Food for Peace Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop for FFP Development Food Security Activities

Indicator Performance Tracking Table (IPTT)

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Session Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will have:

• Distinguished the difference between an indicator, a target, an output indicator, outcome indicator, and impact indicator
• Reviewed the IPTT Checklist
• Reviewed the FFP IPTT Template
The IPTT

Indicator Performance Tracking Table (IPTT)
The IPTT is a Living Document

DEVELOPED at project launch

USED during project implementation

UPDATE annually

Monitoring

Analysis

Reporting

Are the indicators working?

Are we collecting the info we need?

What can be improved?
IPTT Checklist

Provides criteria for reviewing an IPTT to help ensure that it:

• Helps you improve your project
• Helps you meet your reporting requirements
• Helps you tell your story
Activity 1: Key M&E Terms for FFP Projects Crossword (15 min.)

• In your binder, find Handout 5C. It’s a crossword puzzle of M&E terms.
• You have 15 minutes to fill out the crossword puzzle. Then we will review the answers as a group.
Activity 1: Answers

Indicator Performance Tracking Table (IPTT)
Key M&E Terms for FFP Projects

- **Inputs**:
  - Human resources
  - Financial resources
  - Equipment

- **Processes**:
  - Training
  - Infrastructure building

- **Outputs**:
  - Number of staff trained
  - Kilometers of road built

- **Outcomes**:
  - Increased knowledge
  - Improved practices

- **Impacts**:
  - Reduced malnutrition
  - Improved incomes
  - Improved yields

**External Factors**
- Rainfall, policies, prices, etc.

**Program Level** → **Beneficiary Level** → **Population Level**

**Monitoring** (yearly measurements)

**Mid Term Assessment**

**Evaluation** (Baseline / Final)
Linking Indicators to LogFrames

Indicator Performance Tracking Table (IPTT)
## Approximate Correlation between LogFrame and Indicator Levels

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**Indicator Performance Tracking Table (IPTT)**
Monitoring at Every Level Helps Pinpoint Where a Barrier May Exist

**Goal:** Poverty reduced

**Purpose:** Farm incomes increased

**Sub-Purpose:** Production of non-traditional crops increased

**Intermediate Outcome:** Knowledge of how to use new seeds varieties increased

80% of farmers remembered what they learned.

**Outputs/Inputs:** We train farmers from 50 households to use new seeds; we distribute seeds and fertilizer

1 bag of seed and 5 bags of fertilizer distributed to 50 households; 50 households trained in cultivation of new crop.

Only 5 of 50 households produced the new crop.

Household incomes remained unchanged.

Families had to eat the seeds during the hungry months.
IPTT Checklist:
What to ask yourself when developing or assessing your IPTT
What Jobs Can Your Indicators Do?

- Improve your project
- Reporting requirements
- Tell your story
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Is the Indicator Precise and Well-Defined?

Which is more precise?

1. “% of children malnourished”
   OR

2. “% of children 0–59 months in the target population who are underweight (weight-for-age z-score < -2)”
IPTT Checklist:
Is it FEASIBLE to collect and analyze the data for each indicator?
Is it FEASIBLE to Collect and Analyze the Data for Each Indicator?

a. Population-based household survey vs. project records
b. Expertise to measure indicator
c. Timing of data collection
d. Sample size for reliable results
e. Recall period
f. Proxy indicator instead
g. Usefulness vs. cost
Is Each Target Reasonable?

- Ambitious enough
- Target based on past performance
Does the IPTT Contain Not Too Many and Not Too Few Indicators?

“Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted.” (Einstein)
Does the IPTT Contain a Balance of Output, Outcome, and Impact Indicators?

- You should be able to tell the story up and down each level of the project theory or the LogFrame hierarchy.
- Avoid “filling up” the IPTT with output indicators.

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Does the IPTT Include Required Gender Indicators?

Your IPTT should include:

- 8 required gender indicators for baseline/final evaluation (BL/FE) surveys
- 1 required gender-related F indicator (annual monitoring)
- Sex disaggregation for FFP BL/FE and annual monitoring indicators (where applicable)
Does the IPTT Include Environmental Indicators Appropriate to Your LogFrame?

Your IPTT should include:

• FFP Required if Applicable (RiA) “stand-alone” environmental indicators for baseline/final evaluation (BL/FE) surveys

• Use of environmental “integration” indicators for FFP BL/FE and annual monitoring indicators (where applicable)
Use Standard International Indicators

Using standard indicators:

• Draws from international sources
• More easily agreed upon definitions
• Comparability of results across FFP projects and countries
• Easier to learn from other project results
• Saves cost

Don’t reinvent the wheel!
Use Standard International Indicators

Some sources of standard international indicators:

- Agri-Gender Statistics Toolkit
- Description of an Agricultural Module for the Population and Housing Census
- Demographic and Health Surveys
- Knowledge, Practices, and Coverage Surveys
- The Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply and Sanitation by WHO and UNICEF
- WASHplus
Are Indicators Labeled/Numbered Clearly?

- Is the Funder requiring the indicator to be labeled as such? (e.g., FFP, Mission, NGO)
- Are indicators numbered clearly, and are the “Required” and “Required if Applicable” indicators listed? (with a unique identifying number for each indicator)
- Is the wording for each indicator neutral? (e.g., “% of children exclusively breastfed until 6 months” NOT “increase in the % of children exclusively breastfed until 6 months”)

| PROJECT GOAL: Reduce food insecurity of vulnerable populations in Western Province |
| Purpose 1: Improved livelihood capacities of vulnerable households |
| 1.2 Average Household Dietary Diversity Score (FFP) | (+) |
| 1.3 Percent of trained beneficiaries scoring 70% or above on post-test scores | (+) |
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**Purpose 1: Improved health status of children under 5 years of age**

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**Targets**

- Are targets clearly defined as cumulative or not?
- Do all targets match their indicator in units/are they in same format as the indicator? (for example, indicator says “Number of ...” but target says “50%”)}
IPTT Template Review
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