

Concepts and MEL: Making Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Empowering

Course Duration: Two and Half Days

In-Person Course spread over weekends at the organization's office/field site or Online

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Course Highlights

1. Lecture by experts
2. Instructions in English, Marathi and Hindi
3. Review of digital technologies used for reporting
4. Discussion on new project ideas

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Session No.	Topic	Facilitation Tool
Day 1		
1	Introductions	Getting to know each other a little better
2	Why Concepts and Concept- Practice Differences	Brief Lecture
3	Concepts we Encounter Development Sustainability Justice Empowerment Democracy Concepts Specific to Projects/Programs	Lecture-Discussion : Understanding what these Concepts mean Learning from Others and adding our Views
4	What are Indicators and Types of Indicators	Lecture-Discussion : The Basic Question: Quantitative and Qualitative Paradigm
5	Generating indicators for Concepts	Group Work
Day 2		
1	Research (M&E) Practices : <i>Surveys</i> <i>Personal Specific Interviews Focus Group Discussion (FGD)</i> <i>Observations</i> <i>Developing Life Histories and Other Stories (Case Studies)</i> <i>Visual Research: Reading Images and Sites</i>	Role Plays/ Group Work and Presentations Sampling Issues How do we select samples across different research domains Validation of data Maintaining Diaries
2	Digital Technology for Reporting	Brief Lecture: Overview of new digital technologies used in development research for data collection, analysis and reporting
Day 3		
1	<i>Developing Our MEL Framework: Concept-Indicators-Tools Map</i>	Fostering Learning Loops: Connecting M&E to Discourse of Development and Empowerment
2	Discovering new project ideas	How do we discover new project ideas
3	Funding our Ideas: Open Discussion on the Funding Landscape in the Development sector	Opportunities and Challenges (CSR, Social Enterprise, Grants and Fellowships, Fund Raising Strategies and Working with State agencies)
4	Final Reflections and Feedback	