

Workshop Title: Proximity or distance? How to best support / understand / trust / co-create with local implementation partners from a distance or online

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Main issues, questions discussed:

- Importance of the coordinating partner & being aligned on strategy and targets
- Indicators & logframe need to be codefined and common with partner (build identification)
- Such a partner should be able to voice what the right objective/impact or KIP he believes the project should focus on (build identification)
- Clear roles & responsibilities-> increased perception of own role (builds identification)
- Northern vs Southern led project (paradigm)
- Structure & setting of the organization should allow for common, open communication channels (for example through workshops or open discussion spaces). This helps localize, and also creates space for individuals at each level to feel accountable
- Identifying to the project and understanding the context of action is also important from Switzerland and for the funding agencies.
- Understanding this bigger picture builds into the "Southern led" paradigm, further reinforcing localization and identification.
- Start simple: communication and transparency are essential building blocks and should be clearly identified
- The power of the network onsite (identifying the right people to assist the project onsite)

Conclusions:

- Building identification with the organization / the project helps create ownership of tasks and helps build empowerment and confidence. Identification with the project represents the common ground for all participants and people involved across continents.