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Logical Framework Approach (LFA)

The logical framework approach (LFA) is an analytical and management tool that can help planners and managers analyze the existing situation during project preparation; establish a logical hierarchy of means by which objectives will be reached; identify the potential risks in achieving the objectives and to sustainable outcomes; establish how outputs and outcomes might best be monitored and evaluated; present a summary of the project in a standard format; and monitor and review projects during implementation. It can thus be used for planning many different types of projects.The approach involves problem analysis, stakeholder analysis, developing a hierarchy of objectives, and selecting a preferred implementation strategy. The product of this analytical approach is the logical framework matrix (the logframe), which is usually a one- to two-page document summarizing what the project intends to do and how, what the key assumptions are, and how outputs and outcomes will be monitored and evaluated.The LFA has been adopted by international financing institutions such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, and a large number of agencies involved in providing development assistance such as the British DFID, Canada's CIDA, OECD Expert Group on Aid Evaluation, International Service for National Agricultural Research, Australia's AusAID, and Germany's GTZ.