### **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

# **MEASURE-BiH**

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#### **Program Evaluation Learning Resources**

International NGO Training and Research Centre, Monitoring and Evaluation Resources:

<u>http://www.intrac.org/resources.php?keyword=monitoring+and+evaluation&title=&</u> <u>author=&type=&format=I&language=&orderby=Publication+Date&sort=Descen</u> <u>ding&action=search&submitted=Search</u>

#### UNDP Evaluation Resource Centre:

http://erc.undp.org/index.html;jsessionid=A8B0FFF1991A298F7886CCB42ED3C9 AC

Corporation for National and Community Service, Evaluation Resources: <u>http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/evaluation</u>

National Endowment for the Arts, Program Evaluation Resources: <u>https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/program-evaluation-resources</u>

Foundation Center, Tools and Resources for Assessing Social Impact: <u>http://trasi.foundationcenter.org/</u>

#### **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

Toward Universal Literacy, First Step is Measuring

<u>Making Measurement and Evaluation Relevant to Women's Economic</u> <u>Empowerment</u>

Imagine a World of Good Data

Key Questions for Evaluation Planning

Examples of Outcomes and Impact

Basics of Conducting Focus Groups

Measuring to Improve vs Improving Measurement



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### March 17

Partnering for Success: How M&E can strengthen partnerships for sustainable development, Wageningen, Netherlands

#### April 20

The Next Generation of Theory and Practice: Rethinking Equity through Culturally Responsive Evaluation and Assessment, CREA 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference, Chicago, USA

#### **Useful Sites**

http://www.oecd.org/ http://www.iodparc.com/

#### **Examples of Evaluation Projects**

Performance Evaluation Report: BiH Partnership for Advancing Reforms in the Economy (PARE) Activity

Performance Evaluation of Competitiveness Improvement Through the Application of Information and Communication Technologies in Four Sectors in BiH

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#### **Relevant Publications**

#### Study: How to Define and Measure Value for Money in the Humanitarian Sector

The idea for this study emerged during regular bilateral dialogues between Sida and ICRC as a constructive way of improving the ICRC's reporting and measurement of results using Value for Money (VFM) concepts. The aims of the study include proposing a definition of VFM and agreed-upon vocabulary around the concept for the humanitarian sector, identifying and developing appropriate VFM systems and tools, highlighting potential risks for the ICRC and how these can be managed. Resulting recommendations are included to build on the results of this study to make reporting on performance more constructive and contribute to wider VFM debates within the humanitarian aid community.

#### **Evaluation in Development Agencies**

This study describes the role and management of evaluation in development agencies and multilateral banks, based on questionnaires, findings from peer reviews by the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), interviews and a literature review. The study includes information about the specific institutional settings, resources, policies and practices of each of the DAC Evaluation Network's 32 members. The study identifies major trends and current challenges in development evaluation, covering: human and financial resources, institutional set-ups and policies, independence of the evaluation function, reporting and use of evaluation findings, management response systems, donor coordination, joint evaluation, and the involvement of partner countries in evaluation work. This study is part of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation's ongoing efforts to increase the effectiveness of development cooperation policies and programmes by promoting high-quality, independent evaluation.



#### Recommended Reading

## Learning to make space for qualitative indicators

A recent study undertaken by Masters students from London School of Economics and Political Science investigated the potential of The Full Frame Initiative framework to be used as a predictor of organizational impact. The study considered 3 case studies of international development agencies of various sizes. This was a major extension of the Full Frame concept, which consists of a number of organizational principles, such as "life is messy". These principles were originally derived by looking at highperforming human services voluntary organizations in the US. These principles were translated into qualitative indicators for the purpose of the research (lbid).

#### The Political Economy of Bad Data: Evidence from African Survey & Administrative Statistics

Across multiple African countries, discrepancies between administrative data and independent household surveys suggest official statistics systematically exaggerate development progress. This paper provides evidence for two distinct explanations of these discrepancies.