

# UNEG EPE 2017

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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!

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