



OVERARCHING LOGIC MODEL

Evaluation of AmeriCorps' Work in Climate Change



BUNDLED EVALUATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

Logic Model

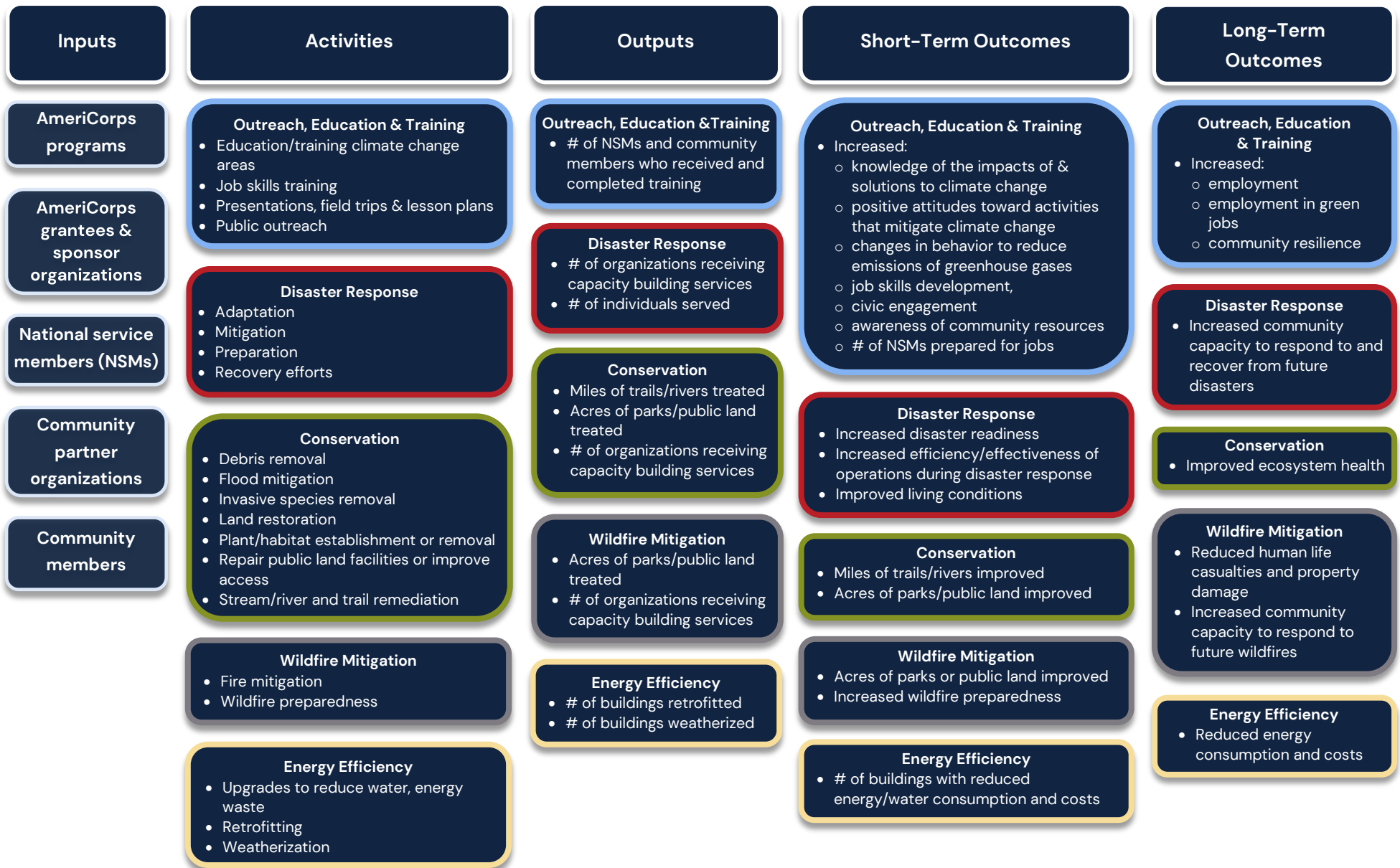
AmeriCorps has contracted with ICF to conduct an evaluation that synthesizes information about climate change approaches and models across funding streams. The evaluation seeks to help AmeriCorps better understand its programs and projects that explicitly connect their work to climate change.

The evaluation will provide insights on the implementation and outcomes of a range of program activities related to outreach, education and training, disaster response, conservation, wildfire mitigation, and energy efficiency. Other areas to be explored include the ways in which the programs influence community resilience, changes in attitudes and behaviors toward civic engagement among national service members, and the development of job skills, including skills for green jobs. Programs and projects across AmeriCorps with similar program models and outcomes are being “bundled” together to better understand their work, but also to encourage knowledge sharing and capacity building around issues such as data collection, measurement, and evaluation.

A climate change logic model was developed that outlines the relationships between activities, expected outputs, and their desired short- and long-term outcomes. The logic model was informed by both a literature review and review of AmeriCorps applications. ICF reviewed AmeriCorps State and National grantee, AmeriCorps VISTA, and National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) service project applications from fiscal year FY2020 and FY2021. The NCCC applications were excluded due to the differing length and scope of service projects. Applications that made an explicit reference to climate change in the project narrative or theory of change/logic model were included in the sampling pool. Applications that focused on conservation activities with no reference to climate change (e.g., tourism goal) were excluded.

The logic model is intended to be comprehensive, covering a broad list of strategies across all related programs rather than representing strategies from any specific program funding stream. The logic model informs the overall evaluation and data collection. While the logic model includes long-term outcomes, the evaluation priorities of the current study focus mostly on short-term outcomes.

EXHIBIT 1.—Climate Change Bundle Overarching Logic Model to Evaluate AmeriCorps–Supported Programs Using National Service Members



Contextual Factors: Number and intensity of weather events, number of disasters, geographic factors, partner networks, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

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