

Define a Results Framework

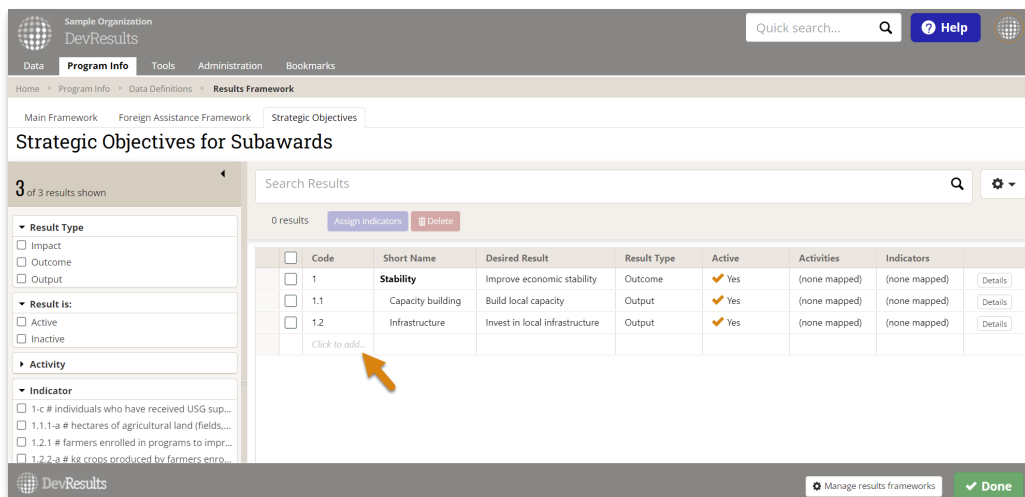
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DevResults uses **Results Frameworks** to organize indicators into hierarchies of results. Some organizations use other terms for a results framework, like 'logframe'. Some might call their results 'goals', 'objectives' or 'sub-objectives'. The overall idea is the same: a results framework allows a set of results to be organized into a hierarchy, and indicators measure progress toward one or more results.

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Add a result to a framework

Click in the **Click to add** box to begin entering your new result.



The screenshot shows the DevResults interface for 'Strategic Objectives for Subawards'. The table contains the following data:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Code	Short Name	Desired Result	Result Type	Active	Activities	Indicators	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Stability	Improve economic stability	Outcome	Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)	Details
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1	Capacity building	Build local capacity	Output	Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)	Details
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2	Infrastructure	Invest in local infrastructure	Output	Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)	Details

Below the table, there is a 'Click to add...' button with an orange arrow pointing to it.

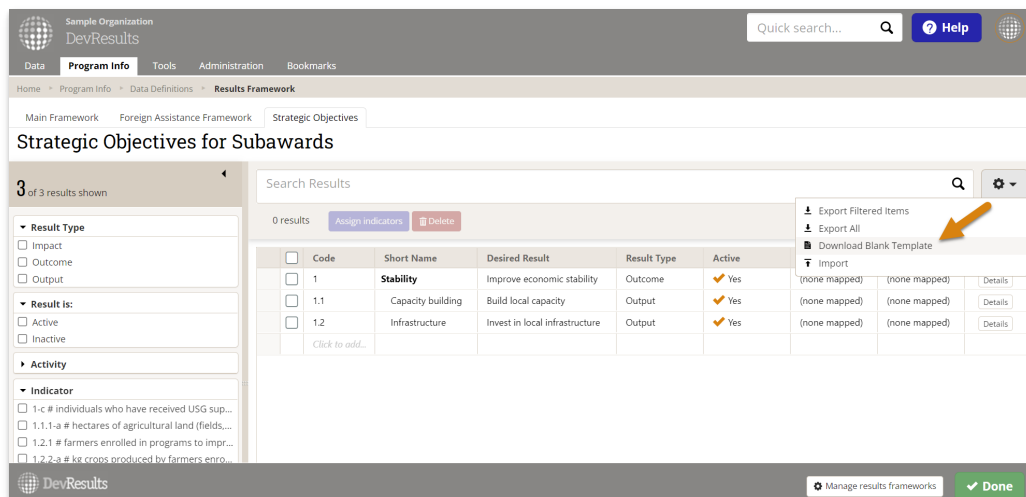
Code and **Short Name** are displayed throughout DevResults where ever you can filter information by results framework, such as the indicator index or the MultiMatrix reporting tool. **Desired Result** is a description field where you can put the full text of your framework's result (as it might appear in a logframe, PMP, etc.)

By default, all results are marked as **Active** when you create them. You can deactivate results by unchecking this box, which makes them unavailable as options when assigning an indicator to frameworks.

There are a few things to know about **Codes** and **Short Names**:

- **Code** is used to hierarchically organize the results in a framework. The periods in the code are used to denote hierarchy, e.g. result **1.1** is displayed under result **1**; result **A.2.5** is displayed under **A.2**. You can add results in any order and they will sort themselves hierarchically and alphabetically based on the code.
- **Code** should be unique *within* the Results Framework, but you can use the same codes across different Results Frameworks.
- **Code** can contain only numbers, letters, dashes, and periods.
- **Short Names** do not have to be unique, but it is recommended. This will make it easier for people less familiar with the framework to find things they need.

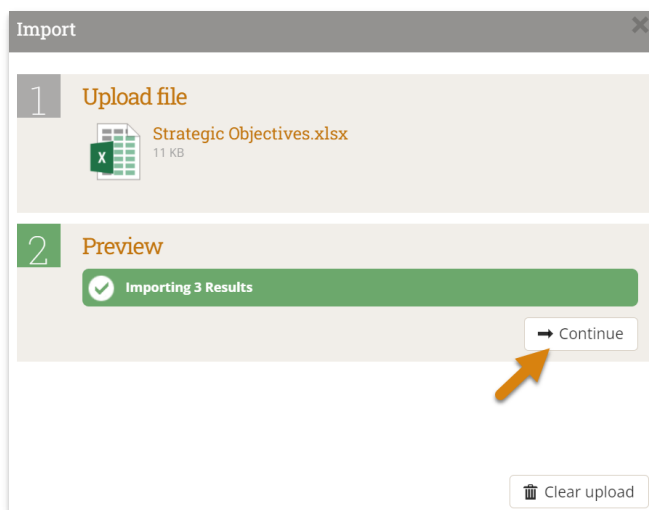
You can also add new results in bulk using an Excel template. To download the template, click on the gear icon and select **Download Blank Template**.



Once the template downloads, open and populate it in Excel. **Be sure to save the file when you're done editing!**

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1.1	Capacity building	Build local capacity	Yes	Output
1.2	Infrastructure	Invest in local infrastructure	Yes	Output

After you've saved the file, go back to the same gear icon menu and now select **Import**. The pop-up window will prompt you to choose (or drag and drop) the file you just saved. Once uploaded, you will either see a list of validation warnings for errors that need to be corrected, or you will see a green check and message letting you know that all of the new content is ready to import. From here, you can either click **Continue** to proceed, or you can click **Clear upload** to start over.



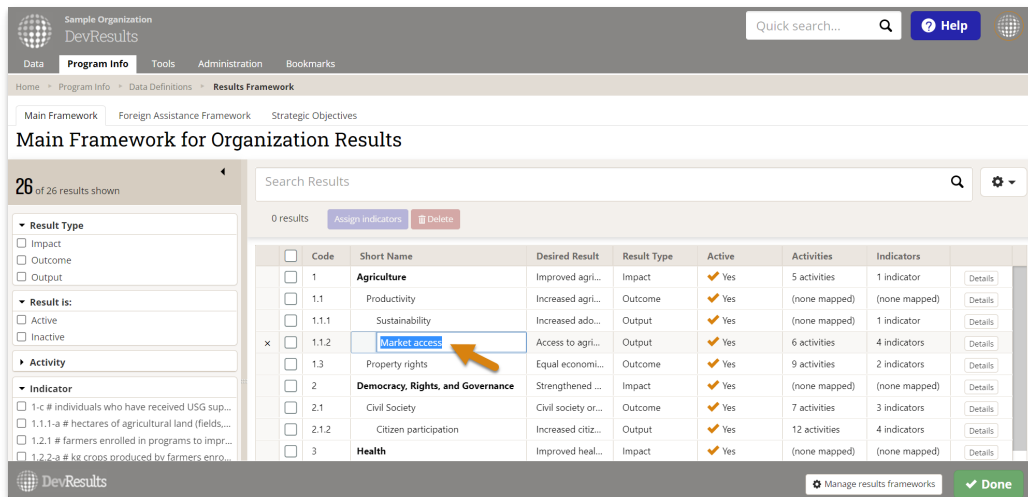
If the import succeeded, you'll see another confirmation message letting you know that all new results were imported successfully.

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Edit a result in a framework

To edit a result in a results framework, click on the result's code, short name, or desired result, and type to edit. You

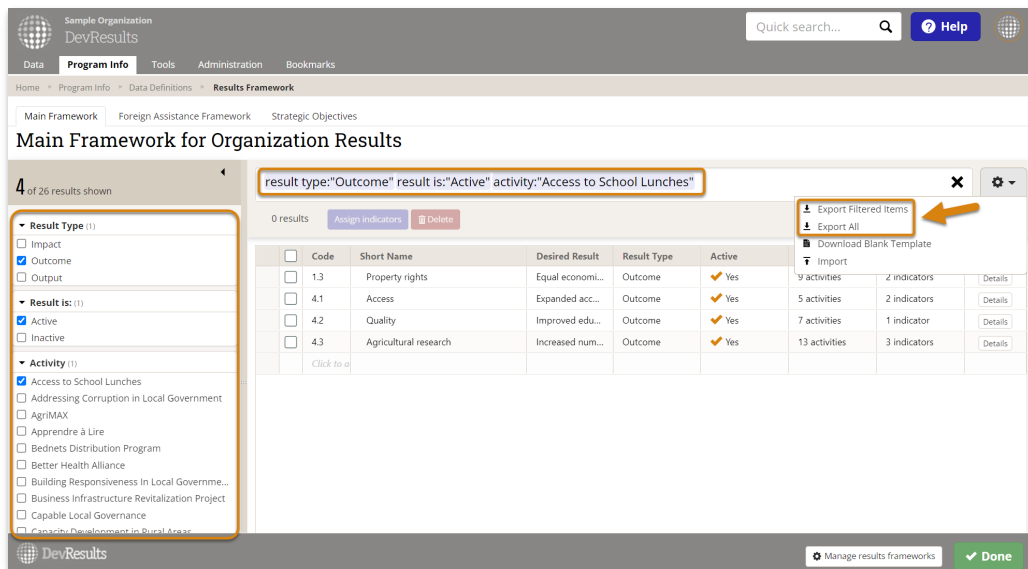
can also change the Result Type or toggle things like Active (Yes/No) from this screen. (See the section below on **assigning an indicator to a result** for more information on how to edit mapped projects and Indicators).



You can also make these changes and others by opening the details window, just click on the **Details** button to the right.

Note: Changing the code, short name, or desired result for a result will **not** affect the indicators assigned to the result in any way.

To make bulk edits to many results at the same time, you'll need to download an export of your current results and import your edits. You can choose to either **Export All** results from the entire framework from the gear icon menu, or add one or more filters and **Export Filtered Items** only.

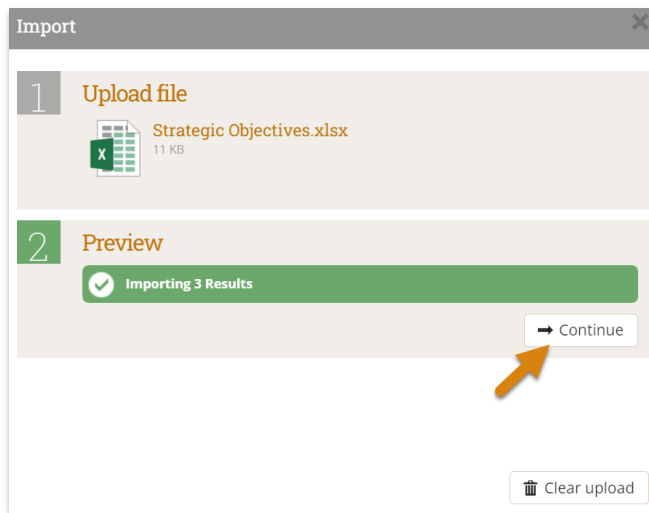


Open the Excel file and make changes as needed. **Be sure to save the file when you're done editing!**

Note: To edit existing results, **do not delete or change the resultID**. This is the only way the system knows which result should be updated.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	resultID	Code	Short Name	Desired Result	Active	Result Type
2	12345	1	Stability	Improve economic stability	Yes	Outcome
3	12346	1.1	Capacity building	Build local capacity	Yes	Output
4	12347	1.2	Infrastructure	Invest in local infrastructure	Yes	Output

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If the import succeeded, you'll see another confirmation message letting you know that all new results were imported successfully.

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Delete a result from a framework

To delete a result from a results framework, click on the **X** next to the result. If indicators were assigned to the result, those assignments will be removed, but the indicators and any associated data will remain unchanged.

Code	Short Name	Desired Result	Result Type	Active	Activities	Indicators
1	Agriculture	Improved agri...	Impact	Yes	5 activities	1 indicator
1.1	Productivity	Increased agri...	Outcome	Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)
1.1.1	Sustainability	Increased ado...	Output	Yes	(none mapped)	1 indicator
1.1.2	Market access	Access to agri...	Output	Yes	6 activities	4 indicators
1.3	Property rights	Equal economi...	Outcome	Yes	9 activities	2 indicators
2	Democracy, Rights, and Governance	Strengthened ...	Impact	Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)
2.1	Civil Society	Civil society or...	Outcome	Yes	7 activities	3 indicators
2.1.2	Citizen participation	Increased citiz...	Output	Yes	12 activities	4 indicators
3	Health	Improved heal...	Impact	Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)

You can also delete multiple results in bulk by checking the boxes next to each result and clicking the red **Delete** button at the top.

Sample Organization
DevResults

Quick search...

Data **Program Info** Tools Administration Bookmarks

Home > Program Info > Data Definitions > Results Framework

Main Framework Foreign Assistance Framework Strategic Objectives

Main Framework for Organization Results

26 of 26 results shown

Search Results

3 results

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Note: Deleting a result will not affect the indicator data in any way; the deleted result will simply be de-linked from any mapped indicators and projects.

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Create a new results framework

To create a new results framework, go to **Program Info > Results Framework**.

Existing results frameworks will be displayed in tabs along the top. To create a new results framework, click the **Manage results frameworks** button in the lower right.

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This will open a pop-up displaying the existing frameworks. To add a new one, click in the empty cell where it says *Click to add*, and fill out the **Code Prefix**, the **Short Name**, and (optionally) the **Description**.

Manage results frameworks

Code Prefix	Short Name	Description
M	Main Framework	Main Framework for Organization Results
U	Foreign Assistance Framework	Foreign Assistance Framework
S	Strategic Objectives	

Click to add...

Done

The **Code Prefix** is used on indicator definition tabs in the classification section. Here, results from the "M" framework (Main Framework) and "U" framework (Foreign Assistance Framework) are assigned to the indicator.

Example Organization DevResults

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Data Program Info Tools Administration Bookmarks

Home > Program Info > Data Definitions > Indicators > # land governance actors receiving USG-funded training or upgraded facilities/equipment

13-c # land governance actors receiving USG-funded training or upg...

Definition Targets Data Reports Forms Documents

Number Format: Whole number, Decimal, Percentage

Decimal Places: 2

Default Reporting Cycle: Quarterly

Unit: Actors

Periods: Results are entered: Incrementally (since last result), Cumulatively (over the life of the project); Targets are entered: Incrementally (since last result), Cumulatively (over the life of the project)

Baselines: Indicator has baseline values

Definition: Indicator definition.

Classification:

Results Framework: M/1.3 Property rights, U/F-4.5.2.2 Land and Water Management, + Add a result...

Sectors: Agriculture, + Add a sector...

Tags: Donor, FTF, Has Data, Public

Delete this indicator Done

The **Short Name** is used anywhere you can filter indicators by results framework, like the indicator index page.

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Data Program Info Tools Administration Bookmarks

Home > Program Info > Data Definitions > Indicators

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Search indicators

0 indicators [Bookmark] [Assign activities] [Mark Inactive] [Delete]

Framework: Main Framework, Foreign Assistance Framework

Type: Average, Sum, Yes/No

Format: Decimal, Percentage, Whole number

Data Source: Data Table, Direct Entry, Formula

Code	Indicator	Description
1-c	# individuals who have received USG supported long term agricultural sector productivity or food security training	Sex, Training Topic
1.1.1-a	# hectares of agricultural land (fields, rangeland, agro-forests) showing improved biophysical conditions	Land Type
1.2.1	# farmers enrolled in programs to improve productivity and sustainability	Sex, Ethnicity, Land Type
1.2.2-a	# kg crops produced by farmers enrolled in programs to improve productivity and sustainability	Sex, Ethnicity, Land Type
1.2.2-b	\$ value of crops sold by farmers enrolled in programs to improve productivity and sustainability	Sex, Ethnicity, Land Type
1.2.2-c	\$ average value of agricultural sale per by crop type	Land Type, Crop Type
1.3-c	# land governance actors receiving USG-funded training or upgraded facilities/equipment	Urban vs Rural
1.3-d	# person-hours of training completed by government officials, traditional authority, or individual	Sex
2.1-a	USAID NGO sustainability index	
2.1-b	Perception of local government (scale from 1-5)	Sex, Age
2.1.2-a	# USG-assisted civil society organizations that participate in legislative proceedings and/or engagements	Organization Type
2.1.2-b	# USG-supported activities designed to promote or strengthen the civic participation of women	Organization Type
2.1.2-c	# civil society organizations (CSOs) receiving USG assistance engaged in advocacy interventions	Organization Type

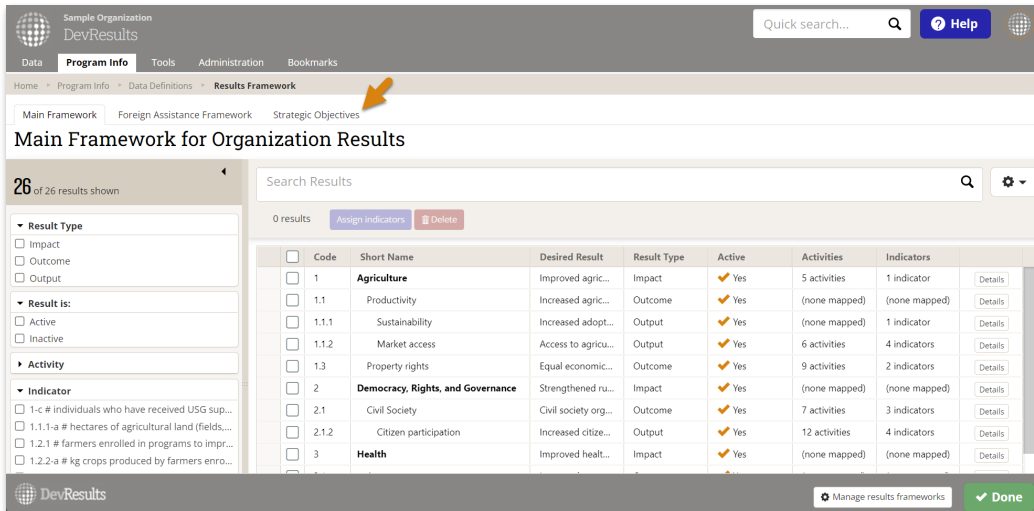
New Indicator

The **Description** allows you to provide a description of the results framework and is only accessible from this **Manage Results Frameworks** view.

The order of the results frameworks in this pop-up determines the order for the results frameworks across the site. To reorder, click and drag the arrow to the left of the **Code Prefix** for the framework you want to move.

Once you've entered values for Code Prefix, Short Name, and Description, click the **Done** button in the lower right of the pop-up.

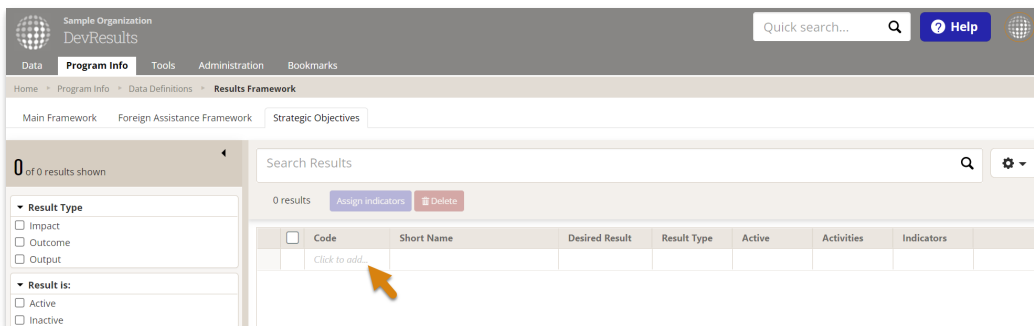
This will take you back to the tabbed view. Click the tab of the framework you just added.



The screenshot shows the 'Main Framework for Organization Results' page. The table contains the following data:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Democracy, Rights, and Governance	Strengthened ru...	Impact	✓ Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)	Details
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1	Civil Society	Civil society org...	Outcome	✓ Yes	7 activities	3 indicators	Details
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This will open an empty grid for you to enter the results for your new results framework.



The screenshot shows the 'Main Framework for Organization Results' page with an empty table. A red arrow points to the 'Click to add...' text in the first row of the table.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Code	Short Name	Desired Result	Result Type	Active	Activities	Indicators	
<input type="checkbox"/>								

Next, jump to how to **add a result to a results framework**.

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Assign an indicator to a result

To assign indicators to a result, click the **Details** button to the right of the results. This will open the result details pop-up window.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.1	Access	Improved acce...	Outcome	✓ Yes	(none mapped)	(none mapped)	<input type="button" value="Details"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1.1	Prevention	Improved prev...	Output	✓ Yes	42 activities	15 indicators	<input type="button" value="Details"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1.2	Treatment	Improved trea...	Output	✓ Yes	13 activities	4 indicators	<input type="button" value="Details"/>

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In the **Indicators** section, if any indicators are already assigned to the result, you will see them in a list here.

Result

3.1 Access

Description

Code: 3.1

Short Name: Access

Desired Result: Improved access to and delivery of quality integrated health services

Active? Result is active

Result Type: Outcome

Mapping

Results Framework: Main Framework

Indicators

F-3.1.2-c # eligible clients who received nutrition or hea...

Activities

- CLG Capable Local Governance
- CLT Changing Lives through Technology
- ComPol Community Support for Better Municipal Policy
- HMHC Healthy Mothers Healthy Children
- SRS Safe Routes to School
- SSC Support pour la Société Civile

To remove an indicator assignment, click on the **X** button to the left of the indicator.

To add more assignments, click on the **+ Assign indicators...** button to see a full index of all your indicators. Use the filter and search tools to narrow the list of potential indicators, click to check indicators you wish to assign to your result, and click the green **Assign** button to finalize your selection.

Assign indicators

3 of 87 indicators shown

Framework

Type

Format

Data Source

Data Table

Geographic Disaggregation (1)

- Guinea
- Location
- Prefecture
- Region

Disaggregation

Sector

Tag

Unit

Search: health geographicdisaggregation:"Location"

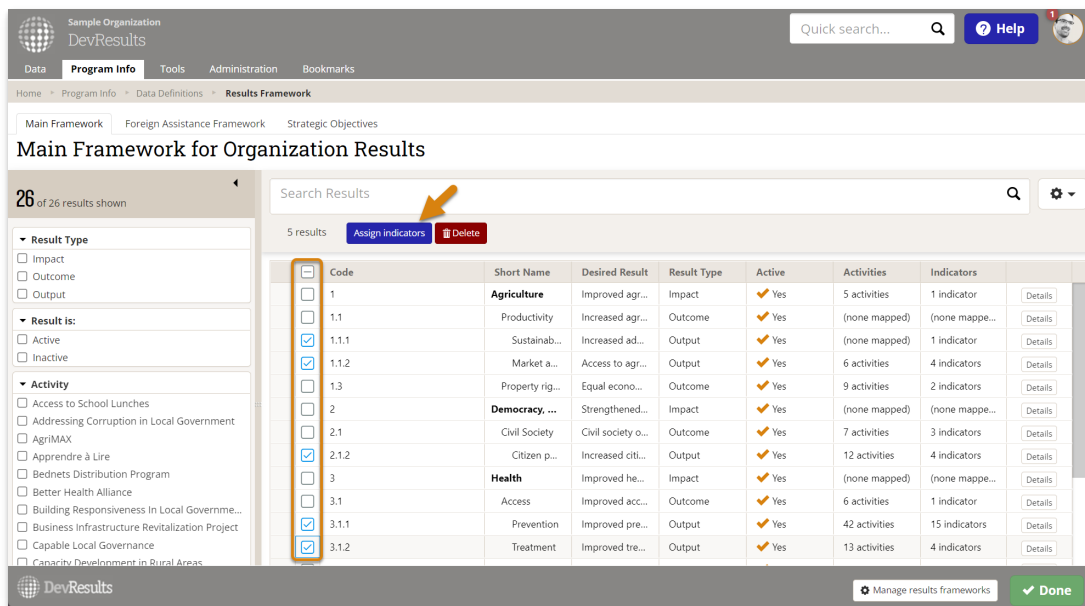
2 indicators

<input type="checkbox"/>	Code	Indicator	Disaggregation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F-3.1.2-e	# rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) purchased in any fiscal year with USG funds that were distributed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	F-3.2.2-e	# people trained in child health and nutrition through USG-supported programs	Sex
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F-3.3-e	# health facilities with established capacity to manage acute under-nutrition	Urban vs Rural

3 indicators

These assignments can also be managed on **each indicator's definition page**.

Finally, if you would like to add multiple indicators to multiple results at once, you can use the bulk select to choose multiple results, then click **Assign indicators** to select a set of indicators.

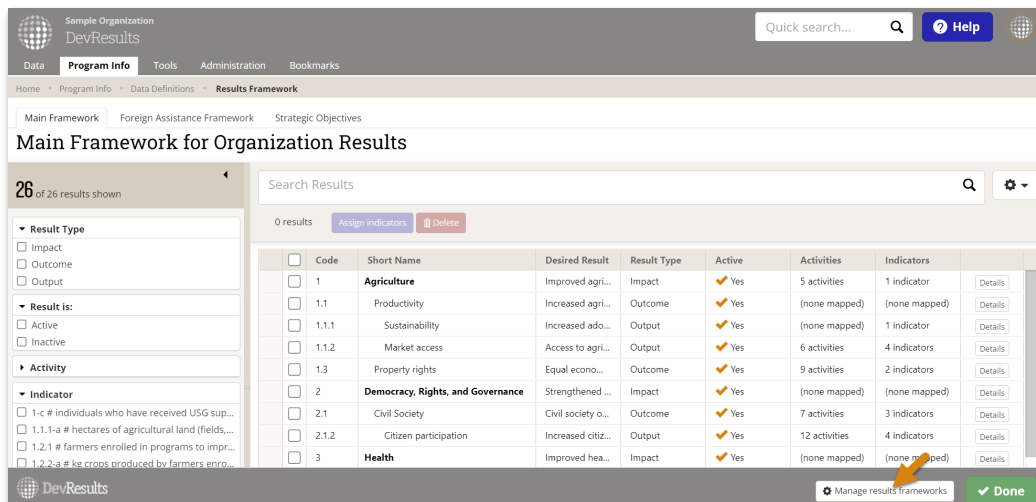


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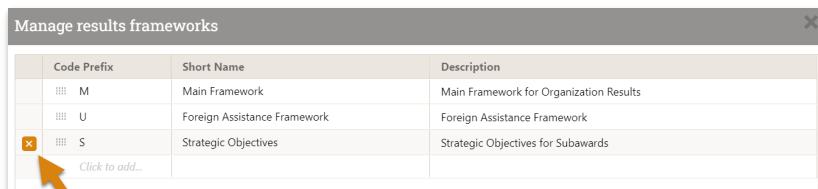
Delete a results framework

To delete a results framework, go to **Program Info > Results Framework**.

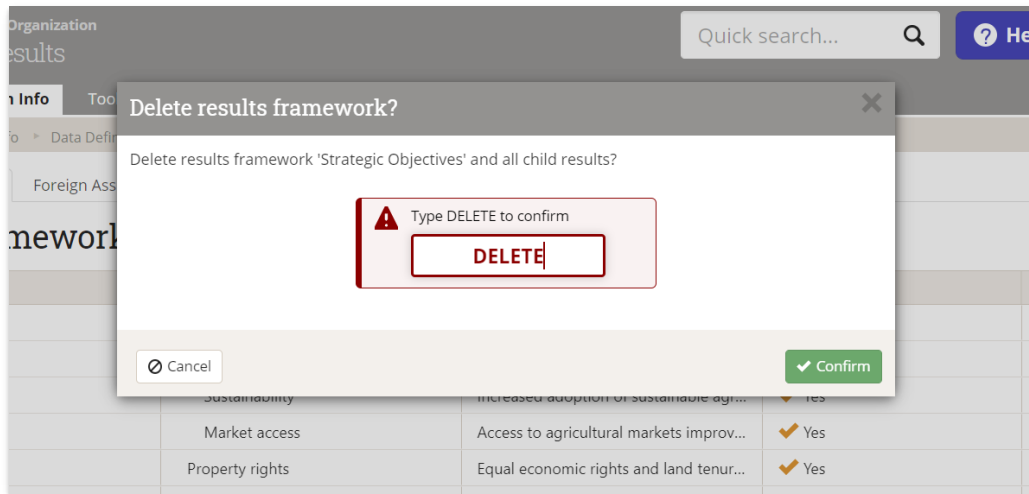
Existing results frameworks will be displayed in tabs along the top. To delete a results framework, click the **Manage results frameworks** button in the lower right.



This will open a pop-up displaying the existing frameworks. Click on the **X** to the left of the results framework you want to delete.



Type **DELETE** to confirm that you want to delete the results framework and click **Confirm**.



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Understanding the details page for a result

The details button for each result opens a pop-up window with detailed information about the result.

- **Code:** Each result should have a unique code.
- **Short Name:** The short name for a result appears alongside the result's code to identify the result with a short phrase.
- **Desired Result:** The desired result is a description field where you can put the full text of your result (as it might appear in a logframe, PMP, etc.).
- **Active?:** By default, all results are marked as **Active** when you create them. You can deactivate results by unchecking this box, which makes them unavailable as options when assigning an indicator to frameworks.
- **Result Type:** This field is primarily used by IATI publishers, but it can be used even without enabling the **IATI feature**. It classifies results using the **IATI Result Type options** (i.e. output, outcome, impact, other).
- **Suitable for Aggregation?:** This field is only available for DevResults sites with the **IATI feature** enabled. It defines published data as suitable for aggregation or not.
- **Results Framework:** This dropdown menu shows which framework the result is part of.
- **Indicators:** The indicators section shows all the indicators assigned to this result, with buttons that link to their definition pages.
- **Projects:** The projects section shows all the projects assigned to any of the indicators assigned to this result.
- **Recalculate logic checks:** Click the **Recalculate logic checks** button to recalculate any **logic checks** associated with the assigned indicators.

Result X

4.2.1 Infrastructure History

Description

Code:

Short Name:

Desired Result:

Active? Result is active

Result Type:

Suitable for aggregation?

Mapping

Results Framework:

Indicator	Definition
F-4.2.1-a # schools using information and communicati...	Definition
F-4.2.1-b # classrooms built or repaired with USG assist...	Definition

[+ Assign indicators...](#)

Activities

- ACLG Addressing Corruption in Local Government
- AgriMAX AgriMAX
- AAI Apprendre à Lire
- BDP Bednets Distribution Program
- BizRev Business Infrastructure Revitalization Project
- EOWG Economic Opportunities for Women and Girls
- ENRS Enhancing Nutrition in Rural Schools
- IRL Improving Reading Locally
- N-4 Nourriture et Nutrition au Niveau National

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Visualizing a results framework

While editing and interacting with a results framework is much easier to do in a table, many people are more comfortable viewing the end product in a hierarchy diagram or chart. There are many third-party tools that will allow you to create such visuals using the standard Excel export (see [how to export a framework above](#)). Perhaps the easiest tool to work with is the [Microsoft Office Visio plug in for Excel](#), which is available to most Microsoft 365 subscribers already.

To make it as easy as possible, we've created a [custom query](#) that formats your results framework information exactly as Visio ingests it. To request that we make this custom query available to your site, simply send a ticket to help@devresults.com, or through the [Contact Helpdesk](#) form found in the blue Help menu on any page of your DevResults site.

In order to create a Visio-based hierarchy diagram of any results framework:

1. Download the custom query discussed above.
2. Filter to a single results framework (**column A**).
3. Copy all other content (**columns B-G**) without headers.
4. In a new Excel sheet or workbook, select **Visio Data Visualizer** from the **Insert menu ribbon**.
5. Select a **Hierarchy** flowchart (in the **Basic Flowchart** group) and click **Create**; if you would like to use a different chart or diagram type, just let us know in a help ticket.
6. Delete the sample data in the table and paste in the content that you copied in step 3.
7. Click **Refresh** to update the diagram graphic.

You can continue to update the colors and formatting of the graphic to suit your needs and brand guidelines. For instance, you might want to flip the direction of your connector arrows, as the default process-based flowchart flows 'down' whereas logic-based results frameworks tend to flow 'up'.

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