Measuring Systems Change

Synthesis

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1. Discuss answers to the three questions at your table

2. Write your individual answer(s) to each question on the color-coded index card
   - White: Question 1
   - Yellow: Question 2
   - Green: Question 3

3. Cards will be collected and serve as the basis for the read-out

4. Responses will be tabulated and shared
Questions

1. What excites you about the discussion so far on measuring systems change?
   - general approach
   - tools presented that look particularly promising
   - other tools or resources that can contribute to this effort

2. What challenges do you see to increasing attention on measuring systems change?

3. What next steps should we take, as development practitioners, to advance this effort?
Feedback

▪ Robust response
  ▪ Q1: 77 cards
  ▪ Q2: 84 cards
  ▪ Q3: 69 cards

▪ Evidence of effective advocacy

▪ Successful feedback method
Feedback: Excitement

- Connection between systems and sustainability
- Willingness to embrace contribution
  - Adoption of more humble expectations
- Reframing of monitoring as central to engagement; not just accountability
- Introduction of the 5-Rs framework
- The event itself
- Ex-post evaluation
Feedback: Challenges

- Difficulty of this shift
  - New, unproven approaches
  - Unanswered questions:
    - Management burden
    - Time demands/agility
    - Value
  - Lack of capacity

- Gaining acceptance of shift to contribution

- Gaining buy-in
  - Congress, F, contract officers

- Clarifying roles
  - USAID/IPs;
  - IPs with each other
Feedback: Next Steps

- Continue change process within USAID
  - Align incentives
  - Identify/support early adopters
  - Stand-up dedicated support team

- Bring USAID procedures in line
  - More flexible design, PMP requirements . . .
  - . . . Reflected in award language

- Continue/broaden this discussion
  - Systems experts, academics, US interagency, other donors, partner governments/civil society, private sector