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The NGO HIV Policy Toolkit is an online guide to creating, implementing, advocating for, and influencing HIV/AIDS policy in the Pacific

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WHO THE TOOLKIT IS FOR

the toolkit is relevant for all ngos, but tailored to those in the south pacific. The challenge

WHY FOCUS ON THE SOUTH PACIFIC?

Most existing HIV/AIDS resources for NGOs are designed for African or Asian settings. This Toolkit recognises the unique setting of the South Pacific in terms of both the nature of the HIV epidemic and responses to it and is designed to meet the specific needs of NGOs working in this region.

THE CHALLENGE

This Toolkit is a response to observations that NGOs in the South Pacific are often excluded from influencing policymaking, and that this is primarily due to a lack of resources or expertise.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

More often than not NGOs are in the frontline of a country's response to HIV. Therefore, strengthening the capacity of NGOs to formulate their own policies will greatly enhance national responses to HIV.



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WHAT IS POLICY?

Policy helps to direct the decision-making of organisations, shaping distinct paths of action which are suitable for the pursuit of desired goals within particular contexts.

WHO MAKES POLICY?

Any organisation can be a policymaker. Involvement in policy is about bringing your expertise and authority to an issue to make activities, goals and responses more orderly and effective. As such, ngos have a central role to play as policymakers. HIV ngos often possess more first hand experience than any other actor but resist or are excluded from the policy arena. You must get involved!

TOOLKIT AIMS

- To scale-up civil society responses to HIV
- To guide ngos in creating their own policies
- To assist ngos in advocating for and influencing government policy and practice
- To strengthen ngo capacity to engage in dialogue with government
- To increase the democratic participation of ngos
- To enhance the impact of ngos in the response to hiv



HOW CAN THE AIMS BE ACHIEVED?

First, the toolkit helps ngos to realise their importance in the hiv policy arena and learn how relevant their input is to policymaking. Second, the toolkit demonstrates the various ways in which ngos fit into the policy cycle in the south pacific. Third, the toolkit offers samples of policy and examples specific to the pacific as models for ngos to learn from.

WHAT IS IN THE TOOLKIT?

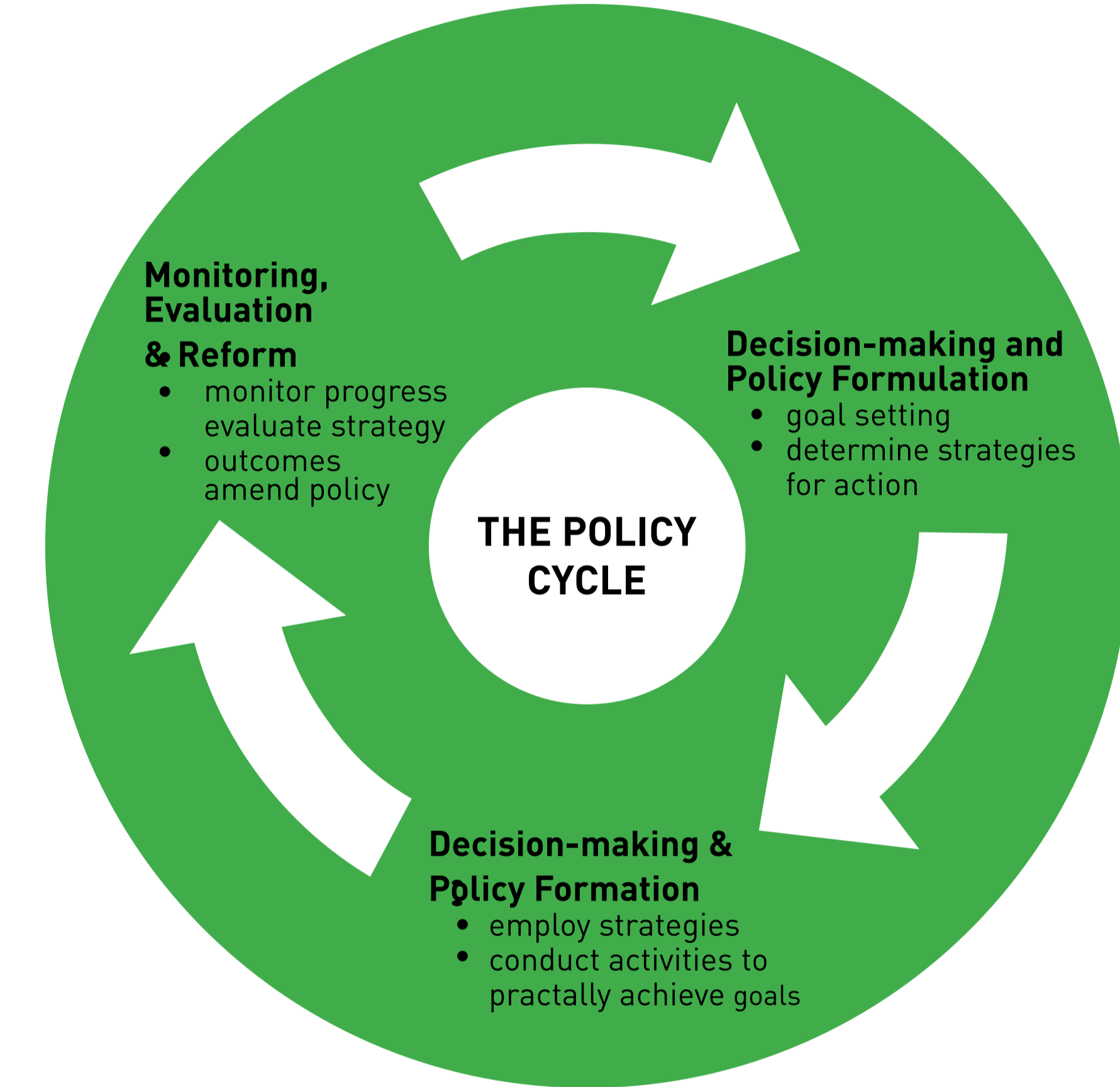
The toolkit examines the following questions:

- What is policy?
- Why is policy important?
- Who makes policy?
- What is the policy environment?
- What is the policy cycle?
- What is the policy cycle in the pacific?
- How is policy implemented?

OUTCOMES

The toolkit should help ngos in the pacific to:

- Enhance their ability to access, exchange and produce information
- Improve their ability to conduct policy analysis and advocacy
- Strengthen their technical and institutional capacity



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