

# Evaluation of Individual HIAs

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The objective of evaluating HIAs can be to evaluate:

- 1) the process of conducting the HIA
- 2) impacts on the decision-making process and implementation of the decision
- 3) impacts of the decision on health outcomes

**Process evaluation** seeks to understand how the HIA was conducted

It typically looks at:

How the HIA was actually done compared to the workplan and applicable standards

How stakeholders and decision makers participated

How challenges were addressed

How resources were used

**Impact evaluation** seeks to understand the impact of the HIA itself on the decision and the decision-making process

It typically looks at:

How HIA recommendations were/were not considered or incorporated in the decision and other related processes

How the HIA process influenced the decision-making process through building new collaborations and increasing awareness of previously unrecognized health impacts

**Outcome evaluation** focuses on the change in health determinants and outcomes resulting from implementation of the proposal

Outcome evaluation requires:

- Ongoing monitoring of health determinants and health outcomes data

- Long-term research commitment

*Outcome evaluation considers the effects of the decision as a whole, thus it is generally not possible to attribute outcomes to HIA recommendations. Furthermore, since diseases are multifactorial, it is difficult to attribute changes in health outcomes to an HIA or even to a single decision.*