



# EMPOWER PHASE 1 RESULTS

KEY RESULTS IN EMPOWERING PARTNERS WORKING ON EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICA FROM 2018 TO 2020



EMPOWER supported Caritas Brasileira's USAID-funded Ajuri program, responding to COVID-19 in the Amazon. Photo courtesy of Caritas Brasileira

## PROGRAM RESULTS BY OBJECTIVE

### EMPOWER OBJECTIVES



Local partners participate in coordination platforms.



Local partners strengthen organizational capacity to respond to humanitarian crises.

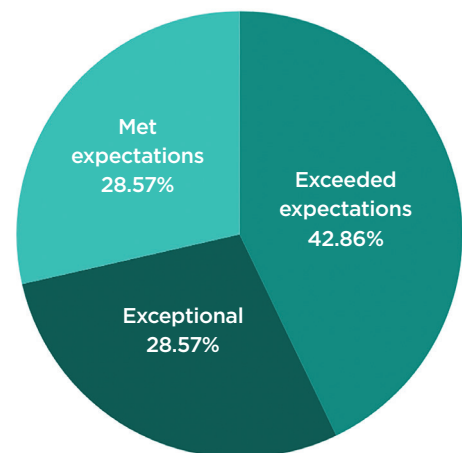


Local partners access and implement a greater percentage of humanitarian funding.

### ACCOMPANIMENT

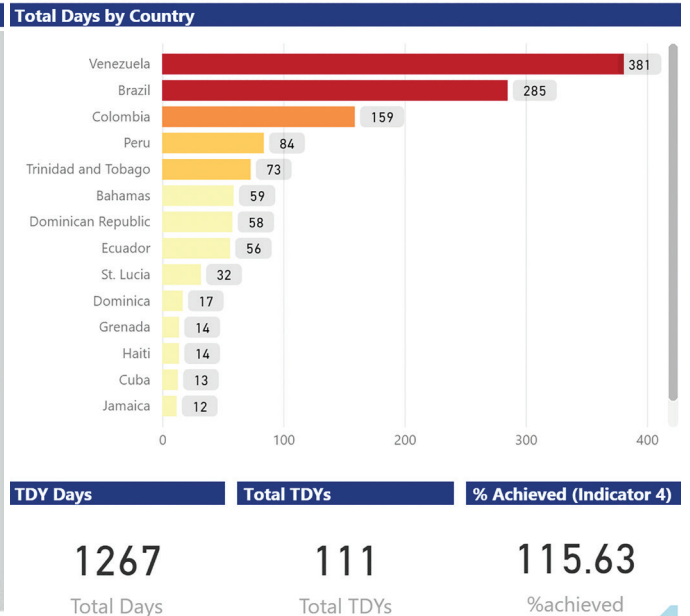
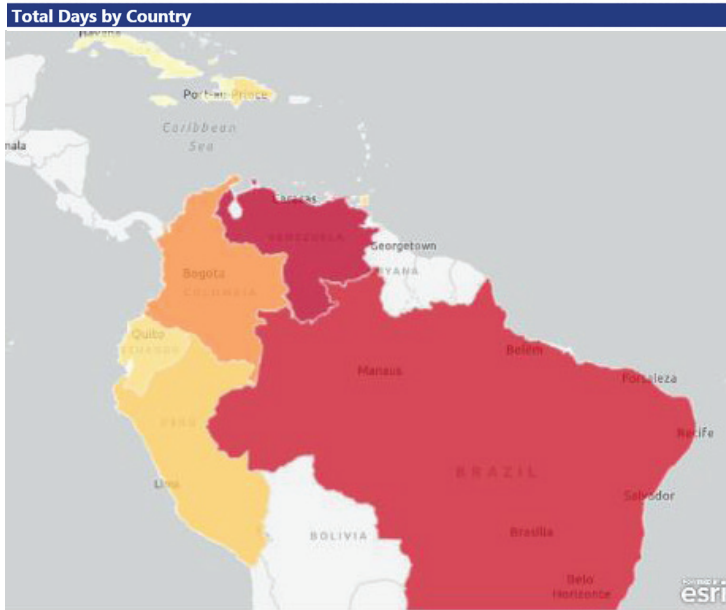
From 2018 to 2020, EMPOWER accompanied partner-led emergency responses with a wide variety of technical assistance remotely and over 1,200 days of in-country in-person support. Partner feedback on the technical assistance provided in the first phase of the program always “met expectations” and, in 71% of cases, exceeded expectations. In Phase 1, the EMPOWER team supported responses such as the Venezuelan migrant crisis in multiple countries and the Hurricane Dorian response in the Bahamas.

### General Impression of the Visit



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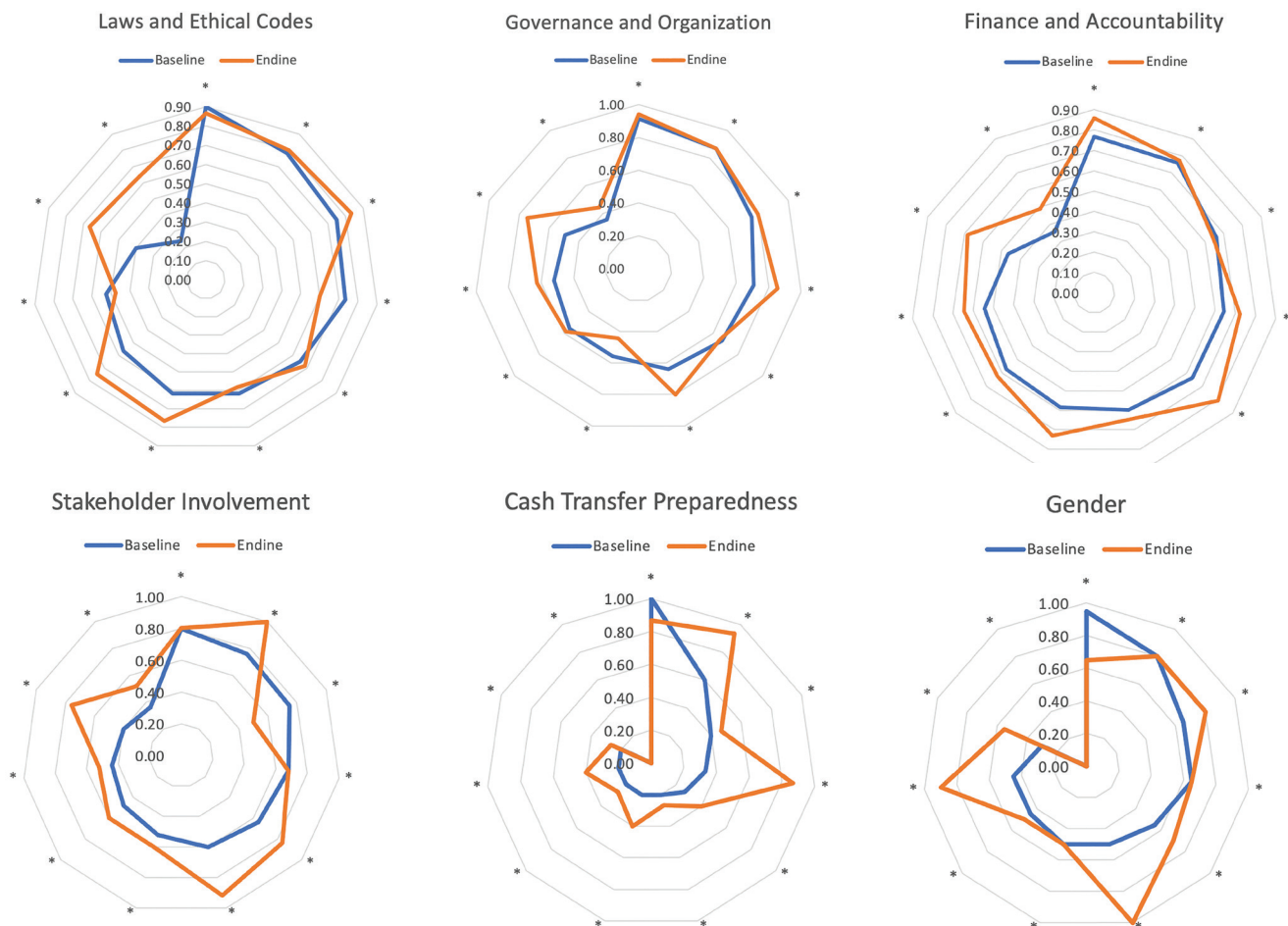
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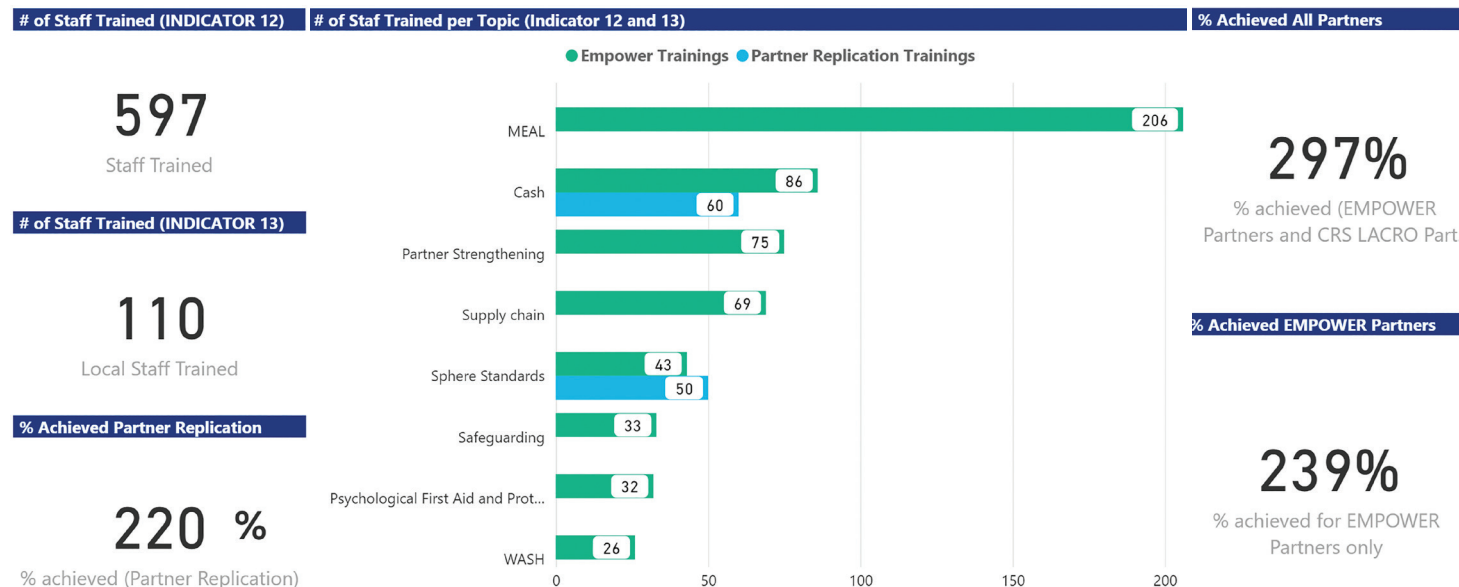
## CAPACITY SELF-ASSESSMENTS

EMPOWER accompanied partners through a self-assessment using Caritas Internationalis' Management Standards tool as a base. The sectors covered under this self-assessment include Law and Ethical Codes, Governance and Organization, Finance and Accountability, Stakeholder Involvement, Cash Transfer Preparedness, and Gender.

EMPOWER partners have made significant improvements to fully implement Caritas Internationalis Management Standards. Overall, there was a 78% decrease in indicators reported as having nothing implemented and a 43% increase in indicators reported as having a higher score than two years previously, with the greatest improvements reported in the areas of **Gender, Cash Transfer Preparedness, and Stakeholder Involvement**.



## Partner training and replication



### TRAININGS

EMPOWER trained almost 600 partner staff in Phase 1, including in **MEAL in Emergencies, Cash Programming, Safeguarding and Sphere Standards**.

### HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

EMPOWER helped partner teams raise over \$26 million for active emergency responses in Phase 1, with an 82% win rate overall, and over 40% of proposals won primed directly by local partners. **Cash** was the sector most frequently funded, followed by **WASH, shelter and disaster risk reduction**. Of those proposals primed by partners, 53% were in cooperative agreements or contracts with US Government donors such as USAID and the Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

### PHASE 2 (2020 – 2022) PRIORITIES

By analyzing partner feedback, final evaluations and capacity self-assessment endline data analysis, the EMPOWER team will be focused on the following priorities identified by partners:

- Supporting partners in meeting Management Standards in Complaints Procedures, Cash Preparedness, Risk Management, Fundraising Strategies, Data Protection, Environmental Ethics and Asset Management.
- Putting psychological first aid and care for caregivers into practice during emergency responses
- Strengthening the use of digital tools
- Designing winning proposals

### Win rate

