Welcome to the quarterly news update for the Global Partnership monitoring community

This dedicated update of news and events related to monitoring aims to maintain connections within our monitoring community.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Progress in Strengthening the Global Partnership Monitoring Framework

Drawing on the lessons learned from the 2013 monitoring process, there is broad agreement on the importance of building on the Global Partnership monitoring framework to provide an appealing model of mutual accountability, both for the upcoming second Global Partnership monitoring round and in the context of the post-2015 implementation and accountability. Based on online consultations with Global Partnership stakeholders, discussions at the July Steering Committee meeting, and the Global Partnership annual workshop held in Seoul in November 2014, efforts to strengthen the monitoring framework will follow three tracks:

- Preparing for a stronger second monitoring round in 2015-16, including investing in communications and consultations to better sensitise all stakeholders to the monitoring effort, further structuring the approach to data validation, and ensuring strong engagement from the Steering Committee and the Co-Chairs to ensure broad consultation and active stakeholder participation in the process.

- Further work to refine the four global pilot indicators on results, civil society, private sector and transparency: finalising the refinement - underway since April 2014 - of these four indicators in order to turn them into fully operational monitoring approaches.

- Reviewing the monitoring framework to ensure its relevance to future accountability efforts, including a review of strengths and weaknesses of the current indicators, the identification of relevant existing and/or additional indicators and the preparation of a refined monitoring framework.

To support these three tracks respectively, it is envisaged that an Independent Advisory Group would provide a sounding board and advice to refine the monitoring work (indicators and associated multi-stakeholder process) and help ensure its relevance for post-2015 accountability efforts. This proposed approach to strengthen the monitoring framework, as well as a draft Terms of Reference for the Independent Advisory Group, were submitted to the Steering Committee members in December. They will be discussed during the Steering Committee meeting in The Hague on 19-20 January 2015. We invite you to convey any messages through the Steering Committee Representatives ahead of the 19-20 January Steering Committee meeting (the representatives are listed here).

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**Effective Institutions Platform’s work on the Public Financial Management Indicator**

During the Effective Institutions Platform Annual Meeting on 28-29 October 2014 in Paris, EIP members agreed to finalise the proposal for an alternative public financial management (PFM) indicator for the Global Partnership Monitoring Framework. This will include a fixed component and a flexible indicator, mainly based on the Public Expenditures and Financial Accountability Framework, PEFA.

Additional information is available on the EIP website [EIP website](#). Contact: [effectiveinstitutions@oecd.org](mailto:effectiveinstitutions@oecd.org)

**Burkina Faso Monitoring Process**

Burkina Faso has carried out its own monitoring process based on the five country-level Busan Indicators*. The process began in September at a launch meeting well attended by government, donors, NGOs, CSOs and the private sector. Burkina Faso’s monitoring round aims to measure progress since 2013, resolve bottlenecks and make recommendations on how to make development co-operation more effective at the country level. The government reported that in order for the process to succeed, the active involvement of all stakeholders had been essential. 26 providers of development co-operation were asked to participate and 17 responded. Burkina Faso has disseminated the results from its monitoring process to its partners. Contact: [monitoring@effectivecooperation.org](mailto:monitoring@effectivecooperation.org)

*Indicator 1: Development co-operation is focused on results that meet developing countries’ priorities; Indicator 3: Development co-operation is more predictable (annual and medium-term). Indicator 6: Aid is on budget; Indicator 9b: Use of developing country PFM and procurement systems.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Global Partnership Steering Committee Meeting, 19-20 January, the Hague, Netherlands**

Preparations for the second round of monitoring will be discussed by Steering Committee members in the Hague. [A paper on the monitoring](#) is available on the Global Partnership website along with other Steering Committee documents. Contact: [info@effectivecooperation.org](mailto:info@effectivecooperation.org)

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**STAY ENGAGED**

**Monitoring 2013: Satisfaction survey**

Did you participate in the 2013 monitoring round? We want to hear about your experience. This survey – open since early 2014 – has been collecting opinions on what worked and what should be improved. The survey will close at the end of February 2015 and the findings will be used to inform preparations for the next monitoring cycle. Fill out the survey [here](#) in English, French or Spanish.

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**Google+: Join our community**

An informal community group for monitoring focal points has been set up via a Google+ group. Connect with your Google+ profile in order to post your questions, articles, photos and experiences of monitoring, or discuss challenges and progress in your work. The group is open to all those who participated in – or are interested to know more about – the monitoring process. Posts can be translated into French, English or Spanish on request. To be added to the monitoring contacts list, send an email to: [monitoring@effectivecooperation.org](mailto:monitoring@effectivecooperation.org) with your name, job title, affiliation and email.

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**We want to keep in touch with you!**

Send us your updates and stories, let us know how you are making progress towards achieving the Paris and Busan Commitments. Email: [monitoring@effectivecooperation.org](mailto:monitoring@effectivecooperation.org) in English, French and Spanish.