

# National Evaluation Capacity in Uganda

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# Overview of evaluation effort

- ▶ Policy makers are for evidence based decision making
- ▶ However Evaluation practice is still weak
- ▶ Evaluation activities are scattered in various organizations, at all government levels
- ▶ The Office of the Prime Minister is in-charge of coordinating evaluation activities

# Types of evaluations and scope

- ▶ Ex-ante evaluation on controversial national policies done jointly by research institutions; government ministries and external technical assistance
- ▶ National impact evaluation of poverty programme by independent consultants; and macro-economic policies by CSOs
- ▶ Mid term programme evaluations within sectors by independent consultants

# The Use of evaluation results

- ▶ Evaluation results have been mainly used by government and development partners. They were mainly government demand driven but funded by development partners
- ▶ National evaluations were used by national level policy makers
- ▶ Mid-term evaluations were mainly for sector ministries and development partners

# Influence of evaluation results

- ▶ Two major influences at national level
  - Evaluation of SAPs programme by CSOs reinforced governments' resolve to pursue prudent macroeconomic policies
  - Evaluation of national poverty programme shaped the National Development Plan, as well as monitoring and evaluation efforts
- ▶ Mid term evaluations shaped future programme direction in many sectors

# Evaluation capacity –in country

- ▶ Evaluation capacity still weak
- ▶ There are capacity building opportunities in various institutions that impart some evaluation skills
- ▶ However there is no single institution providing a comprehensive evaluation skills development package in country
- ▶ One University is spearheading a post graduate M&E training course but this is focused on maternal health

# Role of the Uganda Evaluation Association

- ▶ The Association aims at promoting the practice, use, quality and ethics of M&E
- ▶ It is focusing on fostering capacity for evaluation
- ▶ It has created a network to facilitate sharing of relevant information/knowledge on evaluation
- ▶ It is promoting professionalism by defining standards and guidelines for evaluation



# Conclusion

- ▶ There is a quest for evaluation work
- ▶ However evaluation capacity in country is still weak
- ▶ There are efforts to foster professionalism within the evaluation fraternity
- ▶ There is need for international support ( both financial and technical) in these efforts