



Ten Reasons for Parliamentarians to Engage in National Evaluation Policy Process

1. Parliamentarians have vested interest in the country in giving vision, leadership and to gear the country in right direction. The vision and right direction should be informed by evidence.
2. Parliamentarians are the first pillar to approve/ allocate resources for development initiatives in the country through parliamentary procedures. Therefore parliamentarians should be well informed with up to date information about effective initiatives and development programmes through evaluation so that resources are wisely invested in the country.
3. Parliamentarians have the opportunity and authority to supervise and question progress of any development initiative/ use of public funds in the country. Therefore relevant data and information are useful to properly monitor the progress through the Parliament.
4. Parliamentarians are the key in making legislation and policy in the country. It is important that policy and legislation is evidence based so that they are useful for and contribute to make a difference in the country.
5. Parliamentarians represent Citizens' interest and therefore should respond to Citizens' demands. Parliamentarians need correct and updated information so that public is informed about the correct picture.

6. Parliamentarians are members of different parliamentary committees which review effective use of funds by public institutions. To effectively engage in such committees and direct right questions, parliamentarians need information about efficiency and effectiveness of public funds.
7. Parliamentarians do safeguard equity and human rights. Equity and human rights measures can be well maintained with right information and evidence which comes through evaluation.
8. Parliamentarians support the executive who in turn rely on the Parliament to pass laws and allocate resources. Therefore parliamentarians are the key to influence the executive regarding the National Evaluation Policy.
9. Each country has Millennium Development Goals' targets, which needs to be evaluated and set new targets for Sustainable Development Goals' targets which needs new set of indicators. Therefore it is important to have a comprehensive M&E framework for the country which should be in line with the National Evaluation Policy.
10. Parliamentarians have limited term and they need to seek re-election to continue their service to the people. It comes handy for the parliamentarians to go back to people for re-election with some concrete results/ achievements from their current term. Therefore parliamentarians need evidence to show results of their achievements.

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