Activities and Organizations

What is an activity?

- An "Activity" in DevResults is a central organizing feature of the system. It is up to you to decide what an activity means to you. Activities are often grants or sub-grants managed by external organizations who report data to you, or internal projects managed by teams within your organization, or are some combination of the two.
- Most folks use the general guideline that one grant or award number = one activity. There are a variety of tools for grouping related activities.
- Activities are generally not single events, but are ongoing programs or implementing mechanisms that report indicator results each reporting period.
- Activities can have specific users with specific roles, checklists of tasks for completion, and budgets. They are assigned to work in specific geographic areas.
- One of the key considerations for selecting what a DevResults Activity is for you is the project boundary at which you naturally track staff, budget, indicators, etc.

What is an organization?

- If you were paying Sarah to mow your lawn: The organization would be "Sarah" and the activity would be "Lawn Mowing".
- In DevResults, it doesn't matter what they're named, so you could call the activity "Lawn Mowing" and the org "Sarah" if you wanted, or you could call the activity "Lawn Action" *AND* the organization "Lawn Action".
- If you were doing all your own chores: You would be the only organization, and your list of chores would be your list of activities.

When should I have an organization with multiple activities, and when should I have an organization for each activity?

If you pay a different person to do each chore, then you'll have a separate organization for each activity.

Take the example of organization ABC who manages activities in Sweden (ActSwede) and Finland (ActFin). Should you list a single organization, ABC, as the organization for both activities? Or should each activity have a separate organization: ABC-Sweden and ABC-Finland?

- If the same staff is involved in each activity, you'd want to treat it as a single organization with two activities.
- Similarly, if you'd like to roll up data by organization in addition to by activity, it could

be easier to treat it as one organization with two activities.

- ■ Otherwise, you might prefer to have a separate organization for each activity.

Keep in mind: Users with "Partner" or "Partner Manager" status gain access to their activities by being assigned to the same organization as that activity. A Partner or Partner Manager assigned to organization ABC would have access to the data reporting tools for all the activities associated with organization ABC.

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