Resource 13   Checklist for Identifying Possible Solutions

This series of checklists helps you comply a broad list of possible interventions to be incorporated into your project.

List as many interventions as possible without thinking too much about how appropriate they are. The unrealistic ones will be eliminated later.

Identify possible interventions by examining your objectives

Look at your objective tree and list all the different ways you could reach each one of your objectives:

- Start by working within the different broad strategies you identified in your Al-ternative Analysis from Module 3, Re-source 8.
- Brainstorm specif-ic projects within these categories, to identify solutions that might meet multiple objectives in your tree at the same time.

List all possible Interventions here:

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Identify possible interventions by examining your stakeholders

Think about the best fit for your primary beneficiaries:

- What types of projects are they likely to be enthusiastic about?
- Do these initiatives meet the needs and values identified by the local community?

Think about the types of projects that will inspire your key stakeholders to support your project.

Think about the specific types of support your stakeholders can provide your organisation and capitalise on that:

- Example: If your project meets a specific government priority, you might be eligible for a government grant
- Example: If your organisation has a good relationship with a local business, consider a project that maximises the support they could provide.

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Identify possible interventions by examining your teams skills

Think about the skills your team has and name solutions that work to these unique skill sets.

If you think a solution is going to be really effective but are worried that your team doesn't have the skills for it:

- think about ways they can learn the skills, or
- find someone who has the skills (by partnering with other non-profits, advertising for volunteers, recruiting new staff)

If you have the funds, consider outsourcing small, key elements of your work.

- This can be the easiest and quickest ways to have specific, technical tasks completed by a skilled person

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Identify possible interventions by examining your past performance

Reflecting on past experiences is the key to success in the future, ensure that you are looking back at your own evidence and previous performance.

After completing a project, take the time to reflect upon your work; think about what worked and what did not

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Identify possible interventions by examining the work of other organisations

If the work you are seeking to undertake is completely new to you, look to other organisations:

- Often, they will readily share information publicly, whether through their own website or through associated networks.

- Research online, trawl social media (Linkedin can be especially useful for this) and explore media sources like Great Big Story, The Guardian Development or on the Grassroots Collective to learn about new, innovative solutions to local problems.

Researching the results of particular projects can tell you a lot about tactics, approach and even feasibility.

List all possible Interventions here: