

Developing a Learning Culture

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‘A learning culture is a set of organizational values, conventions, processes, and practices that encourage individuals—and the organization as a whole—to increase knowledge, competence, and performance.’

Program maximizes positive impacts over the long term



Team improves strategies and activities



Team learns



Team understands why results happened



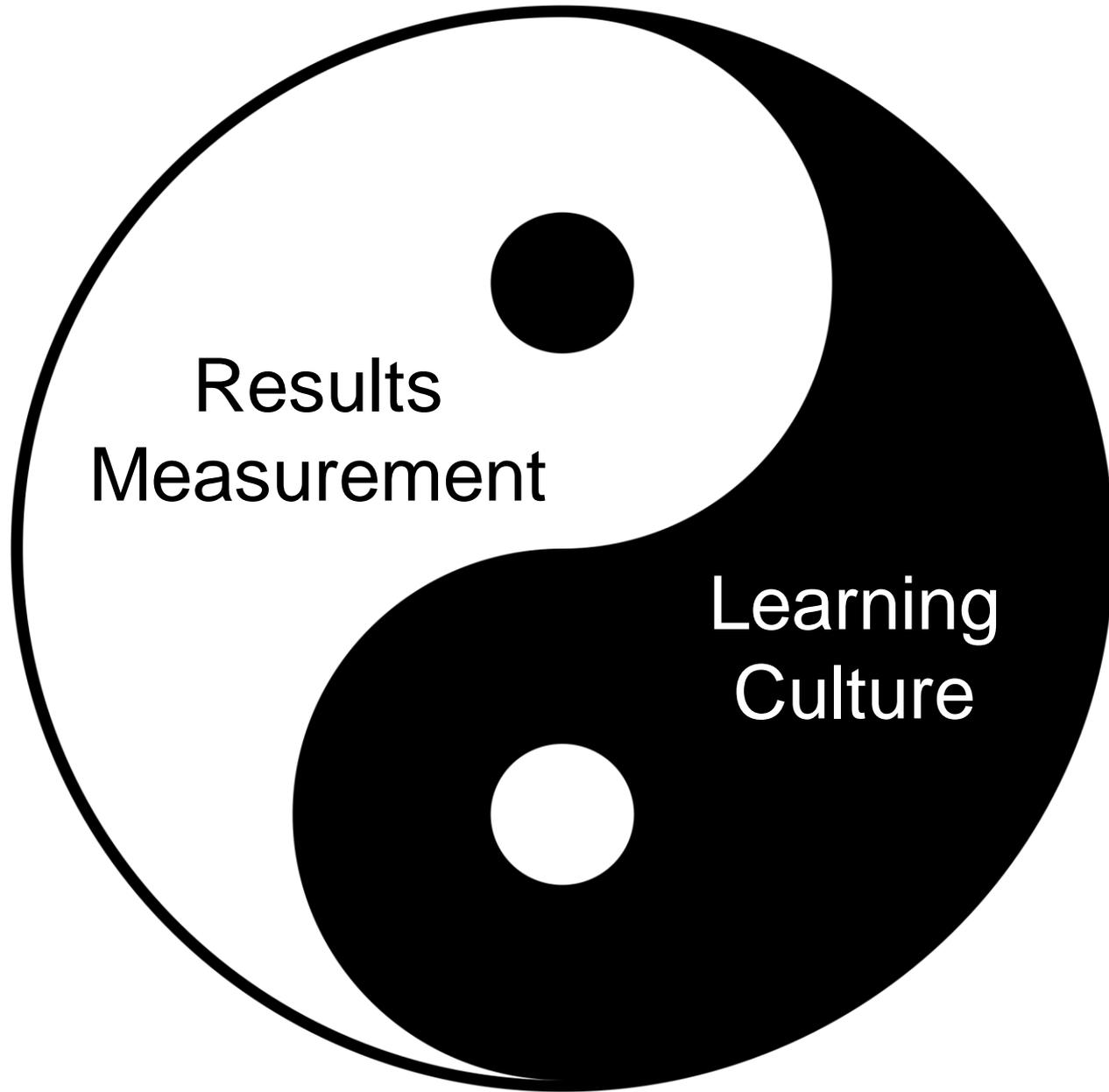
Team analyzes findings effectively and objectively



Team investigates results thoroughly

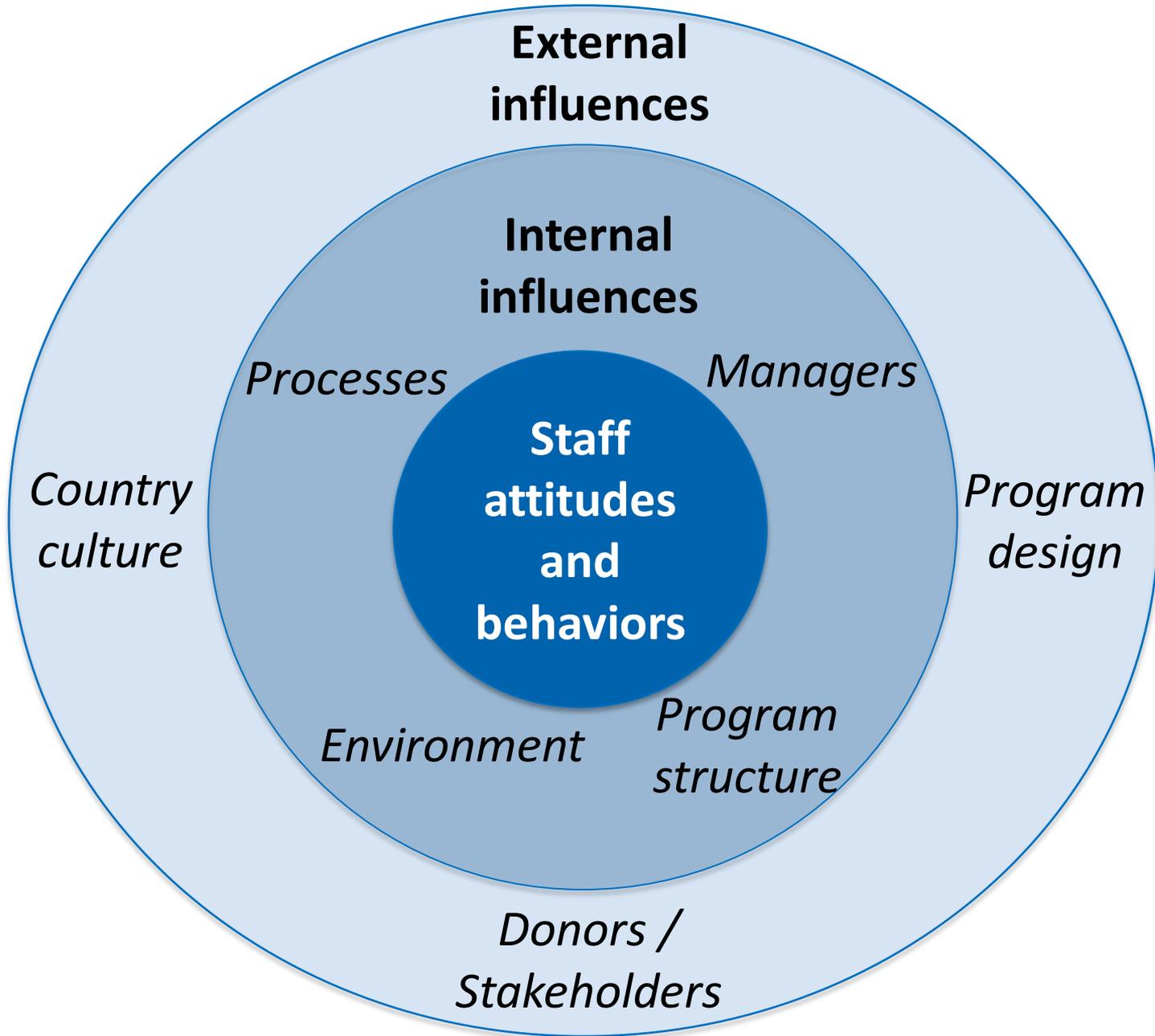
How does a learning culture help a program?





Results
Measurement

Learning
Culture



Staff attitudes and behaviors



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Markets Trust

passion for learning

humility

skepticism

adaptability

commitment

Learn

Gather info

Work in teams

Go to the field

Reflect

Discuss &
debate

Analyze
and plan

Assess results

Experience
successes
& failures

Take
calculated
risks

Tackle problems

Managers' behavior

- Shape the team
- Structure the work
- Set expectations and provide support
- Establish a constructive atmosphere
- Build competence over time



Market
Development
Facility

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Program Structure

- Relatively flat
- Teams manage multiple interventions
- Interaction among teams
- Sector teams responsible for most RM tasks

Physical Environment

- Open office plan
- Convenient meeting spaces
- Tools for visualization
- All staff in one office



Management Tools & Processes



External influences

- Program Design



- Donor and stakeholder support

- Country culture



Why bother?



Full video: MDF's Team Leader Harald Bekkers speaks about developing a learning culture:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfRWplInKOY>