

"THE POWER OF IPDET" - "WHAT I COULD CHANGE THROUGH IPDET..."

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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- ▶ IPDET TRAINING
- ▶ KEY TAKEAWAYS AND APPLICATIONS
- ▶ CHALLENGES AND MITIGATING STRATEGIES
- ▶ MY OPINION ABOUT IPDET

MINISTRY OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- ▶ The Ministry was established in 2017
 - ▶ It was a unit at the Presidency
- ▶ The mandate is to monitor and evaluate government programmes, esp. the flagship programmes
- ▶ Give feedback on implementation to the Presidency and Cabinet in real time
- ▶ Collaborate with 33 MDAs and 6 Agencies
 - ▶ Government Results Framework for Priority Programmes

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE BEFORE IPDET

- ▶ Monitoring of developmental programmes
- ▶ Contributing to the evaluation process, esp. working with external consultants
- ▶ Some knowledge of experimental and quasi-experimental methods
- ▶ Some knowledge of Theory of Change

IPDET TRAINING

- ▶ Rigorous Impact Evaluation
- ▶ Theory-based Causal Analysis
- ▶ Strengthening the use of Evaluation Evidence in Policy and Program Implementation and Service Delivery: the role of evaluation systems
- ▶ Introduction to Applied Text Based Analytics in Evaluation Practice

KEY TAKEAWAYS AND APPLICATIONS

COURSE OFFERED	KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES	RELEVANCE TO WORK
Rigorous Impact Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Key concepts for impact evaluation- The main features of experimental designs- The main features of quasi-experimental methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Ministry monitors and evaluates government development projects and programmes, some of which do not have baseline data for comparison- So we may deploy qualitative methods. Hence the knowledge in the experimental designs and quasi-experimental methods (eg. RCTs, PSM, Difference in Difference)- Enhanced competence to assess evaluation proposals, impact evaluation reports, and to carry out evaluations using qualitative approaches- Currently thinking through a TOR with a Consultant to evaluate the Nations Builders Corps (NABCO) – a flagship programme which provides mentorship to unemployed graduates for three years, with the main aim of gaining some work experience.

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Theory-based Causal Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Different purposes and uses of various theory-based causal analyses- Application of theory-based causal analysis using process tracing, pattern-matching and qualitative comparative methods (QCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- There is a challenge when stakeholders and implementers in general have to make attribution in development programmes- The knowledge will help to trace the causal patterns of interventions. Eg. infrastructural projects and its relation with migration into a particular area- Sustaining programme gains and guide to reshape challenging programmes.

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<p>Strengthening the use of Evaluation Evidence in Policy and Program Implementation and Service Delivery: The Role of Evaluation Systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linkages between evaluation systems and government wide M&E systems; - How evaluation systematically feeds into public service policy, planning, budgeting and management - Determine which evaluation system or methodologies are applicable in different contexts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theory of Change and the resultant confidence in its application to the development theory Eg. 1D1F Programme under the MoTI - Develop a ToC for identified Flagship programmes out of the 16 for the next planning cycle - Cost effective methods (rapid assessments) in the evaluation of flagship programmes (eg. Infrastructure for Poverty Eradication Programme - IPEP, 1D1F, PFJ).

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Introduction to Applied Text Based Analytics in Evaluation Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Basic concepts, techniques and approaches that natural language processing and text analytics use to get text ready for analysis- To apply analysis tools, and to extract meaning from text and documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The MoME works with 33 other Ministries in addition to a number of government Agencies.- This requires the review of a number of reports which need to be synthesized into one meaningful report for the Presidency and Cabinet in real time.- Hence applying data and text analytics is very crucial to enhance reporting and feedback.- Need more practice to perfect the knowledge since the two days allocated to the topic was too short for in-depth practice.

CHALLENGES AND MITIGATING STRATEGIES

- ▶ Data quality from MDAs
 - ▶ Training and training and training of Focal Persons (both formal and informal)
 - ▶ Developing a Performance Portal (an automation of the data collection, collation, analysis and reporting)
- ▶ Delayed data and report submission which impact the compilation and delivery of final reports
 - ▶ Sometimes due to bureaucracy (sign off by Senior officers)
- ▶ COVID-19 affected us in terms of data collation and validation due to social distancing and officers working virtually

MY OPINION OF IPDET

- ▶ IPDET was really another exposure and will recommend it
- ▶ How the whole programme was coordinated was fascinating - From admission through arrival in Switzerland and participating in the programme
- ▶ Meeting others and especially my Ghanaian colleagues, and being part of this world wide IPDET FAMILY
- ▶ Been able to keep in touch with Ms. Nandi Ogiste from Trinidad and Tobago (knowledge sharing on a few technical assignments)
- ▶ Appreciated the transport system and the relationship between the public systems (trains, trams, buses) and private vehicles
- ▶ The Walk Through the City and getting the story behind the statutes

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