

# PCS | Program Cycle Support

## ABOUT PCS

The Program Cycle Support (PCS) Associate Award supports implementing partners (IPs) to design and implement evidence-based, effective, and efficient activities that result in substantial and sustainable food and nutrition security gains. Funded by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and led by Save the Children, PCS collaborates with BHA staff, USAID Mission staff, other food security support mechanisms, and IPs to provide facilitation and capacity strengthening support at key points during the lifecycle of BHA-funded resilience food security activities (RFSAs), including the Refine and Implement (R&I) process.



## WHAT WE DO

### Workshop Preparation

- Workshop design in collaboration with USAID staff
- Facilitative technical support for implementing partners, in coordination with USAID and other support mechanisms
- Tool development to help implementing partners and USAID staff adequately prepare for each event

### Workshop Implementation

- Remote and in-person event logistics and coordination
- Remote and in-person event facilitation

### Workshop Follow Up

- After action review facilitation
- Implementation of feedback mechanisms to inform learning and adaptation

## PCS SUPPORT DURING THE RFSA LIFECYCLE

● PCS Led Activities    ○ PCS Supported Activities

### Pre-Inception Technical Assistance

PCS prepares the RFSA to arrive at the Inception Workshop ready to engage in collaborative discussions about key information gaps that affect implementation, and the refinement year studies, pilots, and community engagement plans that respond to these information gaps.

### Pre-Culmination Technical Assistance

PCS prepares the RFSA to arrive at the Culmination Workshop ready to engage in collaborative discussions about the implications of refinement year findings and prioritized interventions.



### Inception Workshop

**Purpose:** BHA and the RFSA develop a shared understanding regarding refinement year expectations, roles and responsibilities, milestones, and deliverables.

### Culmination Workshop

**Purpose:** BHA and the RFSA jointly review the implications of refinement year findings on activity design and implementation plans, and agree on the way forward.

### End of Cycle Learning Event

**Purpose:** The RFSA reflects on programmatic learnings and, if extended, determines how to modify activities based on these learnings.

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