



THE BARK!, THE CEDARS NEWSLETTER

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What's New in the CEDARS Blog?

Check out some of the interesting postings on the new [CEDARS blog on Sustainable Human & Social Development!](#) Some of the stimulating discussion focuses on topics such as:

- Work completed by ICF/CEDARS with EGPAF on Project HEART, project videos, and more information available
- Insights shared by EGPAF colleague Stephanie Cálves on the intricacies of transitioning ownership of the Project HEART ART program to local institutions and the requisite processes of strengthening local health systems and empowering local partners
- Sustainability Planning in Health and Food Security presentation (with audio) and Greenroom interview with Eric Sarriot from the Breakfast Seminar hosted by Microlinks in January
- World Bank video clip and link to page on the importance of (health) systems
- An insightful op-ed piece from the New York Times about measuring complexity ontologically posted by Jennifer Yourkavitch
- Link to another blog worth checking out: [Aid on the Edge of Chaos](#)
- Eric Sarriot's response to the question of when exactly to introduce the sustainability ideas into a project

Save the Date

Come join us at this year's [CORE Spring Meeting](#) on the first week of May in Wilmington, Delaware:

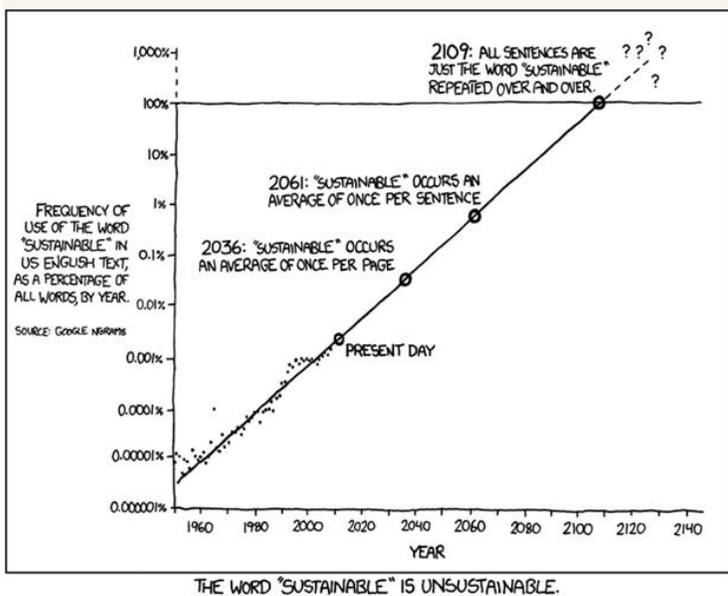
- Sharon Arcscott-Mills and Eric Sarriot will present updates and recent thinking on "Capacity, Ownership, and the Quest for the Holy Grail." An interactive session confronting old and new concepts.
- Ilona Varallyay will present on CEDARS Support to local NGOs in Sustainability Planning (TOT & TA).
- Eric Sarriot and Ilona Varallyay will present a brief update on the CEDARS Pathways Study proposal, which aims to assess the sustainability of numerous child survival grants at five year post end-of-project through KPC data and in-depth case studies. All are welcome, particularly those grantees that are interested in participating in such a study.

Projects

 For more info, email info@cedarscenter.com.

Recent exciting projects ICF/CEDARS has been/is involved in:

- Providing technical assistance to HealthPartners Uganda Collaborations Project in applying the sustainability framework to their work in establishing sustainable, community-owned health cooperatives in southwestern Uganda
- CDC ART Transition Projects:
 - Establishing a generic monitoring framework for PEPFAR CDC Transition of ART programs to local institutions, focusing on country ownership, health system capacity, and sustained health outcomes; country-specific support has begun for Uganda, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire CDC teams, more to come!
 - Developing a tailored data collection methodology to assess the capacity of the provincial-level health system to assume full ownership of the management and delivery of ART services in Mozambique (forthcoming country pilot in April 2012)
 - In the pipeline: Strengthening Systems for Monitoring and Evaluation of PEPFAR Support to the Health System in South Africa in the Context of Transition



Source: Downloaded from ['trending' of the word sustainable](#) graph.

Shaking the Tree

From our Resources

Go to our [Resources](#) page to access useful resources such as:

- The [Organizational Capacity and Viability Assessment Tool \(OCVAT\)](#) and the [OCVAT Implementation Guide](#)
- Sustainability Planning: Sustainability Planning TOT manual for Health NGO. These resources are forthcoming and will be accessible on the [CEDARS website](#).