# Value Weighting Worksheet

## Purpose:

This worksheet helps assess the relative importance of different program outcomes by ranking and assigning weights, ensuring decisions are aligned with shared priorities.

## Steps to Complete:

* List Benefits: Identify key benefits of the program (e.g., ecological health, peace of mind).
* Baseline Assessment: Describe the initial state before the program.
* Attributed Changes: Document measurable changes due to the program (short- and long-term).
* Rank: Assign ranks to benefits based on their importance (#1 is most important).
* Assign Weights: Assign a weight of 100 to the most important benefit. Weight the rest proportionally (e.g., 80, 50).

## Tips:

* Long-term Vision: Use the Seventh Generation Principle as a guide, considering sustainability for future generations.
* Stakeholder Engagement: Involve diverse groups to ensure balanced perspectives.
* Iterate: Revisit rankings and weights as priorities evolve.

## Worksheet Template:

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| Benefit/Outcome | Baseline Condition (Without Program) | Short-term Changes (1-5 Years) | Long-term Changes (5+ Years) | Rank (#1 = Most Important) | Weight (100 = Most Important) |
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## Example Filled Worksheet:

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| Peace of Mind | Residents uncertain about water safety | Recreational water standards met | Behavioral changes reduce pollution | 1 | 100 |
| Ecological Health | Declining aquatic biodiversity | Increased balance of native species | Stable and resilient ecosystems | 2 | 80 |
| Recreational Experience | Below-average park satisfaction | Steady park income | Increased park usage | 3 | 50 |