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Chapter 3:
Project Proposal and Budgeting

WEEKS 3–4 | CLO3

📄 PROPOSAL • 💡 IDEA • 💰 BUDGET • 🧩 LOGIC FRAMEWORK

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Why Project Proposals Matter? Innovation ●

A powerful idea succeeds only when translated into a **clear, structured, and persuasive** project proposal.

PROPOSAL WRITING BLENDS *ART* (STORYTELLING, NARRATIVE CLARITY) AND *SCIENCE* (LOGIC, STRUCTURE, EVIDENCE).

✨ **IDEA-TO-PLAN**
📚 **STRATEGY**
🎯 **GOAL ALIGNMENT**

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According to Kerzner (2022), good proposals integrate:
- Objective clarity
- Operational details
- Strategic alignment

CORE SECTIONS:

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 🧭
2. BACKGROUND & RATIONALE 🔍
3. OBJECTIVES & EXPECTED RESULTS 🎯
4. ACTIVITIES & METHODOLOGY 🛠️
5. BUDGET & RESOURCES 💰
6. MONITORING & EVALUATION 📊
7. SUSTAINABILITY & RISK MANAGEMENT ♻️

Structure of an Effective Proposal

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Logical Framework Approach (LFA)

A high-impact tool linking strategy to execution. 🔗

Logframe Components:
- Goal → Purpose → Outputs → Activities
- Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVIs) 📏
- Means of Verification (MoV) 📂
- Assumptions

BENEFITS:
- CLEAR LOGIC
- STRONG MONITORING BASIS
- HIGHER TRANSPARENCY

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Goal Setting and Activity Alignment

🎯 SMART GOALS

BASED ON **SMART** (DORAN, 1981):
· SPECIFIC
· MEASURABLE
· ACHIEVABLE
· RELEVANT

🔄 LOGIC CHAIN

📈 RBM FLOW

RBM VERTICAL LOGIC (UNDP, 2020):
INPUTS → ACTIVITIES → OUTPUTS → OUTCOMES → GOALS

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GOAL: *IMPROVE DIGITAL LITERACY AMONG RURAL YOUTH*

OBJECTIVE: *CONDUCT VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS*

ACTIVITIES:
- *DEVELOP MATERIALS*
- *HOST ONLINE SESSIONS*
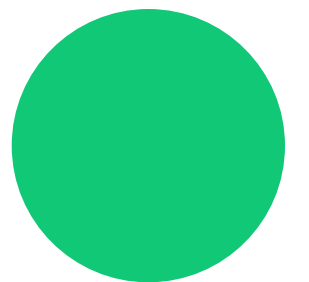- *EVALUATE PARTICIPANTS*

🧑‍💻 DIGITAL LEARNING

🧪 LEARNING ACTIVITY

📊 EVALUATION

Example of Goal Alignment
Digital Growth

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A budget = _financial blueprint_ of the project.

Budgeting: Purpose Importance

BUDGET ENSURES:
· TRANSPARENCY
· RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
· ACCOUNTABILITY
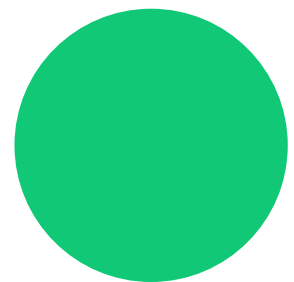· FEASIBILITY

💰 BUDGET
📦 RESOURCES
📊 COST SUMMARY

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4 Stages of Budgeting (PMI, 2021)

1. RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION 🔍
2. COST ESTIMATION 🧮
3. COST AGGREGATION ➕
4. CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE ⚠️

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Cost Categories

Common categories:

- PERSONNEL 👫
- TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION 🚗
- EQUIPMENT 🛠️
- MATERIALS 📦
- COMMUNICATION 📡
- MONITORING & EVALUATION 📊

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Tools for Budget Creation

SPREADSHEET TOOLS:
- GOOGLE SHEETS
- MICROSOFT EXCEL
- AIRTABLE
- NOTION

- 📊 SPREADSHEET
- 🗂️ AIRTABLE
- 📝 NOTION

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Ethical Budgeting

ETHICAL PRINCIPLES INCLUDE:

·TRANSPARENCY

·FAIRNESS

·RESPONSIBILITY

·ACCOUNTABILITY

⚖️ ETHICS

🔍 TRANSPARENCY

🤝 INTEGRITY

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Writing for Funding and Support

EFFECTIVE PROPOSALS MUST:

· ALIGN WITH FUNDER PRIORITIES

· TELL A COMPELLING NARRATIVE

· USE DATA-DRIVEN JUSTIFICATION

· SHOW FEASIBILITY

· DEMONSTRATE LONG-TERM VALUE

- 🖋️ WRITING
- 📈 EVIDENCE
- 📣 IMPACT

Strategies for Persuasive Proposal Writing

· KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

· PRESENT A STORY OF CHANGE

· USE CONCISE AND PROFESSIONAL LANGUAGE

· INCLUDE VISUALS AND DATA

· HIGHLIGHT SUSTAINABILITY

- 🎤 STORYTELLING
- 📊 DATA
- ♻️ SUSTAINABILITY

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Digital-Age Proposal Tools

USE:
- CANVA
- MIRO
- GOOGLE SLIDES
- INTERACTIVE DOCUMENTS
- SHORT VIDEO PITCH ADD-ONS

🎨 **CANVA**

🔵 **MIRO**

🎥 **VIDEO PITCH**

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Summary of Key Lessons

·PROPOSALS TRANSFORM IDEAS INTO STRUCTURED PLANS
·LFA BUILDS LOGICAL ALIGNMENT
·SMART GOALS ENSURE MEASURABLE SUCCESS
·BUDGETING ENSURES RESOURCE FEASIBILITY
·PERSUASIVE WRITING INCREASES CHANCES OF FUNDING

• 📘 SUMMARY • 🧠 UNDERSTANDING • 🏆 SUCCESS

Review Questions

1. KEY COMPONENTS OF A PROJECT PROPOSAL?
2. HOW DOES LFA ENSURE COHERENCE?
3. EXPLAIN SMART GOAL ALIGNMENT.
4. ETHICAL BUDGETING PRINCIPLES?
5. STRATEGIES FOR PERSUASIVE FUNDING PROPOSALS?
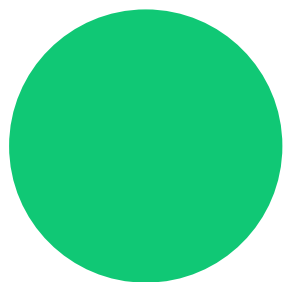
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