

Reporting and Analysing Change

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Less seriously....

“The Output, Outcome, Impact Blues”

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Terry Smutlyo, and his band

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Outline of the Agenda

- Narrative reporting of change
 - Expectations from G-rap
 - Results so far
 - How to improve Guidance Notes
- Most Significant Change analysis
 - Re-introduction to MSC
 - Document and selection of MSC stories
 - Implications: Use and improvement

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Narrative Reporting of Change

- Expectations:
 - The reporting format
- Results so far
 - Quantity, Quality, Timeliness, Relevance...
- Discussion
 - How to improve Guidance Notes on Narrative Reporting

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Areas of weakness & potential strength

- Too old
 - Membership of alliances and coalitions
- Too general
 - “made progress in their participation in policy making”
- No news at all (& no news is bad news)
 - On “Strategy, planning, decision making”

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Areas of weakness & potential strength

- Descriptions, without interpretation
 - Workshops and publications
- Lists, in no apparent order
 - Relative success or priority is better
- Publications, but not their users
 - At least their types, numbers, relative importance

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Analysis of MSC

- Who attended September MSC workshop?
 - Re-introduction to MSC?
- Process
 - Participants write up their MSCs
 - Share and discuss MSCs
 - Select MS of the MSCs
 - Discuss process
 - Discuss next steps

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Writing up MSCs

- MSC = one, relatively significant to you, *change*
- Basic format:
 - Headline
 - Description (who, what, where, when)
 - Explanation (why is it significant)
 - Who documented the story (name, position location, date)
 - Option: Recommendation

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The question...

- “In your opinion what was the most significant change that took place in Government of Ghana’s policies, in the last six months?”
- Remember G-rap Goal:
 - “Pro-poor policy adopted and implemented effectively by GoG”

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Possible MSCs

- “For the first time ever, attempts were made to invite the general public to submit inputs for preparation of the budget” (TUC)
- How does this relate to G-rap goal?
 - Public inputs into the budget may make it more pro-poor. (But need more info here)

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Alternatively....

- “In your opinion what was the most significant change that took place in relationships between RAOs and CBOs, in the last six months?”

Sharing MSCs

- Read out the MSC, and *explain*
- Questions and discussion
 - About factual content
 - And meaning of interpretation
 - DON'T challenge significance at this stage

Selecting MSCs

- Decide on structure for selection process
 - Parallel sub-groups, looking at same MSCs?
- Selection process
 - Re-read all MSC stories, if needed
 - Generate criteria to apply to select MS
 - Apply criteria to all MSC stories
 - Choose MS MSC, after discussion

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Document and Feedback

- Document the choice that was made and
 - The reasons for this choice
 - How the choice was made
- Feed back these results to plenary
- Discuss the process that was used, and how it could be improved
- Discuss how the MS MCS could be used, by RAOs and G-rap.

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