

Training course on:

**Statistics, Knowledge and Policy: Understanding Societal Change**

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Today you heard about some of the practical ways in which we can measure progress and the importance of taking an analytic approach that identifies key dimensions and then selects good indicators of progress for each.

You need to identify the key dimensions of progress in your area (you should be selective because if you select more than 5 then you are going to have a difficult job to present them all in 10 minutes). Once you have identified the most important dimensions of progress for your area, you need to find the best indicator that captures progress in each. Remember a good progress indicator will have a clear good/bad direction of movement and should summarise well what is happening. Remember the importance of focusing on outcomes. Time is short so you will need to make some tough choices and it is likely that the indicators you will find will not be perfect. If so recognise and note their limitations. When you present the story they tell you should be open about their imperfections.

You should prepare a 5 minute presentation on this, report back and receive feedback.