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| **TOOL SUMMARY: RESULTS FRAMEWORK** | |
| Purpose | The purpose of the Results Framework is to visually document all the project’s objectives (Outputs, Outcomes, Goal), which helps when verifying the “if-then” logic between the project’s results   * A Results Framework is the solution to the problem outlined in the Problem Analysis. |
| Information Sources | **Information the project design team should have before starting the Results Framework:**   * Needs Assessment data * Problem Analysis results * Problems to Objectives   **Guidance for completing the Results Framework:**   * USAID Tips: BUILDING A RESULTS FRAMEWORK * Logframe Cheat Sheet   + For properly writing objective statements |
| Who | The completion of the Results Framework should be coordinated/facilitated by the same person who leads the entire project design process.  \* For further guidance on the grants acquisition process please refer to the LWR Grants Acquisition Manual p. 41. |
| When | The Results Framework is completed after completing the Problems to Objectives and provides the content for the project results column of the Logframe. |
| Requirements | **REQUIREMENTS:**   * The Results Framework is required for all projects.   **RECOMMENDATIONS:**   * LWR recommends using only 4 levels of results (Goal, Outcome, Output, Activities), but recognizes that some projects may require an Intermediate Result, in particular projects with large scopes.   + Intermediate Results would fall between the Outputs and Outcomes and would follow the same formula for writing the objective statement as the Outputs and Outcomes. Outputs (or multiple Outputs) would lead to an Intermediate Result and Intermediate Results (or multiple Intermediate Results) would lead to the Outcome.   + Intermediate Results are normally identified as necessary during the development of the Results Framework and reflect Problem Analysis results that have more than 3 levels of causes. There must be a continued strong “if-then” logic between the Intermediate Results and the Outcomes and Outputs linked to it. * The project design team can use the Word format provided to create the Results Framework.   + The graphic can be manipulated (size and number of boxes) to reflect the number of objective statements (Goals, Outcomes, Outputs) for the project.   + If the Word template is used it must be transferred to the Project Design Workbook under the Results Framework tab once completed. |
| Tips | * Identify different ways to involve stakeholders in project review and adaptation. Build in flexibility to respond to unplanned opportunities. * The Results Framework also conveys the development hypothesis, or theory of change, implicit in the strategy and the cause-and-effect linkages between the intermediate results and the goal. * The Results Framework is normally developed from the Goal down to the Activities, but it may be easier to skip around among different levels to some extent. That is fine, because in fact, it is the way creating a results framework sometimes proceeds! * Ensure the causal logic between each level of your objectives by using the “if –then” test.   + For example: IF…the partner conducts disaster management trainings (activity)… THEN…communities have improved awareness of measures to prepare for and respond to disasters (output). |
| How to Address Gender Issues | * Clear IF-THEN logic between outputs and activities, and gender-based constraints (outcomes). |

**Output 1.c:**

**Outcome 1:**

**Outcome 2:**

**Output 1.b:**

**Output 2.b:**

**Output 2.d:**

**Output 2.c:**

**Goal:**

**LWR RESULTS FRAMEWORK Template**

**Outcome 3:**

**Output 3.d:**

**Output 3.c:**

**Output 3.b:**

**Output 1.d:**

**Output 3.a:**

**Output 2.a:**

**Output 1.a:**