Using Theories of Change for Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

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About this presentation

• Our experience using Theories of Change as an analytic framework for a Theory-based evaluation

  – Security Sector Accountability & Police Reform (SSAPR) Programme
    • TOC Monitoring and Learning
    • Impact Evaluation using Contribution Analysis
**SSAPR Programme**

- DFID-funded 5 year programme
- Re-establishment of the rule of law through creation of accountable and service-oriented security and justice institutions
- Improved sense of public safety & security among Congolese citizens

**Police Support Programme**

**Control & Coordination of Security Sector**

**External Accountability**

**ME&L**
SSAPR’s Theory of Change

- Programme began in 2009
- TOC developed in 2013 by UK Stabilisation Unit staff
- Reflected programme logic from implementers’ perspective
TOC as a framework to monitor community-level changes

- Underlying TOC logic from the perspective of SSAPR beneficiaries
- Identify lessons learned for programme improvement

- Longitudinal mixed-method approach using primarily qualitative methods
  - Community scorecards, FGDs and KIIs

- Diverse group of programme stakeholders in SSAPR intervention and comparison sites
  - Community respondent groups and direct SSAPR partners

- Production of Quarterly Evidence Briefs for programme stakeholders
TOC to guide contribution analysis

- Useful TOC Models
- Organised by main actors/beneficiaries
- Focus on changes in behaviour
- Simple without simplifying complicated programme logic

Mayne J. Useful Theory of Change Models. Publication forthcoming
SSAPR TOC in Programme Pilot Sites

- Stakeholder participation in programme impact pathway and identification of most important (salient) assumptions
- Organising framework for analysing secondary data
- Prioritisation of additional primary data collection
SSAPR TOC in Programme Pilot Sites

- **Benefits & challenges**
  - Identify **nested TOCs** by main stakeholder group
  - Supports for causal claims
  - **How** each of the different programme components contributed to results
Implications of the SSAPR evaluation for GRM moving forward

- Elaboration of a programme TOC is a useful framework for organising both monitoring & learning activities as well as programme evaluation activities
  - Better programme designs
  - Routine programme improvement
  - Internal and external evaluation purposes
Thank you
Merci beaucoup
Asante sana
Totondi Botondi
Matondo
Tuasakidila