**Policy research proposal - planning worksheet**

*Use the worksheet to begin making plans for your research proposal. The elements listed are described in detail in our policy Research Proposal Descriptor which is accessible on our Policy Research Design Resources page.*

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| **Rationale for the research** | (a) Problem statement |  |
|  | (b) Key background issues |  |
|  | (c) Sources to support claims in background |  |
|  | (d) Current policy relevance/significance |  |
|  | (e) Sources to support claims in current policy relevance |  |
|  | (e) Type of policy analytic information missing |  |
|  | (f) Research questions |  |
| **Goal/objectives of the research** | (a) Overall goal |  |
|  | (b) Specific objectives of the study |  |
| **Research methods** | (a) Your working hypothesis/ set of hypotheses |  |
|  | (b) target indicators/variables |  |
|  | (c) Measurement/ operationalisation of variables |  |
|  | (d) Sources to justify choice of hypothesis and variables |  |
|  | (e) Cases chosen |  |
|  | (f) Justification for choice of cases |  |
|  | (g) Data collection techniques |  |
|  | (h) Data analysis techniques |  |
| **Expected results and dissemination** | (a) policy relevance of expected outcomes |  |
|  | (b) New knowledge/ methodological insight expected |  |
|  | (c) Deliverables |  |
|  | (d) Dissemination plans |  |
| **Institution and personnel**  | (a) prior similar projects implemented |  |
|  | (b) roles of personnel |  |

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