IndiKit

SHARING DATA WITH COMMUNITIES

Indicator Phrasing

English: % of MEAL activities that shared the collected data with relevant community members

French: % des activités MEAL dont les données collectées ont été partagées avec les membres de la communauté concernés

Portuguese: % das actividades MEAL cujos dados recolhidos foram partilhados com os membros da comunidade relevantes

Czech: % MEAL aktivit, které sdílely sebraná data s příslušnými členy komunit

What is its purpose?

The indicator shows the extent to which an organization shared the most relevant findings of monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) activities with relevant community members. Regularly sharing the collected data and results and discussing their implications for further programming can strengthen community trust, ownership, and participation. It also enables the organization to validate the findings and verify the relevance of any planned follow-up actions.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Determine the indicator's value by using the following methodology:

1) **Define the types of monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEAL) activities** from which (some of) the results of the collected data should be shared with relevant community members, such as surveys, monitoring activities, or evaluations. This should be informed primarily by an **organization's policy / system for sharing data** with the communities (the same applies to points 2 – 4 below). If this is unavailable, engage a relevant expert(s) in developing a system for sharing data with the community members.

2) **Define with whom the information must be shared**. This might not only be the people from whom the data was collected but also other community members, such as those participating in the project, local authorities, and service providers.

3) **Define what information should be shared and for what purpose**. Most likely, some of the collected information will be more relevant for the community members than others, so there will be a need for prioritization (in line with the stated purpose of sharing the information). Consult community members (including any groups with specific needs) about what data is important to them.

4) **Define how the data should be shared** to reach the people defined in point 2; consultations with

relevant community members should inform your definition. Specify **when** the data should be shared – after every data collection activity? Or can the data from several M&E activities be presented simultaneously? Be mindful of groups that may be excluded due to the selection of specific sharing methods and timing.

5) **Use reviews of relevant documents and staff interviews** to determine the number of relevant M&E activities that shared the collected data with relevant community members in line with the criteria defined in points 1 – 4. To **determine the indicator's value**, divide this number by the total number of relevant M&E activities (relevant = meets criteria in point 1). Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.

Disaggregate by

Disaggregate the data by the type of M&E activities.

Important Comments

1) In order to determine the indicator's value, it is **essential that a project's M&E system continuously records the required data**, as deciding retrospectively whether a given M&E activity met the criteria defined in points 1 – 4 would be difficult and probably inaccurate.

2) This indicator should only be used if an organization (or a project) has a **clear policy on sharing data with relevant community members**. The policy will inform most of the decisions that need to be taken to specify the indicator's methodology (steps 1 – 4) and determine its value.