

INITIAL CHECKLIST TO ASSESS YOUR PROGRAM THEORY OF CHANGE (TOC) MODEL

ITEM	YES	NO	ACTION TAKEN
1. Is the TOC fit for purpose? (Does the TOC fit the key purpose and stakeholders?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
2. Consider the “need”(Step 1 above). Does the TOC provide a plausible solution to the problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
3. Does the TOC demonstrate logical and defensible relationships between what the program DOES (Program ACTIVITIES) and the OUTCOMES it is trying to achieve?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
4. Can the LONG-term outcomes (on right side of the TOC) be achieved by the PROGRAM?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
5. Looking at EACH outcome, a. Are they stated in a way their achievement could be recognised?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
b. Are they stated in a way that can be measured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
6. Looking at the chains of outcomes (arrows that link the outcome steps): a. Are the links logical?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
b. Are there any important steps missing? <i>(Note- subject expertise and research literature is helpful here)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
7. Does the TOC incorporate complexity (e.g., feedback loops and emergent outcomes)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
8. Is it useful in helping generate evaluation questions? (e.g., does it show the most important outcomes to look at and the factors that are most likely to affect outcomes so that they can be explored as part of the evaluation?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
9. Has it been adapted to reflect the context in which the program operates (e.g., external factors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	
10. Is the TOC consistent with the ethics and principles underlying the program (e.g., client-driven approach, culturally responsive)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> →	