

Evaluating Indicators in the Connected & Resilient Communities Concentration Area

This document contains survey statements for evaluating the indicators in the Connected & Resilient Communities (Adult) concentration area. *Extension agents should contact specialists in this concentration area for guidance on how to evaluate learning opportunities in this area.*

The indicators for this concentration area consist of short-term and medium-term outcomes as indicated in Table 1.

- **Short-Term Program Metrics (PM):** Indicators designated as short-term program metrics (PM) do not require a survey and are typically measured using program data and other program evaluation/process monitoring information (e.g. attendance/sign in sheets, participant records, participatory evaluation).
- **Short-Term Outcomes (ST):** Indicators designated as short-term (ST) represent expected **immediate** outcomes of UK Extension Building Leadership Capacity Development programs. These indicators are measured using post-participation evaluation tools/surveys.
- **Medium-Term Outcomes (MT):** Indicators designated as medium-term (MT) represent expected **behavior change** outcomes of UK Extension Building Leadership Capacity programs. Behavior change typically requires time to mature. Hence, these indicators are measured using follow-up evaluation tools/surveys.

Table 1: Indicators and Survey Statements

Concentration Area: Connected & Resilient Communities (Adult)			
KERS Indicator #	Indicator	Statements (Y/N)	Timeline for Evaluation
401.18	Number of participants demonstrating increased confidence or skills in using digital tools (e.g., online banking, telehealth, online applications, or virtual platforms) after completing Extension training programs.	Participating in [XYZ-Name of Program] increased my confidence and/or skills to use digital tools (e.g., online banking, telehealth, online applications, or virtual platforms).	MT
401.19	Number of participants who reported that they intend to develop an emergency plan or preparedness kit after completing an Extension disaster training.	Since participating in [XYZ-Name of Program], I intend to develop an emergency preparedness plan and/or kit.	ST

401.20	Number of participants who reported increased understanding of the value of building local cultural assets such as foodways, arts, and heritage traditions.	Participating in [XYZ-Name of Program] increased my understanding of the value of building local cultural assets such as foodways, arts, and heritage traditions.	ST
401.21	Number of communities that reported implementing at least one new strategy to strengthen digital inclusion (e.g., improved public Wi-Fi, device access programs, digital literacy workshops) to strengthen digital inclusion as a result of Extension-supported initiatives.	Since participating in [XYZ-Name of Program], my community has implemented one or more strategies to strengthen digital inclusion.	MT
401.22	Number of businesses, farms, or households reporting faster post-disaster recovery due to preparedness actions learned through Extension.	Since participating in [XYZ-Name of Program], my business, farm, and/or household has implemented emergency preparedness actions to recover faster post-disaster.	MT
401.23	Number of individuals who reported that they contributed to efforts to improve public spaces through design, revitalization, or development (e.g., parks, community gathering areas, public art, creative placemaking projects) as a direct result of Extension-supported initiatives.	Since participating in [XYZ-Name of Program], I have contributed to efforts to improve public spaces through design, revitalization, and/or development (e.g., parks, community gathering areas, public art, creative placemaking projects).	MT
401.24	Number of participants who reported increased involvement in local governance , community groups, or public forums as a result of program participation.	Since participating in [XYZ-Name of Program], I have increased my involvement in my community through local governance, community groups, and/or public forums.	MT
401.25	Number of communities or organizations securing external funding (grants, sponsorships, or resource investments) as a result of Extension support.	Since participating in [XYZ-Name of Program], my community or organization has secured external funding (grants, sponsorships, or resource investments).	MT

401.26	Number of new collaborative networks, partnerships, or cross-sector initiatives developed to address local challenges as a result of Extension-supported programs.	<i>This is a program metric. Please report from program data e.g., attendance list, record of certifications.</i>	PM
401.27	Number of participants in arts or design-based community programs (e.g., story circles, murals, design charettes, creative placemaking) who reported increased connection or belonging.	Participating in [XYZ-Name of Program] increased my feelings of connection and/or belonging.	ST
401.28	Number of participants who reported experiencing stronger ties to their community as a result of participating in Extension arts programming with others.	Participating in [XYZ-Name of Program] strengthened my ties to my community.	ST
401.29	Number of participants reporting increased confidence in accessing, interpreting, and applying data to inform local decision-making.	Participating in [XYZ-Name of Program] increased my confidence to access, interpret, and apply data to inform local decision-making.	ST