

Monitoring and Evaluation: Examples of indicators

Please note that these are just examples – they may or may not suit your needs but they should give you some idea of the kind of indicators you can use, especially for measuring impact.

Economic Development Indicators

- Average annual household income
- Average weekly/monthly wages
- Employment, by age group
- Unemployment, by age group, by gender
- Employment, by occupation, by gender
- Government employment
- Earned income levels
- Average length of unemployment period
- Default rates on loans
- Ratio of home owners to renters
- Per capita income
- Average annual family income
- % people below the poverty line
- Ratio of seasonal to permanent employment
- Growth rate of small businesses
- Value of residential construction and/or renovation

Social Development Indicators

- Death rate
- Life expectancy at birth
- Infant mortality rates
- Causes of death
- Number of doctors per capita
- Number of hospital beds per capita
- Number of nurses per capita
- Literacy rates, by age and gender
- Student: teacher ratios
- Retention rate by school level
- School completion rates by exit points
- Public spending per student
- Number of suicides
- Causes of accidents
- Dwellings with running water
- Dwellings with electricity
- Number of homeless
- Number of violent crimes
- Birth rate
- Fertility rate
- Gini distribution of income (see Glossary of Terms)
- Infant mortality rate

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- Rates of hospitalisation

- Rates of HIV infection
- Rates of AIDS deaths
- Number of movie theatres/swimming pools per 1000 residents
- Number of radios/televisions per capita
- Availability of books in traditional languages
- Traditional languages taught in schools
- Time spent on listening to radio/watching television by gender
- Number of programmes on television and radio in traditional languages and/or dealing with traditional customs
- Church participation, by age and gender

Political/organisational Development Indicators

- Number of community organisations
- Types of organised sport
- Number of tournaments and games
- Participation levels in organised sport
- Number of youth groups
- Participation in youth groups
- Participation in women's groups
- Participation in groups for the elderly
- Number of groups for the elderly
- Structure of political leadership, by age and gender
- Participation rate in elections, by age and gender
- Number of public meetings held
- Participation in public meetings, by age and gender

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