

KTE1. CAPACITY TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH CHECKLIST

USE WHEN YOU WANT TO EVALUATE:

Outcomes :

- ✓ Capacity to use evidence effectively

Intervention types:

- ✓ Activities to increase capacity to use best and promising practices

Worked well with these populations:

- ✓ Community-based organizations

Interventions for:

- ✓ HIV
- ✓ hepatitis C
- ✓ STIs

DESCRIPTION

This tool was used to assess barriers and facilitators to engaging in community-based research (CBR), based on a survey of Canadian CBOs.

WHY THIS TOOL MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- ✓ Engagement in CBR can help organizations identify and adopt effective, evidence based interventions.
- ✓ Easily completed and analysed.
- ✓ Could easily be programmed to be given electronically.
- ✓ Could be completed by program coordinators, front-line staff, and peer workers.

Developed in:

- ✓ English

ADMINISTRATION, DESIGN, SCORING and ANALYSIS CONSIDERATIONS

ADMINISTRATION

- Tell staff why you are using the questionnaire, being clear that it is to evaluate the organization and not them, to help make the organization better.
- Participation should be voluntary, so tell staff that it is ok if they do not complete the questionnaire, and assure participants that there are no negative consequences if they don't want to complete it. Give them a way to do something else at the same that looks similar to completing the questionnaire so that the confidentiality of this decision is protected. (For further information on ethical considerations in carrying out evaluations, see [Ethics Resources](#))

DESIGN OPTIONS: Measuring ongoing CBR capacity: (this is the only option for this tool, because it assesses an ongoing organizational function, not a specific intervention)

SCORING and ANALYSIS: Every time the questionnaire is completed, calculate your organization's CBR Capacity Score as the [average](#) over all 26 questions. Average scores can range from 1 to 5. Compare the average over time to see if CBR capacity improves, declines or stays the same.

KTE1. CAPACITY TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH MEASURE

How much have each of the following been facilitators to your organization's involvement in CBR in the last year?					
	Not an important facilitator				Very important facilitator
1. Increased funding	1	2	3	4	5
2. Availability of best practices	1	2	3	4	5
3. Model partnership agreements	1	2	3	4	5
4. Community participation	1	2	3	4	5
5. Academic capacity building	1	2	3	4	5
6. List of CBR funding sources	1	2	3	4	5
7. Tools to evaluate CBR outcomes	1	2	3	4	5
8. Steps to completing research	1	2	3	4	5
9. Student CBR internships	1	2	3	4	5
10. Library support	1	2	3	4	5
11. CBR bursaries	1	2	3	4	5
12. Lists of potential collaborators	1	2	3	4	5
13. Community capacity building	1	2	3	4	5
How much have each of the following been barriers to your organization's involvement in CBR in the last year?					
	Not an important barrier				Very important barrier
14. Lack of human resources	5	4	3	2	1
15. Too many competing demands	5	4	3	2	1
16. Scarcity of funding	5	4	3	2	1
17. CBR too time consuming	5	4	3	2	1
18. Accessing formal ethics review	5	4	3	2	1
19. Concern for lack of action on results	5	4	3	2	1
20. Lack of research skills	5	4	3	2	1
21. Mistrust between community and academics	5	4	3	2	1
22. Power imbalances in research team	5	4	3	2	1
23. Perception that CBR is not good enough research	5	4	3	2	1
24. Difficulty finding partners	5	4	3	2	1
25. Lack of meaningful community involvement	5	4	3	2	1
26. Lack of organizational support for CBR	5	4	3	2	1

Source: Flicker, S., Wilson, M., Travers, R., Bereket, T., McKay, C., Van Der Meulen, A., . . . Rourke, S. B. (2009). **Community-based research in AIDS-service organizations: What helps and what doesn't?** AIDS Care - Psychological and Socio-Medical Aspects of AIDS/HIV, 21(1), 94-102.