

PIA CO-DESIGN SUMMIT, ZAMBIA

Forty-six participants including PIA members, Zambian entrepreneurs, local innovators, and community representatives came together in Kafue and Naboye from 30 October to 5 November to practice co-design and explore collaborations. Read about the experience from participants' perspectives with blog posts from *David Hoffmann at Siemens Stiftung*, *Daniel Vera at the Melton Foundation*, and *Taylor Cruz at Pact*. Also, a [video recap here!](#)



CO-HOSTING & CAPACITY BUILDING



MIT D-Lab co-hosted the summit with PIA member World Vision and IDIN partner NTBC to enable continuity of the six summit projects in this WV community, and to build capacity of WV staff to adapt and replicate this approach.

CO-DESIGN TRAINING



The introduction to the co-design process included an exercise in which participants learned about local lighting challenges and collaboratively designed sketch models of solutions.

6 PROJECTS

-  SAFE DRINKING WATER
-  CHILD NUTRITION
-  LATRINES
-  EDUCATION OUTCOMES
-  VALUE FROM MANGOS
-  PEST MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



A highlight of the summit was meeting the Naboye community. Participants listened to community members to gain deeper insight into the problems the teams were tackling.

EXPLORING PARTNERSHIPS



Through learning more about each other's work, roles, and organizations, ten concrete opportunities for collaboration beyond the summit projects were identified.



Participants from the PIA Co-Design Summit were welcomed by D-Lab founding director Amy Smith into the USAID-funded International Development Innovation Network (IDIN), a growing community of over 800 innovators from around the world.



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"The co-design summit was a tremendous opportunity to roll up our sleeves and work in partnership with local innovators and designers, community members and like-minded NGOs and international companies to design solutions together. As the chief of innovation design, I am a believer in the power of designing solutions "with" communities rather than "for" communities.

The co-design summit helped build new skills, friendships, and reignited my personal purpose to work on innovative solutions to improve people's lives."

TRANSFORMATIVE
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EXPERIENCE