

THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTING KEY GOALS

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Key Points

1. Why Clear Goals Matter

1. **Direction:** Clear goals guide teams toward what matters most.
2. **Motivation:** Goals provide purpose and keep teams engaged.
3. **Accountability:** Goals set benchmarks to measure progress and success.

2. How to Set Effective Goals

1. **SMART Framework:**
 1. Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound.
 2. Example: "Increase monthly sales by 15% by the end of Q2."
2. **Involve Your Team:** Collaborate to build alignment and ownership.
3. **Break It Down:** Create smaller milestones to maintain momentum and progress.

3. Real-World Application

1. Example: Reframing vague goals like "become more efficient" into specific, measurable outcomes boosts team clarity and results.

WORKSHEET

1. Step 1: Reflect on Current Goals

Review your team or organizational goals. Ask yourself: Are these goals specific and clear? Can progress toward these goals be measured? Do these goals align with the organization's broader mission?

Step 2: Rewrite One Goal Using the SMART Framework Select one existing goal and reframe it using SMART criteria: Specific: What exactly do you want to achieve? Measurable: How will you track progress? Achievable: Is it realistic with current resources? Relevant: Does it align with larger objectives? Time-bound: What's the deadline

Step 3: Collaborate with Your Team Hold a meeting or workshop to discuss and refine goals as a group. Use these prompts: What barriers might prevent us from achieving this goal? What smaller steps or milestones can we set to stay on track? **Step 4: Monitor Progress** Set weekly or monthly check-ins to review progress toward the goal.