

Action Area 2.2 Effective Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development
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The global ambition to eradicate extreme poverty will not succeed with business-as-usual approaches: we need new and tested ideas and inclusive partnerships for sustainable development.

Triangular cooperation is one such example.

The contemporary approach to triangular cooperation reflects new development actors and changing working methods. It broadens traditional development roles to a more comprehensive and inclusive interaction between all types of development stakeholders.

With all that being said, this development modality deserves greater attention. Which is why the GPEDC Action Area on TrC will seek, as **its main objective**, to: *Mainstream and build greater awareness and engagement for effective triangular co-operation within the GPEDC Network.*

Its first output will increase instances of implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on Effective Triangular Co-operation in development programming.

There are three key activities for this output:

1. Compiling and disseminating case studies on funding mechanisms for effective TrC (as a means to help stakeholders to pursue TrC projects).
2. Pilot the implementation of the Voluntary guidelines for Effective TrC. Disseminating lessons learned and best practices.
3. Exploring training for effective TrC.

The second output will improve awareness around effective triangular co-operation for sustainable development.

Its activities include awareness building at development events, blog posts, and a survey of the GPEDC network to better understand their use and knowledge of triangular cooperation to inform our overall awareness activities.

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We had some great feedback yesterday during our **break-out session**.

Moving forward, our working group will revisit the work plan to:

1. explore the possibility of adding research and coaching activities for partner countries;
2. enhance our indicators; and
3. determine if we could better underscore gender equality.

During our break-out session we also identified opportunities for collaboration with the Private Sector Engagement Action Area.

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Why and how is TrC relevant at the country level?

Effective TrC places all stakeholders, including partner countries, on an equal footing. All actors benefit and provide at the same time. It breaks up vertical relationships, fosters mutual benefit and triple win-situations.

A critical function in triangular cooperation is to harness the collective expertise available, including locally to develop strategies and programmes that serve as a catalyst for development.

One of the value-add of triangular cooperation, during the implementation phase of a project for example, lies in all partners sharing knowledge and learning jointly. They engage in a dynamic exchange about development solutions, and cultural and geographic contexts.

The Voluntary Guidelines on Effective TrC also speak to the relevance at country-level. In addition to the guideline on country ownership and demand-driven co-operation (inspired by the Busan Principle), the guidelines encourage innovation and co-creation, as well as joint-learning and knowledge-sharing.

What is the Global Partnership's niche in this area?

Importantly, the GPEDC brings together a wide-variety of development stakeholders.

This multi-stakeholder forum can help drive the contemporary approach to triangular cooperation, which goes beyond governments as the stakeholders.

How will we engage stakeholders and promote momentum?

Beyond the specific awareness activities under output 2, we have a diverse working group which will be critical to engaging the larger development community... and as the instances of effective triangular cooperation projects increase, we expect the development results will help sustain momentum.