

OVERALL INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATORS

Service Providers	(Project) Partners				Organisation Level Partners	Funders: Multi-/Bilateral, Foundations
Service contract	Third Party Collaborators	Consortium Partners	Local (Implementing) Partner w/ Award/Support		Alliances, Networks, Coalitions etc.	Grants and Mandates
Contract	Memorandum of Understanding	Consortium Bid Agreement	Partnership Agreement	Partner Assessment and Financial Risks Assessment	Consortium Agreement, Sub Awards, Cooperative Agreements	
CIVIL SOCIETY						CIVIL SOCIETY
STATE/GOVMT						STATE/GOVMT
PRIVATE SECTOR						PRIVATE SECTOR

Note:

It's important to note that not every institutional collaboration is a "partnership". A partnership usually involves an equitable, long-term relationship, where both parties share common goals. However, many collaborations are more functional or service oriented.

Types of Organisations:

- Civil Society Organisation (CSO, NGO, CBO, etc.)
- Private Sector
- State/Public Entity

Strategic Partners:

Few and carefully selected long-term relationships with «Local (Implementing) Partner w/ Award/Support» with whom we have shared visions about change processes BEYOND a project frame, where there is an element of complementarity and capacity sharing and where we maintain a continuous strategic dialogue (typically one very few partners are in this category).

Types of Partnerships and Collaborations:

Local (Implementing) Partners: Local (Implementing) Partners: These are local organizations with whom Helvetas has a formal agreement, usually a Partnership Agreement including direct funding or support (and sometimes sub-awards). The partner carries out project activities and, in doing so, is also strengthened institutionally.

Consortium Partners: These are partners involved in joint project implementation, usually through a Bid Agreement (Consortia and Subcontracting). Such arrangements are often made for large tenders or complex projects. A consortium can include international or local organizations and may be structured in various ways. The relationship is more strategic.

Third-Party Collaborator: These are organizations, such as government ministries, district offices, or academic institutions, with whom Helvetas has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The collaboration is formalized, but no funds are exchanged. Both parties may contribute time, resources, or expertise, but the relationship is non-contractual and does not involve implementation of project activities by the third party (often a ministry or public institution).

Service Providers: Service providers are typically contracted individuals or organizations who deliver specific goods or services to the project. The relationship is based on a service contract, not a partnership. These providers are paid for their services (e.g. training delivery, research, construction, etc.), but the goal is not to strengthen them as actors. Even though their work may contribute to development outcomes, they are not considered "project partners" because we do not intentionally build their capacity as part of the project.