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Project Cycle Management for ECO Regional Food Security Programme 2-Day Introductory Training

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INTRODUCTION CONCEPTS AND THEORIES PCM AND RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT

Who am I?





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EDUCATION						
2020	Advanced Management Program	IE Business School (Spain)				
2017	Master in Public Administration in International Development Certificate in Management, Leadership and Decision Sciences	Harvard Kennedy School (USA)				
2014	Master in International Relations and International Cooperation	European Institute Campus Stellae				
2006	Master Telecommunications Engineering	Universidad de Valladolid (Spain) Deggendorf Institute of Technology (Germany)				

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Since 2017	Executive Director and Professor IE School of Global and Public Affairs	Spain
Since 2017	Free lance International Consultant: World Bank, Interamerican Development Bank, European Union, DT Global, UNFAO, UNDP	Peru, Belize, Argentina, Ethiopia, USA, Ecuador, Spain, Brussels
Since 2017	President Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Network Director International Expansion – IMFAHE foundation	International
2016	Harvard Center for International Development	Sri Lanka
2011-2015	United Nations World Food Program	Ethiopia
2010-2011	Spanish Aid Office, Ministry of foreign affairs	African countries
2007-2009	United Nations (UNDP and UNWFP)	Ecuador

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Goals and expectations



- To understand common terminology in Project Management
- To learn basics or to fresh your knowledge about the Project Cycle Management (PCM) approach
- To get to know few useful tools and methodologies for your project management
- To learn the main issues to design, implement and evaluate a project

Session 1. Strategic Planning

Session 2. Implementation

Session 3. Performance Measurement







Session 1. Strategic Planning



- Identification and deconstruction of the problem ('Problem Tree')
- Prioritization of change pathways
- The Vertical logic 'LogFrame Matrix'
- Indicators, Baselines, Targets, and Means of Verification
- Time and Cost management. Results-based budgeting.
- Partnerships
- Risk and assumptions

Session 2. Implementation



- Innovative iterative methods for project/program management
 - 'Problem-Driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA)'
 - 'Agile methodology'
 - 'Design thinking'
- Human resources
- Conflict management

Session 3. Performance Measurement



- Monitoring and evaluation.
- Planning to design and conduct an evaluation
- Quantitative and qualitative methods for evaluation
- Data visualization
- Reporting and communication for results.

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Many of mankind's greatest accomplishments—from building the Imam Ali Holy Shrine; the Flame Towers; Aya Sofya, the statue of Ismoil Smoni; the Mausolum in Kunya-Urgench to discovering a cure for polio to putting a man on the moon began as a project.











What is project management for you? (write a word and submit)



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Project management is the application of **knowledge**, skills, tools, and techniques to project activities to meet the project requirements and successfully achieve the project objectives

Project Management

• Two different dimensions



WHY PROJECT MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT?

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WHY PROJECT MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT?



1. Strategic Alignment: Because it ensures it will deliver real value



2.Leadership: Because it brings <u>leadership and</u> <u>direction to projects</u>



3.Clear Focus & Objectives: Because it ensures there's a proper plan for executing on strategic goals.

Source: https://thedigitalprojectmanager.com/why-is-project-management-important/

WHY PROJECT MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT?



4. Realistic Project Planning: Because it <u>ensures</u> proper expectations are set around what can be delivered, by when, and for how much



5. Quality Control: Because it <u>ensures the quality</u> of whatever is being delivered, consistently hits the mark.



6. Risk Management: Because it <u>ensures risks are</u> <u>properly managed</u> and mitigated against to avoid becoming issues.

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WHY PROJECT MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT?



7. Orderly Process: Because it ensures the <u>right</u> people do the right things, at the right time



8. Continuous Oversight: Because it ensures a project's progress is tracked and reported properly.



9. Managing and Learning from Success and Failure: Project management is important because it learns from the successes and failures of the past.

Source: https://thedigitalprojectmanager.com/why-is-project-management-important/

Project characteristics

- Established objective.
- Temporary nature (beginning and end).
- Social, economic, and environmental impacts that far outlive the projects themselves.
- Outcome tangible or intangible.
- Take place in an environment that is broader than that of the Project itself.
- Undertaken at all organizational levels

Examples (agriculture and forestry)

- Strategy to scale-up fish industry's competitiveness
- Anticipating the impact of climate change on seafood
- Connecting ICT solutions with sustainable agriculture
- New patented biomass techniques boost sustainability
- Mapped land-use data for farmers and forest managers
- Financing sustainable forests enterprises





1. Portfolio: Collection of projects, programs, subportfolios, and operations managed as a group to achieve strategic objectives.

2. Programs: Group within a portfolio comprised of subprograms, projects or other work in a coordinated way in support of the portfolio.

3. Projects: Within or outside of a program still considered part of a portfolio.

Different levels

Organizational strategies and priorities are linked and have relationships between portfolios and programs, and between programs and individual projects.



Different levels

Organizational Project Management						
	Projects	Programs	Portfolios			
Scope	Projects have defined objectives. Scope is progres- sively elaborated throughout the project life cycle.	Programs have a larger scope and provide more significant benefits.	Portfolios have an organizational scope that changes with the strategic objectives of the organization.			
Change	Project managers expect change and implement processes to keep change managed and controlled.	Program managers expect change from both inside and outside the program and are prepared to manage it.	Portfolio managers continuously monitor changes in the bronder internal and external environment.			
Planning	Planning Project managers progressively elaborate high-level information into detailed plans throughout the project life cyclu. Program managers develop the overall program plan and create high-level plans to guide detailed planning at the component level.		Portfolio managers create and maintain necessary processes and communication relative to the aggregate portfolio.			
Management Project managers manage the project team to meet the project project team to meet the project managers, they provide vision and overall leadership.		Program managers manage the program staff and the project managers; they provide vision and overall leadership.	Portfolio managers may manage or coordinate portfolio management staff, or program and project staff that may have reporting responsibilities into the aggregate portfolio.			
Success	Success is measured by product and project quality, timeliness, budget compliance, and degree of customer satisfaction.	Success is measured by the degree to which the program satisfies the needs and benefits for which it was undertaken.	Success is measured in terms of the aggregate investment performance and benefit realization of the portfolio.			
Monitoring	Project managers monitor and control the work of producing the products, services, or results that the pioject was undertaken to produce.	Program managers monitor the progress of program components to ensure the overall goals, schedules, budget, and benefits of the program will be met.	Portfolio managers monitor strategic changes and aggregate resource allocation, performance results, and risk of the portfolio.			

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Summary of project management methodologies



Traditional Project management processes (5)



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Project Life Cycle

Level of effort vs time

All projects can be mapped to the following generic life cycle structure



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Project Life Cycle

"Cost and staff level" vs Time



<u>Cost and staffing</u> <u>levels</u> are low at the start, peak as the work is carried out, drop rapidly as the project is close to the end

Project Life Cycle

- Risk and uncertainty are greatest at the start of the project.
 Decrease over the life of the project as decisions are reached and deliverables accepted.
- The cost of making changes and correcting errors typically increases substantially as the project approaches completion.

Cost of changes & risk and uncertainty vs time



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Summary of project management methodologies



Summary of project management methodologies



The Logical Framework Approach (LFA)

- Origins in the United States in the 1960s. Its use in international development dates back to the 1980s.
- LFA method is used in an ever-increasing array of projects and sectors by public agencies, private companies, municipalities, regions and non-governmental organisations.
- Widely disseminated and used in a variety of contexts
- LFA is an extensive, participatory and integral method that delivers a well-structured plan including all the steps

The Logical Framework Approach (LFA)

• Project plans can easily be summarised in **matrix form**. But it is just a summary of the project plan

	DESCRIPTION	INDICATORS (Plus Baseline and Targets)	MEANS OF VERIFICATION	RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS
IMPACT				
OUTCOMES				
OUTPUTS				
ACTIVITIES (Inputs)				









SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CELALS





Main problem and criticisms of the Project Management approaches

- Lack of accountability and transparency
- Ineffectiveness
- Inefficiencies
- Fragmentation/Siloes
- Deficit in trust between people and governments

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Management reform at the United Nations

"...**deepen accountability** in delivering meaningful results for people..."

"...more focused on collective results, and less on individual mandates..."

"...more **attuned to national needs and priorities**, and less entangled by inefficient layers of bureaucracy..."

"...**new skill-sets and full-time leadership** to drive our work and strengthen results..."



Amina J. Mohammed (UN Deputy Secretary-General) on the Reform of the UN Development System.
Definition

A management strategy/approach to ensure that processes, products and services contribute to achieving a set of results.

RBM is not a tool; it is a **mindset**, a way of working that looks **beyond** processes, activities, products and services Results-based management

RBM represents a shift in focus and approach



What is a result?

A result is a **measurable change** that is derived from a causeand-effect relationship



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Figure 3: SO1 Results Chain Snapshot



Source: Managing for Results at FAO orientation guide

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RBM represents a shift in focus and approach

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Basic Terminology

Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation and Results Based Management

Glossaire des principaux termes relatifs à l'évaluation et la gestion axée sur les résultats

Glosario de los principales términos sobre evaluación y gestión basada en resultados



OECD Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation and Results-Based Management



Results-Based Management Handbook, UNDG 2011



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SESSION I: STRATEGIC PLANNING

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I. Strategic Planning Identification and deconstruction of the problem ('Problem Tree')

What kind of problems can we have?

EXAMPLE

FORMULA

EXPERTISE

REPLICABILITY AND SUCCESS

SIMPLE

FOLLOWING A RECIPE



- The recipe is essential. Recipes are tested to assure easy replication
- No particular expertise is required. But cooking expertise increases success rate
- If you repeat each time, better results come out. The best recipes give good results every time

COMPLICATED

SEND A ROCKET TO THE MOON



- Formulae are critical and necessary
- High level of expertise in a variety of fields are necessary for success
- By repeating, it ensures more probability of success. There is a high degree of certainty of ouctome

COMPLEX

RAISING A CHILD



- Formulae has limited application
- Raising one child provides experience but no assurance of success with the next. Expertise can contribute nor sufficient to assure success
- Every child is unique. Once you have bred one, it gives you experience but does not assure you of raising it better, uncertainty of outcome remains

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Type of complex problems

- The impact of urbanization
- COVID-19
- Migration crisis
- Climate emergency

What type of leadership we need



Leadership for simple or complicated problems

- •Based on <u>authority</u>
- •With defined roles, follow task description
- •Adopt best practice for decision making
- •Telling others what to do



Leadership complex problems - ADAPTIVE

- •Based on <u>mobilizing solutions to problems</u> from different positions or contexts
- •With more <u>open roles:</u> Help and empower others to help solve their problems
- •<u>Continuous and collaborative learning</u> (Implement, learn, discover and repeat)
- •Needs <u>collective and collaborative work</u>, based on relationships

To solve complex problems with adaptive leadership we need...

To identify and to deconstruct the problem

• To find out why and how the problem is caused so we can know how to address the problem

• We need to identify the immediate, underlying and structural causes of the deprivations we want to address

Example: Airport in Ciudad Real (Spain)



In the Boom years in Spain in the early 2000's, several Spanish regions built new airports

"Build an airport in Ciudad Real with a capacity for 40 landings and 40 take-offs per day with a cost of 1.1 billion€ to be completed before January 2009". Let us assume that the implementation successfully complied with project scope:

- Objective & Cost
- Technical requirements
- Milestones

Can we say that this project was a success??

Example: Airport in Ciudad Real (Spain)



NO! It was a failure. Why?

- Because the final objective of this initiative was not to build the airport. It was to promote economic growth in the region, create more businesses, more tourism, more trade, more economic activity.
- From this point of view... it was a complete failure!
- This problem has happened a number of times: Brasilia (Brazil capital),
- What could we do to reduce the risk of creating a "White Elephant" -> A project that does not solve the problem it was supposed to.





Strategic planning: Background (gathering information)

- Conduct your research about the different problems affecting the area:
 - Political structure
 - Social structure
 - The economy
 - The environment
 - History
 - Geography
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Strategic planning: **Problem analysis**

DIFFERENT WAYS TOP ANALYZE A PROBLEM

- Problem tree analysis
- SWOT analysis
- Ishikawa Diagram (Fishbone diagram)
- Design thinking

Strategic planning: Problem analysis: PROBLEM TREE



- Helps identify all the factors that influence or are influenced by the problem
- Participatory process (builds consensus)

Strategic planning: Problem analysis: PROBLEM TREE



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EFFECTS:

Consequences of the focal problem for the individual and the community. The effects provide arguments for decision-makers and other stakeholders for why the focal problem is so important to solve.

THE FOCAL PROBLEM:

Problem that the project shall focus on (e.g. challenges in the situation of the beneficiaries) Realistic to solve this problem during the project period. The focal problem will later become the project outcome.

REASONS/CAUSES:

The underlying reasons behind the focal problem. They explain why the focal problem exists. All main problems have their individual reasons.



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Strategic planning: Problem analysis: PROBLEM TREE

HOW TO PERFORM THE CAUSALITY ANALYSIS?

- Causality Analysis supports the identification of the immediate, underlying and structural causes
- Causality requires systematically asking <u>"why?</u> through a hierarchy of issues and identifying the causes for deprivation at each level in the hierarchy

Strategic planning: Problem analysis: PROBLEM TREE

HOW TO PERFORM THE CAUSALITY ANALYSIS?



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I. Strategic Planning Prioritization of change pathways The theory of change

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Strategic planning: Prioritization of change pathways

Prioritise of one the change pathways (easier to address?)



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Strategic planning: The theory of change

- A theory of change explains **why** and **how** we think certain actions (activities) will produce desired change (outcome) in a given context
- The description of a **sequence of events** that is expected to lead to a particular desired outcome
- Theories or hypotheses about what needs to change and how into a "causal or change pathway"

Strategic planning: The theory of change



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I. Strategic Planning The Vertical logic / Results Chain 'LogFrame Matrix'

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Strategic planning: The theory of change is represented in the vertical Logic/Results chain



Strategic planning: The vertical logic / The results chain

A VERTICAL LOGIC or RESULTS CHAIN is the causal sequence for a development intervention that stipulates the necessary sequence to achieve desired results.



Strategic planning: The vertical logic / The results chain



- Iong-term effects of a programme; different projects can have the same goal; broader than the programme; programme only contributes to it; timeframe: typically 2- 5 years after programme ends
- Main reason for why the project is implemented; nstitutions or people do a) something differently (behavioural change) or b) something better (change in performance); influence, but largely beyond the control of the programme; timeframe: during or up to a few years after programme
- WHAT the project will deliver (products of services); a group of people or an organization has improved capacities, abilities, skills, systems, or if something is built, created or repaired as a direct result of UN support; are under the control of the organization and its partners; timeframe: during programme
- **actions** taken to transform inputs into outputs; Means to achieve the outputs; *timeframe*: during programme
- resources needed to carry out activities

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Food Loss Waste has been reduced in the Turkey by 5% in the last two years

IMPACT OUTCOME OUTPUT ACTIVITY None of the above



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Target groups and stakeholders are inspired to act and empowered through acquisition of necessary knowledge and skills to prevent and reduce food waste

IMPACT OUTCOME OUTPUT ACTIVITY None of the above



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Reduction of the national contribution to climate change

IMPACT OUTCOME OUTPUT ACTIVITY None of the above



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Hiring a media agency to support the development and implementation of a communication cam-paign

IMPACT OUTCOME OUTPUT ACTIVITY None of the above



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Strategic planning: The vertical logic / The results chain

Example

Improve education levels in Tanzania

X teachers have improved their teaching, Y students can study in the school



Education levels of 1500 poor students will be improved and new schools will be constructed in Arusha, Tanzania by 2020.

workshop of teachers (workshops, ...) Construction of school building (materials,...)



	Expected results	Indicators
IMPACT		
OUTCOMES		
OUTPUTS		
ACTIVITIES		INPUTS

	Expected results
Impact	Which changes/effects can the project contribute to in the longer term?
Outcomes	Describes the situation that is expected to prevail directly after the project has been concluded with an improved situation for a target group (performance or behavioral change)
Outputs	Tangible products or services delivered by the project (capacities, abilities, skills, systems improved)
Activities	Tasks that have to be undertaken in order to deliver the outputs

/ERTICAL LOGI RESULTS CHAIN

	Expected results	Bus co bad re
Impact	Better and safe transportation	
Outcomes	Number of bus accidents reduced	Carele
Outputs	1.1. New drivers available in the team1.2. Drivers have been trained1.3. All drivers perform alcohol testregularly	Stress Bad traffic Tight
Activities	 1.1. Hire and train additional drivers 1.2. Implement alcohol tests to all drivers starting their shift <u>INPUTS:</u> Resources, budget, time, equipment, personnel, technical expertise 	Too f

/ERTICAL LOGI RESULTS CHAIN



	Expected results	Focus	
Impact	Better and safe transportation	Long-term effect	less
Outcomes	Number of bus accidents reduced	Change (institutional/ behavioral)	
Outputs	 1.1. New drivers available in the team 1.2. Drivers have been trained 1.3. All drivers perform alcohol test regularly 	Products Abilities Skills	Accountabil
Activities	 1.1. Hire and train additional drivers 1.2. Implement alcohol tests to all drivers starting their shift <u>INPUTS:</u> Resources, budget, time, equipment, personnel, technical expertise 	Resources	more

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/ERTICAL LOGIC

HOW TO FORMULATE GOOD RESULTS (Outcomes, Impact...)?

• Results are about change. It is important to use 'change language' rather than the customary 'action language'





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HOW TO FORMULATE GOOD RESULTS (Outcomes, Impact...)?



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HOW TO FORMULATE GOOD RESULTS (Outcomes, Impact...)?

WITH CHANGE LANGUAGE



Source: RBM Handbook, UNDG, 2011

S.M.A.R.T. OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS

HOW TO FORMULATE GOOD OUPUTS AND OUTCOMES?



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S.M.A.R.T. OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS

HOW TO FORMULATE GOOD OUPUTS AND OUTCOMES?



E.g. By 2025, 1.000 Farmers have adopted new agronomic practices for rice production in region XYZ



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I. Strategic Planning Indicators, Baselines, Targets, and Means of Verification

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Strategic planning: The logical framework (with indicators, baselines, targets and means of verification)

Expected Results	Indicators	Baseline	Targets	Data Sources/means of verification
Impact				
Outcomes				
Outputs				
Activities				

"Quantitative or qualitative <u>variables</u> that allow stakeholders to <u>verify</u> changes produced by a development intervention relative to what was <u>planned</u>" (*RBM Handbook, UNDG 2011*)

 An indicator should be <u>neutral and objectively verificable</u>.
 The indicators describe <u>how the Outputs/Outcomes have to be</u> <u>measured</u>

Including <u>quantity, quality and time</u>.

>Indicators must always be **adapted according to each goals and project**

disaggregated by sex and other necessary social categories (age, ethnicity, etc.) wherever possible

Strategic planning: <u>INDICATORS</u>

	Expected Results	Indicators	
Impact		Measure the long-term consequences of the outcomes.	
Outcomes		Measure how the situation has changed or improved for a target troup	[
Outputs		Measures the accomplishment of the delivery of products of services	I
Activities	INPUTS	No need	

"Number of farmers adopting new agronomic practices for rice production by 2023"



Strategic planning: <u>TYPE OF INDICATORS</u>

QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS	QUALITATIVE INDICATORS				
 measures of quantity number percentage ratio 	 perception opinion judgements 				
Examples: • # of women in decision-making positions • employment levels • wage rates • education levels • literacy rates	Examples: • women's perception of empowerment • satisfaction with employment or school • quality of life • degree of confidence in basic literacy				

Source: RBM Handbook, UNDG, 2011

Strategic planning: <u>BASELINE</u>

"Status of the indicator at the beginning of a programme or project that acts as a reference point against which progress or achievements can be assessed" (*RBM Handbook, UNDG 2011*)

- description (qualitative or quantitative) of the situation, prior to an intervention, against which progress can be assessed or comparison made
- **benchmark** for assessing progress on outcomes or impacts
- first data collected for an indicator (gathered before or shortly after programme implementation begins)

Strategic planning: <u>TARGETS</u>

"A target is what one hopes to achieve, and it normally depends on programme period and duration of the interventions and activities" (*RBM Handbook, UNDG 2011*)

> the indicator should be neutral

- no direction of change in the indicator
- no increase or decrease in the indicator

The target signals how much change and in what direction

The baseline and target should use <u>same unit of measurement</u> as the indicator

Strategic planning: The logical framework (with indicator, baselines, targets and means of verification)



Strategic planning: <u>MEANS OF VERIFICATION</u>

"The sources of information are the persons, beneficiaries or organizations from whom information will be gathered to inform initial baselines and measure results" (RBM Handbook, UNDG 2011)

- How will the information/data be collected, when, how often and by whom?
- Indicates the responsibility, who will collect/analyze/report on data

Strategic planning: The logical framework (with indicator, baselines, targets and means of verification)



Make sure you involve EVERYONE in the planning process!

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Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

WHY TIME AND COST ARE IMPORTANT FOR A PROJECT?

If it is not delivered on time?

- Delays
- Waste of resources
- Impact on lives
- Gets more expensive
- Requires request extensions

Budget

- If spends more:
 - No adequate estimation of resources
 - No control
 - Corruption
- If spends less:
 - Activities not accomplished
 - Donors might reduce funds in the future

Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT TIME MANAGEMENT

It includes the processes required to manage the **timely completion** of the project



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Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT TIME MANAGEMENT

	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Responsible
Administrative activities							
Get permission from local government				-			Program manager
Approval of plan by government engineer							Project manager
Registration of water organization							Project manager
Elaboration of rules and regulations		1	per	manent	1	1	Program manager
Infrastructure activities							
Building of the water tank							Engineer
Laying of pipes							Engineer
Installation of personal tabs							Engineer

Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT TIME MANAGEMENT

Gantt Chart for Agriculture Project Proposal



	Detailed Schedule	L	Bata bata					
Activity		chedule Time	edule Time Frame					
Identifier	Activity Description	units	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	
1.1.MB	Begin New Product Z	0		1000			· · · · ·	
1.1	Develop and Deliver Product Z	120			1	-	-	
1.1.1	Work Package 1: Component 1	67		-	Í		1	
1.1.1.0	Design Component 1	20	-	FS				
1,1,1,B	Build Component 1	33		-	þ.			
1.1.1.7	Test Component 1	14	ee	9 5				
1.1.1.M1	Complete Component 1	0	3.5			h		
1.1.2	Work Package 2: Component 2	53		-	5!			
1.1.2.0	Design Component 2	14		5				
1.1.2.8	Build Component 2	28	L.					
1.1.2.T	lest Component 2	11		L+E	<u> </u>			
112M1	Complete Component 2	0		5	रु			
1.1.3	Work Package 3: Integrated Components 1 and 2	63			i 🗆	-		
1.1.3.G	Integrate Components 1 and 2 as Product Z	14			: 4 _C	5		
1.1.3.T	Complete Integration of Components 1 and 2	32		1		4	5	
1.1.3.M1	Test Integrated Components as Product 7	a			1		40	
1.1.3.P	Deliver Product Z	7					4	
	Finish New Product Z	0					-	

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Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT TIME MANAGEMENT

CRITICAL PATH

- **The critical path** is the sequence of activities with the longest duration. A delay in any of these activities will result in a delay for the whole project.
- Help you **identify the activities that must be completed on time** in order to complete the whole project on time.
- Show you **which tasks can be delayed** and for how long without impacting the overall project schedule.

Strategic planning: <u>Time & Cost Management</u> <u>Results-based budgeting</u>

PROJECT COST MANAGEMENT (RESULTS-BASED BUDGETING)

- **Results-based budgeting (RBB)** is a subset of RBM that focuses on aligning resources with results. It requires a system of budgeting that links budget allocations to a specific change in expected outputs and outcomes.
- The main characteristics are:
 - A shift in accountability from inputs and activities to outputs and outcomes, thereby making managers accountable for performance;
 - Managers with the; authority to reallocate budget allocations for better performance;
 - Incentives to reward managers that meet or exceed expected targets

Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT COST MANAGEMENT (RESULTS-BASED BUDGETING)



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Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT COST MANAGEMENT

- 1) <u>Estimate Costs:</u> Aproximation of resources/inputs needed
- 2) <u>Determine Budget</u>: Aggregate and establish a cost baseline
- 3) <u>Control costs:</u> Monitoring and update

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Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT COST MANAGEMENT

TYPES OF COSTS



Source: RBM Handbook, UNDG, 2011

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Time & Cost Management Results-based budgeting

PROJECT COST MANAGEMENT (RESULTS-BASED BUDGETING)



Source: RBM Handbook, UNDG, 2011

Time & Cost Management **Results-based budgeting**

PROJECT COST MANAGEMENT (RESULTS-BASED BUDGETING)

Jutcome:											
Expected	Planned	ed Time-frame I			Responsible	Budget			Monitoring Framework		
Outputs	Activities	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Party	Funding source	Budget description	Amount	Expenditures	Progress towards outputs
Output 1 Targets:											Status of progress to target contribution to country programme outcome
Output 2 Targets:											
Output 3 Targets:											
Total											

Notes:

1. The above is only illustrative. It may be adapted for practical use as appropriate.

2. The format is based on the UNDG AWP format and its related monitoring tool (currently used as two separate formats).

3. Outputs in column 1 should also give baselines, associated indicators and annual targets as applicable

4. All activities including monitoring and evaluation activities to be undertaken during the year towards the stated outputs must be included in the Activities column

Actual expenditures against activities completed should be given in the Expenditures column.

6. The last column should be completed using data on annual indicator targets to state progress towards achieving the outputs. Where relevant, comment on factors that facilitated or constrained achievement of results including: whether risks and assumptions as identified in the country programme M&E framework materialized or whether new risks emerged; and internal factors such as timing of inputs and activities, quality of products and services, coordination and other management issues.

Source: RBM Handbook, UNDG, 2011



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I. Strategic Planning Partnerships

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Strategic planning: <u>Stakeholders engagement</u>

"To be successful, a focus on *outcomes* requires deeper and more detailed discussions with stakeholders " (RBM Handbook, UNDG 2011)

- Typical stakeholders to work with for planning and managing a programme include:
 - people with decision making authority related to a programme
 - organizations that will implement similar or potentially conflicting interventions
 - people who may experience negative consequences
 - people who are expected to benefit
 - <u>AND MOST IMPORTANTLY</u>: people who are expected to change their behaviour or to improve their performance (expected beneficiaries or target population)

Strategic planning: <u>Stakeholders engagement</u>

The real experts: stakeholders and target population



Strategic planning: <u>Partnerships</u>

Definition of Partnerships

"Partnerships are voluntary and collaborative relationships between various parties, both public and non-public, in which all participants agree to work together to achieve a common purpose or undertake a specific task and, as mutually agreed, to share risks and responsibilities, resources and benefits."

<u>Sources:</u> Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2015 [on the report of the Second Committee (A/70/479)]

Strategic planning: <u>Partnerships</u>

How to engage with different types of stakeholders and foster coalitions for change? **1. Identify stakeholders**

- 2. Map-out their influence and dependency
- 3. Assess their power relations, capacity and needs

Strategic planning: <u>Partnerships</u> **POWER** High **Potential Supporters** 4 challenger Close Advocacy Engagement **Map-out influence** 3 and power relations, INTEREST capacity and needs Power 2 Awareness Empowerment Raising -1 Marginal **Potential allies** player Low 3 Low Interest High Source: UNDP 2012, IECA Guidance Note



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Strategic planning: <u>Partnerships</u>

What can partnerships bring to the table?

- Resources and funding
- Influence
- Policy and advocacy
- Capacity and expertise
- Networks
- Innovation

Source: UNDP 2012, IECA Guidance Note

Strategic planning: <u>Partnerships</u>

DONOR GRID

Assess opportunities for funding

Donor Category	Underlying Interests/Priorities	Funding Range (Estimated)		Flexibility		LOE Required (to win)		LOE Required (to manage)				
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Governments USAID												
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EU												
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GTZ												
Belgium Government												

Source: UNSSC



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I. Strategic Planning Risk and assumptions

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Risk: "An uncertain future event or condition which, if happens, it may affect the mission objective. It could have a positive or negative effect"

The **objectives** of Project Risk Management are:

> To increase the likelihood and impact of **positive events**.

To decrease the likelihood and impact of negative events in the project.



10 Golden Rules of Project Risk Management

Rule 1: Make Risk Management Part of Your Project **Rule 2:** Identify Risks Early in Your Project **Rule 3:** Communicate About Risks **Rule 4:** Consider Both Threats and Opportunities **Rule 5:** Clarify Ownership Issues **Rule 6:** Prioritize Risks Rule 7: Analyze Risks **Rule 8:** Plan and Implement Risk Responses **Rule 9:** Register Project Risks **Rule 10:** Track Risks and Associated Tasks



SAFEGUARDS

- A measure taken to protect someone or something or to prevent an undesirable impact -

In development projects, they are used by international organizations to prevent negative **social and environmental aspects**.



Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies The World Bank

Environr assessi	nental nent	Natural	Habitats	Fo	rests		
Pest Mana	igement	Physical Reso	Cultural urces	Invo Reset	luntary tlement		
Safety of Dams		Perfor standa private activ	mance rds for Sector vities	International Waterways			
Disputed Areas		Indig Peo	genous oples				

EXAMPLE RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Description	Potential impact (high, mid or low)	Probability (high, mid or low)	Rank	Ownership	Risk Response actions

Strategic planning: <u>ASSUMPTIONS</u>

"Assumptions are the variables or factors that need to be in place for results to be achieved. Assumptions can be internal or external to the particular programme or organization." (RBM Handbook, UNDG 2011)



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I. Strategic Planning Open discussions

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Things to remember

- Project management vs Results-Based Management
- Identify and deconstruct the problem
- The theory of change and the vertical logic
- Logical Framework Approach
- Action language vs Change language
- SMART Outcomes
- Indicators, Baselines and Targets
- Time and cost management
- Partnerships



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SESSION II: IMPLEMENTATION

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AGENDA

Session 1. Strategic Planning

Session 2. Implementation

Session 3. Performance Measurement







II. Implementation Innovative iterative methods for project/program management

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Summary of project management methodologies



Linear system



Everyone has a plan 'till they get punched in the mouth

Mike Tyson

Iterative system (learning & improving)



Summary of project management methodologies



II. Implementation 'Agile methodology'



February 11-13, 2001, at The Lodge at Snowbird ski resort in the Wasatch mountains of Utah - Agile 'Software Development' Manifesto.

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Myths about developing software

- Customers know what they want
- Developers know how to build it
- Nothing changes along the way

But in reality new products fail:

- 64% of features are rarely or never used
- 50-70% of IT projects fail
- 90% of new products are flop

Usual approach: Waterfall methodology



Iterative, incremental and evolutionary



Manifesto for Agile Software Development

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

Individuals and interactions over processes and tools Working software over comprehensive documentation Customer collaboration over contract negotiation Responding to change over following a plan

> That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

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Agile values

The Agi	le l	Manifesto
Individuals and interactions	over	Processes and Tools
Working Product	over	Comprehensive Documentation
Customer Collaboration	over	Contract Negotiation
Responding to change	over	Following a plan
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Agile principles

- 1. highest priority: satisfy the customer
- 2. even late change of requirements is welcomed
- 3. Frequent delivery of working software
- 4. daily work together
- motivated individuals is given environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done
- 6. conveying information: face-to-face conversation
- 7. primary measure of progress: working software
- agile processes promote sustainable development, stakeholders should be able to maintain a constant pace indefinitely
- continuous attention to technical excellence and good design enhances agility.
- 10. simplicity the art of maximising the amount of work not done is essential
- 11. self-organising teams → best architectures, requirements, and designs
- 12. team regularly reflects on how to become more effective



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Agile Iterative Approach

ADVANTAGES:

Customer Involvement

• Encourages user contribution. After each iterative cycle, customer feedback is obtained, and the product is then subjected to necessary changes based on that feedback. Brings adaptability into the project's framework. Allows for greater collaboration.

> Favors Evolution

• Instead of an extensive planning, continuous feat, allows space for evolving ideas. Best suited for projects or businesses that are part of an ever-evolving scope.

Risk Assessment

• Allows risk identification and mitigation early on in the development to avoid speed bumps later. Helps to minimize the cost and resources needed each time an unforeseen change occurs.

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Agile Iterative Approach

CONS:

> Not suitable methods for all projects

• A single delivery can't be built over time (for example, the delivery outcome 'running a marathon' cannot be done in separate sprints. You sign up, train, then run it. An Agile approach would be useless in this instance – you cannot gradually run bits of the marathon over twelve weeks!)

> Requires all human resources at the same time

- The working environment must contain all persons on the project (project lead, governance, software architects, testers, accountants, etc.) to enable collaboration.
- These resources can only be dedicated to one project or sprint. If resources are split between multiple projects (as they can be on Waterfall) then the sprint may fail to meet its delivery.

> New methodology of project management

• The team members may require additional support and/or training.

Agile Iterative Approach

Agile is a good mindset to to develop a software

Is it good to implement your public policy or a project?

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II. Implementation 'Problem-Driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA)'

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Summary of project management methodologies



PDIA toolkit

A DIY Approach to Solving Complex Problems



THE ITERATIVE PROCESS OF PDIA



Source: Building State Capability (BSC) at the Center for International Development (CID) at Harvard University

Same problem tree, how do I choose the best solution path?



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FIND AND ASSESS THE SPACE CHANGE – TRIPLE-A

- Authority: refers to the support needed for reform or policy change or to build state capability. It could be political, legal, organizational, or personal.
- Acceptance: relates to the extent to which those who will be affected by reform or policy change accept the need for change and the implications of change.
- Ability: focuses on the practical side



Go cause by cause of the problem analysis and ask yourselves what is the change space:

- how much **Authority** do you think you have to engage?
- how much Acceptance do you think you have to engage?
- how much Ability do you think you have to engage?



START BY THE STRATEGIES (INPUTS AND OUTPUTS) WHERE THE CHANGE SPACE IS BIGGER



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II. Implementation 'Design thinking'

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"Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works."

Steve Jobs, co-founder Apple

Design thinking is a user-centered approach to problem solving



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Design Thinking



- 1. People-centered
- 2. Highly creative
- 3. Hands-on
- 4. Iterative

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20 Million Babies are Born Premature Every Year

Every hour 450 premature babies die around the world.





1 year = 8,760 hours 8,760 X 450 = 3,942,000 deaths <u>3.9 M</u> deaths a year

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Four Students & Design Thinking at Stanford

Challenge: design a better incubator for the developing world.

- The cost of incubators can cost up to \$20,000 USD
- 2. Rural areas do not have access to resources or stable electricity
- 3. More than 3.9 million premature babies die per year



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Insights





- 1. Most premature babies are born in rural areas & never make it to the hospital alive
- 2. Most important factor = keep babies warm
- 3. Solution had to be:
 - a. Portable
 - b. Not require electricity
 - c. Culturally appropriate

Insights ---> Redefining the Problem

Challenge: Design a better incubator for the developing world.

Redefined Problem:

How might we create a portable and affordable device to keep babies warm that does not rely on electricity?

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Using Design Thinking





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Sustainable Design = EMBRACE





Price: \$25 USD

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If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses

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Henry Ford

Design Thinking



"The Process of Design Squiggle" by Damien Newman, Central Office of Design

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Design Thinking

Steps



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Project Human Resource Management

Human Resources

- Assess staffing needs (costs) and required skills
- Define project roles and responsibilities

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Project Human Resource Management

The 4 Project HR management processes are:

- **Develop Human Resource Plan:** Identification and documenting of project roles and responsibilities, required skills, organizational relationships, and creating a staffing plan.
- Get the Project Team: Looking for the availability of the required human resources and assembling the necessary team.
- **Develop Project Team:** Improving team dynamics and its competency to perform better as part of the overall project team.
- Manage Project Team: Evaluating individual team member performance, providing feedback, managing and resolving conflicts, and managing changes to optimize the team's performance.

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Project Human Resource Management

It is the essential the **Project Manager's ability** to:



- Lead and bring individuals from different backgrounds together to build a team that is cohesive and productive.
- Negotiate for skilled resources on the team as required.
- Obtain funds, sufficient workspace and other resources for the team.
- Be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of each team member.
- Establish trust and confidence with the team.
- Review team performance from time to time and provide feedback to members.
- Acknowledge and reward good performers.
- Nurture the team through strong leadership and guidance, mentoring, education and training.

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Conflict management – Project Management Skills

Definition: a situation of competition in which the parties are aware of the incompatibility of potential future positions and, in which each party wishes to occupy a position which is incompatible with the wishes of the other.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

When does conflict arise?

- It involves individuals from different backgrounds and orientations working together to complete a complex task.
- Due to differences in values, attitudes, needs, expectations, perceptions, resources, and personalities
Conflict management - Project Management Skills

CONFLICT RESOLUTION - APPROACHES

1. Confrontation

Directly facing a conflict with focus on a win-win problem-solving approach. Most effective method.

2. Compromise

Give-and-take approach to bring some degree of satisfaction to all the parties.

3. Smoothing

De-emphasizing areas of differences.

4. Forcing

Win-lose approach.

5. Withdrawal

To withdraw from an actual or potential disagreement. Least desirable method.



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SESSION III:

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

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III. Performance Management Monitoring and evaluation



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As a system, foreign aid is a fraud and does nothing for inequality *Kenan Malik*



Donor nations use crippling loans as weapons to promote their own interests



In Britain's interests? Theresa May breaks into dance during a meeting with scouts in Nairobi last week. Photograph: Stefan Rousseau/PA

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CORRELATION IS NOT CAUSATION

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What is evaluation?

Evaluation

- •Opinion
- •Research
 - •Auditing
 - •Follow up
 - Systematization of

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lessons learnt

Why evaluate?

- More broadly, evaluation helps answer key questions from management, implementers and stakeholders:
- **how** is our program or policy doing?
- > What are the *impacts* of the intervention?
- **>** Is the intervention working as planned?
- \triangleright Are there differences across sites in how the intervention is performing?
- **Who is benefiting** from this intervention?

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Development programs and policies are typically designed to change outcomes:

• i.e. To raise incomes, to improve learning, or to reduce illness, to reduce insecurity, to reduce pollution

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But commonly, program managers and policy makers focus on:

- controlling and measuring the inputs and immediate outputs of a program—how much money is spent, how many textbooks are distributed—
- rather than on assessing whether **programs have achieved their intended goals** of improving well-being

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The Results Chain / Vertical logic



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EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING

Use core set of tools that stakeholders can use to verify and improve the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of interventions at various stages of implementation, or in other words, to focus on results.

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WHAT IS MONITORING?



- ➢ Periodically collect data on the indicators and compare actual results with targets (continuous process)
- > To identify bottle-necks and red flags (time-lags, fund flows)
- > Point to what should be further investigated

Regular collection and reporting of information to track whether actual results are being achieved as planned



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WHAT IS EVALUATION?



- Analyses why intended results were or were not achieved
- Explores unintended results
- Provides lessons learned and recommendations for improvement
- Evaluation is about learning and accountability

Analytical efforts to answer specific questions about performance of program activities.

Oriented to answering WHY? And HOW?



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COMPLEMENTARY ROLES

Monitoring

- Routine collection of information
- Tracking implementation progress
- Measuring efficiency
- Usually ran internally

"Is the project doing things right ?"

Evaluation

- Ex-post assessment of effectiveness and impact
- Confirming (or not) project expectations
- Measuring impacts
- Usually ran by external

Is the project doing the right things?"

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Depending on:

- the timing
- the approach
- the scope
- who evaluates or request the evaluation
- the criteria

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Depending on:

• the timing

- the approach
- the scope
- who evaluates or request the evaluation
- the criteria

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Depending on the timing



Depending on:

- the timing
- <u>the approach</u>
- the scope
- who evaluates or request the evaluation
- the criteria

Depending on the approach

- Evaluation of the design
- Evaluation of the processes
- Evaluation of the impact

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Depending on:

- the timing
- the approach

• the scope

- who evaluates or request the evaluation
- the criteria

Depending on the scope

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Project
Program
Public policy
Meta evaluation

iteria	Туре	Characteristics
ope	PROJECT	Single intervention
	PROGRAM	Set of projects within a given geographic area and/or sector
	POLICY	Standards, guidelines, or rules established by an organization to regulate development decisions
	ORGANIZATIO N	Multiple intervention programs delivered by an organization
	SECTOR	Interventions across a specific policy area, such as education or health
	COUNTRY STRATEGY	Whole intervention of a development partner in a given country
	THEMATIC	Cross-cutting countries and sectors, single topic. E.g. gender equity.

Depending on:

- the timing
- the approach
- the scope
- who evaluates or request the evaluation (responsibility)
- the criteria

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Depending on who evaluates or request the evaluation

- **I**Internal
- External
- Participatory
- □ Multy-agency or joint

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Criteria for Internal vs External Evaluations

- 1. Goal (e.g. learning & decision-making vs fundraising).
 - Does it need to look impartial? \bullet
- What's at stake (for management, the staff, the evaluator, the evaluator's line 2. manager)
- Budget 3.
- Knowledge on the subject 4.
- 5. Skills (e.g. RCTs)

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Depending on:

- the timing
- the approach
- the scope
- who evaluates or request the evaluation
- the criteria

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Criteria for a Evaluation - DAC

Depending on the criteria

- Relevance
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Impact
- Sustainability
- Coherence



• Others (Coordination, coverage, connectivity, gender, environment, etc)

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Criteria for a Evaluation - DAC

Depending on the criteria

- Relevance:
 - The extent to which the objectives of a development intervention are consistent with beneficiaries' requirements, country needs, global priorities and partners' and donors' policies.
- Effectiveness:
 - The extent to which the development intervention's objectives were achieved, or are expected to be achieved, taking into account their relative importance.
- Efficiency:
 - A measure of how economically resources/inputs (funds, expertise, time, etc.) are converted to results.
- Impact:
 - Positive and negative, primary and secondary long-term effects produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended.
- Sustainability:
 - The continuation of benefits from a development intervention after major development assistance has been completed.
- Coherence:
 - Impact and processes according the values and the mandate of the organization
- Others (...)

Criteria for a Evaluation - DAC



Were the levels of malnutrition one year after the project?

Relevance

Effectiveness

Efficiency

Impact

Sustainability

Until which point was the food distribution reducing malnutrition?

Relevance Effectiveness Efficiency Impact Sustainability

Were the blanket distributions important for the community?

Relevance Effectiveness Efficiency Impact Sustainability Would it have been profitable to work with partners rather than hiring private firms for the food distribution?

Relevance Effectiveness Efficiency Impact Sustainability

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what were the consequences of distributing the food only to women?

Relevance Effectiveness Efficiency Impact Sustainability

Evaluation criteria

GROUP EXERCISE

Which criteria do you think are more important for your projects? Why?

- Relevance
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Impact
- Sustainability
- Coherence

Others (Coordination, coverage, connectivity, gender, environment, etc)

III. Performance Management Planning to design and conduct an evaluation

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Terms of reference of an evaluation

Who does the evaluation?

Terms of reference

A. Why do we need the evaluation?

- 1. Evaluation topic
- 2. Background and rationale
- 3. Evaluation objective
- 4. Users of the evaluation

B. What are we evaluating?

- 5. Criteria
- 6. Evaluation questions (criteria)
- 7. Target group(s)

C. How are we evaluating?

- 8. Evaluation design
- 9. Data sources and procedures
- 10. Data analysis procedures

D. How will the evaluation be managed?

11. Evaluation activities and schedule

12. Evaluation team members and level of

effort

13. Administrative and logistical support
 14. Budget

III. Performance Management Quantitative and qualitative methods for evaluation

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Impact evaluation

Theory of change



- A theory of change is a description of how an intervention is supposed to deliver the desired results.
- Describes the causal logic of how and why a particular program will reach its intended outcomes.

"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

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Theory of change

Trump's ToC on COVID19



Total Coronavirus Cases in the United States



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Theory of change

- Depicts a sequence of events leading to outcomes;
- >explores the **conditions and assumptions needed** for the change to take place,
- makes explicit the causal logic behind the program, and
- maps the program interventions along logical causal pathways.

In other words, **ToC is the framework** by which one believes that the program is achieving or influencing the outcome.

What is an Impact evaluation?

What is the impact or causal effect of a program on an outcome of interest?

Is the theory of change correct?

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What is an Impact evaluation?

Conceptual Diagram of the Impact Evaluation: Comparison of situation actually observed and counterfactual situation



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QUANTITATIVE METHODS: Regression

- The main purpose of a **regression equation** is to layout a proposed **causal relationship** between one (or more) 'explanatory variables' or independent variables, and a dependent variable. The core idea is that some sort of change occurs in a specific dependent variable, when one or more other variables change
- The general form of each type of regression is:

Linear regression: Y = a + bX + uMultiple regression: $Y = a + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + b_3X_3 + ... + b_tX_t + u$

Where:

- Y = the variable that you are trying to predict (dependent variable).
- X = the variable that you are using to predict Y (independent variable).
- a = the intercept.
- b = the slope.
- u = the regression residual.

What is an Impact evaluation?



PROGRAMA DE INCLUSIÓN SOCIAL

What is an Impact evaluation?



- Schultz (2004) found that the program significantly improved school enrollment, by an average of 0.7 additional years of school
- Gertler (2004) found that the incidence of illness in children decreased by 23 percent, while adults reported a 19 percent reduction in the number of sick or disability days.
- Behrman and Hoddinott (2001) found that the program reduced the probability of stunting by about 1 centimeter per year for children in the critical age range of 12 to 36 months.

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Impact evaluation - Contrafactual

To do this, we typically use **comparison groups** (sometimes called "control groups").

In practice, a key goal of an impact evaluation is **to identify:**

- a group of program participants (the treatment group)
- a group of nonparticipants (the comparison group) that are statistically identical in the absence of the program

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Impact evaluation - Contrafactual

How can we identify a good counterfactual (valid comparison group)?

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1. Although it is not necessary that every unit in the treatment group be identical to every unit in the comparison group, on average the characteristics of treatment and comparison groups should be the same.

• For example, the average age in the treatment group should be the same as the average age in the comparison group.

2. The treatment and comparison groups should react to the program in the same way

• For example, the incomes of units in the treatment group should be as likely to benefit from training as the incomes of the comparison group.

3. The treatment and comparison groups cannot be differentially exposed to other interventions during the evaluation period.

• For example, the control groups should not receive other trainings 16-17 March 2021 ECORCC-FAO Project Cycle Management for ECO Regional Food Security By Borja Santos Porras (borja.santos@ie.edu)

What is an Impact evaluation?



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QUANTITATIVE METHODS: Randomized Control Trial

Randomized Control Trials

Figure 4.3 Steps in Randomized Assignment to Treatment



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QUANTITATIVE METHODS



What is a randomised trial?

QUANTITATIVE METHODS: Randomized Control Trial

RANDOMIZED CONTROL TRIALS

- Is a type of **scientific (often medical) experiment** which aims to reduce bias when testing a new treatment (can be economic)
- The **people participating in the trial are randomly allocated** to either the group receiving the treatment under investigation or to a group receiving standard treatment (or placebo treatment) as the control.
- **Randomization minimizes selection bias** and the different comparison groups allow the researchers to determine any effects of the treatment when compared with the no treatment (control) group, while other variables are kept constant.
- Considered the *gold standard*

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QUANTITATIVE METHODS

Figure 4.2

Internal validity means that the estimated impact of the program is net of all other potential confounding factors, or that the comparison group represents the true counterfactual, so that we are estimating the true impact of the program

External validity means that the impact estimated in the evaluation sample can be generalized to the population 16-17 March 2021: ble units.



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Qualitative research is **one of most widely used methods in social science research** because it could be used to explore almost any issue or topic.

In an evaluation, qualitative methods are helpful in addressing various aspects, such as:

- a. getting diversity of <u>perspectives</u>
- b. collecting <u>different type of data/information</u> for different target groups
- c. supporting <u>validity</u> and <u>removing personal bias</u>
- d. capturing <u>small changes</u> even if they are not statistically significant
- e. Study the meaning of people's lives in a real-world context;
- f. Represent the perspectives and understandings of people in the study (not researcher's);
- g. Include the context in which people live

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ADVANTAGES

- Uses **flexible design** and field-based data
- Helps a lot to interpret the findings
- It allows to work with **a smaller sample**
- It provides **depth of understanding**
- It evaluates creative ideas that could generally get lost in closed ended responses

CHALLENGES

- It relies on the ability of data collectors (interviewers or discussion moderators)
- Difficulty in quantifying data or testing for **statistical significance**
- The **subjectivity** involved in associating meaning to the data

Qualitative methods: different types

There are many **qualitative methods** that can be used during a research. Typical methods are:

- a. Key Informant Interviews (open-ended, semi-structured or structured interviews) in which multiple stakeholders relevant for the study can be interviewed
- **b.** Focus Groups Discussions allows people to add or build upon each other's ideas
- c. observation of participants
- d. desk research and document review
- e. physical activities such as village or building walk-through
- f. triangulation of data / information from difference sources

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Qualitative methods: KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

- Key informant interviews involve **interviewing a select group of individuals** who are likely to provide needed information, ideas, and insights on a particular subject.
- Such informants are selected because they possess information or ideas
- The investigator **identifies appropriate groups** from which the key informants are drawn and then selects **a few individuals from each group**
- The number of key informants usually ranges from 10-35.
- Such interviews **should not, however, be confused with formal and informal surveys** in which a relatively large number of people are interviewed.

*This is very useful especially for topics where participants might be reluctant to express candidly in presence of others.

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Qualitative methods: KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

BENEFITS

- Information comes directly from **knowledgeable people**, often provide interesting data and insight
- Key informant interviews provide **flexibility to explore new ideas and issues** that had not been anticipated in planning the study but that are relevant to its purpose
- Among **the least expensive** of the social science research methods.

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LIMITATIONS

- Key informant interviews provide only a very limited basis for quantification
- Findings can be biased in the informants are not carefully selected.
- Findings are susceptible to interviewer biases.
- When only a few people (fewer than 15) are interviewed, **difficult to demonstrate the validity of the findings.**

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Qualitative methods: FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

It works by bringing 4-12 people together to discuss a topic or series of related topics.

They can be used for different aims

- To assess needs
- To design an intervention
- To evaluate policy options
- To Pilot-Test Data Collection Instruments
- To Understand Quantitative Findings
- To Monitor and Evaluate Agency Operations

* Pre Design considerations:

- Dependent largely on the research question.
- FGD can group people by gender, age, ethnicity and roles etc.
- Community and social considerations may also play an important role in the design of the group.
 - E.g. in a community where women do not speak freely in front of men, groups segregated by gender may illicit richer data

Qualitative methods: FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

BENEFITS

- FGD can offer a **richer understanding** of the context or issue under question.
- FGDs can offer interesting and very relevant data as to **intergroup dynamics**.

LIMITATIONS

- Information is **not anonymous.**
- Elicit confidential information is a challenge
- Can not ascertain causality through this method; results will not be statistically significant

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Qualitative methods: FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Do's and don'ts of conducting FGDs

- A safe and non-threatening environment
- <u>Duration of the discussion</u> can be anywhere between 0.5 to 1.5 hours,
- Aim for a <u>conversational dialogue</u>,
- Include <u>open-ended questions</u>
- <u>Sequence the questions to maintain a logical and natural flow;</u>
- Sometimes <u>complex group dynamics</u>
- If perspectives underrepresented or silenced during discussion to Surface, <u>Interview candidates</u> <u>should be selected purposefully</u>

Qualitative methods: OBSERVATION

Participant observation

Advantages:

 No tools: conduct only with one's five senses and no explicit guide
 Make a good mental record of what is going on
 Allows for insight into contexts

3. Allows for insight into contexts, relationships, behavior

Disadvantages:

- 4. Time-consuming
- 5. Documentation relies on memory, personal discipline, and diligence of researcher

6. Require conscious effort at objectivity and remain aware of potential biases

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Qualitative methods: OBSERVATION

Fieldwork

Field researchers must:

- Directly engage with their community of interest
- Be aware of field settings and observe social, spatial, and institutional dynamics
- Plan how to exit the field, not just how to enter
- Be as authentic, nondescript, and attentive as possible

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Qualitative methods: DESK RESEARCH

What is it?

- Known as secondary data
- Collection of data from third party sources
- <u>Advantages:</u>
 - less expensive
 - obtained quickly prior to field research
- <u>Disadvantages</u>:
 - lack of relevance and applicability of secondary data
 - hard to compare or assess the value of some info

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+ SECTION HR: Household Roster

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RISK ASSESSMENT

WEREDA DISASTER RISK PROFILING PROGRAMME

Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector

Ministry of Agriculture



Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW REPORT

1. Interview information	
1a. Interviewer	
1b. Supervisor	
1c. Date of interview	
1d. Duration of interview (from-to)	
2. Respondents' information	
2a. Name of respondent institution	
2b. Location of office/institution	
2c. Administrative area of institution	
2d Number of respondents	2d Roles/titles of respondents

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FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION REPORT

A1. Interview information	
A1a.Name of interviewer	
A1b. Name of supervisor	
A1c. Date of discussion	
A1d. Start of discussion	
A1e. End of discussion	
A1f. Region	
A1g. Woreda	
A1h. Kebele	
A1i. Rural/Urban	
A1j. Name of community/location	
A1k. Location of discussion (describe -	
household, office, public space, etc.)	

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III. Performance Management Data visualization, Reporting and communication for results.

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How to write a report

- structure the report by developing a 'story line', starting with and focusing on the outcome, and making use of indicators.
- write a report by
 - a) using plain language,
 - b) using change language, not action language,
 - c) distinguishing attribution from contribution, and
 - d) backing it up with evidence
- visualize data for more effective reports

How to visualize data

- charts,
- maps,
- graphs,
- interactive visualization,
- infographics
- matrices,
- hierarchies,
- pictures,
- micro-content for social media,
- videos,
- Comics...

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How to write a report

- All reports are more effective when they include:
 - Current status of results and indicators compared to the baseline or last report (Percentages and Numbers are important)
 - Disaggregation and progress towards gender equality and inclusion
 - Visuals (Graphs, Charts, Photos, even links to Videos)
 - Human Interest Stories which illustrate that the intervention affects real lives (2-3 short paragraphs per story)



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Thanks