



CLA: From an implementer's perspective

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Why is CLA important?

We can't do it on our own

We need to understand what works, what doesn't, and why

We don't always end up where we expected





What makes CLA difficult?

"We can't talk about failure!"

"We need to focus on targets and results!"

"Too much information, too many meetings!"





What are implementers doing?

Actively sharing and collaborating

Overcoming competitive and technical silos

Partnering – as a competency

Understanding influencers and local context





What are implementers doing?

Strengthening capacity for program learning

Building capacity for research

Improving reporting/stock taking

Moving beyond marketing





What are implementers doing?

Improving implementation processes

Adaptive and participatory management

Improving knowledge systems

Ongoing analysis and response





How can we better enable CLA?

Guidance around recommended practices

Supportive funding mechanisms

Rewards, recognition for inquiry and dialogue