

Theory of Change Diagram– EXAMPLE

Impact Statement: Your impact statement explains the significance of your research. It can highlight how your work makes a difference in the lives of people, communities and the environment.

Pathway: The pathways to impact encourages you to think about what can be done to ensure your research makes a difference. Over the life of your project, who could potentially benefit from your research and what can you do to help make this happen?

PARTICIPATION: *Who do we need to reach across the various parts of the pathway?*

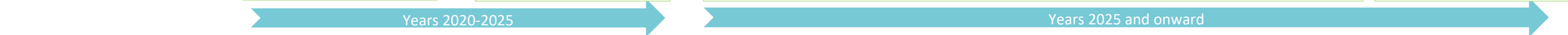
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Do the participants change once the outcomes are implemented? Are other populations going to take part and/or benefit by participating?

Industry; government; communities, etc



INPUTS
What we invest

Capability

- Time commitments from staff
- Collaborator commitments
- Departmental or other resources

Funding

- Some projects might have more than one source.
- Are there any institutional funds devoted to this project?
- Industry contributions?

External Research Partners

- These could be industry, NGOs, or other

Research Infrastructure

Support Services

ACTIVITIES
What we do

Specify the activities of your project and proposal.: There could be multiple activities. Use a new box for each.
e.g. Activity 1: co-development of options for delivering value from waste

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OUTPUTS
Our deliverables

List specific outputs that will help ensure your outcomes are achieved. Use a new box for each one.
e.g. Output 1: integrated methodologies for sustainable waste systems

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OUTCOMES
The uptake, adoption or consumption of our work

Short Term Outcomes [1-3 years]

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e.g. Short-term Outcome 1: Sustainable waste system designed

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Add as many as is appropriate for your project.

Medium Term Outcomes [4-7 years]

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IMPACTS
Benefits to eco, environ, soc

Long Term Outcomes [8 years +]

Economic

- It can be helpful to divide longer term outcomes (impacts) into applicable categories.
- Economic, environmental, and social are most often used but you can have fewer or more
- *E.g. cost savings from less waste*

Environmental

- List long term outcomes here
- *E.g. less environmental damage from sustainable resources*

Social

- List long term outcomes here
- *E.g. a healthier campus community*

New category

- List long term outcomes here

Assumptions:

- List out any assumptions that are required here

Risks:

- Big and small projects are seldom without risk.
- Identify the risks to your project here.

The counterfactual:

- Without this research, what might or might not happen? Are there potential unforeseen circumstances that might arise if your project is not implemented?