

Evaluation Results Related to Aims and Objectives

Reflect on Acts 6:1-7

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This passage describes the logic of a rehabilitation project. An important need was identified: a group of widows was being overlooked in the daily food distribution. A project was designed to meet the need: seven men were identified to be responsible for the food distribution so that the apostles could give attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. It appears that the general project aim was to free the apostles for prayer and ministry, while the specific project objective was to feed all the widows.

Project evaluation results are described in verse 7. The Word of God spread, the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Notice that the results are relevant to the broader project aim rather than the limited project objective. There is no mention of how many widows were fed or how many were still hungry.

What does this mean for planning and implementing project evaluations?

Lord, give me wisdom to keep evaluation work focused on what is most important, not just what is most obvious. Amen.