

**TABLE 3:
FRAMEWORK OF KEY VALUES AND PRINCIPLES FOR OPERATIONALISING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RESEARCH AND EVALUATION GOALS, PRINCIPLES AND OUTCOMES**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have the right of self-determination and the right to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

Indigenous Research Values		Generosity	Respect	Dignity	Tolerance	Equality	Freedom	Diversity	Reciprocity	Equity	
Human Rights / Cultural Democracy											
Principles guiding Indigenous research	Context Principles				Action Principles						
	Recognise and work within an Indigenous cultural/political framework eg. MHSEWB Strategic Framework	Identify re-address power differences in: • Gender • Cultural Knowledge • Historical, Political and Social Determinants	Identify and work with diversity in: • Culture • Environment • Language • Experience • Background	Identify and work with variations in socio-economic and geographic disadvantage	Prioritise Indigenous knowledge and experience	Ensure Indigenous strength base futures orientation	Disseminate research information in an appropriate form to the relevant stakeholders	Ensure research processes and outcomes benefit Indigenous people	Include and be guided by Indigenous people in all phases of the evaluation/ research	Facilitate/ promote Indigenous capacity building	
Goals of Indigenous Research	Maximise Indigenous participation	Use structures that are already in place to encourage participation	Identify how power relations may prevent/ assist participation of the community	Be aware and responsive to the needs of different cultural and family groups that may impact on the research	Minimise the stress of the research on the participants	Ensure that the information shared by the researcher is in a language understandable by the community	Involve as many Indigenous participants as possible in identifying needs	Inform the community at every stage of the research	Discussions with the community about benefits of the research can assist in maximising participation	Involve the Indigenous participants in as many aspects of the research. Engage an Indigenous reference group endorsed by the community	Indigenous participation in all phases of the process to assist in capacity building
	Strengthen community/ capacity building	Be responsive to the needs of Indigenous participants	Identify how power relations and factors hinder/contribute to communities' development, and strengths to overcome any barriers	Identify difference as a strength	Conduct research to build on the community strengths	Facilitate the exchange of participants' knowledge within the community	Assist the community in identifying options	Use appropriate forms of communication with the research will assist in capacity building	Assist the community members in developing research skills	Assist the community in fulfilling identified needs	
	Increase effectiveness and efficiency (as defined by Indigenous people)	Planning needs to fit with the community's time frames and allow for unforeseen circumstances	Identify how power relations hinder/ contribute to Indigenous ways of working	Understanding of specific community context and diversity increases effectiveness		Indigenous understandings of effectiveness and efficiency needs to be prioritised over economically driven agenda	Future outcomes need to be assessed within the community capacity	Effective communication will assist in an efficient research process	Indigenous participants must benefit from decisions on effectiveness and efficiency	Use the reference group to assist in decisions on what is effective and efficient in the community	Decisions on effectiveness and efficiency must assist in building community strengths
	Increase empowerment (individual and collective)	Legitimise Indigenous cultural and political structures through the research	Identify how power relations hinders/ contributes to empowerment	Increase empowerment across the diversity of the community	Increase empowerment for all peoples in the community	Legitimise Indigenous knowledge through the research	Legitimise the Indigenous participants future goals through the research	Understanding the research will lead to greater empowerment	Ensure that the research serves the community's agenda	Work in genuine and equal partnership with all community members	Community skills/needs to be determined by the community