## Guidance on Significant Change Stories

# Introduction

**Example from another program**

**Please read the** [**section on MSC**](https://sites.google.com/a/cpwf.info/m-e-guide/m-e-tools-and-workbook/most-significant-change) **in the CCAFS M&E Guide before starting.** This section also explains the expected benefits of this approach.

Please write two or three significant change stories using the template below. We are collecting stories in three domains in answer to the question: "Since the start of the project what significant changes have you seen happening in your project with respect to [domain description]?"  The three domains are:

1. *Changes in key stakeholder knowledge, attitude, skills and/or practice.*Stories that talk about early outcomes.  These are 'outside' stories of what is happening as we engage and work with the actors described in our [outcome logic models](https://sites.google.com/a/cpwf.info/m-e-guide/m-e-tools-and-workbook/project-workbook/outcome-pathways-and-outcome-logic-model) or others we didn’t originally expect to change. Don’t get hung up on the scale of change. Big things can come from small beginnings. In this round it is the small beginnings we want to hear about.
2. *Change in research approach.* Stories that talk about evolution in research approach, progress and breakthroughs.  These are 'inside' stories of how projects are changing and adapting research questions, focus  and methodologies in response to outside changes and 'learning by doing'.
3. *Lessons learnt.* Stories about upsets and setbacks which the project has striven to address, and from which valuable lessons have been learnt.

Please provide stories in at least two domains, for example one story about Domain 1 and a second about Domain 2.

# Template for writing Significant Change Stories

Title of story:

Authors:

Project:

Domain (i.e., Outcome, research, lessons):

### The Story

Tell the story in one or two pages as a **narrative**. The bullet points below are to prompt and guide. You don’t have to cover them all. Equally your story may touch on other aspects. The change can have happened, or be happening.

* What is the change?
* Why is the change significant?
* How did the change start to happen?
* Who is involved?
* When did it start to happen?
* Where is it happening?
* Who is benefiting from the change? Who isn’t?
* Was the change envisaged in a project / BDC / Program outcome pathway? If so, which?
* What is unexpected?
* What are the success factors?
* What are the constraints that are being overcome? What constraints still exist?

Supporting documentation

*Although not obligatory, please provide any photos, video, reports or any other form of documentation you might have to support the story.*