

Community for Understanding Scale Up (CUSP)

On the CUSP of Change:

Ethical and effective scaling of social norms programming for gender equality





















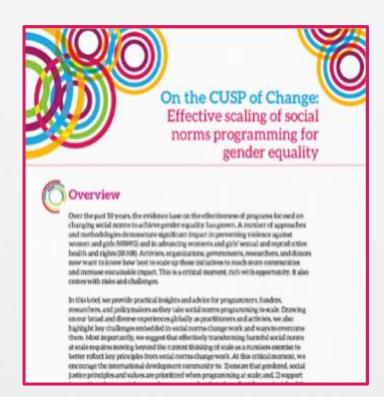


CUSP member's **social norms change for gender equality** initiatives have been / are being scaled up in different ways:

- mentioned in "best practices" roundups
- donors have recommended and/or prescribed them in their funding calls
- being used by many other groups often in positive ways and with innovative adaptions, sometimes in ways that are problematic

CUSP member programs





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Social Norms at Scale: CUSP's Collective Insights

Case Study 1: Insights from GREAT (Northern Uganda)

Case Study 2: Insights from IMAGE (South Africa)

Case Study 3: Insights from SASA! (Uganda)

Case Study 4: Insights from *Stepping Stones* (Global)

Case Study 5: Insights from Tostan (Senegal)

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One definition of Scale up:

"Deliberate efforts to increase the impact of innovations successfully tested in pilot or experimental projects so as to benefit more people and to foster policy and program development on a lasting basis."

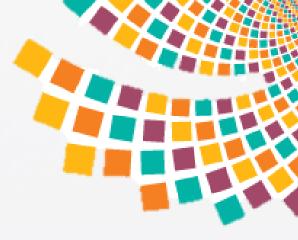
- ExpandNet (2009)

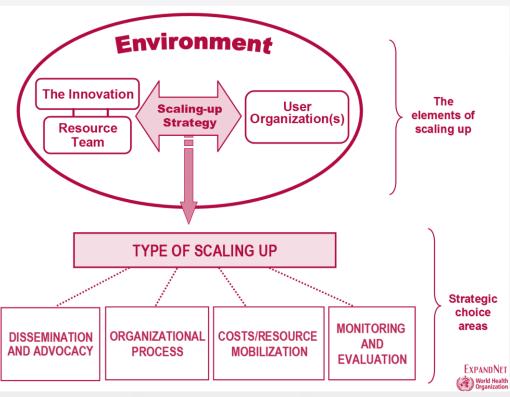






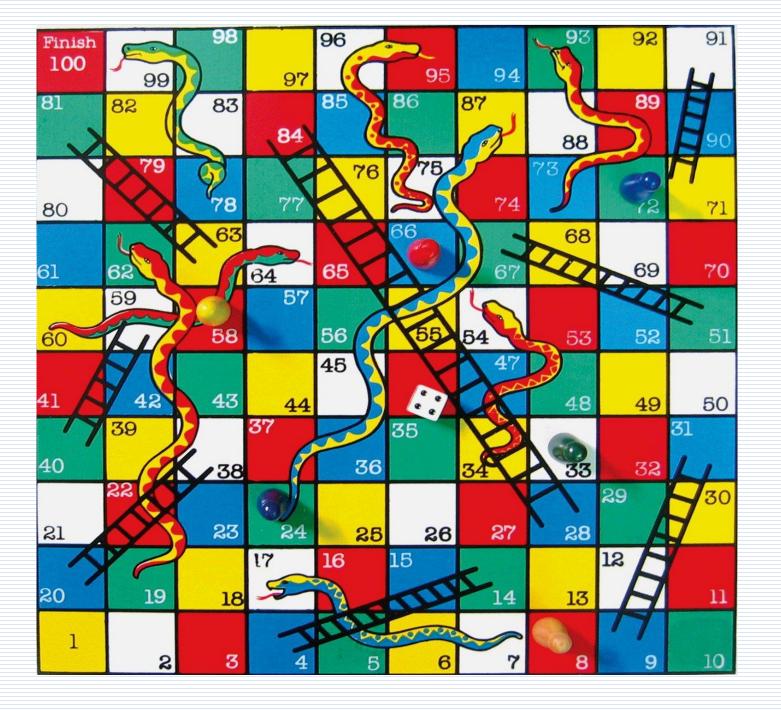
- Define the innovation package explicitly, including values
- Use a purposeful systems approach
- Engage stakeholders early; build partnerships
- Monitor the environment
- Apply active implementation supports, including ML&E
- Pay attention to fidelity to core mechanisms
- Use mixed methods to assess process and impact





BALANCING EXPANSION & INSTITUTIONALIZATION FOR SUSTAINED EFFECT





Types of Scale-up

Horizontal: Geographic expansion or replication

→ adaptation (All programs)

Vertical: Institutionalization via organizational

policies and budgets (GREAT)

Grafting: Adding components to an existing

initiative (FGM or child marriage)

Types of Scale-up

Wholly-owned: Original designers/implementers work directly in new region (IMAGE & Tostan)

Additive/Partnerships: Original implementers help scale with new partners (SASA! and Stepping Stones)

Multiplicative: New implementers take on work (SASA! and Stepping Stones)





PRIORITIZE
ACCOUNTABILITY
TO COMMUNITIES

THE PRINCIPLES OF,
AND ALIGN WITH,
THE VALUES OF THE
METHODOLOGY



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RE-EXAMINE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EFFECTIVE AND ETHICAL SCALING

SHARED PRACTICES: CUSP's COLLECTIVE INSIGHTS

Six interconnected insights to take social norms change approaches rooted in social justice practices and principles to scale ENSURE
ADEQUATE
TIME AND FUNDING
FOR

PROGRAMMING





INVOLVE ORIGINATORS

MAINTAIN FIDELITY TO THE ELEMENTS OF THE ORIGINAL METHODOLOGY









Recommendations for research investments to support scale up

- Address power hierarchies in knowledge production and utilization
- Support scale-up practice by shining the light on implementation processes and mechanisms of change
- Apply methods that provide information on context and complexity
- Resist premature assessment of evolving interventions instead provide needed information!
- Outcome measures: improve social norms measures and break out of siloed results

Recommendations for ethical & effective scale up

| BEFORE | PREPARATION | IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW UP |
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| Talk with creators & in-country partners about appropriateness of adaptation/implementation in new context Understand principles of core elements and discuss what kind of adaptation is necessary and/or possible for this setting Assess whether time and resources are adequate (and don't go forward if not) – including funding for TA | Create advisory group for ongoing engagement Build in process/time for new partners to internalize core principles and components and adapt Engage end-users in adaptation, field testing and adjustments Invest in and support staff and facilitators – personal processes | Document ongoing adaptation and implementation Continued support for staff and facilitators Monitoring, learning, adjustment, evaluation |

