



Session title: Sustainability and Scaling: Partnering with Local Organizations

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Overall summary of the session:

One key component of Sustainability and Scale Up is the ability to successfully partner with local organizations and established institutions. This session presented a grantee, *Diplomas Now*, that has been able to rapidly expand by using existing infrastructure and building relationships with key national and regional stakeholders. This grant is also on track for sustainability because it has woven its innovation work into the fabric of the schools and communities that it has engaged.

The session included a detailed description of the *Diplomas Now* structure and objectives. A partner member (City Year) of the *Diplomas Now* team then provided an overview of the program, including the roles and duties of individual core members and partners. The *Diplomas Now* logic model was also shared.

Data from the MDRC program model showed the correlation between specific programs and activities with fidelity scores and student performance, including early warning indicators and student progress during the school year.

The discussion also included several additional keys to sustainability and scale up. Participants broke into small groups and discussed what they are doing to sustain/scale up their programs.

Key issues or questions discussed:

- Defining sustainability—participants were asked to provide definitions of sustainability.
- Defining scaling up—participants were asked to provide definitions of sustainability.
- Replicate and sustain in rural and urban areas
- Understand the approach *Diplomas Now* has taken to scaling
- Reflect on the grantees' own approach to scaling and partnerships with local organizations
- Discuss the difference between local and national partnerships

Related resources that may be useful:

Additional reference materials provided on CoP site:

- Successful Implementation Resource—Scaling up
- Successful Implementation Resource—Guiding Coalition
- Successful Implementation Resource—Communications Self-Assessment