**Group Exercise: Causal Diagram**

**Instructions**

1. Identify at most 3 domains of change (first tier results) that are necessary and sufficient to realize the goal of your Activity
2. Detail lower level sub-results that are necessary and sufficient to achieve each higher level domain of change (result). Detail sub-results at least 2 layers below each domain of change.

**Time:** 1 hour

**Step 1: Prioritize Domains of Change**

* **Is there opportunity?**
	+ Would work in the domain fill a current gap?
	+ Is this domain a strategic priority for the donor?
	+ Does the domain have high synergy with other domains?
	+ Can the project leverage change already taking root in the system?
* **Is it feasible?**
	+ What domains can the project be held accountable for within its mandate and timeframe of implementation?
	+ **What is the potential influence of the project in this domain? Could it be enough to propel change?**
	+ **What are the limits to our control and influence?**
	+ Does the project or organization have credibility to operate in this space?
* **Could there be potential partnerships?**
	+ What other entities are working in this space?
	+ Is there a risk of duplication of efforts?
	+ What influential actors are we connected to? How can we leverage partnerships to propel change?

**Step 2: Detail Full Causal Logic Diagram**

* Results and Sub-results should be uni-level AND uni-dimensional
* Ensure all results have a strong causal link
	+ Check your logic: “If sub-result 1.1 and sub-result 1.2 is achieved, then result 1 will occur.”
		- Watch out for and avoid large causal gaps
		- Ensure each set of sub-results is necessary and sufficient to cause change at the higher level (result level or domain of change)
			* Ask yourself: Why will this result occur? How will the result occur? What else is needed for the result to occur?
	+ Avoid categorical, definitional, or chronological linkages