Using the tools available to encourage behavior change (or at least using more of them)

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What are examples of a Change Agent?

Parents, grandparents Spouses, family members

Neighbors

Extension agents, non-profit educators, peer to peer farmers

Private consultants

Community organization members and leadership Policy researchers, lobbyists, elected officials, staff, voters Activists, protestors, supporters Influencers



What are some tools to create change and impact social issues?

- 1. Activism
- 2. Technology
- 3. Science (including social science)
- 4. Laws, policies, enforcement, political movements
- 5. Modifying infrastructure & built environment
- 6. Schools, churches, families, neighborhoods
- 7. Education (formal and non-formal)
- 8. Media, news, internet, advertising,
- 9. Wars, disasters, crises, pandemics
- 10. Doing nothing or not doing enough
- 11. Opposing change or slowing it down

What tools are you using to influence change?





A useful tool: The Socio-Ecological Model Adapted from Public Health

- Have a model or concept of what influences behavior and what may need to be addressed to change behavior
- Helps think about why people/farmers/groups/organizations don't easily change
- Use your model to target these populations at different levels, build partnerships, and conceptualize change differently







How to improve hydration practices among harvesters in hot humid conditions?











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Public Policy

- Migration policies and programs
 - H-2A program
- Global and national trade policies
- Minimum wage
- Work safety regulation & enforcement

The work/rest times and fluid Easy Work Moderate Work Hard Work replacement volumes will sustain Walking Loose Sand at 2.5 mph, Walking Hard Surface at 3.5 mph. performance and hydration for Weapon Maintenance at least 4 hrs of work in the No Load ≥ 40 lb Load Walking Hard Surface at 2.5 mph, specified heat category. Fluid < 30 lb Load Walking Hard Surface at 3.5 mph Walking Loose Sand at 2.5 mph needs can vary based on < 40 lb Load with Load individual differences (± 1/4 qt/hr) Marksmanship Training Calisthenics and exposure to full sun or full Field Assaults Drill and Ceremony Patrolling shade (± 1/4 qt/hr). Individual Movement Techniques, Manual of Arms NL = no limit to work time per hr. i.e., Low Crawl or High Crawl Rest = minimal physical activity Defensive Position Construction (sitting or standing) accomplished in shade if possible Easy Work Moderate Work Hard Work CAUTION: Hourly fluid intake Heat WBGT should not exceed 11/2 gts. Water Intake (qt/hr) Water Water Intake Category Index, F Work/Rest Work/Rest Work/Rest Intake (qt/hr) Daily fluid intake should not (at/hr) exceed 12 gts. 78° - 81.9° 1/2 3/4 40/20 min 1 NL NL 3/4 If wearing body armor, add 5°F to WBGT index in humid climates. 82° - 84.9° 50/10 min 30/30 min NL 1% 3/4 If doing Easy Work and wearing NBC (MOPP 4) clothing, add (green) 10°F to WBGT index 3 (yellow) 85° - 87.9° NL 3/4 40/20 min 3/4 30/30 min 1 If doing Moderate or Hard Work and wearing NBC (MOPP 4) clothing, add 20°F to WBGT index > 90° 50/10 min 20/40 min 10/50 min (black)

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Work/Rest and Water Consumption Table

Applies to average sized, heat-acclimated Soldier wearing ACU, hot weather. (See TB MED 507 for further guidance.)



Industry

Risks can be shaped by **interacting factors** such as crop type and method of payment.

- Piece rates disincentivize preventive behaviors.
- Different crops present different kinds of risks which **may compete for priority** against HRI prevention.
- Specific crops are often concentrated in **geographic locations**.
- Work effort (e.g., lifting crates, bending to cut herbs) differs across crop types.







Company

- Company-provided training
- Emergency protocols
- Regulation compliance
- Provision of water & bathrooms
- Provision of PPE (e.g., cooling shirts)









Crew

Influences on preventive behaviors



Comparison Intervention

40

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Participants in the intervention were more likely to report a higher influence

of coworkers and boss/supervisor on preventive behaviors than

comparison respondents.





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Farm Worker



- Personal risk factors
- Role within crew
- Knowledge, attitudes, behaviors





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Healthy Food Affordability is more than prices and income







THE 8 STEPS USED BY SOCIAL MARKETERS TO INFLUENCE SOCIAL CHANGE (adapted from Weinreich, 2011)

1. Engage **partners** to help understand the audience and respond to their issues

2. Identify **policies** that may influence behavioral outcomes

Select the target audience you want to influence

Specify the **behavior** you want the audience to adopt

- 5. Offer **benefits** that the target audience really wants
- 6. Recognize and reduce the **barriers** to adopting the behavior
- 7. Make the behavior **easy** and **convenient**
- 8. Use best practices for **promoting** the behavior





Another tool is to become a student of change research, case studies, podcasts and books







Questions and Comments

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