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### GUIDING QUESTIONS

#### HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE THE CHALLENGE

How do those most impacted describe the challenge? How do they describe the effects? How is this challenge related to other challenges?

#### WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE CHALLENGE

What are the numbers? Who or what is impacted (where, how many, in what way)? What does the most up to date research say?

#### WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF THE CHALLENGE

What is causing the challenge to persist? Who stands to benefit from the challenge continuing to persist?

#### WHAT IS THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE CHALLENGE

How has the challenge changed over time? What is the projected scope of the challenge in the future?

## IMPACT GAPS

What is missing that could close the gap between the challenge and the current solutions, where are opportunities for greater collective impact, and what are the key lessons learned?

### GUIDING QUESTIONS

#### WHERE ARE THE GAPS BETWEEN THE CHALLENGE AND SOLUTIONS

Who or what is not being served and what is missing to bridge that gap? What actions can be taken to fill the gaps?

#### WHERE ARE THE GAPS WITHIN THE SOLUTIONS

What is missing (specific regulations, knowledge sharing, new efforts, partnership etc) that would further link up the solutions and achieve greater collective impact?

#### WHERE ARE THE UNADDRESSED OBSTACLES

What is being overlooked? What are the unintended negative consequences of the existing efforts? What specific key opportunities could unlock future impact?

#### WHAT ARE THE KEY LESSONS LEARNED

From your research and interviews, what key lessons could you share with anyone who wants to impact change in this sector? Where are the biggest opportunities for impact?

What models are already being tried, what's working, what's not, and what resources are available?

### GUIDING QUESTIONS

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING LOCALLY

What resources are available that could be drawn upon? What efforts are already being tried which could directly impact the challenge? What are the different models? How are they joined up, or not?

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING GLOBALLY

What has been tried on similar or tangential challenges globally? What lessons can be learned from those efforts? How can those lessons be shared?

#### WHAT'S WORKING, AND WHAT'S NOT

What can be learned from the successes and failures of these efforts? What do those involved attribute to the cause of their results?

#### WHERE IS THE FOCUS AND THE FUTURE?

What parts of the challenge are focused on and what are ignored (specific populations, areas, etc)? What is on the horizon that might impact collective solutions? What future scenarios might play out?

### LEARNING LOG & ACTIONS

What resources and people have you connected with to understand the challenge and solutions landscape? Who else do you need to speak with, and what do you still need to learn in order to fill in your knowledge gaps? What can you do to improve your understanding of this challenge or to take action to fill a gap?