Feedback received on the first version of the UNECE People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology

People-first Public-Private Partnerships and “Recovering Better” (Agenda item 3)

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Improving and testing the first version of the Evaluation Methodology

Two tracks

Survey for Government users (para. 1.d. of the Action Plan)
- A generic questionnaire aimed at Government users to collect their feedback on the Methodology to improve it
- Accessible online at https://forms.office.com/r/JDE7ThvHq0
- Feedback received from 17 Governments so far

Survey to mobilise interest in the Methodology (para. 2.a of the Action Plan)
- Detailed testing protocol to collect feedback from actual users of the Methodology on:
  - The overall quality and relevance the Methodology
  - Each of the five People-first outcomes
  - The benchmarks and indicators
- Accessible online at https://forms.office.com/r/G0Cr0D7uTU
- Overall feedback received from 49 users so far
Feedback from Governments
Preliminary results

The Evaluation Methodology is aligned with the SDGs
The Evaluation Methodology is a useful product
The Evaluation Methodology fills a critical need for PPP and infrastructure development
The Evaluation Methodology is applicable to all countries, irrespective of their development
The mix of quantitative and qualitative indicators in the Evaluation Methodology is appropriate
The three performance levels that constitute the basis for the scoring system are easy to understand

Overall quality and relevance of the Evaluation Methodology

Strongly Disagree | Disagree | No Opinion | Agree | Strongly Agree
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0% | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100%
Feedback from Governments

Preliminary results

Is the Evaluation Methodology too simplistic, too complex or, about right?

- About right (neither too simplistic, nor too complex): 55%
- Too simplistic: 36%
- Too complex: 9%
Can the Evaluation Methodology be used for evaluating different stages of the project life-cycle?

- Yes: 64%
- No: 27%
- No opinion: 9%

Feedback from Governments
Preliminary results
Is the Self-assessment Tool of any real value given that it cannot be objectively validated?

64% Yes
27% No opinion
9% No
Do you have within your Unit/Department sufficient capacity to design PPPs in line with the People-first PPP outcomes, and/or do you have any possibility to access technical assistance or the services of project preparation facilities?

- Yes: 46%
- Not applicable: 36%
- No: 18%
What do you like the most about the Evaluation Methodology?

- “Its timing and thoroughness.”
- “Its comprehensiveness is the most valuable characteristic.”
- “The methodology is very detailed so it provides an extensive view of what a perfect infrastructure project would look like.”
- “The possibility to design good projects with a developmental angle.”
- “The evaluation methodology is what I am looking for.”
- “The purpose of designing a product that allows the application to all types, sizes, project stages, and PPP models, in any sector.”
- “A practical tool that brings together PPPs, the People-first principles and the SDGs.”
What do you like the least about the Evaluation Methodology?

- “Some indicators may seem too vague, or too free to interpret.”
- “Yes/No answers in most indicators are too simplistic. There is a need to increase the range of answers to better reflect the project’s situation. For instance, answers can be expressed based on a scale [e.g. 1 to 5].”
- “The Methodology is biased against operational projects that have been running for more than 10 years since before the SDGs, as at the time of their inception, the elements in the People-first / SDGs were not mainstream (Value-for-Money was the only criterion).”
- “The Methodology is more suitable for projects at the initial phase or projects that have been implemented in the past five years where the People-first / SDGs elements became known.”
Thank you

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