Resource 15   Theory of Change Framework

This blank Theory of Change framework will provide you with the foundation to plan your implementation strategies, identify the key participants and develop methods of evaluation.

Complete your Theory of Change in 5 steps:

1. Place the problem at the bottom and the long-term change at the top of your framework.

2. Note down the necessary pre-conditions below your long-term change.

   - Work backwards, begin with the medium-term pre-conditions that will lead to your long-term change, then add the short-term preconditions that will lead to these medium-term changes.

3. Arrange your pre-conditions into outcome pathways by identifying the causal linkages between them.

4. Transform these pre-conditions into intervention strategies.

   - Begin this process at the bottom of your framework. Focus upon the short-term pre-conditions first, then work your way up the framework.

   - Identify a specific intervention that will assist in achieving each pre-condition.

5. Identify indicators for each of your initiatives that will be used to assess the performance of each intervention (Each outcome should have its own specific set of indicators).

Use the layout of the template on the following page as a guide. You will likely have to add many more pre-conditions and outcome pathways in order to produce a thorough Theory of Change framework for your project.

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Put your Long-Term Goal here:

Put Your Medium-Term Goal here:

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Put Your Short-Term Goal here:

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Put Your Short-Term Goal here:

Put Your Interventions here:

Put Your Interventions here:

Put your Problem here: