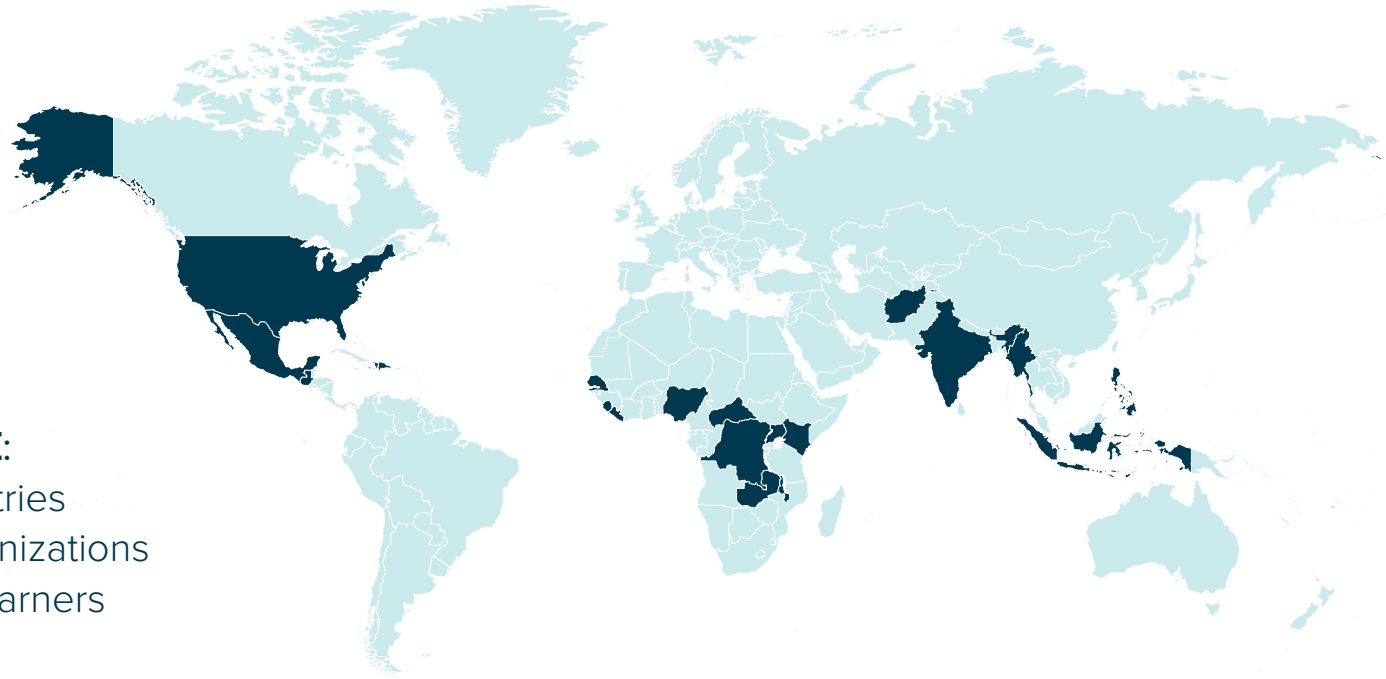
2023 Learning Solutions Activities Summary



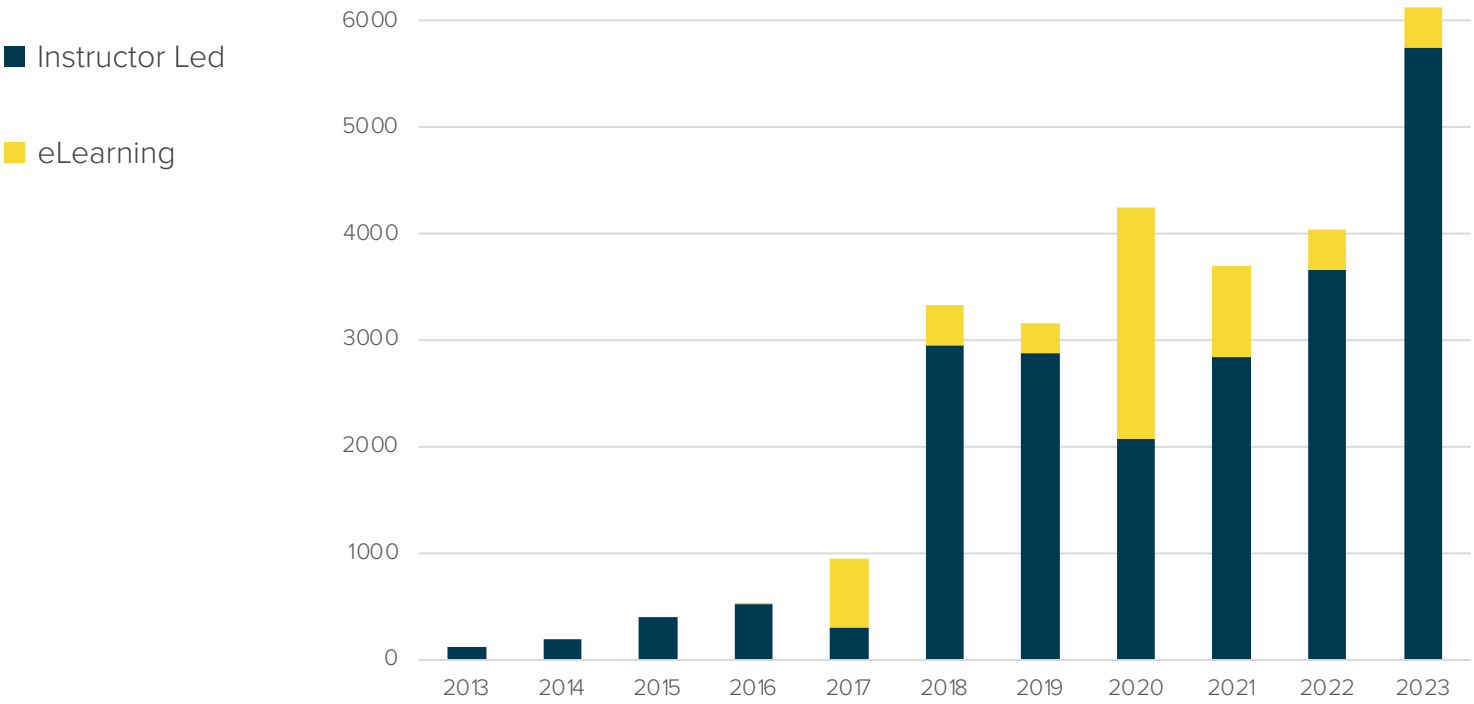
AT A GLANCE:

22 Countries
831 Organizations
10,321 Learners

NUMBER OF LEARNERS BY COUNTRY AND LEARNING TYPE

Countries	Instructor-led Training	eLearning	VAS+D Basics Online Course	India Activation Training	Total Learners	Program Partners
Afghanistan	1				1	1
Central African Republic	60				60	9
Democratic Republic of Congo	575	66			641	220
Dominican Republic	7				7	1
Gambia	20				20	1
Guatemala		92		1,020	92	92
Haiti	273	52			325	61
India					4205	238
Indonesia	215	72			287	84
Kenya		3			3	3
Liberia	50				50	1
Malawi	29				29	1
Mexico		47			47	47
Myanmar		1			1	1
Nigeria	3769	2			3771	13
Philippines	212		5		217	12
Senegal		1			1	1
Sierra Leone		6			6	6
Uganda	529	3			532	13
US		3			3	3
Zambia		23			23	23
Grand Total	***5,740***	***382***	***5***	***3,130***	***10,321***	***831***

TYPES OF LEARNING AND LEARNERS BY YEAR



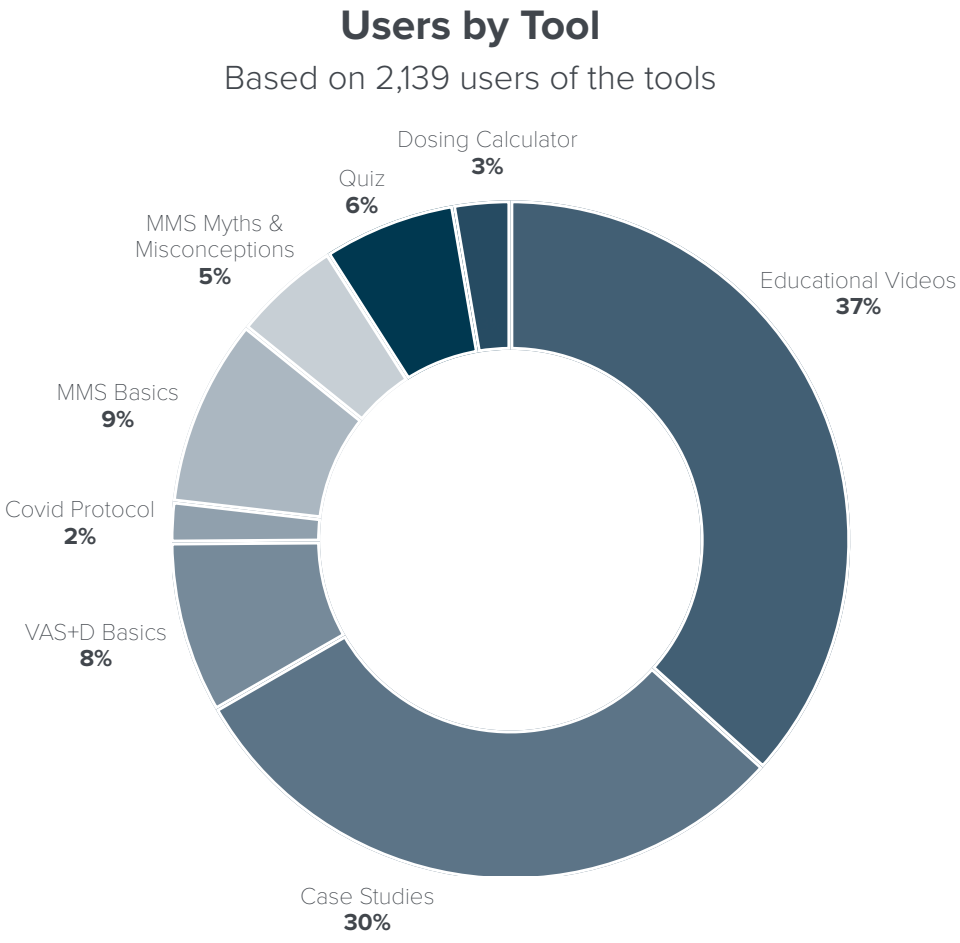
LEARNING SOLUTIONS MOBILE WEBSITE

Users at a glance:

2581
Total Users

40
Countries

10
Languages



You can access the website at vitaminangels.org/program-partners/learning-implementation-resources and the mobile website at [vitaminangelsmobile.org.](vitaminangelsmobile.org)

2023 Learning Solutions Highlights

PHILIPPINES

The VA in-person VAS+D course for service providers was updated to include more interactive activities on VAS+D, and training videos were integrated as demonstrations which have been helpful in illuminating incorrect steps/practices that are common among service providers. A session on MMS basics was also added to the course to support service providers distributing MMS. A few games were integrated in the sessions including an MMS Cabbage Relay, where learners form a circle and while dancing pass around a paper 'cabbage' while music is playing. When the music stops, whoever is holding the cabbage peels off a 'leaf' and answers the question or carries out the instruction. This goes on until all leaves have been peeled off.

The Philippines team developed a Partnership Support Webpage for program partners, which includes onboarding modules that provide basic information about VA interventions and various aspects of service delivery, including recordkeeping, reporting, and logistics. The modules also present the LS Training Toolbox, allowing partners to browse the various options for training tools that are available to train their service providers. The team envisions developing this site into a comprehensive partnership support hub where partners can log in and engage with VA on various aspects of their grant, as well as foster an online community of partners. The team also plans to translate it into local languages.

INDIA

The India team visited 145 new program partners, and discussed with the supervisors on best practices for product storage and recordkeeping and trained their entire team and volunteers on safe delivery of VAS+D.

The India team also developed two videos to support training of program partners, the "Role of Vitamin A in building Immunity" and "Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements for VA", which were translated in to seven regional languages.

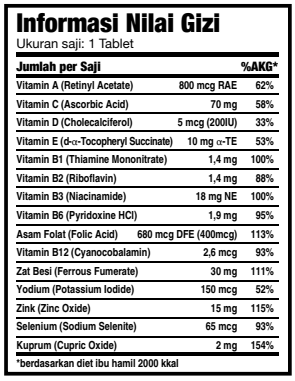
Role of Vitamin A in building Immunity

Recordkeeping and Reporting requirements for VA

INDONESIA

In addition to conducting in-person and eLearning trainings with program partners, in 2023 the Indonesia team promoted the VAS+D eLearning course to universities so that healthcare and medical students could take it as part of their pre-service training.

The Indonesia team began offering training on interpersonal communication (IPC), or counseling, on MMS to program partners using the curriculum and materials developed through the ongoing implementation science efforts around MMS. The IPC strategies include individual counseling for pregnant women at antenatal care visits and during home visits, as well as group counseling for at health posts. Using formative research findings and guided by a social and behavior change (SBC) strategy co-developed with key stakeholders, the team developed a variety of supporting materials including a MMS Message Book, games and songs, a flipchart and poster for health workers to reference during counseling, as well as tools for pregnant women such as a video to show how to open the bottle, a take-home leaflet, a bottle label with local imagery/branding, and a calendar to track adherence.



Informasi Nilai Gizi

Ukuran saji: 1 Tablet

Jumlah per Saji		%AKG*
Vitamin A (Retinyl Acetate)	800 mcg RAE	62%
Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid)	70 mg	58%
Vitamin D (Cholecalciferol)	5 mcg (200IU)	33%
Vitamin E (d-α-Tocopheryl Succinate)	10 mg α-TE	53%
Vitamin B1 (Thiamine Mononitrate)	1,4 mg	100%
Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin)	1,4 mg	88%
Vitamin B3 (Niacinamide)	18 mg NE	100%
Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine HCl)	1,9 mg	95%
Asam Folat (Folic Acid)	680 mcg DFE (400mcg)	113%
Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamin)	2,6 mcg	93%
Zat Besi (Ferrous Fumerate)	30 mg	111%
Yodium (Potassium Iodide)	150 mcg	52%
Zink (Zinc Oxide)	15 mg	115%
Selenium (Sodium Selenite)	65 mcg	93%
Kuprum (Cupric Oxide)	2 mg	154%

*berdasarkan diet ibu hamil 2000 kkal

KENYA

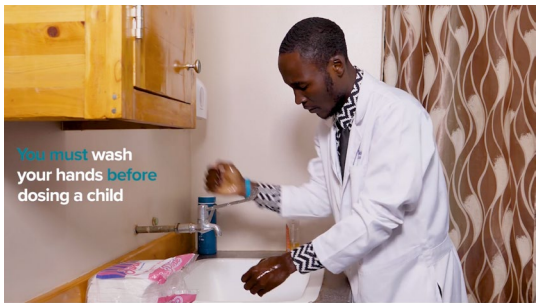
In collaboration with UNICEF, Helen Keller International, and Nutrition International, VA provided technical and financial support to the Ministry of Health through the Division of Family Wellness, Nutrition and Dietetics in developing a standardized, national VAS+D integrated training package. This occurred through a series of workshops in March and November 2023 involving stakeholders from national through county levels.

UGANDA

The Uganda team integrated MMS training materials into the VAS+D curriculum, adapting the MMS Fact Sheet to PowerPoint slides to orient service providers to best practices in delivering MMS, and improve knowledge and skills of health workers in how to counsel pregnant women to take MMS. Midwives and partners report greater awareness and uptake of MMS among pregnant women, and several health facilities have reported a reduction in babies born with low birth weight.

The team adapted the VA VAS+D demonstration video to the local context and it has been very well-received as a support tool during trainings, helping to improve service providers' knowledge and skills in delivering VAS+D.

Community Education Video



VASD Administration Video

HAITI

Over the past few years, the insecurity issues in Haiti have restricted travel, thus the Haiti team has offered fewer in-person courses and relied more on the VA eLearning course. However, many partners have challenges accessing eLearning due to lack of electricity and internet connectivity.

In 2023, the team implemented a new strategy to improve our reach by training facilitators, individuals that are trained and equipped to teach the VA in-person course, in different regions of the country. Two facilitators were trained who are able to deliver the Skills Development Course in the South-East, Nippes, South, and Grand'Anse regions, and two were trained in the West. With the four new facilitators and one previously engaged facilitator, the team was able to train 273 learners on VAS+D Service Delivery with our in-person Skills Development Course in 2023.

GLOBAL
NUTRITION IN PREGNANCY CME COURSE

The Continuing Medical Education Course, Nutrition in Pregnancy, was launched in July 2023 with five main modules presented by global public health nutrition experts from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the Micronutrient Forum, and Kavle Consulting. Topics include the main nutritional factors related to pregnancy and birth outcomes, maternal diet and nutrition in pregnancy, micronutrient supplementation, delivery of maternal nutrition intervention, and advocacy for improved maternal nutrition. With support of our teams in Mexico, Indonesia, and the US, country-specific case studies were developed in these countries bringing in local experts to discuss the status of maternal nutrition and key interventions in each context.

The course has been accredited to receive AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ in the United States by Oregan Health and Science University. Pharmacists are also approved able to receive Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Credits, provided from The University of Texas at Austin. Internationally, the course has been accredited through the Mexican Council of Gynecology and Obstetrics and we are working towards accreditation in 2024 in Indonesia.

So far, over 100 learners have completed the course from around the world, and the course is now part of the LS Toolbox of capacity-building and training tools available to our network of program and technical partners.

GLOBAL
VAS+D BASICS COURSE

The LS team launched a new training tool on VAS+D, called VAS+D Basics Online Course. The course VA training videos along with a series of questions to test learners' knowledge. It can be used a refresher training for existing program partners, or a stand-alone or introductory training for new program partners. It requires an internet connection, but can be accessed on mobile phones and is sometimes easier to navigate than the VA eLearning course. The training videos can be downloaded directly from the course for offline viewing, and a certificate is awarded to learners achieving 100% on the test questions. The easily accessible course will expand access to learners seeking to gain critical skills on VAS+D service delivery.