

Global Delivery Initiative Learning Program

Mainstreaming Science of Delivery through the Global Delivery Initiative

The **Global Delivery Initiative (GDI)** is a global partnership across the development community, dedicated to the co-creation of an evidence base of delivery know-how that can support development practitioners in making more informed decisions to produce consistent results on the ground – a **Science of Delivery (SoD)** for development.

1. What is the focus of the Science of Delivery?

The conceptual framework behind SoD is based on three pillars:

- i) Focus on Development Challenges, not projects.
- ii) Better understanding of the Delivery Challenges that practitioners face on the ground.
- iii) Focus on implementation “know-how” through a contextualized, in-depth analysis of the complex delivery problems and processes that development stakeholders grapple with: what they are, when they arise, and how they might be addressed.

2. How does the GDI support the creation of a Science of Delivery?

The GDI seeks to accomplish this overarching mission through a variety of activities and products: the production of delivery case studies openly available through a Global Delivery Library; the creation of an integrated Global Delivery Platform; convening partners to facilitate sharing of experiences and lessons learned from implementation; providing learning programs to support practitioners applying adaptive implementation in their work; training prospective case writers; and identifying the common delivery challenges practitioners face as a means to foster peer learning.

3. What is the SoD-GDI Learning Program?

The SoD-GDI Learning Program seeks to:

- Expose practitioners to a different way of thinking about implementation and adaptive management to stimulate and foster the global debate on operational knowledge, leading to enhanced operational effectiveness.
- Promote the use of the SoD framework and GDI guidelines to capture and share implementation knowledge: 1) for enhanced impact; 2) for organizational learning; 3) to create a cumulative evidence base of development know-how.

- Give practitioners access to tools and methodologies to operationalize an adaptive and iterative approach to the implementation of development interventions.
- Ensure an efficient and continuously evolving approach to deliver content through blended-learning pedagogy (face-to-face/online).

4. Our value proposition

For GDI Partners, the Learning Program offers unique opportunities for practitioners to:

- Operate under a framework which allows them to think differently about implementation of projects, focusing on problems (Development Challenges), Delivery Challenges and solutions based on context-specific implementation knowledge.
- Turn information into action via customized learning programs aimed at sharing knowledge across organizational units and boundaries.
- Explore adaptive implementation tools and methodologies in designing new and ongoing projects to improve the quality of operations.
- Access a global hub of delivery knowledge ranging from delivery challenges in specific sectors to country-specific case studies.
- Be active members of a unique knowledge community dedicated to delivery know-how.

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