

# Inactive Indicators

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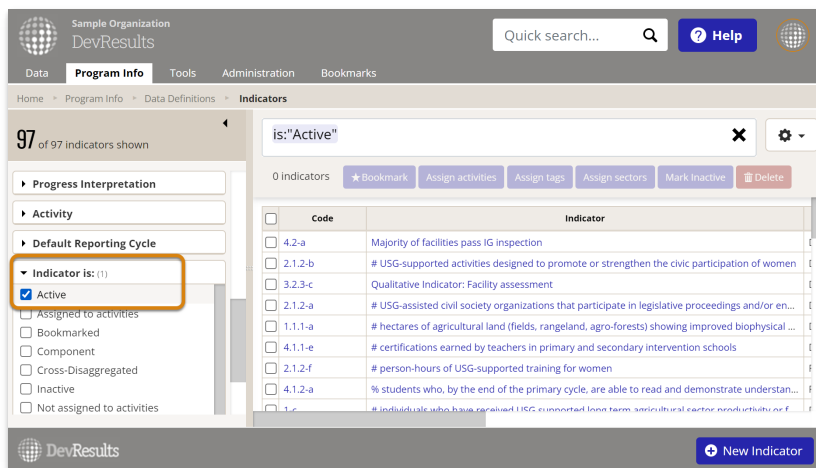
Commonly, organizations report on an indicator for a while and then retire that indicator in favor of updated versions. In most cases, organizations will want to keep the data for that original indicator. In DevResults, this workflow is captured by marking an indicator as **inactive**. DevResults also offers an advanced option if an indicator should be retired for only some activities. In this article:

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## What happens when an indicator is deactivated?

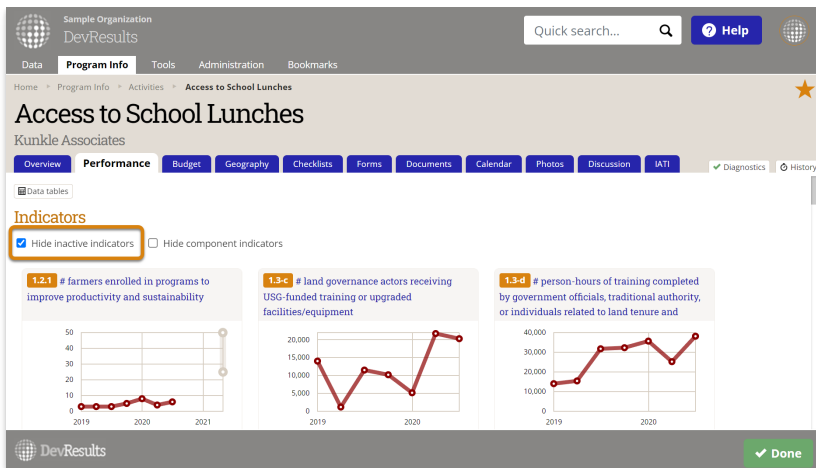
1. Inactive indicators cannot be newly assigned to activities.
2. Inactive indicators are excluded from templates for direct data entry.
3. Inactive indicators remain in the indicator index. You can filter out inactive indicators by selecting **Active** in the bottom **Indicator is** section of the left-hand indicator index filters.
4. Activity-indicator assignments are still visible on the indicator definition page and the activity overview pages.
5. A thumbnail graph of data for the indicator is still visible on the activity performance tab, but the indicator is labeled "inactive" and you have the option to filter the page to **hide inactive indicators**.
6. There's no change to any data for an inactive indicator and you can still create visualizations for inactive indicators on the indicator's reports tab, in dashboards, and in MultiMatrix.
7. There is no change to an inactive indicator's assignments to framework objectives.

How to view only active indicators in the indicator index:



The screenshot shows the DevResults interface for a 'Sample Organization'. The 'Indicators' section is active, displaying a search bar with 'is:Active' and a filter dropdown set to 'Active'. The main content area shows a table of indicators with columns for 'Code' and 'Indicator'. The table is currently empty, indicating that no indicators are shown due to the active filter. The left sidebar contains various filter options, including 'Indicator is: (1)' with 'Active' selected. The bottom right corner features a 'New Indicator' button.

How to view only active indicators on the activity performance page:



## How to deactivate an indicator

If an indicator should be deactivated for all of its assigned activities (or is not reported per activity), there are three ways to deactivate it.

1) Uncheck the **Indicator is active** box on the **Indicator Definition** tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Indicator Definition' tab for indicator 4.3-b. The 'Active?' checkbox is highlighted with a red box. The interface includes sections for 'Data Source', 'Characteristics', and 'Reference'.

2) Select one or more indicators in the indicator index and click the **Mark Inactive** button.

The screenshot shows the 'Indicators' index in DevResults. The 'Mark Inactive' button is highlighted with a red box. Several indicators are selected with checkboxes, including 1.3-c, 1.3-d, and 2.1-b.

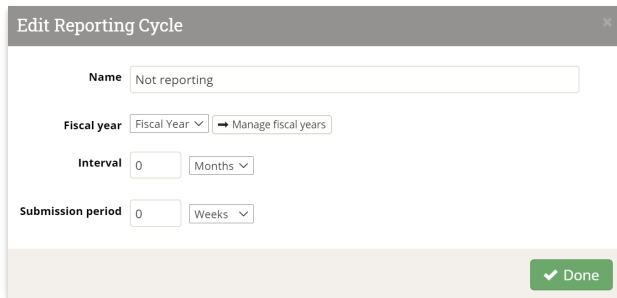
Code	Indicator	Data Source
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-c	# individuals who have received USG-supported long term agricultural sector productivity or L...
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1.1-a	# hectares of agricultural land (fields, rangeland, agro-forests) showing improved biophysical ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1	# farmers enrolled in programs to improve productivity and sustainability
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2-a	# kg crops produced by farmers enrolled in programs to improve productivity and sustainability
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2-b	\$ value of crops sold by farmers enrolled in programs to improve productivity and sustainability
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2-c	\$ average value of agricultural sale per by crop type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.3-c	# land governance actors receiving USG-funded training or upgraded facilities/equipment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.3-d	# person-hours of training completed by government officials, traditional authority, or individ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1-a	USAID NGO sustainability index
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.1-b	Perception of local government (scale from 1-5)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1.2-a	# USG-assisted civil society organizations that participate in legislative proceedings and/or en...

3) You can also export some or all of the indicator index, change values in the **Active** column to **False**, and import the updates. [Read more about editing indicators with an Excel import](#).

## How to deactivate a shared indicator for only some activities

If an indicator is shared by many activities, and some but not all activities need to continue reporting on that indicator, it wouldn't make sense to deactivate the indicator itself. It might be tempting to remove the activity assignment from the indicator, but this would require confirming that you wish to delete historic data.

The solution is to **create a new empty reporting cycle** to which you can assign to indicator activity assignments that you wish to deactivate. You can set the interval and submission periods for the reporting cycle to zero. You will not need to assign any reporting periods to this reporting cycle.



**Edit Reporting Cycle**

Name: Not reporting

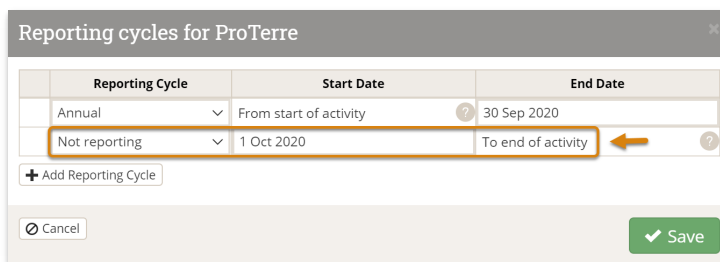
Fiscal year: Fiscal Year [Manage fiscal years](#)

Interval: 0 Months

Submission period: 0 Weeks

Done

To deactivate a single activity-indicator link, use the button to **Allow reporting cycles to vary over time**, either on the **Activity Overview tab** or the **Indicator Definition tab**, to define a custom timeline that will remove the activity from active reporting going forward.



**Reporting cycles for ProTerre**

Reporting Cycle	Start Date	End Date
Annual	From start of activity	30 Sep 2020
Not reporting	1 Oct 2020	To end of activity

+ Add Reporting Cycle

Cancel Save

This will ensure that historical data is preserved while removing the indicator from all future reporting periods.

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