# Guidelines on Evaluation in the National Government

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### The National Evaluation Policy Framework (NEPF)

NEDA-DBM JMC No. 2015-01

#### **Objectives**

- Support evidence-based decision-making
- Enable continuous program improvement
- Ensure public accountability and transparency

"All projects/programs... are evaluated at least once at the end of their program/ project life cycle or as frequently as necessary." - NEPF Section 5.1



### NEPF & Role of Implementing Agencies

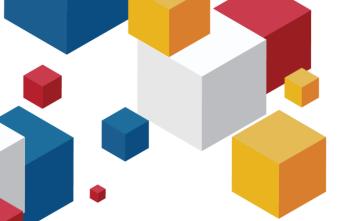
#### Responsibilities:

- 6-year evaluation agenda
- Capable & neutral evaluation units
- Prepare and submit evaluation plans during budget submission
- Ensure management response



### Objectives of the Evaluation Guidelines

- Operationalize NEPF through processes, guidance & templates
- Integrate evaluation process with planning, investment programming, financing, & program management
- Clarify roles and responsibilities between oversight and implementing agencies, and within the agencies
- Identify capacity development and training needs
- Introduce certainty while maintaining flexibility ("living document")



### Where would we like to be?

- Good evidence to demonstrate that the PDP is meeting objectives
- NGAs have capacity to evaluate their own PAPs
- NEDA has capacity to evaluate higher-level development themes/ program clusters of the PDP
- DBM can determine budgetary effectiveness

# Overview of Sections

- A. Introduction
- B. Institutional Responsibilities
- C. Planning an Evaluation
- D. Implementing an Evaluation
- E. Assuring Quality

### Section A: Introduction

- A.1 What is an evaluation?
- A.2 Why evaluate?
- A.3 Evaluation as part of the budget cycle
- A.4 Evaluation planning over the PDP period
- A.5 Applicability of guidelines
- A.6 Overview of the evaluation process
- A.7 Evaluation principles, norms, and standards



#### **Evaluation Process**

**Initiation** 

Develop Pipeline & Prioritize

Consult Stakeholders

Assess Evaluability & Prepare Plan

**Preparation** 

Organize Evaluation Reference Group

Develop Terms of Reference

Procure Evaluation Consultant

<u>Implementation</u>

Inception

Draft Report

Finalize Report

**Utilization** 

Management Response

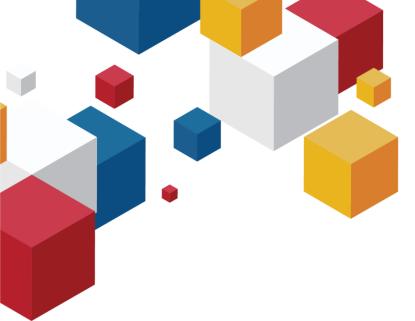
Disseminate & Follow Through

Prepare for Future Evaluation

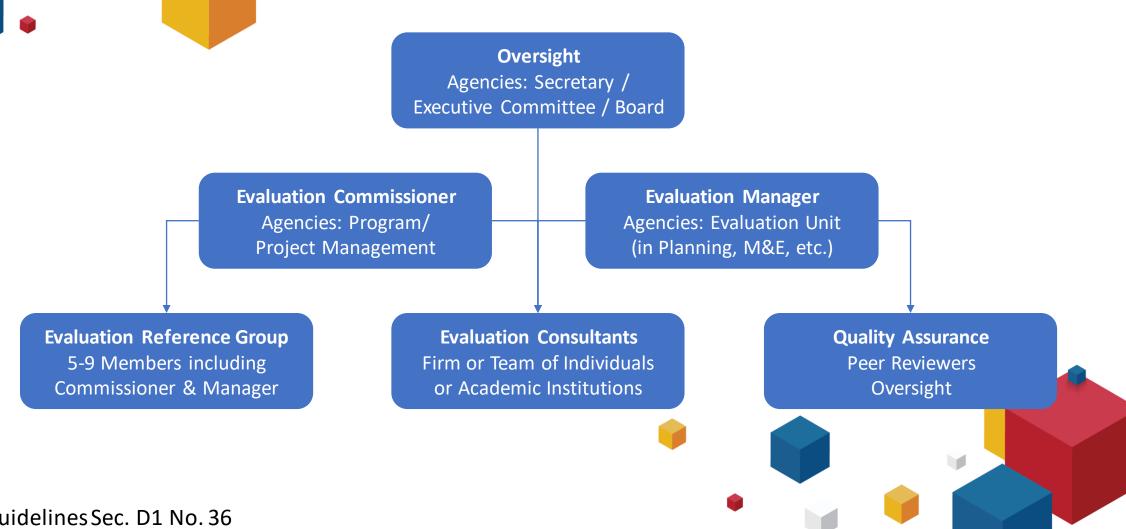


B.1 Implementing agencies

B.2 Evaluation Task Force and Secretariat



### Roles and Responsibilities in an Evaluation



### Section C: Planning an Evaluation

- C.1 Program objectives and intended outcomes
- C.2 Evaluation objectives
- C.3 Stakeholder engagement
- C.4 Evaluation methods
- C.5 Risk identification and assessment
- C.6 Financial and human resource requirements

# Relevance Effectiveness

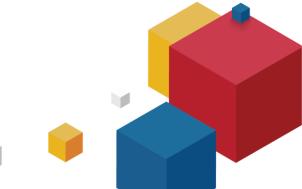
- Efficiency
- Impact
- Sustainability

#### **Evaluation Criteria**



### Section D: Implementing an Evaluation

- D.1 Evaluation governance architecture
- D.2 Implementation responsibilities
- D.3 Ethical behavior
- D.4 Evaluation reporting
- D.5 Communication
- D.6 Using evaluation results
- D.7 Management Response and Implementation Monitoring



# Evalua Incontion report

**Evaluation Outputs** 

- Inception report
- Draft evaluation report
- Final evaluation report
- Management response
- Communication materials:
  - 1-page briefer on findings and recommendations
  - 3-5 page executive summary
  - Presentation slide deck
  - Communication & stakeholder engagement strategies

### Section E: Assuring Quality

#### **Terms of Reference**

 Does the TOR clearly outline the purpose, objectives, criteria, and key questions for the evaluation?

#### Report & Methodology

 Are the evaluation report objectives, criteria, methodology and data sources fully described and are appropriate given the subject being evaluated?

#### Results, Findings, Conclusions & Recommendations

 Does the report clearly and concisely outline and support its findings & recommendations?



### Roadmap to the Guidelines

- Stakeholder Consultations
  - Consultations during M&E Summit
  - Request comment from M&E focals of agencies
  - Technical review and finalization
- Target Finalization: January 2019
  - Also, targeted integration of key guidelines in 2020 Budget Call

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