

Partner Identification Table

Health Department: [insert name]

Problem Statement: [copy and paste your problem statement from your [Problem Statement Template](#)]

Description: Use the table below to identify 5-10 internal and external partners who may support or pose challenges to your efforts in addressing the issue outlined in your problem statement.

Partner	Type of Partnership*	Are they an ally or an opponent?	How does addressing this problem benefit this partner?	Why is this partner important?	What challenges could arise with this partner?	Potential Engagement strategies
<i>Bluemont Health Department</i>	<i>Public Sector</i>	<i>Ally</i>	<i>Reducing food insecurity in Bluemont City is one of their current priorities</i>	<i>Connections to and credibility with local actors, budget for supporting initiatives</i>	<i>Their engagement may be affected by political sensitivities and legal/ regulatory limits on lobbying</i>	<i>Engage early to codevelop policy vision. Keep informed throughout policy development and strategy with plans to partner during implementation.</i>

Commented [VT1]: Ally: Those with the same interests as your organization or who have the capacity and the resources to help implement a new policy.
Opponent: Those who do not agree or are resistant to a proposed policy.
Commented [VT2]: If the partner is an opponent, frame the issue in terms of how addressing it aligns with their interests.

* Partnership types can include:



- **Internal partnerships:** Other departments or teams
- **Public sector:** Government, education, public figures
- **Private sector:** Business, media, investors/funders
- **Voluntary sector:** Faith community, non-profits, associations
- **Community members and organizers:** Interest groups, neighbors, People with Lived Experience (PWLE)
- **Policymakers:** Those enacting the policy directives
- **Practitioners:** Those implementing the policy directives
- **Beneficiaries:** Those benefiting from the policy, or those whom the policy is intended to impact
- **Resource partners:** Those who provide resources, supportive involvement, program partners