

DEFINITIONS

Refer to these definitions as you work through Getting to Impact.

Activity – The core things happening or being done by your program, service or niche initiative to reduce poverty for a targeted demographic and/or geography (e.g. providing free bus passes to low-income individuals).

Programmatic Input – Resources employed to operate a program, service or niche initiative.

Programmatic Output – The amount of something produced by your program, service or niche initiative (e.g. the number of bus passes distributed).

Programmatic Outcome – An intermediate change experienced by an individual or household as a result of a program, service or niche initiative (e.g. improved access to transportation).

Programmatic Impact – The effect of an intervention on a select group of participants or beneficiaries. (Ex. Participants get access to affordable housing; create a savings account for education; secure a new job)

Targeted Outcomes – The cumulative effects of multiple poverty interventions on specific groups of people or a location (e.g. tracking changes in academic performance of at-risk children in 10 vulnerable schools).

Population Impact – Changes in key measures of poverty across a community or region (ex. Housing affordability, employment rates, income levels).

Results Framework – A framework that shows a line-of-sight between programmatic outcomes and impact on poverty (Ex. logic models, Theory of Change).

Working Definition of Poverty – An imperfect, but good enough to use definition for communication, strategy and evaluation purposes (ex. poverty is a lack of income).

Domain – The different dimensions or aspects of poverty (ex. income, housing, health).

Indicator – A quantitative or qualitative measure that can be used to track changes in outputs, outcomes or impact (the unemployment rate, % of people in core housing need, childcare waitlists).

Method – A process for gathering, analyzing and making sense of data used to track changes in indicators.

Threshold – One or more 'lines' that describe whether someone is in or out of poverty (or moving through key phases) (ex. LICO, LIM).