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Unpacking Evaluability

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What is evaluability?

*“The extent to which an activity or project can be evaluated in a **reliable and credible** fashion”*

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Proposed NEPF Evaluation Phases

Initiation

Develop Pipeline
& Prioritize

Consult
Stakeholders

Assess Evaluability
and Prepare
Evaluation Plan

Preparation

Organize Evaluation
Reference Group

Develop Terms of
Reference

Procure Evaluation
Consultant

Implementation

Inception

Draft Report

Finalize Report

Utilization

Management
Response

Disseminate

Prepare for Future
Evaluation

What should an evaluability assessment cover?

- Clarity of intervention and its objectives
- Availability of data
- Stakeholder interest and intended use

UNDP Evaluability Checklist

1	Does the subject of evaluation have a clearly defined theory of change ?	✓
2	Is there a well-defined results framework for initiative(s) that are subject to evaluation?	✓
3	Is there sufficient data for evaluation ?	✓
4	Is the planned evaluation still relevant , given the evolving context?	✓
5	Will political, social and economic factors allow for an effective conduct and use of evaluation as envisaged?	✓
6	Are there sufficient resources (human and financial) allocated to the evaluation?	✓

Why assess evaluability?

1. *Better allocate scarce evaluation resources*
2. *Strengthen internal monitoring processes*
3. *Inform stakeholders about the potential feasibility, scope, approach (method), and value for money of an evaluation*
4. *Reduces the risk of irrelevant or invalid findings*

Lessons learned from practice

- There may be shared interest between stakeholder, but the underlying motivations are not necessarily the same.
- Critical that key evaluation questions are determined and unpacked.
- Most EA questions cannot be answered by a document review alone. Ideally, it should involve field visits and meetings with key stakeholders.
- Answering EA checklists questions is usually not about a simple 'yes' or 'no', but involves addressing 'to what extent'?
- Ensure adequate time for the assessment to avoid misguided findings.
- If done externally, the EA and the subsequent evaluation should not be carried out by the same consultant.



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