Program Cycle Support

Program Cycle Support (PCS) supports the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance-funded implementing community in their efforts to design and implement evidence-based, effective, efficient, and sustainable development activities that result in improved food and nutrition security.

PCS partners with resilience food security activities (RFSAs) in the following areas to:



Theory of Change (TOC)

Social Behavior Change (SBC)



INCEPTION

Identify learning priorities

Review the TOC to:

- Identify opportunities to improve clarity, strengthen logic, and show sustainability thinking
- Identify potential information gaps to explore during the refinement period
- Adapt activity design or implementation strategy, based on lessons learned

Build capacity to understand and use the TOC

Orient staff on SBC and how it is critical to RFSA results

Identify where SBC appears in the TOC

Work to prioritize behaviors and identify how to sequence and layer

Develop an SBC strategy

Work to incorporate SBC indicators into the monitoring and evaluation plan

Review key factors for sustainability, experiences from previous RFSAs, and proposal sustainability strategies

CULMINATION

Identify and triangulate key learnings and refinements prior to the culmination workshop Use the TOC to reflect on sustainability planning

Operationalize the SBC strategy and adjust based on routine monitoring

Identify local service providers, services, and behaviors

MID-TERM EVALUATION

Review and analyze the implications of the mid-term evaluation (MTE) on the implementation strategy

Use the TOC to adapt the activity design or implementation strategy, based on indicator or context monitoring data

Review and adapt SBC strategy based on the MTE

Document SBC promising practices and success stories

Based on the MTE:

- Analyze the potential to sustain outcomes, services, and behaviors
- Revise strategy to determine which outcomes to prioritize/eliminate and areas of focus for implementing the strategy

END OF CYCLE

Review, consolidate, and disseminate lessons learned

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Identify learnings to build evidence on sustainability





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