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# **Evidence-informed decision-making (EIDM) landscape map for Kenya**

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# Background

The National Integrated Monitoring & Evaluation System (NIMES) and the County Integrated Monitoring & Evaluation System (CIMES), are the focal points.

The former established in 2004 and latter in 2013.

Multi-stakeholder capacity building efforts (e.g. Government, World Bank, UN, DFID, SIDA).

# Background

MED's mandate includes the production of the Annual Progress Reports (APR) and coordination of the evaluations of the Medium Term Plan of Vision 2030 as well as the Annual Public Expenditure Review (PER).

# Main Players

International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Tegemeo; consultants; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) & Donors, among others.

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MED; CIMES; Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS); Ministries; Universities; Research Think Tanks and institutes such as the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Analysis (KIPPRA), Institute for Economic Affairs (IEA), Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI),

# New Entrants

The Evaluation Society of Kenya (ESK) and the Kenya Parliamentary Caucus for Evaluation (linked to the African Parliamentary Network for Development Evaluation – APNODE) .

The Kenya School of Government (KSG) provides M&E training for ministries, counties' staff, with plans underway to also include ESK members.

# Challenges

Un-harmonised and un-coordinated data systems

Delays in the production of the APRs and these feeding into the budgetary and planning processes.

Gaps between priority setting and planning within government agencies, which has threatened successful implementation of programmes.



# Challenges

Weak national culture and practice for evidence use.

The evaluation & research functions largely under-budgeted & under-utilised with most focus being on monitoring.

# Recommendations

A more harmonized and coordinated approach for all relevant research/evaluation role players including between and among e.g. KNBS, NIMES, Ministries and County administrative data systems.

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Individual and institutional capacity strengthening both at national and county levels.

EIDM Policy (currently, at cabinet level) and legal framework to enforce .

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Wider stakeholder participation that includes the NGOs, academia, research institutions, media and public in the EIDM landscape.

The new entrants namely ESK and Parliament to be supported more as they have potential to revolutionise the current evidence landscape for the better

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More advocacy to increase the uptake of research & evaluation functions – including demand and budgetary allocations.

# Relation to Theme of Conference

The landscape map highlights the EIDM role players and each of their roles through linkages, whose proper understanding and harmonized/co-ordinated action is necessary for improved development execution and impact.