# Continuous Improvement Toolkit

**Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** 



Managing **Deciding & Selecting Planning & Project Management\* Pros and Cons PDPC** Risk Importance-Urgency Mapping RACI Matrix Stakeholder Analysis Break-even Analysis **RAID Logs FMEA** Cost Benefit Analysis **PEST** PERT/CPM **Activity Diagram** Force Field Analysis Fault Tree Analysis **SWOT Pugh Matrix** Project Charter Roadmaps Voting **Gantt Chart Decision Tree** Risk Assessment\* TPN Analysis PDCA **Control Planning** Matrix Diagram **OFD** Gap Analysis Traffic Light Assessment Kaizen **Prioritization Matrix** Hoshin Kanri Kano Analysis How-How Diagram **KPIs** Lean Measures Paired Comparison Tree Diagram\*\* Standard work Critical-to Tree **Identifying &** Capability Indices **OEE** Cause and Effect Matrix Pareto Analysis Simulation **TPM Implementing** RTY **MSA** Descriptive Statistics Confidence Intervals Understanding Mistake Proofing Solutions\*\*\* Cost of Quality **Cause & Effect** Probability Distributions ANOVA Pull Systems JIT Ergonomics Design of Experiments Work Balancing Reliability Analysis Graphical Analysis Hypothesis Testing Automation Regression Bottleneck Analysis Visual Management Scatter Plot Correlation **Understanding Run Charts** Multi-vari Charts Flow Performance 5 Whys Chi-Square Test 5S **Control Charts** Value Analysis Relationship Mapping\* Benchmarking Fishbone Diagram **SMED** Waste Analysis TRIZ\*\*\* Sampling Focus groups Brainstorming Process Redesign Time Value Map Analogy **Interviews** SCAMPER\*\*\* IDEF0 Value Stream Mapping Photography Nominal Group Technique SIPOC Mind Mapping\* **Check Sheets** Observations Affinity Diagram Attribute Analysis Flow Process Chart Process Mapping **Ouestionnaires** Visioning **Flowcharting** Service Blueprints Lateral Thinking Data Critical Incident Technique Collection **Designing & Analyzing Processes** Creating Ideas\*\*

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### **Performance Management:**

- □ An approach used to manage performance in an organization.
- □ It plays an important role in the success or failure of a business.
- □ It can be applied to measure the performance of:
  - An organization.
  - A business unit.
  - A single department.
  - A project.
  - An employee.
  - A process that builds a product or service.



### **Performance Management:**

- □ It includes activities that will help to ensure that goals are consistently being met in an effective manner:
  - Planning and setting expectations.
  - Developing the capacity to perform.
  - Continually monitoring performance.
  - Periodically rating performance in a summary fashion.
  - Rewarding good performance.



#### **Performance Indicators:**

- Measurements that define and assess the performance and the success of an organization.
- Means to periodically assess the performance of organizations, departments and employees.
- Objectives to be targeted in order to add the most value to a business.
- **□** Used to assess the success of:
  - An organization goal.
  - An operational goal.
  - A particular activity.

### **Two Types:**

- □ Result oriented indicators:
  - Focus on the key outputs of a process.
  - Related to the critical success factors.
  - Examples: customer complaints and return on investment (ROI).
- □ Process oriented indicators:
  - Focus on the inputs to a process.
  - Examples: time to process customer order and late deliveries.



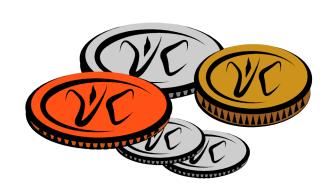
### When They Are Used?

- □ Help an organization to understand its performance level.
- □ Help set realistic performance goals.
- □ Help align daily work to the strategic goals.
- Help monitoring its progress on a real-time basis.
- Help to understand the weaknesses and establish improvement priorities.
- □ Determine whether an improvement is being made and maintained.
- □ Help benchmark internally and externally.
- Identify if staff are doing well and to help them if they are not.
- Provide a basis for recognizing and celebrating achievements.



### **Selecting the Proper Performance Indicators:**

- □ Performance indicators should be developed based on the Critical Success Factor (CSFs).
- □ CSFs are the elements that are necessary for a strategy to be successful and for an organization to achieve its mission.
- □ CSFs selection is a very subjective exercise
- It requires active leadership by senior management.
- **■** Examples of CSFs are:
  - Delivery on-time and in-full.
  - Providing superior customer service.
  - Short time to market new products.
  - Management commitment.

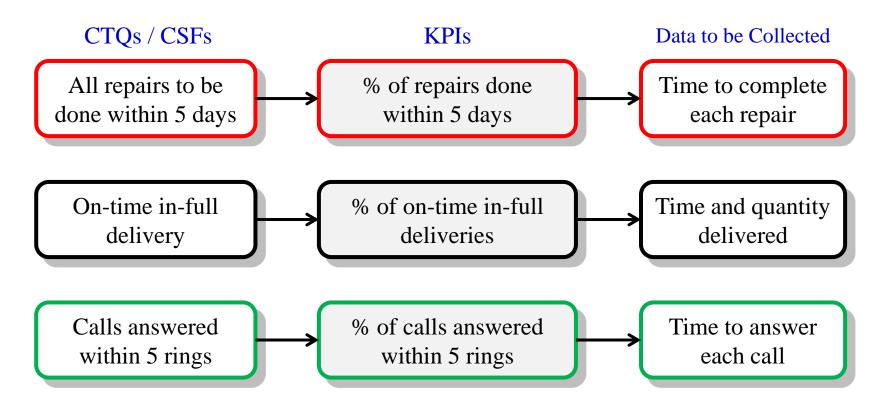


### **Selecting the Proper Performance Indicators:**

- □ Performance indicators should reflect the Voice of the Customer.
- □ The **Critical-to-Quality** characteristics (CTQs) features of your customer should be then used as the basis to select your KPIs.
- □ Raw data needs to be collected from customers.

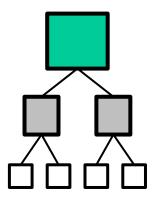


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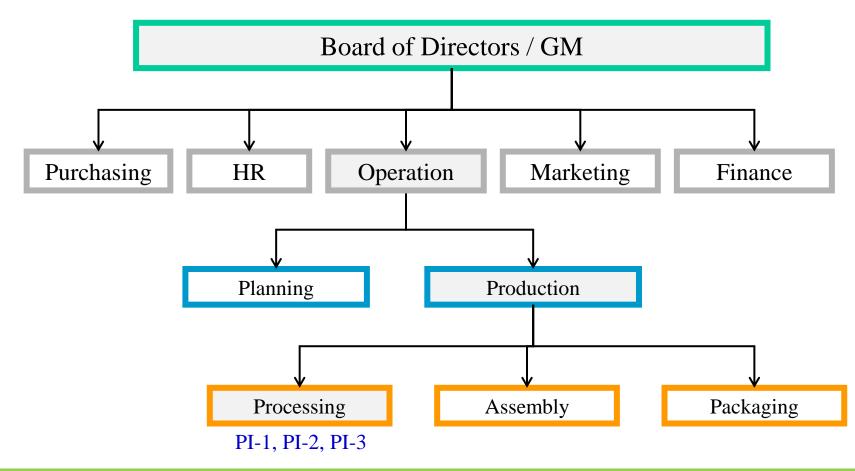


#### **KPI Tree:**

- □ An ideal situation is where performance indicators cascade down through an organization.
- □ A **KPI Tree** is a visual method of displaying measures:
  - In an organization.
  - Related to a project.
- □ It helps people work in such a way that their activities are aligned with the organization strategy.
- □ It helps bringing all measures together.
- □ It provides a visual representation for which measures contribute to other measures.



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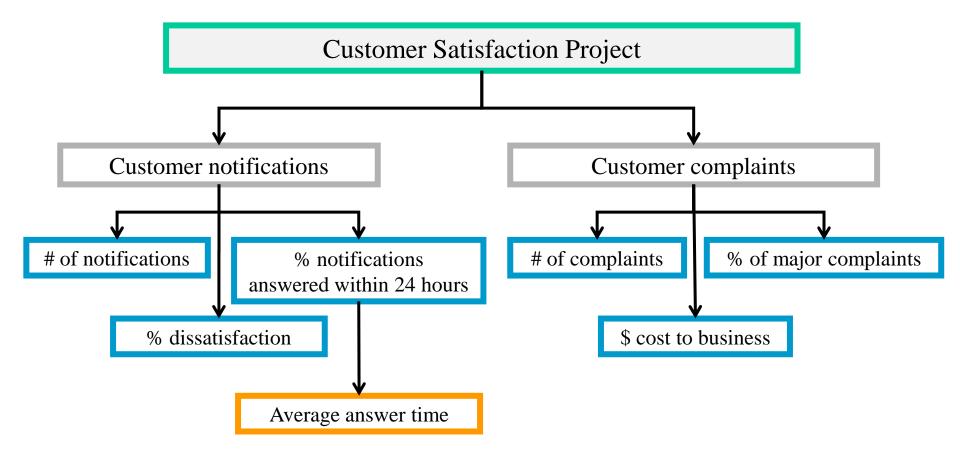
#### **KPI Tree:**

- A successful KPI tree is the one that contains a **balance** of measures covering efficiency, effectiveness, quality, delivery and cost.
- □ Effectiveness performance indicators measure processes in the eyes of the customer.
- □ **Efficiency performance indicators** measure processes from business perspective.
  - Are of interest of internal customers.
  - Measure the amount of resources used by a process.
  - Likely to have close links with the 8 Wastes.





### **KPI Tree Example:**



#### **Characteristics of Effective Performance Indicators:**

- Reflect the Voice of the Customer.
- □ Relate to critical success factors.
- □ Are agreed with & owned by the areas themselves.
- □ Are well defined and understood by all.
- Are measured regularly and consistently.
- Enable open and transparent communication.
- □ Are acted upon by the senior management team.
- Are used for continuous improvement.



#### **Balanced Scorecard:**

- A common way to manage and monitor performance indicators.
- It is simply a report that displays a collection of performance indicators.

Customer Business Process

Financial Learning & Growth

The Four-Perspectives Balanced Scorecard

- □ It has evolved from its early use as a simple performance measurement framework to a full strategic planning and management system.
- □ It helps:
  - Align business activities to the vision and strategy.
  - Monitor performance against strategic goals.

#### **Performance Dashboards:**

- Used to easily monitor the performance in an organization.
- □ They are often a series of graphics, charts, gauges and other visual tools that can be easily interpreted and analyzed.
- □ They allow to see if the performance indicators are succeeding in their purpose or not.
- ☐ If not, they will visually alert that corrective actions should be made.
- □ They are typically limited to show summaries, comparisons and trends.



#### A Good Dashboard:

- ☐ Is simple and easy to understand.
- Conveys important information at a glance.
- Contains minimal distractions and visually appealing.
- □ Displays real-time information.
- □ Should be displayed on the shop floor using a screen or a bulletin boards.



### **Examples of Performance Indicators:**

| Manufacturing / Production     | <b>Purchasing and Inventory</b> | Sales, Marketing and Shipping    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| •Spoilage / Rejection Rate     | •Cancelled Purchase Requests    | •Time to Process Customer Orders |
| •Re-work Rate                  | •Purchase Orders Completed      | •Time to Resolve Customer Claims |
| •Time Spent on Product Re-work | •Purchase Order Cycle Time      | •Visits to Key Customers         |
| •Total Units Manufactured      | •Emergency Purchase Rate        | •New Customers Rate              |
| •Units per Day                 | •Rejected Receipt Rate          | •Customer Retention Rate         |
| •Units Per Labor Hour          | •Late Deliveries from Suppliers | •Sales Forecast Accuracy         |
| •Line Efficiency               | •Changes in Approved Suppliers  | •Market Share Growth             |
| •Production Capacity           | •Unloading Time                 | •Marketing Expenses              |
| •Capacity Utilization          | •Stock Level                    | •Product Availability            |
| •First Time Right Ratio        | •Inventory Days Coverage        | •Loading Time                    |
| •Rolled Throughput Yield (RTY) | •Re-work on Procured Inventory  | •Not On-Time In-Full (NOTIF)     |
| •Average Change Over Time      |                                 |                                  |
| •Material Usage                |                                 |                                  |

### **Examples of Performance Indicators:**

| Finance and Accounting        | Maintenance                       | <b>Human Resources</b>             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| •Net Profit Margin            | •Response Time to Breakdown       | •Staff Turnover Ratio              |
| •Cost of Goods Sold           | •Mean Time Between Failures       | •Employee Satisfaction Index       |
| •Operating Income             | •Mean Time to Repair              | •Exit Interview Satisfaction Ratio |
| •Cost per Unit                | •Spare Parts Inventory Turnover   | •Internal Promotion Rate           |
| •Working Capital              | •Work Orders Completed            | •Labor Utilization Rate            |
| •Accounts Receivable Turnover | •Preventive Maintenance Completed | •High Performing Employees         |
| •Inventory Turnover Ratio     | •Repair Cost                      | •Training Hours Ratio              |
| •Return on Investment (ROI)   | •Repair Cost per Unit             | •Training Attendance Ratio         |
| •Budget Variance              | •Maintenance / Repair Downtime    | •Absenteeism Rate                  |
| •Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)  |                                   | •Part-Time Employees               |
| •Monthly Department Expenses  |                                   | •Disabled Staff Ratio              |

### **Examples of Performance Indicators:**

| Health, Safety and Env.       | Quality                               | Lean                             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| •Recorded Safety Observations | •Customer Complaints                  | •Value Added Time                |
| •Workplace Inspection Audits  | •Returns from Key Customers           | •Takt Time                       |
| •Risk Assessments Implemented | •Customer Satisfaction Index          | •Operator / Machine Cycle Time   |
| •Lost Work Days               | •Customer Surveys Conducted           | •Order Processing Cycle Time     |
| •Significant Injury Cases     | •Defects at Customer Site             | •Net Available Time              |
| •Near Miss Cases              | •Defects per Million Opportunities    | •Work in Process Time            |
| •First Aid Treatment Cases    | •Defects per Unit                     | •Value Stream Ratio              |
| •Environmental Incidents      | •Cost of Non Quality                  | •Process Cycle Efficiency        |
| •Safety Circles Conducted     | •Quality Personnel to Total Personnel | •Uptime Ratio                    |
| •Satisfaction with Ergonomics | •Quality Circles Conducted            | •Overall Equipment Effectiveness |
| •EHS Training Hours           | •Audits Performed on Schedule         | •Muda-Free Cost                  |
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### **KPIs and Continuous Improvement:**

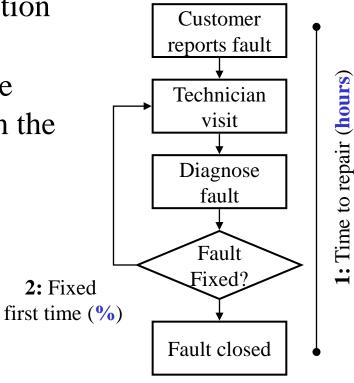
- □ KPIs are used to establish priorities and track the progress.
- **■** Examples:
  - Chartered improvement projects
  - Project charters approved and signed off
  - SOPs developed after improvement projects
  - Completed improvement projects
  - Financial department involvement in improvement projects
  - Processes perform at 4.5 Sigma or higher
  - Staff trained in Lean Six Sigma
  - Savings resulting from an employee suggestions
  - Time to respond to suggestions
  - Idea conversion rate
  - Kaizen events conducted
  - Cross-industry benchmarking studies conducted



### **Operational Definitions:**

- □ A clear and detailed description of a performance indicator.
- □ They will ensure consistent data collection and will eliminates ambiguity.
- □ They will ensure data is collected in the same ways and standards are applied in the same manner.





### **Components of Operational Definitions:**

| Performance Indicator: | Perspective:            | Unit:                        |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Description / Formula: |                         |                              |
| Data Source:           | Measurement Instrument: | Process Diagram or Drawings: |
| Method of Test (How):  |                         | _                            |
| Frequency (When):      | Decision Criteria:      |                              |
| Data Collector (Who):  | Owner:                  |                              |
| Baseline:              | Target:                 |                              |

### **Utilizing Performance Indicators:**

- □ Review the quality of the current data collection methods.
- □ Train staff on CTFs, KPIs, empowerment and process improvement methods.
- □ Start by a few easily understood performance indicators.
- □ Relate to critical success factors and reflect the voice-of-the-customer.
- □ Allow teams to define and select their own performance indicators.
- □ Have performance indicators approved by senior management.
- Measure and report only what matters.
- Monitor performance using dashboards.
- □ Display at workplace (on screens or display boards).
- □ Use them as a basis for team meetings and decision making.
- □ Identify and pursue improvement goals.



### Tips:

- □ A problem can arise when managers struggle to understand and identify the vital few performance indicators, and instead collect and report a vast amount of everything that is easy to measure.
- Many of the customer related performance indicators (mentioned earlier) are developed and managed using customer relationship management software.