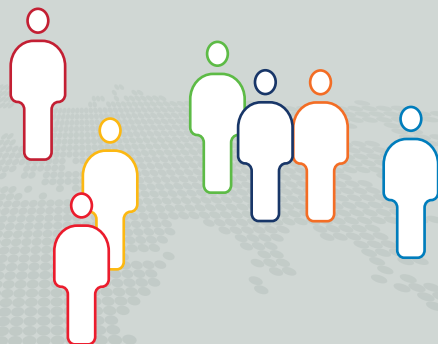


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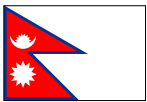
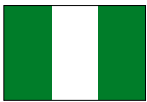
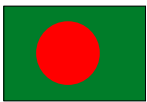


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Who we are and what we want to achieve

Where we work



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.

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.



Our approach explained: Making Voices Heard and Count

“Making Voices Heard and Count” is both the Partnership’s motto and the name of our methodological approach. The project’s driving element is community-driven data (CDD): monitoring data that is produced by local communities and used by them to raise awareness of their situation with the public and decision makers, and to advocate for change.

A key ambition of the project is to achieve a greater recognition and use of such data as a complementary source for SDG monitoring and review, and as a tool for the active inclusion of communities in the public development discourse (Making Voices Heard). Eventually, the project works toward the active use of this data in the planning of policies and services.

We aim to make them more inclusive of the situation of marginalised communities and thereby providing critical support to improve the lives of those who are usually ‘off the radar’ (Making Voices Count)

Our approach fosters evidence driven dialogues between civil society representatives and decision makers both at the national and local levels, aiming to ensure that no one is left behind in public monitoring and planning.

What our members say:

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"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

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"LNOB has maximised the added value of each single member of the partnership by making sure our own expertise is valorised "

LNOB Malwali

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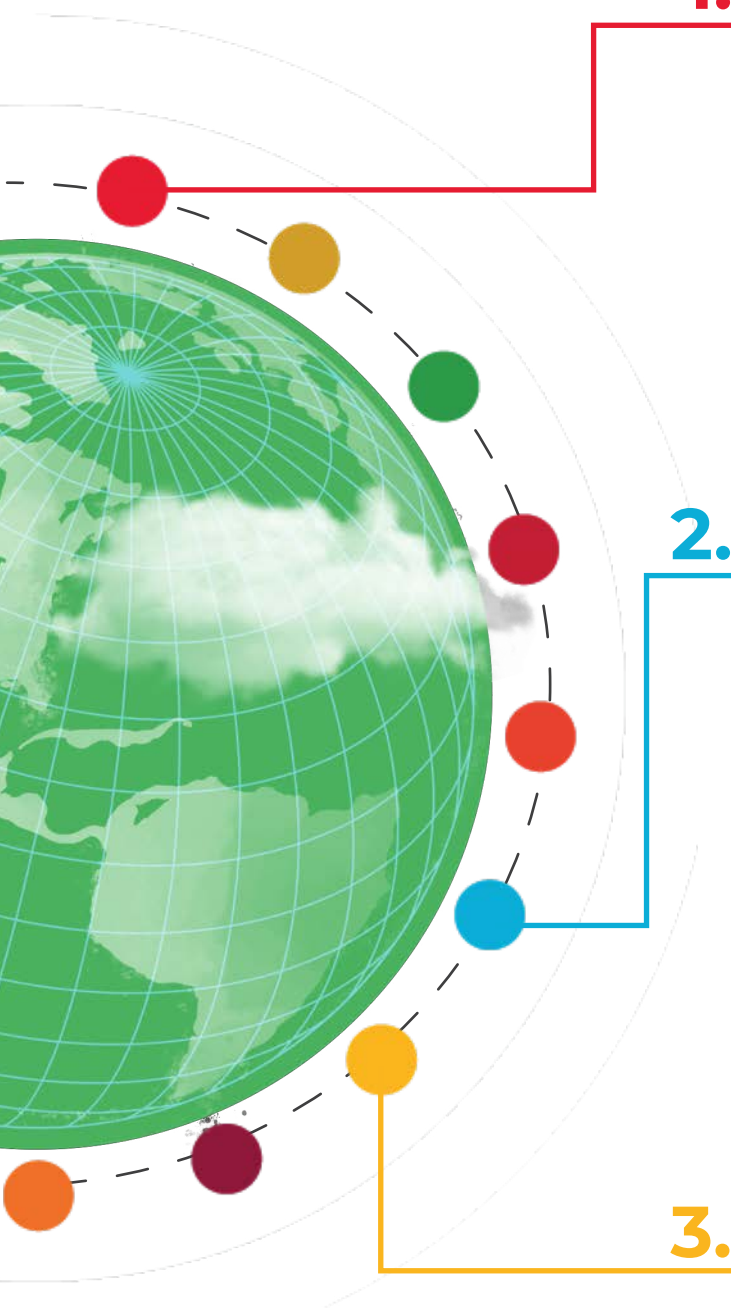
"The Partnership was able to create a niche for the LNOB within the SDG Agenda. We created attention to this dimension through the global network, which helped national members to engage at a higher level within the larger development sector and the UN system"

LNOB India



How we achieve our goals

We use a three-prong approach to achieve our goals:



1.

Capacity building for local civil society:

Local civil society representatives receive technical trainings, enabling them to produce CDD for monitoring and advocacy purposes. This usually involves a methodology mix of both quantitative and qualitative approaches (e.g. surveys and scorecards). We aim to train and establish “local champions” this way, who can engage long-term in local development monitoring, reporting about the situation and progress of their communities.

2.

Inclusive dialogues with decision makers at the local and national level:

Our national partner CSOs have well established links with both local authorities and national level ministries. They support local civil society actors in the analysis of their data, and in the arrangement of community dialogues. These dialogues bring together marginalised groups and decision makers to discuss how to improve policies and services, based on community-driven data. Next to policy dialogues, the Partnership also helps community voices to be heard in the national SDG process, actively engaging in the preparatory processes of National Voluntary Reports (VNR) to the UN.

3.

Global advocacy towards the increased use of CDD:

This involves strategic collaborations with key agencies such as the UN Statistics Division (UNSD). We work together on the creation of technical guidelines for the generation and use of CDD, thereby fostering the recognition and increased use of this data by authorities. The Partnership is also a driving force in a new UN-anchored process that brings together key global development actors, national statistics offices and civil society, aiming to harness data by citizens, for citizens, and about citizens.



Our country-level work in practice



Kenya

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.

Images courtesy of [Ahdi Achievers Empowerment CBO, Kenya](#).

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

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



Our country-level work in practice



Vietnam

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 Project on Supporting Women-led Green Initiatives (PWG), Vietnam.*

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

Our global advocacy work

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.



Our Global Members

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