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# Theory of Change and Program Design



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## Resources for Theory of Change and Program Design

IPA has compiled this set of resources on the theory of change and its relationship to program design. They take readers from needs assessments and the importance of the theory of change, through practical discussions of how to develop a theory of change and identify assumptions.

These resources cover the following topics:

- importance of a theory of change
- needs assessment
- developing a theory of change
- identifying assumptions
- using a theory of change in program design and monitoring
- theory of change for donors and grantees

A solid theory of change is the foundation of strong program design and a sound monitoring and evaluation strategy. These resources go into the depth necessary to build a theory of change and link it to a CART monitoring strategy.

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