



New Projects Workshop

Darwin Plus

Common issues and complementarities Technical themes and measurement challenges



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Welcome!



Welcome to this interactive online workshop!

Kelly shared a link to Miro whiteboard software this morning – please note this is a different board to the one we were using yesterday!

We will be using this platform shortly for some group work so please check now that you have access.

Please leave feedback if you need to leave early 😊

Agenda



2:00 – Common issues and complementarities – Presentation on Zoom then group work on Miro (groups will be allocated into Zoom breakout rooms)

3:15 - Short 15 minute break (either stay on the call or leave the meeting and come back)

3:30 – Technical themes and measurement challenges – Presentation on Zoom then group work on Miro (groups will be allocated into Zoom breakout rooms)

4:30 - Finish

General Housekeeping



Please keep yourself muted during the presentation

If you have any questions, please use the “raise hand” feature (you can find this by clicking on the “Participants” button at the bottom of your screen) and we will invite you to unmute and ask your question.

We have some specific guidelines later on for how we plan to use Miro but if you have had any difficulties accessing that platform, please let us know in the chat ASAP and we can help get you sorted

Introductions



Before we get started, I'd like to thank everybody who took the time to introduce themselves in advance.

If you could now visit the Miro board and take a look at everybody who is here today and to confirm you can access it if you haven't already tried.

Introducing the NIRAS-LTS Team.



Identifying commonalities and complementarities

Group Exercise



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Aim



- To allow you to meet other new projects
- To highlight common themes between projects
- To help identify opportunities for coordination and complementary working



Group Activity



- We are going to assign you to small groups using the breakout feature in Zoom
- The activity itself is on the interactive whiteboard Miro – Keep Zoom open so you can talk to your group, but navigate to the specific space on Miro for your group. There should be a “frame” with the same number your breakout room number! (you should see other members of your group their with cursors – no need to share screens)
- Kelly (“Darwin Initiative”), Kirsti, Nichola and Victoria will be moving between groups to help you with the exercises – if you have any questions or need help at any point, please just press the “call host” feature and someone will join your room as soon as possible!

Group Exercise



In your groups:

- Briefly introduce your project and where you are working
- Work through the specific questions on the Miro board
- Record discussion on sticky notes or however you would like
- Feed back to plenary



Group Exercise



Questions to consider:

- What technical challenges are you expecting to address?
- What environment challenges are common to your group?
- To what extent might COVID-19 impact your planned activities and how will you mitigate against this?
- Are you interacting with similar stakeholders? Are there opportunities for a coordinated approach?
- How can your project network with other Darwin Plus projects?
- What are the best ways of sharing experiences and learning between projects?

Please note down some ideas to feed back!

Time for a short break!



- We'll be starting the next presentation in about 15 minutes (to start at 3:30)
- After the break, please have a copy of your Stage 2 application form (including your project's logframe and exit strategy) to hand!



Technical Themes and Measurement Challenges

Group Exercise



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- To provide an opportunity to meet other projects
- To allow for reflection on project M&E and identify shared M&E challenges between projects
- To encourage projects to think about their exit strategies



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Group Exercise



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- Record discussion on sticky notes or however you would like
- Take a note of some of your key points to then feedback back to the group!

Group Exercise



Questions to consider:

- What challenges have you faced in completing your logframe?
- Are there specific components that are hard to measure? Are there common measures you could use?
- Do your projects have shared risks and assumptions? How will you address these?
- Have you got an exit strategy in place?
- Are there common themes between projects?

Please note down some ideas to feed back!

Wrap-up



- Thank you!
- Any final questions?
- We will upload slides to the Darwin Plus website after the event
- Towards the top right of the Miro board you will note we have a space for feedback – please grab a sticky note or two and let us know:
 - What went well?
 - What could be improved?
- And if anything else comes to mind after the session, please don't hesitate to get in touch!