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Unpacking Evaluability

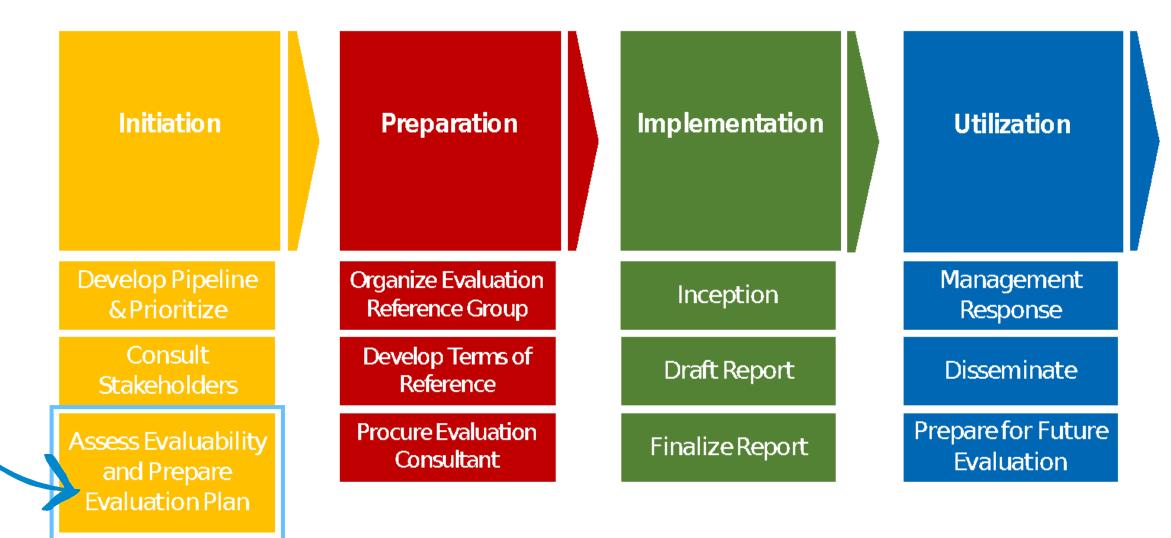
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What is evaluability?

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

OECD-DAC 2010

Proposed NEPF Evaluation Phases



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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