Movement for Community-led Development: Localizing the SDGs

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To enable these real men and women to escape from extreme poverty, we must allow them to be *dignified agents of their own destiny*.

Integral human development and the full exercise of human dignity cannot be imposed. They must be built up and allowed to unfold...
Development is Local

Community Led Development
Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

...build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
34: “...investments in sustainable development are being devolved to the subnational level, which often lacks adequate technical and technological capacity, financing and support. We therefore commit to scaling up international cooperation to strengthen capacities of municipalities and other local authorities.”
CDD: “an approach that gives control over planning decisions and investment resources for local development projects to community groups.”

CLD: is the process of working together to create and achieve locally owned visions and goals. CLD works to achieve systemic change rather than short-term projects.
NOT just community-based projects

- Transformation of Mindset – not the “B” word
- Principles and Values
- Structured Process
- Mobilize volunteerism – develop leadership
- Strengths and vision – not problem solving
- Multisectoral / Integrated Approach
- Builds local government and civil society
- Self-reliance / Exit strategy
Mobilizing Communities at Transformative Scale

Lots of Advocates → Big Donors & Gov’ts → Lots of Mobilizers

CLD
Progress on our goals

1. Raise profile of CLD ⭐⭐⭐
2. Shared language/analysis ⭐⭐⭐⭐
3. Gather and disseminate evidence ⭐⭐
4. Share best practices ⭐⭐⭐
5. Build the movement ⭐⭐⭐⭐
6. Advocate policies & funding ⭐⭐
7. Take it to national scale ⭐
Growth of the Movement

Plus chapters growing in BF, BJ, CL, DE, HI, KE, KM, MC, MX, NL, NP, SN, UK
A shared analytic framework

- Principles and Values
- Structure and Process:

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● Principles and Values
● Structure and Process:
Partnership with UNDP and South Korea
Where MCLD Members Work
Investing in Communities at Scale:

- Korea
- Philippines
- Indonesia
- Brazil
- Ethiopia
- Afghanistan...
Regional Strategies to Foster Country Programs

Champions build MCLD chapters

Advocacy by MCLD chapters: parliament, bureaucracy

Finance Minister asks for CLD funds

IFIs provide funds (WB, IsDB, AfDB, ADB, IDB)

CLD program: Community Block grants; Funds for facilitators
Action to take together!

- Find more allies
- Share best practices
- Create advocacy objectives
- Find more evidence
- Develop messages