# TOOL | Common Agenda Framework

Beyond a shared vision, a common agenda is not just a definition of a shared issue that partners across multiple sectors intend to address together, it also includes: the partners' shared understanding of that issue; and their agreed-upon approach for how best to address it. Many inspiring common agendas have an aspirational quality in how they are ultimately articulated.

**Main Ideas**

This tool will help your collective get greater clarity about the shared issue you want to address. As a group discuss the six boxes on the tool on the next page. Make sure that you debrief with your collective after completing the tool.

## Tool How-To:

**Step 1** – As a large group use the worksheet on the next page as a discussion guide. Document the ideas in each section. (30 min)

**Step 2** – Once the sheet is complete review each section, debrief (with in tables or large group) and make any changes (15 min).

**Step 3** -- Expect to host several dialogues before your collaborative agrees that you have accurately articulated your common agenda. Make sure that you communicate the final sheet to the whole collective.

## Tool Debrief: Some suggested debrief questions include:

- What are the implications for your team in working through this Common Agenda Framework?
- What assumptions are we making about our Common Agenda that we will be testing and/or learning more about as our work unfolds?
- What else do we need to know to be able to build our common agenda?

## Source:

CHWT Toolkit: *https://apps.publichealth.arizona.edu/CHWToolkit/PDFs/Logicmod/chapter3.pdf*

# Common Agenda Framework Worksheet

**What are some strategies that will help you get results?**

**5**

**What assumptions are we making about this issue?**

**6**

**What are influential factors we need to pay attention to? ( ie new government, funding opportunities etc.)**

**4**

**What is the Problem/Issue/ Opportunity that we want to address?**

**1**

**What are the desired results (outputs, outcomes & impact)  that we want to achieve?**

**3**

**What are the community needs/assets/resources that we have?**

**2**

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