



OUR MISSION

The Accountability Lab catalyzes a new generation of active citizens and responsible leaders around the world. We are an incubator for accountability change-makers to develop and implement innovative ideas for integrity in their communities. We train, mentor, and resource citizens to strengthen systems of accountability to unleash positive social and economic change.

OUR VALUES

These values guide all our thinking and programs, and are exemplified by and expected of our directors, officers, employees, and volunteers. We continually hold ourselves accountable to them and encourage others to hold us accountable as well.

Integrity

- We set an example of honesty and transparency in all that we do and how we do it.
- We are accountable to all our stakeholders—including project beneficiaries, accountpreneurs, donors, peer organizations, and government officials—and we continually evaluate our impact.

Innovation

- We foster creativity and forward-thinking at all levels of our work.
- We are open to trying new ideas and taking risks to further our mission; we acknowledge and learn from our failures; and we adapt to changing circumstances.

Humility

- We recognize that local people know best how to create change in their community.
- We understand that building trust, changing mindsets, and setting up systems of accountability ultimately must be done from within, and can take years to show their full impact.

Practicality

- We emphasize the creation of useful tools that are sustainable and scalable over time.
- We are cost-effective and use resources efficiently in all our operations, and encourage our accountpreneurs to do the same with our small grants.

Collaboration

- We strive to listen to, learn from, and find positive ways to collaborate with everyone we can.
- We believe in the power of community, and seek to build solidarity and cooperation in the local communities in which we work and in the international development field more broadly.