

# *Learning the Lessons: Designing Effective Governance Frameworks*

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# Lessons and Challenges

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- **Evaluations of these collaborations and others found that successful partnerships depended upon:**
  - strong leadership
  - a shared common vision
  - the involvement and support of key stakeholders
  - a high level of trust among the partnering organizations
  - consensus decision-making
  - a strong focus on the goal of system change
  - timely and consistent funding streams
  - well-defined tasks and deliverables
  - established measures for tracking outcomes
  - formal communication networks
- **These lessons are also the challenges facing partnerships**
  - Even for those partnerships that have achieved any of these criteria, there is no guarantee that they will be sustained.
  - Principles for performance excellence must be engrained in the culture of the partnerships