

PRACTITIONER RESOURCE #5: LEARNING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

Learning and Evaluation Priorities	Key questions/points of interest	Methods of verification/ Activities	Documents produced	Document Deadlines
Site Outcomes Documentation and Capacity Building				
Pilot sites research and assess their own outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the outcomes of each site's work with participants? With businesses? • What have been the outcomes at the organizational and community level? • What has each site learned about program design and practice (referring to learning questions – see attached)? • Do pilot sites propose to make any changes to their programs? Have any changes been implemented? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical data collection • "Portrait" interview process • Practitioner analysis of results • Workshops for pilot sites to further analyse and compare results 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part One of site outcomes report – description of the organization, program and participants 2. Interim (point form) "portrait" research outcomes report as part of regular reporting (including updated statistical reporting) 3. Second (point form) "portrait" research outcomes report 4. Formal site outcomes reports (10 pages max) 	<p>August 2006</p> <p>October 2006</p> <p>July 2007</p> <p>September 2007</p>
Collaborative Fund Learning and Results				
Assessment of the outcomes of the Collaborative Fund	<p>Overview analysis of outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation report of outcomes of the Collaborative Fund • Identify key learning about outcomes and livelihood development from all 10 sites • Exploration of key effective practices • Develop recommendations for Collaborative Fund and grantees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Site visits • Interviews 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report summarizing outcomes and key learning from the outcomes research process (15 pages) 2. Analysis of results statistics 	December 2007
	<p>Site-by-site analysis of participant and business outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical analysis • Program review • Outcomes assessment 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Semi-Annual CWF Collaborative Fund portfolio analysis 	November/July each year

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Formal Evaluation of the Collaborative Fund				
Stakeholder review of the implementation and progress of the Collaborative Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grantmaking program implementation and design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was CWF's role effective? • Did the design work (5 year scope, size of grant, focus of grants etc)? • Assess relationships and communications 2. CED programs: outcomes and learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been the quality of program delivery? • Assess the program capacity of the Collaborative Fund portfolio grantees • Did the funded projects/businesses promote economic development for women? 3. Outcomes evaluation capacity building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the outcomes research process build the grantees' capacity to document outcomes and learn from their work? 4. Promoting grantee learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the learning strategy promote grantee capacity to do economic development work with women? 5. National Skills Institutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were the sessions useful? What were the outcomes? 6. Stakeholder satisfaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are donors/funders and grantees satisfied? 7. Leadership in grantmaking and in CED? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Collaborative Fund affected the women's economic development sector? If yes, how? 8. Policy Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the critical policy and regulatory requirements for success? 	In-depth telephone interviews with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantees • Donors/funders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-10 page formal report plus appendices • Executive summary of the report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews of grantees (January 2007) • Document draft (February 2007) • Interviews of funders (spring 2007) • Document draft (June 2007) for presentation at funders' meeting)