

Impact Evaluation Framework for Government-Based Projects

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Abstract

There is now a growing interest in evaluating the impacts of government projects mainly because of the principle of transparency that the leadership in government advocates. The need to closely monitor government projects, especially those funded from outside sources such as grants or loans necessitate research and understanding of the conceptual and practical issues relating to a holistic impact evaluation. The spending process and requirement to demonstrate a return on the use of public funds, as well as identifying the long term effect of certain programs/projects that provide development intervention should be studied, evaluated and monitored. For the National Economic and Development Authority, or NEDA, the Philippines' independent economic development and planning agency, analysis on impact evaluation will serve as basis in making recommendations as to the advisability of continuing budgetary allocation for certain programs and projects. However, there is no clear or ready protocols and standards on how to go about implementing impact evaluation. This paper attempts to propose a capacity building framework in conducting impact evaluation for government-based projects, from conceptualization to sampling of baseline data to tools used in the analysis. Major players for the implementation are the NEDA regional offices and the state universities and colleges.

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