
Experience from Uganda

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Session Outline

1. Introduction
2. Overview of the National M&E System
3. SDG roadmap – Uganda
4. M&E system & SDGs implementation acceleration
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There is emerging emphasis for using evidence and data driven action on the Sustainable Development Goals (UNDSN, 2018).

Countries with support from the UN are testing interventions to accelerate SDGs implementation.

In the public sector in Uganda, the National M&E System is key in fast tracking SDGs acceleration.

To strengthen the M&E system, Public Sector Policy on M&E was passed in 2013, SDGs came on board in 2015.
Uganda launched SDG roadmap in Oct 2018; includes:

i. Planning and mainstreaming of SDGs (NDP2, Proposed NDP3)

ii. Coordination, M&E and Reporting

iii. Data for SDGs (harmonisation and quality assurance, data production and development, access, utilisation and dissemination, capacity enhancement)

iv. Communication and advocacy
Functional M&E institutional structure and both central and local government level: *SDG political Champion*

GAPR assessments (National & Sub National) bringing out progress on some SDG indicators. Discussed at Cabinet performance retreats.

Evaluation of programs (i.e. Family Planning which falls under the following SDGs; Good health and well being (SDG 3), Gender Equality (SDG 5), Reduced inequality (SDG 10), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

One –on- One meetings between Accounting Officer of OPM and other MDAs accounting Officers


Presidential Investors Round Table – Discussions on Energy, PSM, Poverty, Water and Environment, Investment e.t.c
Innovations in M&E to fast track SDGs

• SDG accelerator labs coordinated through the current M&E structure
  o topics for the labs are being generated from emerging issues identified from assessment but also agreed by other stakeholders as key issues affecting communities.

• SGD Working Groups (Data WG already has a report)

• Uganda slated to report in 2020 VNR in HLPF.

• Inclusion of the SDG indicators tracking in the Government Annual Performance Reporting –NSI (though there are gaps for SDG broad indicators)

• Localisation of SDG through the community information sharing and accountability forum to enhance awareness and demand for accountability
Challenges

- Low Financing – the complexity in determining priority among priorities.
- Weak data management in institutions due to capacity gaps.
- Weak MIS systems with limited integration in the public sector (proxy indicators discouraged by UNSD – hence reporting on SDG indicators).
- Gaps in the inter and intra sectoral coordination.
- Limited focus on evaluations.
Going forward

- Strengthening the M&E system (*MISs, Capacity Dev’t, Coordination, Tools e.t.c*)

- Re-aligning the evaluation agenda to comprehensively capture topics that bring out progress of SDGs.
  - Mapping of evaluations by sector ongoing (draft evaluation map in place)

- Further alignment of SDGs into NDP3 that is at advanced stage of development

- Strengthen the collaboration with VOPES (Uganda Evaluation Association) in communication and advocacy

- Need for dedicated financing for implementation of interventions that drive SDGs (e.g. access to affordable Energy, Empowerment, Innovation and Industrialisation, Water e.t.c.)

- Building sustainable and empowering partnerships
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