Why Impactful Reporting Matters and How to Do It Better



WHAT

is an AA's role in impact reporting?

Explain to participants why impact reporting is important.





















Media



Return on Investment

A REPORT FOR CONGRESSMAN AUSTIN SCOTT

UGA Cooperative Extension is working hard for your constituents. Here is a small sample of successful projects completed in your district this past year:

Improving tomato production

Scientists from the University of Georgia, University of Florida, Clemson University and North Carolina State University worked together over the last two decades to try to alleviate tomato spotted wilt virus.

The RAMP (Risk Avoidance and Mitigation Program) Project compiled data showing an estimated \$9 million loss in tomato and pepper crops between 1996 and 2006. Without resistant varieties, Georgia's tomato crop would have been wiped out.

Assisting with income tax planning

UGA Extension conducted community outreach tax credit training, and the Colquitt County Extension agent collaborated with local and state groups to implement a bilingual VITA site in Colquitt County. Community agencies that participated in the training helped with the tax credit outreach and VITA initiative.

Agencies made their low-income clients aware of the available tax credits and VTTA site locations to have their tax returns prepared for free. VTTA site volunteers completed 93 tax returns with refunds totaling \$158,825, without charge to low- and middle-income taxpayers.

Providing quality drinking water

After a few resident well water samples from Monroe County and the surrounding area tested positive for uranium,





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Researchers from 20 land-grant institutions recognized for water conservation project

Hold participants
 accountable for
 submitting good
 impact statements.

Provide resources
 on how to write
 impact statements.

- mrfimpacts.org/impactstatements
- usda.gov/media/blog/archive
- landgrantimpacts.org
- mrfimpacts.org/impactwriting-workshops
- bit.ly/impact-writing-handout

WHAT IS IMPACT?

- So what?
- Who cares?

CHANGE AHEAD

Knowledge

Behavior

Condition







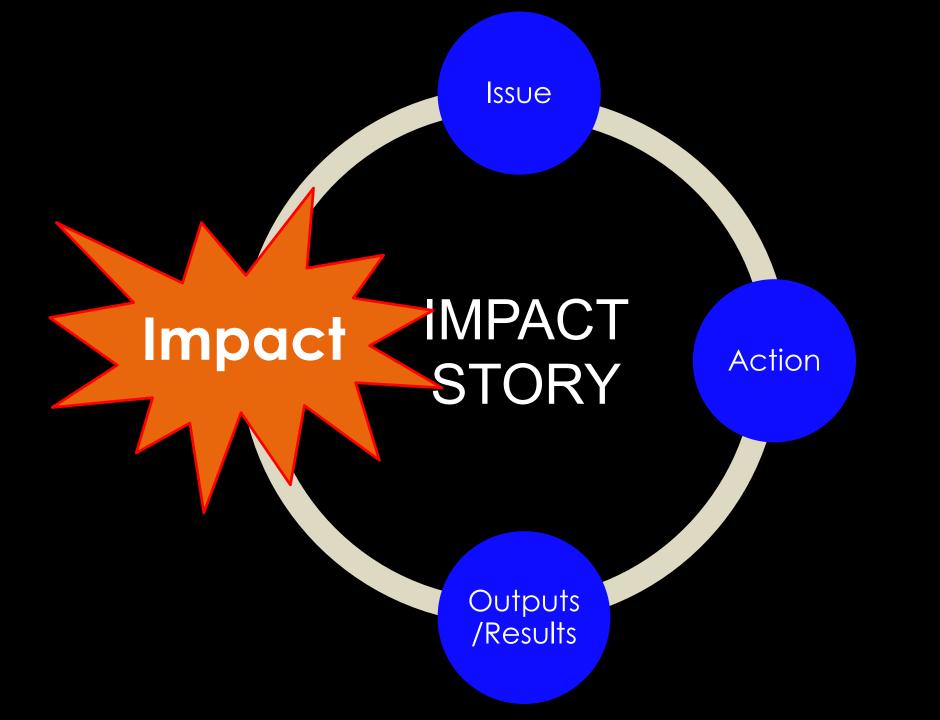




WHAT

is an IMPACT STATEMENT?

- Concise
- Not technical
- Context





WHAT IS the ISSUE, WHY WAS IT an ISSUE & FOR WHOM IS IT an ISSUE?

• Connect to **hot topics**.

Action

• Make people care.



DONE?

- Describe major research/Extension activities.
- Be brief and clear
- Were **innovative** tools used?
- **Don't** go on and on about methods.
- Who was involved?

WHAT WERE the IMPACTS?

- What kind of impact?
- How big was the impact?
- Where did the impact occur?
- Who was impacted?
- Think about **public value**.

Output

WHAT WAS LEARNED or PRODUCED?

- Share major findings.
- Share **important** outputs.
- Don't list a bunch of data.

Having trouble?



HOW TO

organize IMPACT STATEMENTS in reports?

Complete reports

Organize activities and impacts by:

- Objective
- Type of impact
- Audience/stakeholder

Focus on the highlights

Connect researchers/institutions to the work they did and their impacts

Include links to more information

Tell the whole story

Work together

Questions?

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