

Mainline's Minty Fresh Monitoring & Evaluations Framework

In early 2017, Mainline asked the Leiden-based organisation [Results in Health](#) to help us develop a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework and Theory of Change for our international activities.

Our principle aim was to design a simple and practical M&E tool. Mainline's international team had been looking for a way to better capture, monitor and guide our harm reduction programmes. Since Mainline is a relatively small player in the harm reduction field, our focus has always been on implementing high quality harm reduction services with a lot of attention paid to improving the health, human rights and living conditions of PWUD. Instead of focusing on numerical targets, such as X number of needles distributed and Y number of HIV tests done, we wanted our monitoring to reflect on the quality of our work. Most importantly, the framework needed to be easy to understand and require limited investment to implement for our local partners. Thanks to a smooth collaborative process with RiH, we managed to create a comprehensive yet efficient M&E instrument.

To further guide and explain our work and the rationales behind it, we also formulated a Theory of Change. This ToC captures the full diversity of Mainline's international work, while allowing for the specific groups of users and contexts within which Mainline works, from female sex workers who smoke methamphetamine in Jakarta's nightclubs to male injectors in the streets of Mombasa, Kenya. The full ToC can soon be found on our website.