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## From September 2015, MannionDaniels was selected to manage the UK Aid Direct fund for the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office fund, working in consortium with Oxford Policy Management (OPM), Education Development Trust, Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) and Royal Tropical Institute (KIT).

## During eight years of delivering capacity support to civil society, UK Aid Direct has **supported** **162 CSOs** to deliver **196 programmes** across **37 countries**, reaching more than **9.7 million individuals**.

Capacity support was delivered by the fund management teams and some key achievements can be seen below:

* 95% of CSOs were engaged with capacity development opportunities
* 94% of CSOs were satisfied with 174 events held by the fund manager
* 85% of CSOs reported an increase in their organisational capacity
* 84% gave a satisfaction rating in the fund manager's annual survey (2022)
* 83% of CSOs reported that their UK Aid Direct grant had improved their partner/s organisational capacity also
* 76% of CSOs said that their UK Aid Direct grant had enhanced their organisation's systems, processes and approaches.

Support from the fund manager led to a five-fold growth in one CSO's income who scaled their approach in response to changing opportunities.