

AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION -UGANDA CHAPTER

The rapid landscape review map

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An overview of the Review map

This presentation is based on the evaluation system in my country, Uganda, specifically targeting the legislative arm of Government, the Parliament of Uganda and how the latter uses evidence based information in policy and decision making.

The main role players in the EIDM Landscape

- ▶ The main players in this landscape are the Members of Parliament (M.Ps), Ministries, Government Departments and Agencies (MDAs); Civil Society organisations (CSO), Academia; Voluntary Organisations for Professional Evaluators (VOPEs); the National Evaluation Association (UNEA); Parliamentary departments of Research and Corporate planning and the community.

The gaps that exist in the EIDM landscape (i.e. type of organisations/initiatives currently missing)

- ▶ Linkage of the above players to produce synergy in Evaluation Development
- ▶ The users of evaluation results are not agile enough to create demand of Evaluation results from the suppliers
- ▶ Unclear dissemination methodology of evaluation results
- ▶ Insufficient knowledge of Evaluation and its role in EIDM within some of the players.

Bottlenecks or organisational silos that impede the flow of evidence through the system

- ▶ Insufficient Knowledge of Evaluation and the need to use Evidence in decision making
- ▶ Failure by the institution of Parliament to embrace and inculcate Evaluation Development in its systems and operations.
- ▶ Insufficient Resources including but not limited to Human Resource
- ▶ Political Influence
- ▶ Lack of good will

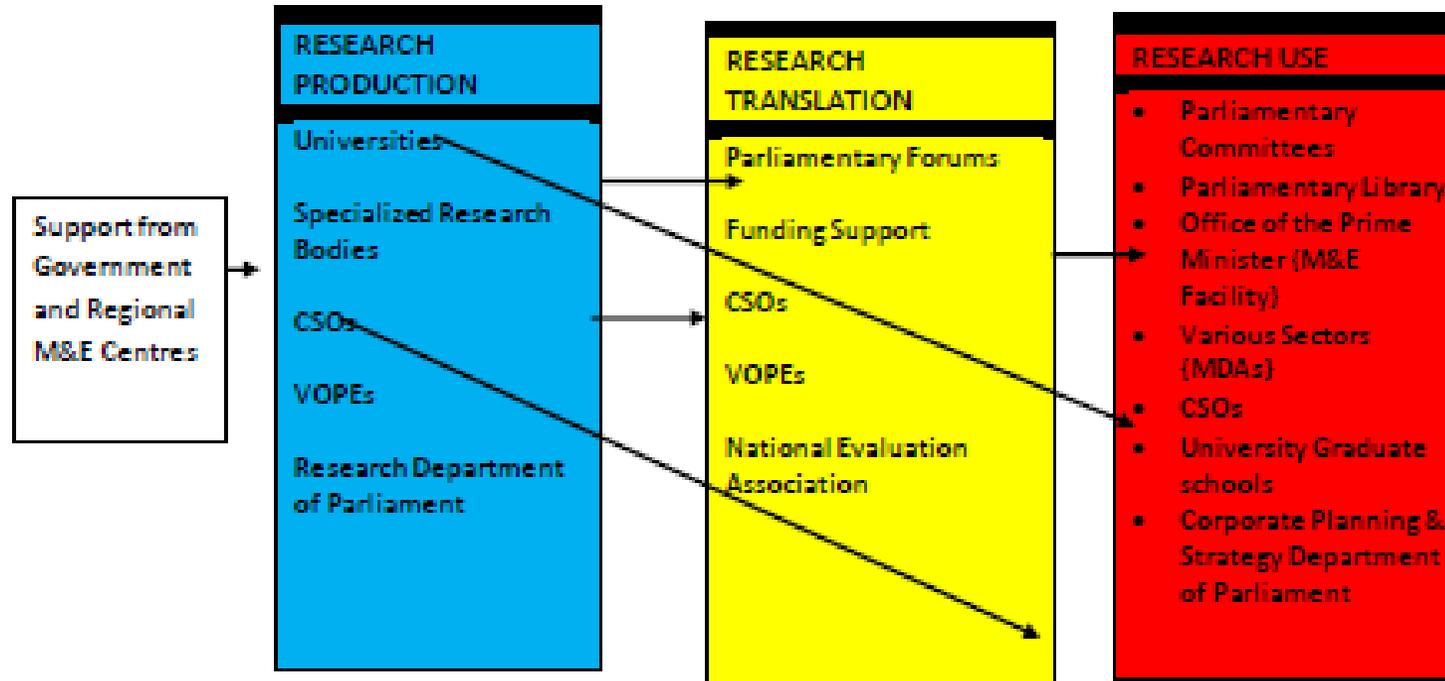
The relationship between research producers and users of Evaluation results

- ▶ The relationship is not clear. The users of research results neither demand nor use the same most times. There is a greater need to deepen and widen the linkage between the suppliers and users of research results.

LANDSCAPE MAP

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EVIDENCE INFORMED DECISION MAKING (EIDM) LANDSCAPE



M&E—Monitoring and Evaluation

CSOs—Civil Society Organisations

VOPEs—Voluntary Organisations for Professional Evaluations

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Conclusion of intervention/support would the system most benefit from

- ▶ Capacity Building of the Members of Parliament (Users) in the area of Development Evaluation and its relevance to their work
- ▶ Capacity Building of the staff of parliament in evaluation development and information dissemination.
- ▶ The institution of parliament should adopt the use of evidence in decision making and policy development in all its operations

Relevance of the map to the three themes of the conference: Engage, Understand, Impact.

- ▶ All members of parliament should be engaged in development Evaluation and get sensitised about the importance of evidence in their mandate. This will make them demand for evaluation results and use them in their oversight, legislation, appropriation and representation roles.
- ▶ All the players need to engage in development evaluation either as researchers, funders or advocates in order to make an impact on national development.

Understand

- ▶ All players need to understand their roles in availing evaluation results/evidence, the Legislators need to understand the importance of demanding and using evidence in all their four major roles and the policy makers need to understand the importance of evidence in service delivery, decision making and policy development.

Impact

- ▶ All the players' roles are destined to make an impact on society or the country's development. Some, as impact assessors, others as decision makers for impact. So whatever they are all doing must have an impact on the country's development which should in turn be assessed for further decision making.

Engagements that work well with a potential to be up scaled

- ▶ The research/Evaluation (Technical) team works well together and has potential to be up scaled if the political will is positive.

Creative metaphor to describe the overall EIDM system (e.g. evidence eco-system/jungle; research to policy highway etc.)

- ▶ The research to policy highway is evident and needs to be taken up seriously by the Government arms in order to inculcate EIDM system in all their operations.

EVALUATION 2020, NOBODY LEFT BEHIND.

Thank you

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