Collective Impact Feasibility Framework

1 **Which specific social problem should we focus on in this community?**

2 **Are there multiple actors in the system who can influence this social problem?**

Assess the specific social problem you want to address by selecting the social problem that allows you to…
…dramatically improve social outcomes
…take advantage of recent changes in the landscape (e.g., policy changes)
…urgently respond to a community need.

Select social problem to focus on.

If yes, consider collaborative approach to solve social problem.

If no, consider programmatic solution and/or capacity building.

3 **If yes, is collective impact the most appropriate solution for solving this social problem in this community?**

Complexity of the social problem   *Scale of the social problem*

Is the system fragmented, disconnected, and broken?

If yes, do multiple sectors need to work together to address the issue?

Are the majority of end-users in that system affected by this social problem?

If no, consider a programmatic solution.

In complex problems,…
…no one actor alone can solve the problem.
…there are gaps and silos in the system.
…there is lack of coordination among actors.
…there is a need for new policies or significant policy change.
…there is need for innovation or new solutions.

4 **If yes, is this community ready for cross-sector collaboration?**

Are there influential champions who can provide local leadership?

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Do financial resources exist to support **collaboration** for at least 12 months?

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Is there a history of collaboration in the local community?

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Is there urgency for change on this issue?

If no, focus on recruiting local champions who are passionate about the issue.

If no, focus on building new resources or realigning current resources to support a collaborative effort.

If no, support efforts that build relationships and trust between local stakeholders over time.

If no, work with local champions to bring visibility to the issue over time.