

# CoLMEAL

## Case Study

Community-Led Monitoring, Evaluation,  
Accountability and Learning

Building on foundations and principles from feminist and participatory MEAL, and drawing on experience with community-led development, Salanga co-created CoLMEAL and is piloting the approach in partnership with ADRA Canada and its implementing partners in two Global Affairs Canada Funded projects:



### TOGETHER Project

Uniting Towards Gender Equality for the enjoyment of women's and girls' Total Health and Rights project, implemented in Cambodia, Kenya, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Learn more: [adra.ca/together](http://adra.ca/together)

### BRIGHT Project

BReaking barriers, Improving Girls Education, Hope and Totality project, implemented in Niger, Sudan and Myanmar.

Learn more: [adra.ca/the-bright-project](http://adra.ca/the-bright-project)



## Our Early Achievements:

2   
Salanga  
Trainers




24   
Local CoLMEAL  
Leads trained



480 (288F + 192M) CoLMEAL  
committee members trained  
and engaged



12,000   
Community members reached  
by CoLMEAL committees

# The CoLMEAL Approach in Practice

**What has been the impact of CoLMEAL in our pilot projects so far?**

| Desired Change   | Data Collection & Analysis   | Learning, Sharing & Advocacy   |
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| Communities articulate their own vision of change, and change processes, based on their analysis of related community challenges, context, needs and priorities. | Community members within the CoLMEAL groups directly design measures of change and local data collection tools and strategies.                                     | Communities make sense of, use and share CoLMEAL results with key stakeholders and duty bearers in their community to learn and adapt their vision and plans for change. |
| A range of participatory processes and tools are employed within the community processes, including timelines, Problem Mapping, simplified Gender Analysis, etc. | Community members through CoLMEAL groups take the lead in tracking the progress towards and impact of community action plans by facilitating monitoring and plans. | Information gathered is used by community members, leaders and opinion makers to influence desired social and behaviour change within the community.                     |
| Community Action Planning and Action Micro-Grants are utilized to boost engagement of community members.   | Community members undertake meaningful data analysis that generates evidence and influences decision-making processes.   | Duty-bearers and other development actors are held accountable by community stakeholders for their decisions, actions, and outcomes.                                     |

Learn more about CoLMEAL by watching our webinars:  
[www.salanga.org/colmeal](http://www.salanga.org/colmeal)