

Results Measurement Working Group Meeting Minutes Wednesday 21st January 2015, Teleconference

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The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the recently-started work on harmonisation of PSD indicators; this discussion was preceded by a brief round of updates.

Key points from the DFID-DCED Workshop on Evaluation in PSD, 13th January 2015

- Wei Huang briefed the group on this workshop, which partly focused on the interface between monitoring and evaluation in PSD; DFID has recently started to appoint evaluation units attached to new PSD programmes from the outset. The key takeaways were:
- Good monitoring and data collection are vital for good evaluation
- Good results measurement through monitoring has often been driven more by a wish to be effective than to be accountable
- DCED audits have until now been commissioned by implementers but this new configuration raises interesting questions, for example when the evaluation unit commissions the audit. Also when the evaluation unit is doing a substantial proportion of the real-time measurement, should they be included in the scope of the audit?
- Minutes from the meeting will be circulated to the group by the Secretariat shortly

Updates relating to the DCED Standard

- A clickable map showing over 100 projects currently implementing the DCED Standard is now available online
- 4 audits have been implemented since the last call, at the end of September 2014
- The DCED Secretariat has held several webinars, providing an introduction to the DCED Standard and on the topic of systemic change. Recordings of these are available online
- Version VII of the DCED Standard is currently being prepared, to reflect minor clarifications.
 A page with the rationale for the changes, and the new version, will be circulated shortly

 The procurement process for consultants who will provide new case studies and auditor training materials is almost finalised by IFC. The ToR will then be finalised and circulated, detailing the number of case studies expected and the process by which they will be selected.

DCED Private Sector Development Indicator Harmonisation Project

- Agency focal points have been identified for this project, and are in touch with Chris Calvin, the consultant carrying out this work under the supervision of IFC
- Further discussions will be carried out bilaterally, with each agency, in particular for cases in
 which the agencies that have provided indicators coming from multiple programs or projects
 to ensure that the consultant selects the most relevant and representative from the agency.
- Inputs related to the draft proposed framework are also requested (see slide 7 in the ppt)
- IFC will circulate again instructions on how to upload documentation online. IFC needs the email address of the focal point from each agency to "invite" them to join the Box. It was noted that members can view each others' uploads in the Box (which contains separate folders per institution), and that this is a potential learning opportunity
- A call will be held in mid-February to discuss the selection of indicators and how they will be prioritised. IFC will facilitate the call, starting with a Doodle poll to determine availability
- Birgit Seibel offered to host the next face-to-face meeting in Frankfurt, in the week beginning 20 April, where the draft report will be discussed. A Doodle poll will be sent by IFC to determine availability.

Action points:

- Jim Tanburn will circulate the minutes of the DFID/DCED workshop on evaluation in PSD; Version VII of the DCED Standard; and a page explaining the changes proposed
- Claudio Volonte will circulate the ToR for the development of new case studies to support auditor training
- IFC will circulate instructions for how to upload documentation for the Indicators Harmonization Project online and requests each agency to send the email of the focal point for this project so they can be invited to join the Box.
- Chris Calvin will arrange further bilateral discussion with each of the focal points
- IFC will circulate doodle polls to establish availability for the next conference call mid-February and the next face-to-face meeting w/b 20 April in Frankfurt