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Our journey

• 34 presenters from 19 different agencies
• 8 presentations on “No one left behind lens”
• 12 presentations on transformative change (6 with gender focus)
• 10 presentations on evaluation capacity development
• World cafes, group work, panels, Q&A
Coverage

• Great coverage on Goal 1, Goal 2, Goal 3 and Goal 5
• Less on Goal 9, and Goal 14
• Insights on what is UNEG evaluation practice in these areas of SDGs:
  - No one left behind
  - Transformative change
  - National Evaluation Capacity Development
Key takeaways

• Evaluating with No One Left Behind lenses

Challenges:

- Reaching the most vulnerable groups
- Engaging with the participants in ethical, meaningful and empowering way
- Cultural competence and awareness
- Navigating political sensitivities with governments and other stakeholders
- Establishing stronger dialogue between humanitarian and development evaluation
Key takeaways

• Evaluating with No One Left Behind lenses: Methodologies
  - Participatory/methodologies and engagement of communities
  - Vulnerability mappings
  - Household and population surveys; impact evaluation
  - Adapting evaluation communication strategies for vulnerable communities
  - Supporting national evaluation capacities
Key takeaways

• Evaluating Transformational Change:
  - Definition: large scale, long term, addressing social justice and root causes; alters economic, social and political structures; environmentally sustainable; addressing urbanization challenge
  - Gender transformative change: good practice-reviews of integration of GEHR in evaluations; tools like gender scale, GE evaluation indicator of SWAP
Key takeaways

• Evaluating Transformational Change:
  - Evaluation methodologies: context analysis, system thinking, mixed methods, theory of change; multi-disciplinary; drawing on research and statistics
  - Challenges: assessing impact, demonstrating contribution to higher level outcomes
  - Way forward: partnerships, joint, system-wide, multi-disciplinary approaches
Key takeaways

• Evaluation Capacity Development
  - UNEG survey: emerging trend more agencies supporting NECD and it is incorporated in evaluation policies
  - Limited financial and human resources
  - Need for systematic approach addressing the linkages between individual/institutional/ enabling environment
Key takeaways

- Take advantage of Global partnerships – EvalPartners, EvalSDGs and EvalGender
- Develop UNEG strategy for NECD
- Disseminate more country cases on countries working on SDGS and evaluation
- UN agencies engage in SDG follow-up and review processes
Overarching issues

• UNEG leadership role in evaluating SDGs
• Need for better coordination between different agencies
• Exchange and learning among UNEG members
• Partnerships and joint initiatives
Next steps

- UNEG EPE report
- Lessons learned
- Satisfaction survey
Thank you!

- Participants
- Presenters, moderators, rapporteurs
- Vienna based agencies
- UNEG Secretariat
- Technical Assistance
- UNEG Executive Group
- UNEG EPE organizing committee