

# Stakeholder Communication Plan

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Project Name

Project Manager

Project Start Date

Project End Date

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## 1. Purpose of the Communication Plan

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## 2. Stakeholder Identification and Analysis

Identify key stakeholders, define their roles in the project, and outline the information they need to keep things moving smoothly. Determine how they will communicate, how often, and their overall importance to the project's success.

Clearly understanding each stakeholder's responsibilities ensures time and resources are allocated efficiently.

|                  | Stakeholder Role              | Information Needed                            | Communication Method                          | Communication Frequency                             | Their Stake   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Stakeholder      | What's their job on the team? | What information do they need to do that job? | How will everyone else be in touch with them? | How often will everyone else be in touch with them? | What happens to the project if they can't do their job? |
| Sponsor          |                               |   |   |   |   |
| Project Manager  |                               |   |   |   |   |
| Project Team     |                               |   |   |   |   |
| IT Team          |                               |   |   |   |   |
| Customer Service |                               |   |   |   |   |
| Vendors          |                               |   |   |   |   |

### 3. Communication Modes / Schedule

Outline when each stakeholder group will touch base and about what.

| Communication    | Channel | Frequency | Owner | Stakeholder |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| Status Report    |         |           |       |             |
| Standup Meetings |         |           |       |             |
| Risk Assessment  |         |           |       |             |
| Vendor Update    |         |           |       |             |
| Issue Resolution |         |           |       |             |

## 4. Communication Log

Use this section to log all communication that happens throughout the project.

| Date | Communication | Channel | Owner | Stakeholder | Notes |
|------|---------------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|
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## 5. Key Messages

Outline the major messaging that needs to go out to the team(s) at various stages of the project.

This includes but isn't necessarily limited to:

- Introduction and initiation
- Regular updates
- Challenges, risks, or changes in plan
- Routine reviews and appreciation of team members
- Training tips
- Final results and lessons learned

| Timeline | Message |
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## 6. Escalation Process

Lay out a clearly defined escalation process in case of communication breakdowns or other issues.

| Issue | Owner | Stakeholder to whom the owner should escalate the issue | Timeframe for resolution |
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