# Continuous Improvement Toolkit

**Risk Assessment** 

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

- □ A risk is an undesirable situation or circumstance that has a potentially negative consequence.
- All projects face risks and risk management is a key process area of project management.
- If you don't take risk factors into consideration when planning the project, you will not be able to minimize their impact.



### **The implementation plan could include:**

- A risk assessment highlighting the likelihood and impact of risks.
- A mitigating action plan.

#### **Risk Assessment:**

Used to evaluate if the project can be brought to successful completion on time.

### **It will determine:**

- If the project can be completed on time.
- If the necessary resources will be available.
- If the benefits will be accrue as predicted.
- Any potential issue beyond the local control (regulatory, approvals, marketplace, ...etc.).



### **Risk Analysis:**

- Risk analysis typically identifies risks through brainstorming and studying the plans (including WBS).
- When analyzing a risk, the two main variables are the probability and the impact of the risk.
  - **Risk probability** is the chance or likelihood of the risk occurring.
  - **Risk impact** is the effect on the project objectives (if it occurs).
- Sometimes these are multiplied together to give an overall risk severity figure.



#### **Benefits of Risk Assessment:**

- □ Reduce the probability and consequences of potential failures.
- □ Increase the likelihood of achieving objectives.
- □ Improve project controls.
- □ Encourage proactive management.
- Develop stakeholder confidence and trust.
- Establish a reliable basis for decision making and planning.
- Comply with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.
- □ Improve organizational learning.



### At Each Activity or Process Step Ask:

- □ What could go wrong?
- □ How?
- □ How likely is this?
- □ What would be the impact on he project / business?



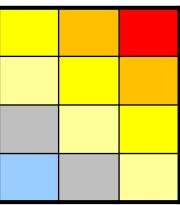
#### **Risk Register:**

□ Risks are often listed in a **Risk Register**, which is then used to manage and track the risks.

| Activity /<br>Task | Risk<br>description | Probability<br>(1-5) | Impac<br>t (1-5) | PXI | Action |
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#### **Risk Assessment Matrix:**

- □ Risks can be plotted on a matrix to determine their level.
- Team members then need to discuss how to reduce the probability or impact of selected risks.
- Moving risks will require mitigation action plans and will have a cost associated with it.
- A cost-benefit assessment can hence be done to determine the most effective actions to take.



#### **Example – Risk Assessment Matrix:**

#### Impact

|            |                   | Insignificant | Minor        | Moderate               | Major             | Severe      |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Likelihood | Almost<br>Certain | 5 Moderate    | 10 High      | 15 Critical            | 20 Extreme<br>Ris | 25 Extreme  |
|            | Likely            | 4 Moderate    | 8 Mod Risk   | 2 <mark>12 High</mark> | 16 Crit           | Extreme     |
|            | Possible          | 3 Low         | 6 Mod        | Moderate               | 1 (igh            | 15 Critical |
|            | Unlikely          | 2 Negligible  | 4 Low        | 6 Moderate             | 8 Moderate        | 10 High     |
|            | Rare              | 1 Negligible  | 2 Negligible | 3 Low                  | 4 Moderate        | 5 Moderate  |



#### **Further Information:**

□ It is important to ensure actions are completed and risk are reassessed for changes in impact and probability.