What is Ripple Effects Mapping?

Ripple Effects Mapping (REM) is a strengths-based and participatory evaluation approach that captures diverse perspectives and illustrates the expected and unexpected outcomes of a project or initiative. REM facilitators use “Appreciative Inquiry” to gather stories and reflections, which are then mapped in real time, either virtually or in person. The end result is an illustration of the key impacts of the project on individuals, groups and communities.
WHAT DOES A REM SESSION LOOK LIKE?

1. Group size is ideally 8 to 12 members but can be done with more people.
2. It can be conducted online or in person by REM facilitation team (2-3 REM staff per session).
3. Total time required for a REM session is 60-90 minutes.
   - Introduction and brief overview (10 min)
   - Appreciative inquiry interview (10 min)
   - Mapping Your Impacts (30-60 min)
   - Reflection (5-10 min)

EXAMPLE OF MAP FROM REM SESSION

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