EASTERN AFRICA
**AGENCY, SOCIAL
& GENDER NORMS**
LEARNING
COLLABORATIVE

OUR **LEADERSHIP** ⚑

The EALC is managed and led by a secretariat of organizations— Impact and Innovations Development Centre (IIDC), CARE International in Uganda, Makerere University, and the USAID Agency for All Project's Regional Coordinator.

Collectively, this group is responsible for moving forward the EALC and its activities, expanding membership, and setting goals for the future of the learning collaborative.

The Eastern Africa Agency, Social and Gender Norms Learning Collaborative (EALC) is a network of implementing organizations, researchers, community representatives, and stakeholders including NGOs, national alliances, networks, consortia, and media with expertise and an interest in social and gender norms and increasing individual and community agency to improve health. The EALC exists to empower local research institutions and organizations, strengthen networks, and enhance the expertise and capacity of institutions to facilitate and promote high-quality research and social and behavior change (SBC) programming within their localities. Membership in the EALC is open to individuals and organizations from or working in Eastern Africa countries: **Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia**

The EALC works in partnership with USAID's **Agency for All** project to generate evidence on the influence of agency in shifting social and gender norms using social and behavior change approaches and frameworks. Research results from Agency for All will be used by the EALC to strengthen the discourse around social norms and agency in East Africa.

Agency for All is a five-year (2022-2027) USAID cooperative agreement with the goal to improve and sustain the health of women, girls, and communities through locally led, equitable partnerships focused on understanding agency within SBC programs.

OUR **VISION** 👁

We envision a world where partnerships, knowledge-sharing, and thought leadership converge to ensure sustained equity, social justice, and health for all people.

OUR **MISSION** ⚗

Our mission is to strengthen research and practice on social norms, gender, and agency by building a network of practitioners, researchers, evaluators, and advocates who share knowledge, generate evidence, and develop resources to support SBC programming.

OUR **OBJECTIVES**

Facilitate Cross-Learning and Networking: Bring together LC members to network and build collaboration geared towards locally-driven evidence generation and research utilization.

Contribute to Policy Development: Assist EALC members in conducting research for the region with the aim of contributing to local, regional, and global policy development.

Create learning platforms: Arrange cross-learning and sharing events at the regional and global levels for LC members, including virtual webinars, conferences, seminars, thematic panel discussions, and in-person learning events.

Build Capacity: Enhance the capacity of LC members and local researchers to generate and utilize evidence and adopt systematic measurement systems for social norms and agency.

WHY JOIN THE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE?

1   **Networking and collaboration opportunities:** EALC members are able to network with other members from different sectors to expand their professional network, and to collaborate with other partners across the region through physcial and virtual platforms.

2   **Engage in convenings and events:** Members have the opportunity to participate in regional & global events such as conferences, virtual webinars, seminars, panel discussions, and in-person learning events for sharing knowledge & best practices.

3   **Lead technical discussions:** Members are able to lead or co-lead thematic groups and technical discussions, contributing to the regional and global dialogue on social norms and agency.

4   **Disseminate and amplify work:** LC members have an opportunity to share their work such as research papers, project reports, learnings, etc. on social norms and agency at both regional and global levels. The LC also helps members find opportunities to share their work on a global scale, such as conferences.

5   **Co-create resources:** Members often lead or contribute to the body of social norms work in Eastern Africa co-creating resources such as blogs, technical briefs, case studies, video bytes, and co-host webinars.

6   **Community of Expertise:** LC members have access to a community of technical experts ready to share support and foster capacity building in the design, implementation, measurement, and scalability of social norms and agency research and programs.

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