



Collaboratory Network

Building Partnerships for Social Change

Mission

Collaboratory Network works across cultures to build capacities of grassroots leaders working to address our world's most pressing challenges. We are a network of small NGOs based in Washington committed to learning from each other and lifting up examples of locally-led community-driven social change initiatives.

Objectives

Collaboratory Network's activities are designed to accomplish these objectives:

- Develop a common language around issues unique to international social change partnerships to share our vision and to engage in conversation about approaches to development that focus on building local capacity and global community.
- Foster networking and idea sharing among grassroots NGO leaders.
- Expand professional development and training opportunities relevant to leaders of grassroots social change projects.

Values

Three guiding principles guide the local and international work of our network members:

- **Relationship-based.** Partnerships are based on strong relationships with people living and working in the communities of focus. Concepts of equality are forefront in conversations about cross-border collaborations.
- **Local decision-making.** Areas of focus and programs emerge from the communities being served, as do the leaders who implement them.
- **Learning community.** All members of the community have opportunities to reflect and learn from what works and what does not.

Activities

- Regular meetings with an agenda of topics related to our objectives.
- Regular networking meetings with an open agenda.
- Networking on-line and through resource sharing.

Impact

Long-term poverty alleviation requires social change. *Collaboratory Network* expands the impact of locally-based NGOs to sustain their social change work over time.

Founding partners

GambiaHELP

One Equal Heart
Foundation

Mujeres de Maiz
Opportunity Foundation

PreVent

Sou Digna/ I Am Worthy

Topics of Interest

Defining theories of
social change

Evaluating for impact

Methods for "training
the trainers"

Engaging visitors

Managing social media

Dealing with failure

Working towards
obsolescence

Professional
development