



# GOVERNANCE

## Phase II: Stabilizing Governance



### Activity: Financial and Organizational Stability Checklist

#### Goals

1. Assess the financial and organizational stability of your program's governance
2. Identify gaps or areas of governance that need improvement

#### Prerequisites

None

#### Who Should Participate?

Program leadership (strategic thinkers)

#### Length

60-90 minutes

#### Pre-Work

1. Download the [Financial and Organizational Stability Checklist](#).
2. Form a subgroup that contains 2 - 3 governance representatives with knowledge on financial and legal activities of the program. The purpose of this subgroup is to ensure that there is broader discussion and knowledge at an early level, so discussions are less likely to be bogged down by simple oversights.
3. The subgroup completes the checklist together. During this pre-work, they can determine that some components are not relevant or propose adjustments.
4. After completion, submit the initial review to the larger group in advance so there is time to absorb ahead of the meeting.

#### Activity Instruction

1. As a group, review the submitted checklist. Does everyone agree or not? Are there elements not included in this assessment?
2. Assess overall stability of governance.
3. Once general consensus on rankings is achieved, identify what components the group considers necessary to work on.
4. Then prioritize. This can form the outline of a plan for work going forward.