

# **Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (PME); the way to go for effective EIDM**

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# PME Overview

- \* PME: Result Based M&E (RBME) approach
- \* Emphasizes on setting expected results and ensuring that they are realized through participatory tracking and assessment of results by stakeholders.
- \* Being implemented in Malawi's Mchinji District within the District Assembly.
- \* PME is meant to be quite efficient and effective to ensure accountability of interventions at community and district levels.

# Main role players in the EIDM landscape

- \* **M & E officers;** the District Assembly, Desk M & E officers from Public institutions (police, labour office, health, Agriculture, fisheries, education etc) and all NGOs
- \* **Citizens Health:** main Coordinating NGO in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government.
- \* **Research Institutions** (College of Medicine, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Kamuzu College of Nursing & LNGOs / INGOs): Not the main role players but they play a commendable role which is conducting research itself.
- \* **The research findings:** shared with the M & E officers who then conduct PME.

# Gaps in the PME within EIDM landscape

- \* Lack of qualified personnel with relevant M & E knowledge
- \* Lack of tracking and assessment of implemented interventions
- \* Lack of an evidence pool that can be used for EIDM within the PME model

# Bottlenecks that impede the flow of evidence through the system

- \* Lack of skills in evidence collection
  - \* Analysis and data management skills by the M & E Officers
- \* Poor feedback on evidence from Research institutions to M & E officers as Evidence users for EIDM
- \* Limited resources (HR, computers)
- \* Funding problems

# Capacity-building needs for M & E Officers

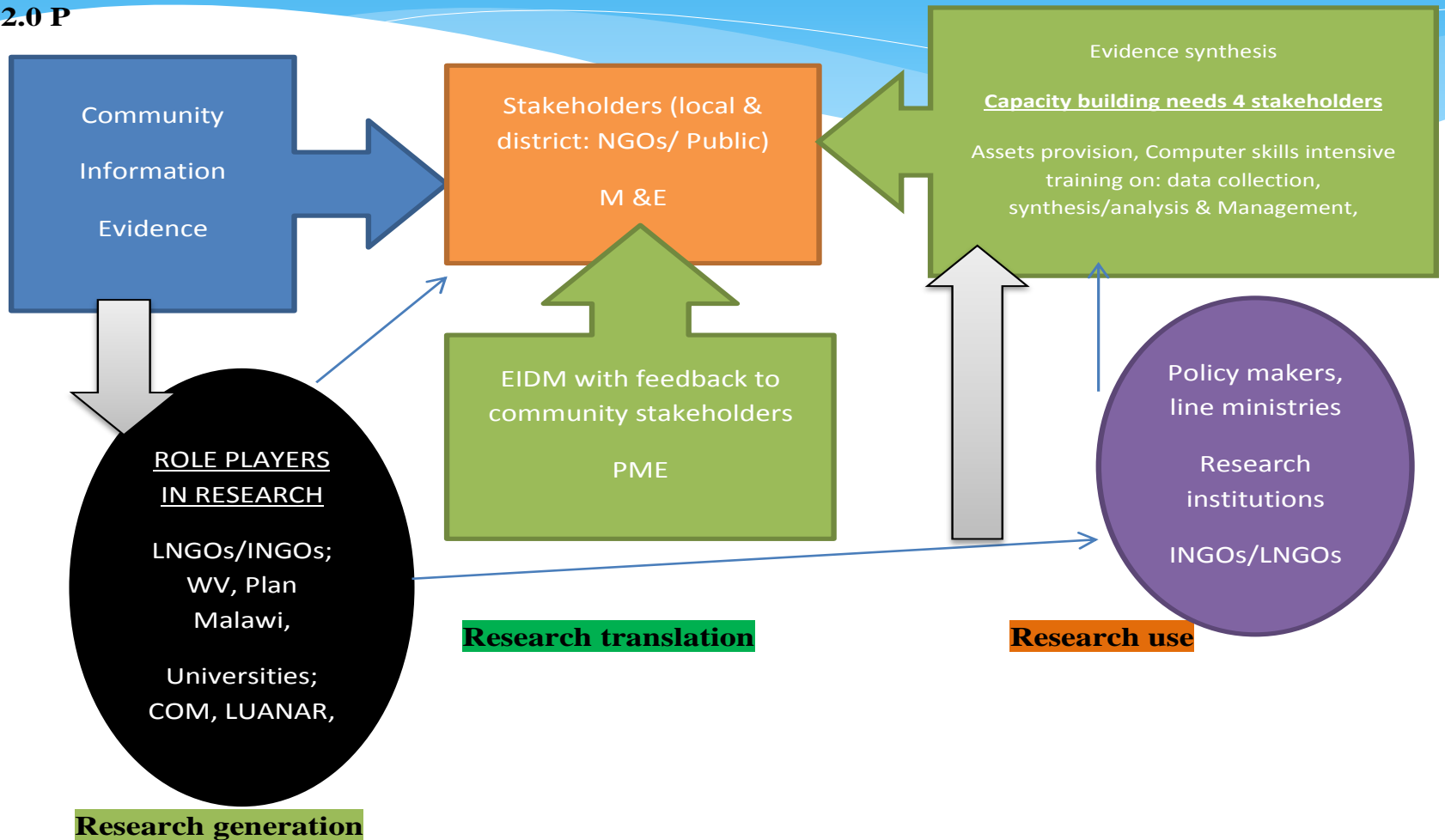
- \* For effective PME and EIDM, M & E officers needs more capacity building in
  - \* Computer skills intensive training
  - \* Data collection
  - \* Data synthesis / analysis
  - \* data management.

# Relationship between research producers & users in M & E

- \* Users have no keen interest in the research work
  - \* The users lack ownership of the research work and hence they do not follow up on the final results of the research.
  - \* At times given the final research results they will not use the evidence as most decisions are made based on personal experiences and not evidence.
- \* Research producers do not share the evidence often times

# PME map & interactions between EIDM role players in the research-policy environment

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