A project is a set of interrelated activities which are designed to achieve specific objectives, with the available resources and within a specific time frame. The project cycle is a tool for understanding the tasks and functions that must be performed in the lifespan of a project. Commonly, a project cycle contains stages of design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
Hierarchy of objectives (logic model)

A good project design shows the “steps” between the activities and the final impact or goal. The existence of these “layers” allows for the progress of the project to be monitored along the way.