

Cooperative Governance Director Assessment - Stage 2					
Name of Cooperative	0				
Assessment number	AGGREGATED DATA				
Date of Assessment					
Enumerator Name					
<p>You have an opportunity to help design a new governance training initiative. Any director improvement effort needs to begin with a careful identification of areas where directors can receive the most benefit. A governance assessment should result in a good understanding of the unique challenges each board faces. As a director of the cooperative, you have the responsibility and opportunity to make sure that the cooperative is providing the best business possible to meet your members' needs. One way to help you improve your performance as a board is to assess the current health of your governance system. You will receive results of this survey so that you can begin thinking about possible governance improvements you might make.</p>					
<p>Instructions: For each question below, please MARK WITH A X under the response that best describes the cooperative.</p>					
		Agree	Disagree	Not sure	Does not apply
Question 1	Our co-op has grown because we have added new products and services.	0	0	0	0
Question 2	Our co-op has grown because of adding new members.	0	0	0	0
Question 3	Our Board has established a clear current statement of purpose, goals and objectives for the cooperative.	0	0	0	0
Question 4	Our board needs to spend more time developing policies for how we will do our work.	0	0	0	0
Question 5	We need to spend more time being trained as directors.	0	0	0	0
Question 6	Most of our board work is devoted to daily operations to keep the co-op open.	0	0	0	0
Question 7	When making decisions, board members put the needs of co-op members first before their own.	0	0	0	0
Question 8	All Board members understand the legal responsibilities and liabilities of the Board.	0	0	0	0
Question 9	The Board communicates their actions and activities to the members on a regular basis.	0	0	0	0
Question 10	We survey our members' needs at least once a year and give them priority in our organizational planning.	0	0	0	0
Question 11	The basic operating procedures/policies we need (personnel, membership, financial) are in place.	0	0	0	0
Question 12	Our board members represent all the stakeholders in the co-op.	0	0	0	0
Question 13	We have analyzed the skills, expertise and experience we need on the board.	0	0	0	0
Question 14	We recruit and retain board members who have specific skills we need on the board.	0	0	0	0
Question 15	Some of our founding directors have left the board.	0	0	0	0
Question 16	Most of our board decisions are made by the full board, not by committees.	0	0	0	0
Question 17	We have a strategic plan in place for the coming year	0	0	0	0
Question 18	We involve our stakeholders (board, staff, members, suppliers, community members) in our planning process.	0	0	0	0
Question 19	The roles of our board and staff are clearly understood and appropriate for our co-op's needs.	0	0	0	0
Question 20	We have hired a few people to take over some of the operational duties the Board used to perform.	0	0	0	0
Question 21	Our co-op is meeting its financial responsibilities (such as paying taxes and wages) on time.	0	0	0	0
Question 22	Our board has a clear understanding of our financial statements and their implications.	0	0	0	0
Question 23	What is your board's biggest challenge? [Fill in]				