

Long-term Assistance and Services for Research (LASER)

Partners for University-Led Solutions Engine (PULSE)



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About LASER

- Is part of the portfolio of the Higher Education Solutions Network 2.0 from the Center for Development Research in the U.S. Global Development Lab (Lab) of USAID
- A 5-year (8/1/2018 to 7/31/2023) Cooperative Agreement with Purdue University as **Prime**, and **Consortium Members**:
 - Catholic Relief Services
 - Indiana University
 - Makerere University (Uganda)
 - University of Notre Dame
- Funding model: Core funding and Buy-ins from Missions, Bureaus, and Independent Offices
- Focus: USAID Geographic areas and Sectors
 - [Afghanistan and Pakistan](#)
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LASER Objectives

Overall goal: To support the discovery and uptake of university-sourced, evidence-based solutions to development challenges

1. Increased institutional capacity of Low and Middle-income Countries (LMIC) HEI's to administer and support high quality, sustainable research programs
2. Increased capacity of HEIs to effectively identify and carry out research and translate research results to effectively address development challenges
 - Collaboration with government, non-government, and donor agencies
3. Increased capacity of government, non-government, and other implementing agencies to effectively identify research needs, interact with research organizations and apply research results

