

Module 2: Indicators

Key contents of the module:

Session 2.1 Information Needs

- Participants will develop an understanding of the different questions various stakeholders have in relation to their project
- They will understand how these questions relate to M&E
- They will understand that these questions range from operational questions, to coordination and the achievement of strategic objectives and social change.

Session 2.2 Indicator Formulation

- Introducing the concept of 'indicators' as a tool for monitoring progress
- Develop an understanding of how indicators are linked to the various levels in the results frameworks (outputs, outcomes, impacts)
- Develop an understanding of the complexities regarding indicators, and the difficulty to design indicators that provide credible information to the information needs of the various stakeholders

Session 2.3 Progress Markers, Baselines and Targets

- Understand the risks associated with indicators, i.e. indicators do not measure unexpected and unintended developments in the project environment
- Introduce progress markers as a tool to measure behavior change of the boundary partners/ direct stakeholders to the project.
- Develop familiarity with baselines and targets, as key measures for progress.

Learning objective of the module:

- To understand the use of indicators, the pro's and the con's, as a tool for measuring project/program progress
- To understand progress markers as an alternatives to indicators, to measure qualitative developments, in the project environment

Learning outcomes of the module:

By the end of module, participants would be able to:

- develop indicators and progress markers during the project formulation and implementation.
- Develop baseline and targets associated with their indicators and progress markers

Module 3: Methods and Means of Verification & Monitoring System

Key content of the module:

Session 3.1: Data collection: means and sources of verification

The session will give a general idea of:

- data collection and sampling methods
- different data collection methods, their definitions and the pro's and con's of their use.

Session 3.2: Mixed Methods

The session will give more details and develop an understanding of:

- how to use different data collection methods in combination
- the consequences of sequencing different data collection methods

Learning objectives:

- To develop an understanding of the use of a data collection strategy for the MKCF

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of module, participants would be able to:

- develop a data collection strategy using a mix of qualitative and quantitative data collection methods.

Session 3.3.: Most Significant change and Outcome Harvesting

The session will give more details and develop an understanding of:

- the Most Significant Change data collection technique