Targets and Evaluation

Setting targets and checking progress is an important way for us to know whether we are doing the right things to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage.

Since 2007 the Territory Government has worked with the Australian Government and other state governments, through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), to agree on a set of national targets and indicators to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage.

It is important for us to work with other governments to close the gap and that is why we have adopted the national targets and indicators as our measurement framework for *A Working Future.*

The six core targets are:

1. **closing the life expectancy gap within a generation**
2. **halving the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five within a decade**
3. **ensuring all Indigenous four year olds in remote communities have access to early childhood education within five years**
4. **halving the gap for Indigenous students in reading, writing and numeracy within a decade**
5. **halving the gap for Indigenous students in Year 12 attainment, or equivalent attainment rates, by 2020**
6. **halving the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade.**

We will report annually against these targets and indicators. Our report will be on the public record.

In addition to the core targets, we have agreed to a set of indicators across the key COAG building blocks of Early Childhood, Schooling, Health, Economic Participation, Healthy Homes, Safe Communities and Governance and Leadership. We will report on these indicators through the various national partnerships and agreements that we have reached with the Australian Government and other states.

Evaluating our work against the targets is very important and we will engage an independent body to review our progress.

Using this evidence we will strive to continuously improve our performance and work smarter to close the gap.

More information: If you want to know more about *Targets and Evaluation,* you can call us on 08 8999 5270 or contact your local Government Business Manager.