

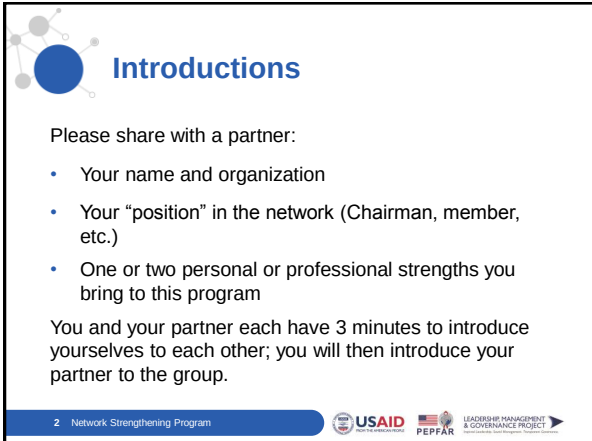


Network Strengthening Program

Introduction







Introductions

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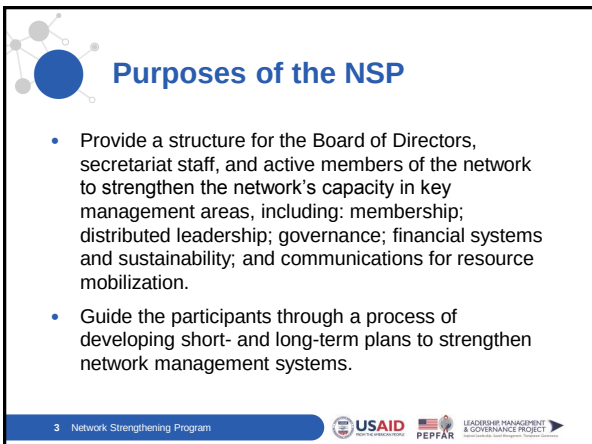
- Your name and organization
- Your “position” in the network (Chairman, member, etc.)
- One or two personal or professional strengths you bring to this program

You and your partner each have 3 minutes to introduce yourselves to each other; you will then introduce your partner to the group.

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Purposes of the NSP

- Provide a structure for the Board of Directors, secretariat staff, and active members of the network to strengthen the network’s capacity in key management areas, including: membership; distributed leadership; governance; financial systems and sustainability; and communications for resource mobilization.
- Guide the participants through a process of developing short- and long-term plans to strengthen network management systems.

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Purposes of the NSP (Cont.)

- Provide guidance and encouragement to teams of participants to complete and implement their short-term plans in at least one focal area during the program.
- Provide support to the participants in writing a long-term Network Strengthening Plan for implementation in the 12 months following the end of this program.

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NSP Components

- Prelaunch preparatory work and submission of network documents.
- Two facilitated technical workshops and a results presentation completed within 6 - 12 months.
- Development and implementation of short-term plans during the life of the program.
- Development and implementation of long-term plans during the 12 months following the program.
- Written network strengthening plan.

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What is the NSP?

- The Network Strengthening Program (NSP) is a capacity building program designed specifically for networks.
- **Objective:** to improve the functionality of networks so they are more effective in meeting the needs of their members.

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What is the NSP?

Program content covers five focus areas:

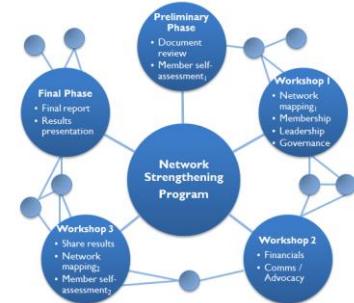
- Membership
- Distributed leadership
- Governance
- Financial systems and sustainability
- Communications for resource mobilization

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What Does the NSP Include?



The diagram illustrates the structure of the Network Strengthening Program. At the center is a circle labeled "Network Strengthening Program". Surrounding it are five main phases, each in a blue circle, connected by lines. Clockwise from the top, these are: "Preliminary Phase" (containing "Document review" and "Member self-assessment"), "Workshop 1" (containing "Network mapping", "Membership", "Leadership", and "Governance"), "Workshop 2" (containing "Financials" and "Comms / Advocacy"), "Workshop 3" (containing "Share results", "Network mapping", and "Member self-assessment"), and "Final Phase" (containing "Final report" and "Results presentation").

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Action Plans

- To be developed at the end of each module.
- One or two short-term plans to be implemented between workshops to achieve objectives.
- One or two long-term plans to be implemented in the 12 months following the end of the program.
- Action plans form the body of the Network Strengthening Plan.

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Network Strengthening Plans

- Refer to Network Strengthening Plan outline.
- All work to be completed during the first two workshops except next steps and the conclusion, which will be written in the final workshop prior to the results presentation.

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Expectations

- Now that you have heard a bit about the program – its purpose, the structure and the action planning and implementation – what expectations or concerns do you have?

Respond in plenary

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Agreement on Norms

- What norms should we have for this program?
- Who will enforce them?
- What will be the consequences for violating the norms?

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Introduction to the Network

- History
- Focus/purpose
- Overview of members
- Overview of governance structure
- Names and short bios of key managers (e.g. Executive Director, Director of Programs, Board Chair)
- What attracted the network to this program?

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