

EVALUATION OF OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS: KEY QUESTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS: It is not only important to evaluate the collaboration structures, processes and relationships, but also critical to determine if progress has been made on achieving the intended outcomes. The following questions provide a framework for designing your evaluation of outcomes and impacts. Keep in mind that your ability to answer these questions is dependent upon the clarity and measurability of your collaboration's outcomes, indicators or milestones, strategies and actions.

- Has anything improved or changed as a result of our work? For whom? How did it change?

- To what extent are we achieving our desired outcomes?
Are they in line with what we promised/envisioned?

- What difference has resulted from the collective work of our collaborative?

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- What have been the unintended or unanticipated outcomes?
What have we learned from these?

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- What changes have occurred within our partner organizations as a result of our work?
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- What inputs were required to achieve the outcomes/impacts?
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- Was our collective effort worth the time and costs to achieve the results?
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- What strategies, activities or interventions had the most/least impacts on what was achieved and why?
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- Did we confirm or challenge any assumptions we had about strategies for change related to the issues we are trying to affect?
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