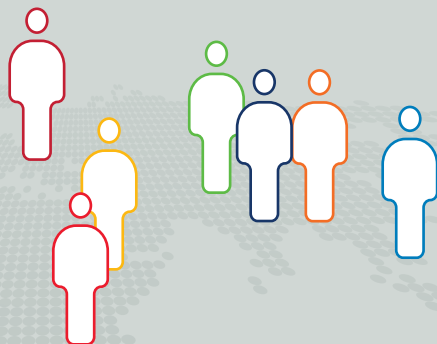


**LEAVE
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PARTNERSHIP**



Making voices heard and count



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Image above: Group picture in a leafy courtyard of the 2023 Annual LNOB Partnership meeting, September 2023, Copenhagen

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Who we are and what we want to achieve

Information for organisations interested in joining us

The Leave No One Behind Partnership comprises more than 100 international and national civil society organisations (ICSOs), community-led organisations and associations, civic think tanks and platforms. We operate as a global advocacy and knowledge building platform, comprising both international partner organisations, and country coalitions consisting first and foremost of national CSOs. We are currently supporting eight country coalitions in **Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestine, and Vietnam.**

Together we aim to address the lacking engagement and representation of marginalised groups¹ in planning and development processes at the international, national, and local levels.

Ultimately, we want to ensure that future policies, programmes, budgets, and services will be planned and implemented in a way that marginalised groups can fully access and benefit from them and are no longer “left behind”.

Our approach

We rely on **locally driven solutions**, where people know their needs and realities best, supporting local actors and communities through tools and capacity strengthening to play a meaningful role in influencing and co-shaping policy processes, holding decision-makers accountable, and designing solutions that work for communities.

We use an innovative tool for civic engagement, **Citizen Data**, meaning data that citizens and marginalised communities produce and use to raise awareness on issues impacting their lives and where they perceive the need to improve the status quo. To strengthen the capacities of CSOs and community-led organisations to wield data as an advocacy tool, the Partnership provides trainings and awareness raising workshops and supports the arrangement of dialogues with decision makers at the local and national level.

¹ By this we refer to communities/populations who are discriminated based on work and descent, or marginalised due to income, age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status within a country.



From awareness to action: Women farmers combating climate change in rural Kenya-Makueni County

In the remote village of *Ngiluni, Makueni County, Kenya*, a group of 17 women farmers are leading the way in environmental conservation, thanks to training on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Empowered by knowledge and driven by purpose, these women took bold steps to mitigate climate change following capacity building facilitated by *Ahadi Achievers Empowerment CBO* in partnership with the *SDGs Kenya Forum*. Since October 2024, the group has been actively engaged in tree planting in their community, targeting local forests and public spaces such as schools, churches and government buildings. Their determination has resulted in the planting of over **17,500 tree seedlings** between October 2024 and April 2025.

Public participation forums have become more inclusive and community-driven, with village-specific priority needs now captured and reflected in local budget allocations.

Women and youth now make up over 40% of the membership of newly established climate change committees - an important step towards inclusive decision-making.

A key lesson is the value of citizen data generated through participatory forums and community action plans. **This data, rooted in lived experience, has influenced local decision-making and resource allocation**, ensuring that development priorities are aligned with real community needs. It highlights how citizen evidence can complement official data, and improve the effectiveness of the SDG reporting and implementation process.



Images:
Above: Women's group mentoring the young generation to take care of the environment.

Top right: Women's group champions getting ready for tree planting.

Below right: Women's group champions working with county officers.



Images courtesy of Ahdi Achievers Empowerment CBO



Bridging the Gap: Vietnam's Citizen-Generated Data Ensuring No Voice is Left Behind

The LNOB Vietnam Partnership has pioneered the use of citizen data to fill key data gaps, ensuring that marginalised voices are reflected in the country's SDG processes. Recognising the limitations of national data - particularly in representing communities such as women, children, persons with disabilities and LGBTQ+ people - **the initiative engaged over 4,400 people** over two citizen data cycles to collect locally based, disaggregated data.

Working with **11 social organisations**, the partnership not only produced **two national citizen data reports** (2022 and 2024) but also launched a practical guide to support grassroots actors to effectively collect and use data. These efforts strengthened organisational capacity, fostered engagement with the General Statistical Office and informed policy dialogue with government stakeholders.

The initiative faced and addressed challenges such as limited awareness of the SDGs, digital access barriers, and the need for adapted

tools for different groups. As a result, **citizen data has become a valuable complement to official statistics** - helping to bridge the gap between national reporting and lived realities, and providing a replicable model for participatory, community-led development.

Images:
Below: *Citizen Generated Data (CDG) group discussion with PWD*

Bottom: *Group photo with General Statistics Office experts and social organisations from CGD training workshop*

Images courtesy of MSD Vietnam.





Image above: Group picture in front of a city harbour with an old boat, of the UN Expert Group Meeting on Citizen Data, September 2023, Copenhagen

How do we leverage collaboration for change?

We foster strategic partnerships at the global level to create an enabling environment for the changes we want to see, leveraging Citizen Data as an instrument for locally driven change. One key effort is the [Citizen Data Collaborative](#), to which the Partnership currently serves as co-chair. We co-founded the Collaborative in 2023 together with several UN Agencies, as well as other partners from global data and statistics platforms, human rights institutes and academia, joining forces in the shared belief that official monitoring and planning processes can be made more inclusive and accountable by using Citizen Data. In March 2025, the Collaborative's joint efforts reached an important milestone, getting the

[Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data](#) endorsed by the UN Statistics Commission. The Framework has been co-developed by our partners to build trust and foster collaboration between governments and civil society, while establishing technical guidance that both sides can rely on to make better use of Citizen Data for official purposes. We see this combination of local data action, national policy dialogues, and global advocacy towards a more inclusive development as a scalable solution to foster more equality, and as a practical approach towards fulfilling the 2030 Agenda pledge to leave no one behind.





What do our members say?

About the partnership's goals and their relevance:



"Vulnerable communities will be owners of initiatives that government is rolling out – that is: they will be empowered to take their rights.

Country Coalition Lead, Nepal

About the added value of the partnership



"The Partnership will help identify and better understand where money should be flowing to and what concrete impact it could cause, speaking of value for money and synergised planning!"

Member of the Partnership's global Executive Committee



"By identifying who is excluded and why, while supporting their engagement in a dialogue on how their lives can be improved, we could bring about a 'revolution' in the way how development and humanitarian issues are tackled."

Country Coalition Lead, Bangladesh



"The partnership gives us clear benefits for our own work and deepens our approaches on social inclusion. It's a no-brainer that this kind of involvement will bring us forward!"

Country Coalition Lead, Kenya



Membership structure

The Leave No One Behind partnership is formed by its Members and Strategic Partners:

Members

Members contribute to the work of the partnership in a wide range of areas and with diverse means, having full membership rights, which includes voting rights in our Partnership Meeting, the right to be elected to the partnership's Executive Committee and the possibility to contribute to one of the partnership's expert advisory groups. Due to the ongoing nature of their commitment and close alignment with all areas of the partnership's work, members are signatory partners of our Partnership Agreement (MoU), either at the global level or in the context of a national MoU

of one of the partnership's country coalitions.

There are two types of members:

Global: organisations with a global network of affiliated partners (e.g. ICSOs, or global community platforms / self-representation organisations), or think tanks with an international focus. To date the partnership consists of **12 global members**.

National: CSOs or civic platforms that are part of one of our LNOB country coalitions. (Being a platform that is based on collaborative action, unfortunately we

cannot grant membership to individual national CSOs that are not part of an LNOB country coalition.)

To date, the partnership has more than **90 country-level members**, including first and foremost national CSOs, community-led organisations, and civic networks. Including larger national CSO platforms, our country member organisations have a direct reach to about **4.000 local civil society organisations** across eight countries.

Global Members

ICSOs:



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Global Community-Based Organisations



International think tank



National Lead Organisations



Membership structure

Strategic partners

Strategic partners support the partnership in a specific role and capacity that can be ongoing or temporary. They have observer rights in our annual Partnership Meeting and the possibility to engage in one of our expert advisory groups. Strategic Partners make targeted and at times ad hoc contributions to

advance the work of our partnership. In this role, they are no signatory parties of our Partnership MoU. Key strategic partners are e.g. the partnership's diverse donors, the United Nations Statistics Division, the Danish Institute for Human Rights or the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data.



Pictured above right: *Focus Group Discussion in a local housing settlement courtyard with Badi community people, Nepal 2024*

Pictured left: *Picture of the LNOB Partnership delegation in a UN meeting room, at the 2022 UN Expert Group Meeting on Citizen Data, Bangkok 2022*



Partner contributions

The following is a list of the principal contributions that each type of partner commits to:

Engagement category (obligatory)	Members	Strategic partners
Engaging in Executive Committee at least once in membership period	●	
Providing minimum 1 input every two years to a joint advocacy event	●	
Engaging in a work group / advisory group of the partnership	●	
Contributing to the partnership's knowledge sharing efforts	●	
Appointing a partnership relations person within own organisation	●	
Signing partnership agreement	●	
(ICSOs): Engaging the federation's country offices + local partners	●	
(Global alliances + community platforms): Engaging affiliates & community voices in our joint advocacy work	●	
(National CSOs + civic platforms in LNOB partner countries): Contribute to implementation of country project	●	
(Think tanks): Active advisory role on a strategic topic	●	
Engaging ad hoc in a collaborative strategic project (global/national)		●
Co-organising joint events /engagements with the partnership		●
Offering technical support /expertise in a specific context		●
(Multilateral agencies + institutions with international mandate): Providing access to their network of stakeholders/experts for joint engagement around promoting citizen data		●
(Academia): Providing academic support for research work		●
(Donors): Making a financial contribution to the partnership		●
Sharing organisation's brand on the partnership website	●	●
Making a financial* OR capacity** contribution	●	●

* ICSO members are asked to support the partnership through the payment of a progressive annual fee that scales in relation to size and income of the ICSO member.

** Non-ICSO members, as well as Strategic Partners commit to support the partnership through the contribution of a specific capacity (e.g. knowledge transfer, technical support, joining an Advisory Group, joint advocacy, etc.)





Image above: Group picture in a courtyard in front of a traditional thatched roof open-air meeting hall, of a 'Community Dialogue' meeting in Kenya, 2018

Voluntary commitments

In addition to the tabulated principal commitments, over the past years several of our members have shown additional commitment and voluntary contributions in the following areas:

- Financing the production of a specific study or report
- Engaging in fundraising activities / forming fundraising consortia
- Facilitating the engagement of community representatives in global advocacy events
- Providing resources for sign interpretation / other accessibility features for our events and knowledge outputs
- Making an additional financial investment into our global or national level work beyond the annual membership fee



Speaking input in a meeting room at the LNOB Annual Partnership meeting 2019, Berlin

This additional commitment and individual leadership of members is highly welcomed and an expression of the strong mutual interest of our partners to advance our joint agenda.



Benefits of joining us

The following two pages are just some of the fantastic benefits for joining the partnership as a members:



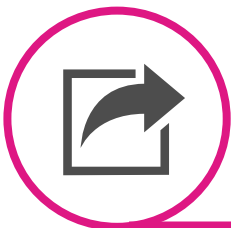
Increase your organisation's impact and reach by becoming part of a well-established and impactful community of action, successfully driving change for 8 years.



Improve your chances for fundraising success by engaging in one of our multi-partner fundraising consortia. The partnership successfully secured more than 2.5 million Euro from diverse bilateral and private donors and members already.



Pool resources with others, and co-create impactful solutions that your organisation cannot achieve alone by itself.



Share your organisation's best practices and success stories with others, expanding their relevance beyond your own organisation.



Receive valuable insights and practicable knowledge with regard to citizen data, inclusion, localisation, evidence-driven advocacy, and coalition building.



Benefits of joining us

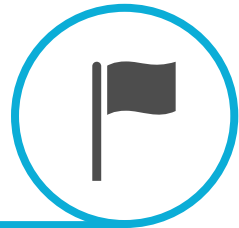
Help advancing the greater recognition and use of citizen data on a global scale, paving the way for more inclusive public planning that leaves no one behind.



(ICSOs): Engage your federation's country offices in a coordinated effort, including a joint advocacy element at the global level, supporting them in reaching their country goals and the overall goal of your federation.



(National CSOs): Pool your resources with likeminded peers in your own country and engage in a collective action that helps to advance the achievement of your mutual goals, while gaining access to relevant decision-making fora at the global level



(Global alliances / community platforms): Embed the perspectives of your affiliates and community members in a collective effort to amplify their voices in relevant decision making spaces at the global, national and local level.



(Think tanks): Gain access to a large community of civil society actors whose work is of relevance to your institution's research / advocacy angle.



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secretariat. In this role, the Centre
ensures a smooth coordination
of information across the entire
membership and oversees the
Partnership's finances and overall
progress towards its goals. The
Centre also organises joint network
and advocacy events, it recruits
new members, and fosters strategic
partnerships with external actors.

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