

SYSTEMS THINKING: BIG PICTURE, WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS

Our world is becoming increasingly interconnected. Systems thinking is a holistic method that helps determine collective actions to solve complex issues by focusing on the interactions of all elements within a system. While our individual efforts can seem like a drop in the bucket, by identifying where we are within a system, we can intervene in powerful ways.

SCENARIO: As a team, explore a case study (linked below) on how systems thinking created a win-win solution for local communities and endangered orangutans: paying for healthcare with trees. Discuss:

What community-wide or global systems are we part of in our work?

Do we influence these systems or do these systems influence us? How?

What are our spheres of influence and assets within these systems?

If we could shape the way that these systems worked, what might that do for our mission or community?

TOOLS: To kickstart your team's ideation session, read this [case study](#).

EXTRA READING: Want to dive deeper into this topic? Here are some other articles we found interesting and were inspired by:

[What's Systems Thinking?](#)