Values-Based M&E: Listening to Community Wisdom

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When communities that are directly impacted by conflict utilize what we are learning in program implementation and evaluation, we increase the potential to transform situations of violence and injustice.
Founded in 1917, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, as a practical expression of faith in action.
Learning from peacebuilding and social justice work should be prioritized for the communities where we work.
Listen deeply and completely.
Prioritize creating a safe and trauma-informed space for truthful participation.

Make more effort to hear from the often unheard and left behind.

Build relationships and trust and be patient.
Create ways to include community members not just in data gathering but also in data analysis.
If communities directly impacted by conflict are deeply listened to and are supported to use data collected for locally-led initiatives, learning can become more inclusive and sustainable.
Questions…

Approaches that strengthen inclusive/participative MEL that align with community and organizational values?

How are we ensuring true representation, safe and trauma-informed spaces?

Is learning going back to communities and being used to further community development?

Feminist-centered evaluation?
Thank You!

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