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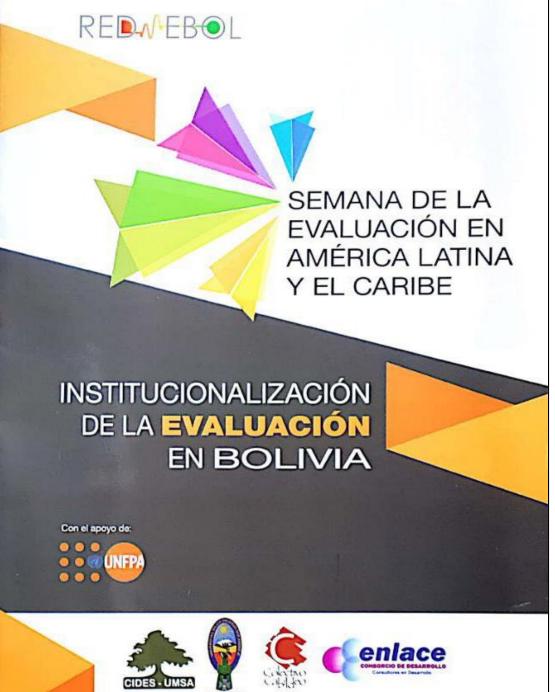## STRENGTHENING AGENDAS: DIALOGUE ON THE SDGs AND THEIR LINK WITH EVALUATION

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OUR MISSION...

We are a network of diverse people, commited to social transformation. We promote ethics, innovation, qualification and institutionalizarion of the processes and use of Monitoring and Evaluation. We do this generating opportunities for reflection, professionalization, joint learning and elaboration of proposals, all in alliance and dialogue with national and internacional organizations.

BACKGROUND

- A Diagnosis on Institutionalization of Evaluation in Bolivia (P2P with Argentina)
- A Guanajuato pre-conference activity (Sept. 28th).
  - ◦ Multi-stakeholder presence: 38 people (government, civil society, academia, donors…)
  - ◦ 3 UN agencies (UNICEF, UNFPA & UNWOMEN) + Resident Coordinator Office
  - ◦ Important participation of young people

The activity goals:

▸ Facilitate a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the SDGs.

▸ Analyse the SDGs from a rights perspective: SRR, women's rights, children's and adolescents' rights…

▸ Identify the challenges and opportunities for evaluation embeded in the SDGs, taking into account the EvalAgenda 2020.

▸ Identify capacity development/strengthening needs.

KEY REFLECTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

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1. FROM THE MDGs TO THE SDGs...

▸ More topics, more complex... though not necessarily more integral
▸ Result of a broad and participatory process
▸ Recognition of increased inequalities – focus on inclusion: None left behind!!!
▸ Stronger emphasis on environmental sustainability
▸ Centrality of inclusive economic development
▸ Some key topics e.g. sexual and reproductive rights, have lost importance
▸ Expansion and strengthening of alliances
▸ Attention on processes, not only results-focused
▸ Emphasis on local and subnational levels

2. KEY CHALLENGES FOR M&E

- **Indicators:**
  - Too many targets & indicators
  - However, no indicators to meassure inequalities & inclusion – how is the mandate "none left behind" going to be evaluated?
  - Need for country-specific indicators
  - Need for complementary indicators
- **Desaggregation:** Specific groups – youth, disabled people etc. are not addressed/visibilized
- **Information:** Countries where no (good quality) information is available/accessible

2. KEY CHALLENGES FOR M&E (cont.)

- **Enabling environment**: Weak institutions and evaluation culture; weak political will and small budgets
- **Intersectoriality – coordination**: Weak
- **Individual capacities**: Few professionalization opportunities
- **National adaptations**: Weak capacities & political will; links with other international committments and the National Development Plan
- **Role of civil society**: Not clear; no mechanisms established to continue the participatory nature of the SDGs.

3. NEEDS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING/STRENGTHENING

- **SDG information, ownership & adaptation**
- **Individual & institutional** capacity building needs
- Articulate the **academia** with the country challanges & needs
- **Institutionalization** of training programs

- **Technical skills** & processes to generate rigorous **evidence**: registry and disaggregation
- **Municipal capacities** to meassure of effectiveness (evidence–based management)
- Redesign existing training contents & approaches – **mixed methods** –more emphasis on **analysis**

SOME SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Promote further **multi-actor dialogues** to stress the importance of M&E of the SDGs, motivate coordination, collaboration and broad ownership.
- Articulate the SDGs with the broad framework of **national development plans** & **international, rights-focused specific committments**.
- Participatively generate an **adaptation methodology & process**.
- **Meassure** existing gaps and evidence *who is left behind*
- Gather & disseminate **best practices** from thematic & sectoral experiences that address inequality gaps and focus on desaggregated data and analysis.

- Adopt and use existing **legal & policy frameworks** related to civil society **participation** (social control & surveillance).
- Develop creative & effective methodologies, channels & mechanisms for **civil society participation** in M&E of the SDGs.
- Make use of existing **technologies & social networks** to promote civil society participation.
- Strengthen and articulate the role of **Observatories** in relation to the SDGs and monitoring of public policies.
- Advocate for a culture & <u>**investments in**</u> **evaluation.**

Evaluation has a great potential to contribute to a better world!!!