



OBJECTIVES OF M&E

- Identify immediate or urgent needs
- Provide accountability
- Inform and enhance program revision and development
- Inform and improve future programming



FUNCTIONAL AREAS FOR M&E RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy

Strengthen M&E policy in governments and donor organizations.

- Improve focus on M&E
- Strengthen M&E methodologies
- Support M&E systems development
- Use the data for policy and decision making

Practice

Mainstream M&E tools, procedures, resources, and implementation plans.

- Incorporate M&E at the design phase
- Coordinate for data and methods
- Incorporate key influences and information sources
- Disaggregate data

Research

Learn what works best for M&E.

- Move towards sustainability
- Address complexities

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Improve focus on M&E

- Incorporate M&E at the project design phase.
- Be clear about:
 - M&E rigor required;
 - Complexity, time and cost of evaluating complex social interventions;
 - Meaning and limits of results.



Photo by CIWCE, Lahore, Pakistan



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Strengthen M&E methodologies

- **Crisis settings:** Develop reliable, concise assessment methodologies on scope of assistance required.
- **Intervention effectiveness:** Fund development and testing of rigorous evaluation approaches.
- **Strategic, long-term evaluations:** Support longitudinal work, i.e. work that extends beyond the life of an intervention.



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Support M&E systems development

- Methodological approaches should:
 - Align with the aim of the project.
 - Have realistic measurement goals.
 - Cover adequate time-frames.
 - Be resourced sufficiently.
- Train implementers on use of robust impact evaluations.
- Pilot “systems-wide” child protection monitoring.



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Use data for policy & decision making

*Do not require
collection of data that
will not be used.*

Put data to good use.



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PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Incorporate M&E in Design



**M&E
Through
Design**



PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Coordinate for data and methods

- Coordinate across sectors
- Develop common and comparable approaches
- Use mixed methods
- Utilize well-informed ethical and safety protocols



Photo by Winrock International, Cambodia

PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Incorporate key influences and information sources



- Explore risks and resilience, as well as children's processes of adaptation.
- Explore potential positive aspects of children's high risk situations (versus only negative outcomes).
- Use child-focussed participatory methods.
- Foster mechanisms for feedback to children.
- Utilize community members for tracking and reporting.



Drawing by Maya R., age 11

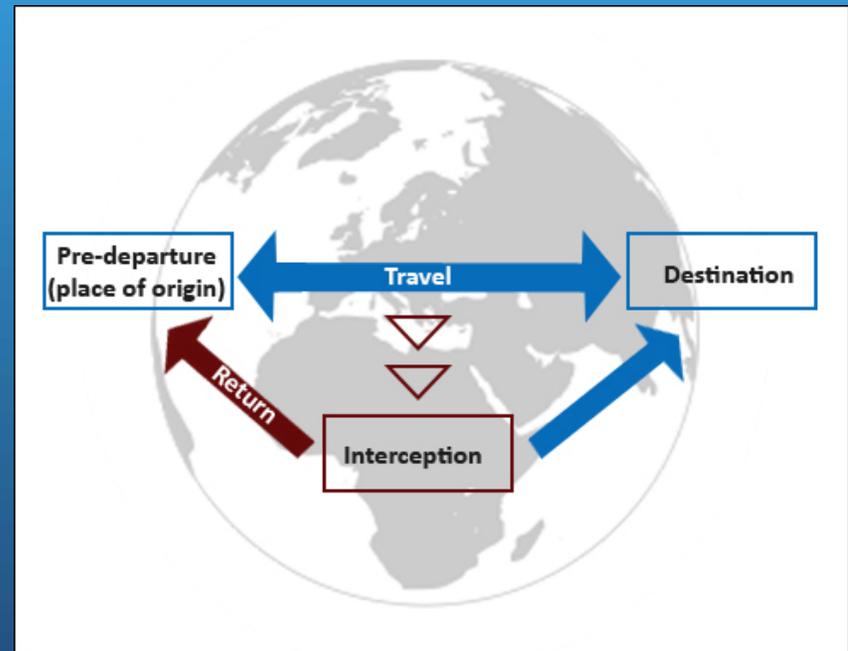


PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Disaggregate Data

M&E data should always:

- Be sex-disaggregated.
- Be age-disaggregated.
- Explore migration-related features.



Zimmerman, Hossain, Kiss (2011)



RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

Move towards sustainability

Develop evidence on:

- A wider range of intervention options.
- How to sustain proven interventions.
- Whether interventions have potential to be applied in a different or larger context.
- How effective interventions can be taken to scale.



RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

Move towards sustainability (cont.)

Develop evidence on:

- What are useful roles for caregivers, care-workers, and community stakeholders in tracking and reporting about vulnerable children.
- What incentives will foster independent and lasting community-based monitoring systems.



RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

Address complexities

- Children's movements
- Features and meaning of child 'exploitation'
- Cumulative risk exposures, protective processes and outcomes



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