

TEACHING NOTES, STRIVE

What is the problem STRIVE is addressing?

What is their theory about the source of the problem?

What is their program model and how does it address the theory?

Is this an important problem?

Does their theory make sense? What alternative theories of the problem/solution are there?

What evidence did they have that their theory was right?

Typical? Do programs usually wait for careful scientific analysis?

What is their sales pitch?

What are the Key Success Factors for the program? What determines if it works (correct model? Quality of program delivery? Money? State of the economy?)

Do they have competitors?

What's their history, their time line?

What this expansion part of a plan, was it a strategy?

What drove it? Organization scale issues? Ambition? Foundations?

What is their source of funding? Why no government funding? What are the pros and cons of their funding strategy?

What motivates Foundations? Are their interests aligned with the program?

What problem was Ford Foundation trying to solve?

What challenges arose in the program's growth? What are the issues of replication?
How replicate a charismatic leader?

What issues arise in collaboration with other programs? Does JFY care about STRIVE? Does grafting the two together make sense?

So, what's your assessment? Is STRIVE still STRIVE? Has it controlled it's destiny?