



Health and Disability Outcomes and Metrics

It is the aim of the Foundation that the projects that it funds will have long-term impact beyond immediate KPIs and outputs. In your Health and Disability application, you will be asked to select up to five long-term outcomes. If only one or two apply, that is fine.

Below is a list of the Health and Disability outcomes as of July 2015. The right-hand column indicates some examples of ways to measure these outcomes. The list is by no means exhaustive.

Long-term outcome	Example metrics
Improved financial sustainability	# organisations supported; \$ ongoing grants received; \$ income/sales increased
Improved health and wellbeing	# people/households supported; reduction in # cases; # people/households demonstrating improved health/wellbeing status [physical health, mental health, behaviour management/risk taking, family function, support network strength]
Promotion/dissemination of best practice/new knowledge	# resources developed [overall; by focus]; awareness/adoption of research findings/resources [translation of findings into practice; take up of resources]
Improved operational capacity/capability	# sites; # new staff; # projects; % increase in website hits
Increased knowledge base	# research projects completed [overall; by focus]; # items catalogued
Increase skill base	# staff/volunteers trained; # staff/volunteers using new technique
Improved quality of policy dialogue and development	# stakeholders engaged; # papers produced/forums conducted; # submissions; Policy outcomes achieved
Improved service delivery/quality	# services provided [by type]; improved availability/mix/accessibility/cultural appropriateness of service delivery
Improved service system/sector collaboration	% service improvement across # organisations; # MOUs signed; # joint publications/projects
Reduced/prevented alcohol/drug use	% reduction in DoA presentations; % reduction in DoA-related arrests; more available at http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/AssessingAlcohol/sobell.pdf
Increased community capacity/engagement	# volunteers; increase in community ratings of issue
Increased financial security/economic participation	# people accessing education/training/employment; # people demonstrating improved skill level; # people making a positive transition along the education and employment pathway; # people maintaining employment for more than 12 months

Increased social participation

people/households supported; # people/households participating more in social/community activities; # people/households indicating they feel more socially connected/able to access support when they need it

We understand that organisations may have limited capacity to evaluate, but strong evaluations can often build a case to leverage government and other philanthropic funding. Past grantees have found it helpful to know their measures at the beginning of a project so that they can collect baseline data (to prove progress). Also, careful data collection can be time-consuming. This is why we are asking questions about outcomes at the application phase.

As part of our commitment to improving the sustainability of our projects, if your grant is successful, our Research and Evaluation Officer will contact you to provide support through the evaluation process (e.g., workshops, mentoring with past Grantees, assistance in finding publicly-available datasets, recommendations for external evaluators, etc.)