FREE TEMPLATE

Free Logic Model Template (Fillable PDF)

A one-page fillable logic model with a worked example, an assumptions section and a five-question logic check to run before it goes into a proposal.

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> A logic model shows on one page how your resources and activities are expected to lead to change. Read a finished model left to right: if we have these inputs, we can run these activities, which produce these outputs, which lead to these outcomes.

Program snapshot

Program name:

Organization:

Who the program serves:

The problem this program addresses:

The logic model

Fill in one row for each main activity. Keep each cell short. If a row has no outcome, the activity may not belong in the program.

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term outcomes	Medium-term outcomes	Long-term outcomes

What goes in each column

Column	What it means	Ask yourself
Inputs	Resources you have or have confirmed: staff, funding, space, partners	What do we need in place to run this?
Activities	What the program does	What will staff and volunteers actually do?
Outputs	The direct, countable products of the activities	How many sessions, people or items?
Short-term outcomes	Changes in knowledge, skills or attitudes	What will participants know or be able to do?
Medium-term outcomes	Changes in behavior or practice	What will participants do differently?

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Long-term outcomes	Changes in conditions or status. Some funders call this column impact	What is different in their lives or community?

Worked example

This example is fictional. It shows the level of detail to aim for.

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term outcomes	Medium-term outcomes	Long-term outcomes
1 coordinator, 20 volunteer tutors, library space	One-on-one reading tutoring twice a week for 30 weeks	60 students tutored; 3,600 sessions held	Students can decode grade-level words	Students read independently at home	Students read at grade level by the end of grade 3
Volunteer trainer, training curriculum	10-hour tutor training	20 tutors trained	Tutors can use the reading method correctly	Tutors stay for the full school year	A stable volunteer corps for the program

Assumptions and outside factors

Assumptions are what must be true for the model to work. Outside factors are conditions you do not control.

Assumptions:

Outside factors:

Logic check

Run this check before the model goes into a proposal.

- [ ] Every activity leads to at least one outcome
- [ ] Every outcome has an activity that could plausibly produce it
- [ ] Outputs count what we deliver, and outcomes describe what changes
- [ ] Long-term outcomes are within what this program can credibly influence
- [ ] Program staff and people from the community we serve have reviewed it

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