OUTCOME HARVESTING: An alternative to results-based programming?

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Presentation overview

The session will present the outcome harvesting approach and how it was applied in Uganda within the SAFE program. We will discuss:

- The approach and its application
- What worked well and which were the challenges
- Lessons learned
- Applicability
The approach and its application

An evaluation approach suitable for retrospectively identifying emergent impacts by collecting examples of what has changed and, then, working backwards, determining whether and how the intervention has contributed to these changes.

- Relevance of Outcome Harvesting in peacebuilding
- Why it became important and needed for the program
In January 2015, the Administrative Land Management digitized their records, greatly increasing efficiency.

In August 2015, a community gained access to a well due to a resolved land conflict which previously made the path dangerous to travel.

From January to July 2015, a number of citizens lost their land due to failure to comply with new written notices to appear in court (they were illiterate).
### The Outcome journal

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### Data analysis

**Data collection**

Excel sheet with the raw data:
- Location
- Outcome
- Contribution
- Evidence
- Significance
- Contact

**Data analysis**

- Data cleaning
- Data compilation
- Google My Maps
- Location and topics
REPORTING PROCESS

Monthly Reports → Outcome Newspaper → Map
Reporting process: the map

SAFE Uganda Outcome...

- 2014
  - Bunyoro Communities Petition for Revie...
  - Hosts and Refugees Finally Find Peace a...
  - Rupa Ends Early and Forced Marriages

- 2015
  - Community Members Petition RDC’s Offi...
  - Passivity Ends as Kyangwali Community...
  - DLBs Increase Operational Efficiency in ...
  - Embracing Communal Land Management...
  - ACLs Reform Land Inspection Fees after...
What works

- Locally-led
- Flexibility
- Adaptive learning
- Redefining metric of success
- Visualizing outcomes
- Speaking to changes away from the results-based approach
Challenges

- Different capacities of partners
- Distance
- Slow buy-in
- Spot-checks to verify data collected
- Regular coaching
- Heavy need for data cleaning
Lessons learned

- **Steady support** to partners in the inception phase is required
- Works better when is **locally-owned** and **participatory**
- Possible initial **fear** and **push backs** need to be navigated
- Provides opportunity for **adaptive learning**
- Contributes to stronger **sustainability**
- Provides **community-relevant metrics of success**
- There is the need for creating a **receptive donor environment**
How can Outcome Harvesting be fostered in a donor and institutional environment that is results-based and output oriented?

Are there opportunities for Outcome Harvesting to become a locally owned learning and engagement process? Is there anything that needs to change for it to happen?

Which are the related risks?
THANKS

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