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Taking a Participatory Approach to Impact:
Training in Outcome Harvesting, Most Significant Change, and Photovoice Methods

Introduction

Donors and implementing organisations have increased attention for the impact of their effort and investment in development work as a result of close monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of their programmes. Often, however, voices and perceptions of those most affected by issues addressed in development programmes remain silent when identifying and evaluating outcomes. More effective tools are needed to capture such voices to uphold the commitment to include all perspectives.

To address this need, ResultsinHealth is organising a 5-day training, using Participatory and Innovative Monitoring and Evaluation techniques with a focus on Outcome Harvesting (2 days), the Most Significant Change (MSC) technique (1 day) and Photovoice (2 days).

What is Outcome Harvesting?

Outcome Harvesting (OH) is a tool used worldwide to robustly identify, describe, analyse and interpret outcome-level results. OH collects ("harvests") evidence of what has changed ("outcomes") and, then, working backwards, determines whether and how an intervention has contributed to these changes. The approach is especially useful in situations where it is not possible to concretely define what an intervention aims to achieve, or even, what specific actions will be taken over a multi-year period.

What is MSC?

The Most Significant Change (MSC) technique is a qualitative and participatory form of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) based on the collection, systematic selection, and analysis of stories of reported changes from development activities. MSC helps to identify the significant aspects of the intervention and gives stakeholders heightened sensitivity to the beneficiaries. MSC is not a stand-alone tool; it compliments traditional M&E methods to improve and ensure their value and appropriateness.

What is Photovoice?

Photovoice is a participatory method that allows people who generally have weak power and voice to articulate their aspirations, reflect on what they have learned or on what has changed in their lives, and tell stories about their experiences. "Photovoice is a method that enables people to define for themselves and others, including policy makers, what is worth remembering and what needs to be changed" (Wang, 1997). Using Photovoice can create a dialogue between beneficiaries and/or stakeholders, creating a (safe) space for them to express themselves and reflect on issues related to project implementation.

Participants
The training is relevant and useful for donors (evaluation commissioners), M&E practitioners, program coordinators/ managers from implementing organisations, researchers, development workers, facilitators and anyone curious and interested to learn about applying these participatory techniques for evaluating projects and programmes aiming for social change.

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What the training will cover

Our training is a combination of theory and practice. Its main aim is to help participants understand each of the methodologies addressed in this course and provide them with practical skills to use them. Facilitators will share their experience of using the methods in projects in different contexts and countries, providing participants with practical examples of how and where to use these methods.

Objectives for each of the 3 methods:

Outcome Harvesting -Understand the basic principle of outcome harvesting, including key concepts and the 6 steps involved. Have first-hand practical experience with each of the 6 steps. Develop the ability to decide when and how to use Outcome Harvesting for monitoring and/or evaluation.

Most Significant Change -to refresh knowledge on MSC, why and how to use it, and the key steps involved in participatory analysis of MSC stories and use of the MSC database.

Photovoice -to understand the concept of photovoice and when and how to use and produce Photovoice in various settings.

The facilitators

Goele Scheers

Goele Scheers is an independent M&E consultant based in Belgium. She started working with Outcome Mapping in 2005 in her position as PM&E Coordinator at the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC). In 2007, she met Ricardo Wilson-Grau and together they conducted an evaluation of the GPPAC network using elements of, what later became known as, the Outcome Harvesting (OH) approach. Goele integrated Outcome Harvesting in the monitoring system of the network and trained GPPAC members worldwide in its use. In her current position as a consultant, Goele supports organisations across the world in using Outcome Harvesting. She conducts OH evaluations, trains people in using the approach and helps establish their monitoring systems based on Outcome Harvesting.

Nur Hidayati

Nur is a programme manager at ResultsinHealth, responsible for managing the M&E portfolio. In addition, she is involved in various public health monitoring and evaluation initiatives as well as research activities, and is expert in the use participatory qualitative methods. She has experience in working with MSC, Outcome Harvesting and Photovoice in various projects and countries (e.g. Indonesia, South Africa and the Netherlands). Furthermore, Nur has extensive experience in providing (international) MSC training and capacity building activities with project staff.

Jamie Chan

Jamie Chan is a visual storyteller and consultant based in Asia. She strongly advocates and promotes learning and giving back to the community. She makes time every year to lend her skills to charity and non-governmental organisations such as the Singapore International Foundation, Singapore Red Cross and various animal welfare groups. She was a volunteer mentor photographer for Photovoice and has trained organisations working with children in India with little or no access to the arts, in Photovoice.

Date & Fee

Date   Monday 17 – Friday 21 June 2019
Location   Jakarta, Indonesia (Venue to be confirmed)
Language   English

Training	Early bird*	Regular
Outcome Harvesting	USD 800	USD 900
Most Significant Change	USD 325	USD 375
Photo Voice	USD 575	USD 650

*early bird : registration before 1 May 2019
All fees are excluding 21% VAT

The fee includes lunch and the training package. It does not include accommodation. You are responsible for organising and funding your own accommodation, visa and travel to/from the workshop venue.

The training will take place with a minimum of 11 participants. Registration will be closed 1 June 2019.

Special discounts are available for those who participate in more than one training and for group bookings of 4 participants or more.

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