To implement the NCD framework, more resources are needed to get the services on ground and ensure people receive service
- UHC package will include screening of NCDs at all levels, to enable to facilitate early diagnosis and prevention
- The Ministry has developed the plan for physical activity but it is yet to be launched
- MOH is working with the county governments to develop primary health care-Kenya is at the fore front of reforms in health.
- UHC agenda also focuses on providing primary health care and providing support to the counties. So far 40,000 primary health care workers have been trained to ensure care is provided especially to the poor.
- Government has enhanced the number of community health units and some community health workers are getting a stipend
- Working with Impact Philanthropy will help government provide services.

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Trends and shift in programming for philanthropy include;

- Clear leadership to set the direction and priorities, setting own agenda as continent.
- Direct our resources that way
 1. Locally grown and sourced and manufactured commodities for the regions needed
 2. Develop a robust health system prepared for any health challenges
 3. Governance and accountability to ensure philanthropy money is being used effectively.
- Community health workers should be prioritized to see change by formalizing their engagement and payment
- Access to better care for NCDs- prioritize screening for NCDs

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Does Kenya have an enabling atmosphere for investments from donors

- Kenya has a culture of giving as evidenced in the way people give during crisis such as Covid, and other initiatives
- Corporates are engaging through their foundations in various sectors such as health and education. This giving supports the work government is doing
- The giving is adhoc so we cannot be clear on capacity. (Kenyans want to give and do good and have impact)
- Lack data, evidence and coordination, we don't know the trends of giving.
- Enabling environment- on the left side we can raise the money but on the right side we don't know the trends.
- Philanthropy needs to ask "what are our strategies, what are the trends and what are we responding to?" This is key to identifying the opportunities.
- Primary Health Work is critical and we know the limitations. Many givers and government are in PHW-so can we think of innovation so it's more effective
- Success drivers- or other social determinants of health include education, stability of the Economy and infrastructure.
- The localization approach- look at what people need, sustainability, whats affecting themand limiting their success
- Execution- is key and allows us to be adaptive,
- Sustainability-this is the first thing we think of when strategizing

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