

Using Problem Analysis in Projects

Managing projects against goals, budgets, and time restrictions are some of the ways that many organizations accomplish work. Implementing and using a project management methodology (like Kepner-Tregoe's Project Management) is the best way to increase your chances of success.

Problem Analysis will help you get to the bottom of deviations from your plan. The following table contains a suggestion for using the Problem Analysis to improve your projects.

When...	Use Problem Analysis to...	Because...
Implementing or closing out the project	Find the correct causes of things that go wrong with your plan.	Time and budget pressures can cause project managers to jump into immediate action when something goes wrong. However, stepping back and doing a short-form or full Problem Analysis can save you from wasting time and money fixing the wrong cause.