

Kimberley Project sharing template – Kimberley Alliance for Nutrition (KAN)

Your Project or Program Title	Kimberley Alliance for Nutrition (KAN) & Regional Nutrition Plan
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Organisation's Name	Multi-agency project
Program/project partners	Kimberley Population Health Unit, Boab Health Services, Cancer Council WA, Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services
Budget	-
Why?	
<p>The dietitians and nutritionists in the region wanted some goals to work towards. We were already meeting regularly, and working to the same overall goals, but we were not necessarily identifying achievable milestones and collaborating as well as we could have been.</p>	
Who? When? Where?	
<p>The KAN currently has x members, which includes nutritionists and dietitians from all of the non-for-profit and Government organisations in the region – WACHS, Boab Health, Nindilingarri, and Cancer Council WA. We meet roughly once per month. This is an ongoing project.</p>	
How are you making it happen?	
<p>Initially, we all got together to discuss creating a regional nutrition plan. We met several times to identify priority areas, and then broke into working groups to come up with specific projects for each priority area. These areas are: clinical issues, food security, evaluation, growth faltering, and advocacy. Our plan is now ready for implementation. We don't receive any extra funding for this project. It is more about collaboration between existing services.</p>	
So...	
<p>The process has been good so far as it has increased our communication between services and given us some very tangible goals to work towards. We feel this is important because working in nutrition, it can sometimes be hard to know whether you are being effective. We have only just finalised our plan, so we don't have tangible results yet. We hope to produce our first set of goals by July-Aug 2016.</p>	
How do you plan to get feedback?	
<p>The evaluation is written into our plan. We have a number of strategies to measure the effectiveness of the plan, depending on the area of practice. For example, for clinical work, we are working with some male health workers in Fitzroy Crossing to survey our male clients and get their feedback on their experience with the dietitian. For the food security work, we will join forces with Nirrumbuk and Shire of Derby West Kimberley to build a report on home hardware across the region. We have feedback mechanisms for each priority area.</p>	
Resources	
<p>We feel the process has been successful so far but we haven't written it up. We are happy to be contacted by anyone looking to do similar things to discuss what we have done so far.</p>	