

What can we do?

Mapping community assets for governance

Steps	Some questions to ask yourself	In our organisation
Identify strengths in our people	What are the talents, skills, education and knowledge of our people—families, groups, men and women, elders and youth?	
	What are the strengths and resources of our leaders, elders and managers?	
	What are the strengths of our other members?	
Identify the strengths in our culture	What are the strengths and authority of our culture-based governance institutions—our cultural rules, history, values and traditions?	
	What are our resources, new capacities and business opportunities?	
	What are the main components of our wider governance environment—our laws, rules, policies, regulations, legislation and infrastructure?	
	What are the local knowledge and skills specifically relevant to our governance initiatives?	

Identify the people important to building our governance	Who are our emerging young leaders and managers, and what strengths do they have?	
	Who are the people who have special skills and abilities related to governance?	
Identify important relationships and connections	What are the relationships between our people—individuals, families and groups?	
	What are the connections between the directors on the governing board?	
	What are the connections between our leaders and managers?	
	What are the connections between the organisation's members and other residents in the community?	
	What are the connections between leaders, managers and those in the wider external environment at a regional, state or national level?	
	What are the connections between different community organisations and the members of their governing bodies?	
	What are the connections between our organisation and others, such as government agencies or non-government organisations?	
Build on the knowledge and skills you have mapped	What interests and priorities for governance action do we share with other organisations or groups?	

	What are our common governance problems and how do we develop solutions?	
	How can we build consensus decision making by working on combined governance activities?	
	How can we strengthen shared governance relationships and partnerships with our community, networks and stakeholders?	
	How can we use what we know to bring in extra governance skills, knowledge or resources?	
	Who can we invite to join in our governance mapping exercise and follow-up actions?	
	How can we create governance opportunities that build on our alliances and networks?	