

Coalition Lifecycle Self-Assessment

Instructions:

- Answer the following **10 questions** by selecting the response that best describes your coalition.
- At the end, **tally your score** to determine which stage your coalition is currently in.

Coalition Development & Structure

- A. Our coalition is newly formed and still defining its mission and goals. (1 point)
- B. Our coalition has a defined structure but is still growing and adjusting its strategy. (2 points)
- C. Our coalition has a well-established structure with policies, procedures, and a long-term strategy in place. (3 points)

Member Engagement & Leadership

- A. We are actively recruiting new members and building leadership capacity. (1 point)
- B. We have an engaged leadership team but experience fluctuations in participation. (2 points)
- C. We have consistent leadership with strong, active participation from diverse stakeholders. (3 points)

Governance & Decision-Making

- A. Our coalition is still defining leadership roles and decision-making processes. (1 point)
- B. We have a leadership team, but not all decision-making processes are well-documented. (2 points)
- C. We have formal bylaws, clear governance policies, and structured decision-making processes. (3 points)

Funding & Resources

- A. We rely on short-term funding and struggle with securing sustainable resources. (1 point)
- B. We have some funding sources but are still working toward long-term sustainability. (2 points)
- C. We have multiple, stable funding sources and a financial sustainability plan. (3 points)

Strategic Planning

- A. We are in the process of developing our first strategic plan. (1 point)
- B. We have a strategic plan but need to refine or update it. (2 points)
- C. Our strategic plan is well-structured and actively guides our work. (3 points)

Program Implementation

- A. We are still identifying community needs and planning our first initiatives. (1 point)
- B. We have implemented programs but need to improve coordination and impact. (2 points)
- C. We have multiple ongoing programs that are well-integrated into the community. (3 points)

Community Involvement & Partnerships

- A. We are building connections but do not yet have strong community involvement. (1 point)
- B. We have partnerships, but engagement varies across stakeholders. (2 points)
- C. We have strong, sustained community involvement and partnerships. (3 points)

Data & Evaluation

- A. We are not yet collecting or using data to measure our impact. (1 point)
- B. We collect some data but need a more structured evaluation approach. (2 points)
- C. We regularly evaluate our programs and use data to drive improvements. (3 points)

Advocacy & Policy Change

- A. We are not yet involved in advocacy or policy work. (1 point)
- B. We are beginning to engage in advocacy but lack a formal strategy. (2 points)
- C. We actively advocate for policy changes and have influenced community decisions. (3 points)

Coalition Sustainability & Longevity

- A. We are focused on short-term goals and have not yet planned for long-term sustainability. (1 point)
- B. We have some sustainability strategies but need to strengthen them. (2 points)
- C. We have clear succession planning and a long-term sustainability plan. (3 points)

Total: _____

Scoring & Coalition Stage Identification

- **10 - 16 points**

Formation Stage: Your coalition is in the **early development phase**, focusing on recruitment, structuring, and initial planning.

Next steps: Strengthen leadership, establish a clear mission, and formalize governance structures.

- **17 - 24 points**

Maintenance Stage:

Your coalition has **a structure in place** and is actively working on program implementation, partnerships, and evaluation.

Next steps: Focus on long-term sustainability, funding stability, and refining strategic planning.

- **25 - 30 points**

Institutionalization Stage: Your coalition is **well-established**, with strong leadership, stable funding, and impactful programs.

Next steps: Scale initiatives, engage in policy advocacy, and develop long-term impact strategies.