

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT CAPACITY
BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP
FOR NGO LEADERS

3. SYSTEMATIC PROGRAM/PROJECT PLANNING & EVALUATION

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THE GAME PLAN

- Purposes & Essential Steps of Program Planning
- Components of a Program Plan
- Setting Goals & Objectives
- The Logic Model
- Program evaluation
- Key evaluation considerations
- Steps of the evaluation plan

THREE IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS FOR NGO SUCCESS

- 1) Client(s) satisfaction
- 2) Employee satisfaction
- 3) Organizational efficiency

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PURPOSES OF PROGRAM PLANNING

- To provide clear directions for the NGO's programs & services
- To reduce uncertainly during implementation
- To minimize waste, redundancy & duplication
- To set standards for various program components (bench marking)
- ■To monitor program progress

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ESSENTIALS OF GOOD PROGRAM PLANNING

- ■The right planning team
- Clear understanding on organizational mission
- Knowledge on issues
- Well defined needs and priorities
- Development of client-centered alternative solutions

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A PROGRAM PLAN

- **■**Is.....
- A document with specific goals & objectives (end) and logical & practical action statements to achieve them (means)
- A document that clearly states what, when, and how program actions (such as prevention, intervention or treatment) are to be carried out

COMPONENTS OF A PROGRAM PLAN

- Needs statement
- Solution to the issues
- Appropriate goals
- ■SMART objectives
- Strategies
- Action steps (who, when, how, etc.)
- Lists of clear input output outcome
- Benchmarks for program success
- Measurements and indicators for evaluation

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT STEPS

- 1) Gather information on current conditions of specific issues that the organization will address
- 2) Identify the prevalence and/or severity of the issue in the target 'community'
- 3) Establish the causes and consequences of the issues
- 4) Detail how the issues are currently addressed (or not) in the community
- 5) Set the standard for desired 'scenario' for the program

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GOAL SETTING

- Programs exist because they fulfill some worthwhile goal(s)
- Goals are derived from pre-determined problems & needs...through a participatory process
- Goals are general statements of what the program intends to achieve in terms of stated needs
- Goals need to be set clearly and concisely
- Each goal should only encompass one idea and be distinct from every other goal

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GOAL SETTING

- Question to ask: what does the program intend to achieve?
- Model for developing goals: For.....(target group) to.....(gain a benefit to address the issue)
- Examples:
 - For youth under stress in Korea to get mental health support
 - For <u>senior citizens living alone in urban areas of Korea</u> to <u>be</u> <u>connected to their community</u>

OBJECTIVE SETTING

- Objectives (aka. program outcome objectives) are specific statements targeting specific program goal
- ■There must be multiple objectives under each goal
- Ideally, objectives should be SMART
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Achievable
 - Realistic
 - Time-bound

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OBJECTIVE SETTING

- Objectives provide measurable results (ie: desired amount of change) that will benefit potential program recipients during a particular time-period
- Each objective should have a related strategy and output
- Strategy is the operational detail needed for achieving the program goal
- Examples:
 - 500 high school students in xxx city will receive weekly group counseling during the first six months of the program
 - 250 senior citizens living alone in xxx city will be provided weekly opportunities to socialize with one another

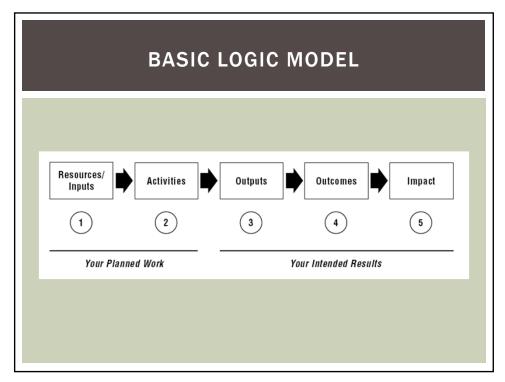
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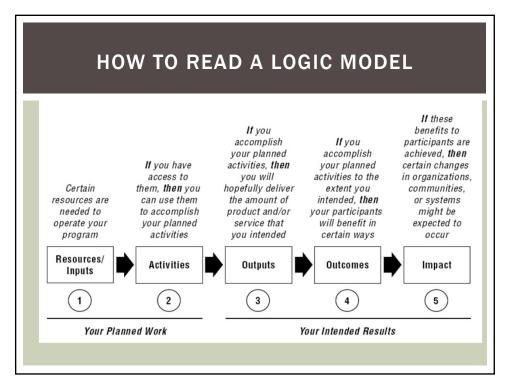
- 1) Determine the need for the program
- 2) Develop the program plan (goals, objectives, etc.)
- 3) Complete the action plan (where, how, when, etc.)
- 4) Develop a budget and allocate appropriate resources
- 5) Build credibility into your program (right employees, supervisors, etc.)
- 6) Monitor, evaluate and adjust

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WHAT IS A LOGIC MODEL

- A logic model is a "map" of the program
- It is a concise way to show how the program is designed and how it will make a difference
- It is a simple, logical illustration of...
 - What you do (objective) to address an issue
 - How do you do it (input & activities)
 - How will you know if you are successful (in immediate-intermediate-long terms)
- It verifies logical connections among program components (goal, objective, input, activities, output & outcomes) for funders, managers and evaluators





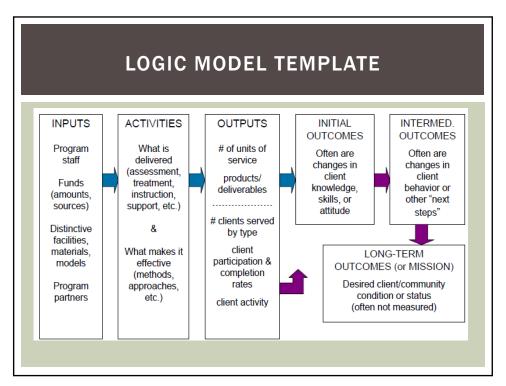
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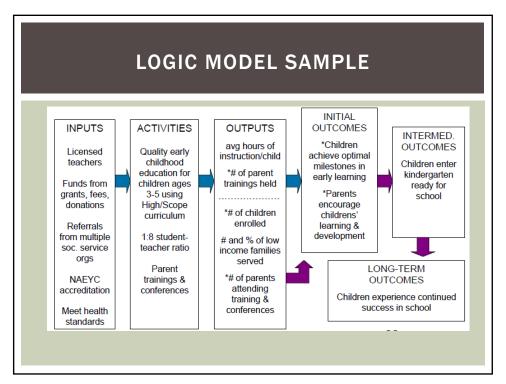
- Think systematically about what a program is set to accomplish and how it will be implemented
- Develop a complete list of goals & objectives
- For each objective, list all resources (input) and actions (activities)
- List all reasonable outputs and output measures anticipated (# of clients served, etc.)

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HOW TO DEVELOP A LOGIC MODEL

- List all reasonable outcomes anticipated, by immediate, intermediate and long terms
 - Short term outcomes
 - Changes in skills, attitudes and knowledge
 - Intermediate outcomes
 - Changes in behavior and decision making
 - Long term outcomes
 - Changes in status and condition
- Illustrate linkages among all these elements on a logic model template (one per objective)
- Include external factors, assumptions & barriers





ACTIVITY!

Example of program planning!

On the Session 3 Activity Sheet ...write the following

- 1. Name of your NGO
- 2. Develop & write ONE program goal for your NGO
 - Use the "TO.....FOR" formula: For......(target group) to.....(gain a benefit to address the issue)
 - For youth under stress to get mental health counseling
 - For senior citizens living alone in urban Korea to be connected to their community
- 3. Develop & write ONE program objective for Goal
 - 500 high school students in xxx city will receive weekly group counseling during the first six months of the program
- 4. List all resources (funds, staff, facilities, equipment, etc. etc.) for your objective

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PROGRAM EVALUATION

- Program evaluation is the systematic process of collecting and analyzing information about a program in order to make necessary decision about the program
- Program evaluations help to make programs better
- Program evaluation can include any or a variety of 35 different type evaluations
- Two main type evaluations for improving programs & services" process evaluation and outcome evaluation

WHY EVALUATION IS IMPORTANT

- To verify that the organization is doing what it is supposed to be doing
- To understand, verify and increase the impact of services on clients
- Improve the service delivery mechanism to be efficient
- Funders increasingly demand evidence of program success
- To provide valid comparisons between programs to make right decisions on resource allocation
- To produce data or verify results that can be used for public relations, marketing and promoting services
- Should be an integral part of the program planning process

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KEY EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

- For what purposes is the evaluation being done?
- Who are the audiences for the information from the evaluation?
- What kind of information is needed?
- From what sources should the information collected?
- How can the information be collected (methodology)?
- What resources are available to conduct the evaluation?

OUTCOME EVALUATION

- Systematic method of collecting and analyzing data to assess the effectiveness of a program
- To not only measure the change resulted from a program, but also to establish that the program contributed to the change
- Short term outcomes
 - Changes in skills, attitudes and knowledge
- Intermediate outcomes
 - Changes in behavior and decision making
- Long term outcomes
 - Changes in status and condition

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STEPS IN EVALUATION

- 1) Form a working group
- 2) Determine the evaluation purpose and audience
- 3) Review the logic model
- 4) Identify evaluation questions
- 5) Choose the methodology
- 6) Collect and analyze the data
- 7) Report evaluation findings