**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