SDG for EvalSDGs

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Three key elements to strengthen M&E vis-à-vis the SDGs:

1) Ensuring integration of the SDGs into the national planning and monitoring frameworks, national development plans, sectoral plans, etc.;

2) Building capacity on evaluation and promoting the use of evaluation;

3) Creating networks and platforms for dialogues, sharing of knowledge and national capacity building.
1. Integrating SDGs into national planning and M&E

- Understand the SDGs: dissemination, dialogue, advocacy
- **Agree on national** indicators, baselines and targets
- **Integrate SDGs** into national development plan and M&E framework, sectoral plans, sectoral M&E results framework
- **Localize SDGs** at sub-national levels
- **Prioritize SDGs** in the national context
- **Carry out bottleneck analysis** early on to help accelerate implementation to achieve SDGs in the priority areas
The Nepal Context

• UNDP supported the National Planning Commission (NPC) to do all the above with the MDGs—some more successfully than others

• A study on the status of the SDGs in Nepal elaborating on their relevance, possible indicators & targets for 2030, and challenges is completed: this report will enable further discussions to refine and agree on the indicators and targets

• NPC is already planning
  • to integrate the SDGs into the national development plan: the new plan will begin in mid-2016.
  • to revise the existing national M&E framework and guidelines to integrate the SDGs
  • to identify the data needs and availability of disaggregated data and analyses
2. Building capacity and using evaluation

• A **collaborative approach** is needed for capacity building on evaluation at all levels

• **Expanded areas in the SDGs** demand expertise to develop sound M&E systems that help measure SDGs: **implying new capacity needs**

• Developing the **culture of using evaluation as a tool for evidence-based policy making and oversight**: capacity gaps at institutional and individual levels to make this happen
The Nepal Context

• **Collaborative approach ongoing** between UN agencies, Government, academic institutions, community of evaluators for capacity building:

  • Support to NPC to develop national M&E guidelines, training manuals, TOT, training to line ministries, sectoral results framework (UNDP)
  • Support to Central Bureau of Statistics to design and conduct annual HH survey, census, multiple indicator cluster surveys, etc. (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women)
  • Universities to develop and teach courses on evaluation (UNFPA)
  • Support to the community of evaluators (UNICEF)
  • Support to conduct 3rd party evaluations of national programs (UNDP)

• **UN M&E Group plans on strengthening coordination** among the UN agencies in delivering their support in capacity building, particularly given the new and expanded SDGs
Government’s initiatives to strengthen M&E

- **M&E Bill**: drafted; further consultations planned
- **Evaluation cadre in civil service**: proposed for civil service act amendment
- **Evaluation norms and standards**: drafted
- **Management response plans prepared** and monitored by NPC (fairly new practice)
- **Internal evaluation** of projects by NPC
- **2-week pre-service and one-week in-service training** on M&E mandatory for all civil servants
- **Proposal to develop e-learning** certified packages on evaluation
Using evaluation

• Parliamentarian Forum for Development Evaluation in Nepal: already formed and active as a loose network of 19 Parliamentarians who represent different political parties, ethnic background, etc.

• Project to support the Parliament in capacity development: one area is building capacity to understand and use evaluation for policy-making and oversight functions.

• Orientation to the Parliamentarians on evaluation being organized in late November 2015

• Capacity needs assessment completed by end 2015 based on which capacity development plan will be developed and implementation initiated in 2016

• More efforts needed to make sure evaluation findings are used for policy and planning decisions.
3. Creating networks and platforms

Critical for:

- Knowledge generation and sharing
- Innovation
- Capacity development
- Dialogues
- Partnership building among Government, community of evaluators, media, private sector to conduct evaluations, disseminate findings and recommendations, policy advocacy based on evidence
EvaNet: Network of GoN, UN, DPs, community of evaluators, academic institutions

- Started in 2013 with the objective of promoting interactions among Government, UN agencies, Development Partners, community of evaluators, academic institutions, and parliamentarian forum on development evaluation to build evaluation capacity
- Meets annually
- Recommendations of EvaNet meetings disseminated in policy forums and incorporated in the M&E plan of the NPC
- Proceedings of the EvaNet documented and published
- Efforts ongoing to make the EvaNet more active
Conclusion: SDG4EvalSDGs

S = **Strategic linking** of national/sub-national plans and M&E framework with the SDGs

D = **Development of Capacity** at all levels both for understanding the SDGs, localizing it and measuring it, evaluating interventions to achieve the SDGs, and using evaluation for evidence-based policy making and oversight

G = **Good partnership** with the community of evaluators, academic institutions, media, CSOs, for dialogue, sharing of knowledge and innovations, dissemination of evaluation, capacity building, and policy advocacy

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Thank you