Assessing the Strengths, Weaknesses, **Opportunities and Threats of your Community: SWOT Analysis**

By analysing the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of your impact community, you can easily assess your current position and evaluate how best to move forward.

The following template can help guide your thinking process and inform your strategy. Your strengths are your tools, your opportunities are your goals, and your weaknesses and threats are areas to address and mitigate; they represent anything that could negatively affect your community. The risks and opportunities you will identify are the external factors you must bear in mind when setting goals.

Strengths

- · What are you doing well?
- · What great assets does your community already have?
- What do (potential) members like about you?

e.g. Our existing network is strong and getting stronger

Weaknesses

Threats

- What could you do better?
- What is your community lacking?
- What do (potential) members dislike, or find worrying about you?

e.g. People perceive us as being too exclusive



- What opportunities are already available to you?
- · What trends or changes in the social impact sector could you take advantage of?
- · Which of your strengths can you build on to achieve your goals?
- Which of your weaknesses could you address?

e.g. Having an online presence will allow us to further reach members in other geographical regions

What risks can you foresee?

- · What competition do you face?
- What challenges do your weaknesses expose you to?

e.g. We cannot compete against other similar offerings that include commercial opportunities



Keep these in mind during your SWOT analysis:



Length:

Once you have generated ideas in each area, be sure to simplify the SWOT. It will be easier for your team to refer to it and use it in future.



Honesty:

It's important to be honest about weaknesses, and realistic about opportunities.



Specificity:

Make each point specific, not vague, to ensure the SWOT is a clear and accurate reflection of the status quo.



Optimism:

It's also important to celebrate strengths, and not spend too long dwelling on weaknesses without planning how to address them.

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