

## TWELVE LOCAL MEL ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDED ORIENTATION SESSION ON THE ACCELERATOR'S NEXT STEPS

The USAID Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity implemented an introductory session to 12 local Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) organizations who were ranked Tier 1 and Tier 2 within the Activity's Accelerator Program. The session aimed to encourage these organizations to self-assess their organizational and MEL technical capacities. Through this assessment, the USAID Activity will be able to understand the organizational and MEL technical capacity of the participated organizations in several areas including: Governance and Legal Structure, Financial Management and Internal Control Systems, MEL Human Resources, MEL Technical Resources, and MEL Reporting.



*A mix of online and in-person orientation session was conducted by the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity team to the 12 local MEL organizations. Photo by USAID Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity.*

Based on the self-assessment's scoring, the organizations will be able to identify their strengths and areas for improvement and work with the USAID Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity to develop their capacity improvement plans. The self-assessment not only helps the organizations reflect on their processes and functions against benchmarks, but it also promotes organizations' ownership of their capacity improvement plans.

Eventually, these organizations will engage with technical assistance and other customized support that will be designed based on their capacity development plans. This will enable them to ultimately graduate from the MEL accelerator to bid on USAID opportunities on their own, while simultaneously strengthening their technical capacity and operational and financial management systems.