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**

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?

- **Robust response**
  - Q1: 77 cards
  - Q2: 84 cards
  - Q3: 69 cards

- **Evidence of effective advocacy**

- **Successful feedback method**

- **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**

- **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

- **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