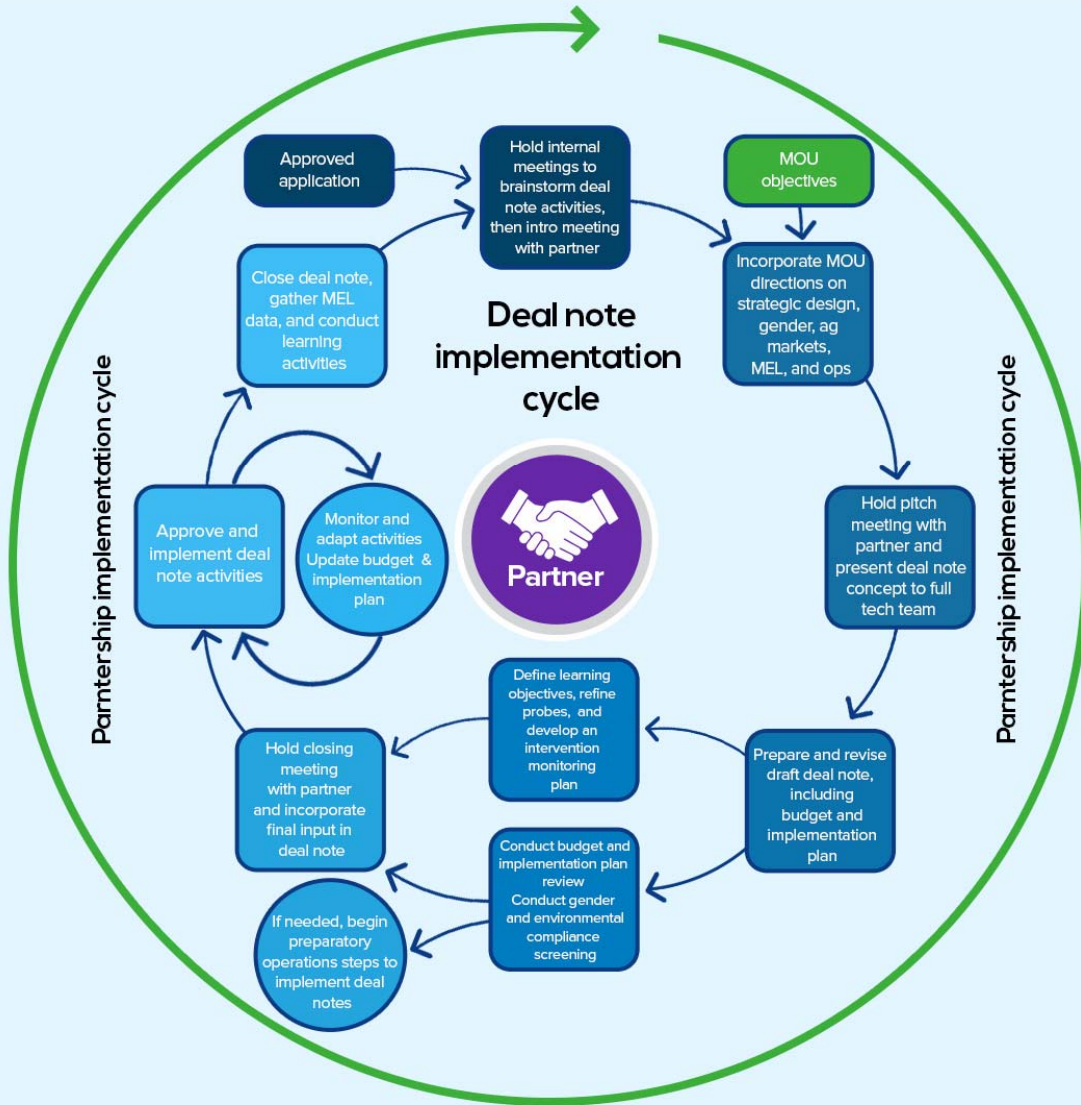


CO-CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING DEAL NOTES



Graphic description (alt text):

A cycle representing the process of co-creating and implementing deal notes. It begins with an approved application, which leads to internal brainstorming meetings to develop deal note activities and then a meeting with the partner, then incorporation of MOU directions on strategic design, gender, agricultural markets, MEL, and operations, then a pitch meeting with the partner and a presentation of the concept to the whole Inova team, then preparing and revising the draft deal note, including the budget and implementation plan. Next, two steps happen in parallel: defining learning objectives, refining probes, and developing an intervention monitoring plan; and at the same time, conducting a review of the budget and implementation plan and doing gender and environmental compliance screening. (At this point, preparatory operations steps may begin.) Next in the process, we hold a closing meeting with the partner and incorporate their final input into the deal note. Then we approve and implement the deal note activities, with a constant cycle of monitoring and adaptation. Then we close the deal note, gather MEL data, and conduct learning activities and begin the cycle again.

The cycle in this image is represented as happening within an overall partnership implementation cycle and with the partner in the centre.