

Equitable Partnerships Scorecard

An assessment tool for equitable collaboration between the grassroots with funders and NGOs

Visit <https://blueprintsfc.org/grassroots-charter/accountability-checklist/> for examples of ways to improve your equitable practices

1. Letting Community Needs Lead

	0 = weak	1 = progress	2 = strong
Involving grassroots groups from the outset	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared decision-making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accountability flowing to communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication doesn't use individual "hero" narratives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Being Transparent About Where We're Coming From

	0 = weak	1 = progress	2 = strong
Shared values or principles document	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All partners shared their goals, constraints, and expectations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear process if trust breaks down (exit or conflict plan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Investing in Long-Term Relationships

	0 = weak	1 = progress	2 = strong
Time dedicated to relationship-building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addressing conflict and power dynamics through open dialogue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-year or renewable funding or support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actively supporting emotional labour and wellness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Addressing Authoritarian Threats

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Openly discussing risks and external threats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adapting strategies to protect the grassroots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adapting funding or collaboration to restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advocating for partners when needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Prioritizing Learning

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Reflection or learning spaces built into the work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feedback channels that leads to real changes in practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uplifting lived experience and non-traditional knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Addressing Barriers to Inclusion

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Identifying and actively addressing barriers (access, time, resources etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grassroots holds leadership or decision roles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Centring global majority and/or marginalized perspectives in decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Limiting Reporting Burden

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Simple and limited reporting requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexibility in how resources are used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outcome-focused accountability (not compliance-focused)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Score: ____ / 56

- 0-14 → Early stage
- 15-28 → Developing
- 29-42 → Strong
- 43-56 → Transformative

Where are we strongest?

Where do we need to improve?

1-2 actions we will take next:
