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# Whose reality counts in evaluation?

Building forward better with people-centered and adaptive evaluations

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## A Global Crisis

SDGs frame, now challenged, development gains lost, interconnections, intersections, beyond vertical

Response to crisis led as one, all of society, cocreation and active research, beyond expert evaluator

Engage, fragile contexts, poverty, LNOB, humanitarian, sustain stakeholders in process

## New evaluation criteria needed for transformation

#### The COVID-19 transformation is upon us

All of society response, how to measure?

How to measure structural inheritance and vulnerabilities?

How to measure losses and interconnections?

### The challenge of scale and the inequality factor within countries

#### Politics of reporting

Can each area of response deliver benefits across scale and to the differentiated groups?

Is the public sector infrastructure able to address all dimensions of the required response

Will information be biased based on source, and will alternative sources (including UN and CBOs) be allowed to inform indicators and narrative?

Will the UN be able to respond and report independently, whilst also being supportive?

Where will the reports emanate from?

## Evaluation is and shall be impacted upon at all levels

Demand for discrete evaluations changing

Evaluation architecture changing

Being relevant is a question of politics, methodology and content understanding

Limited response from evaluation profession or networks

Crisis has shown up the lack of accountability, transparency

