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Process 11.
Objectives written by a group.

Resources for developing National Strategic Frameworks

A sentence written by a group can be a mess. But this process makes it possible, and fun, and resulted in good sentences.

After small groups have worked on headlines and stories, and there has been reporting back to the whole workshop and further discussion of all these issues, the participants are asked to stand together in an open area: a part of the room where there are no tables and chairs.

The large group works to write one Objective statement at a time. This starts with asking each participant to write down just one word on a colored A4 sheet. For example, if we are working on the priority of prevention, ask the group: **“Can each person write down one word they think is important about prevention?”**

After they do this, then all the words are put onto the floor. All participants are encouraged to work on this together. This works for up to about 20 people; if there are more, you might choose to split into two groups.

The words that are similar are put together. Then the group chooses which one of those words best sums up what we want to say. The other words are removed.

The group can add connecting words like “and” or “to”, and can add commas. Use small bits of paper to do this, so that the main words remain prominent.

The group can try to put the words into an order to form a sentence. Because the words are on paper, this is easy to chop and change. The group can decide to remove a word, or add a word, but only if everyone agrees. Do not let just one person do this.

Once a sentence is formed, stick up the sheets on the wall.

Here are some photos of the process as used in FSM and Marshall Islands in 2012.







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