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| <p>Purpose/Objective of Mission: (specify the type of work which has/had to be accomplished - not acceptable to write “see attached</p> <p>The M&E week is an annual M&E learning platform for realization and promotion of development results. The 2017 theme was “Moving forward agenda 2030: Monitoring and Evaluation for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in achieving country’s development results”, and sought to: offer an opportunity for political leaders and development practitioners from all sectors of the economy to learn and have rigorous discourse on development issues and management of results.</p> <p>Brief Summary of Mission Findings: (not acceptable to write “see attached”)</p> <p>The Ministry of Planning and Devolution (MoDP) led by the Cabinet Secretary for Devolution and Planning Mwangi Kiunjuri and Principal Secretary for State Department for Planning and Statistics, Irungu Nyakera, hosted the 6th M&E week from 20th – 23rd November in Mombasa. The M&E Week brought together various actors in the development landscape including: national, regional and international professionals and leaders and multidisciplinary development practitioners drawn from government, civil society organizations, private sector and development partners. The main objective was to facilitate learning, sharing and exchange of knowledge in the field of M&E. It also provided a platform to share best and innovative practices towards formulating, implementing and promoting the M&E culture in the country and managing for development results, especially integrating SDG’s.</p> <p>The M&E week covered various topics including: <i>Managing for Development Results, Use of Evaluations by Oversight Institutions, M&E for Climate Change, ICT innovations in M&E, Human Rights based approach to M&E, Framework for developing an effective M&E system in the public sector, Mainstreaming SDGs in MTP III and in County planning as well as role of Governments in Evaluating SDGs, needs of data in evaluations, Evaluations in Agriculture, Generating Evidence Legislatures for Effective Parliamentary Oversight, Experiences of selected counties in institutionalizing M&E in Counties’ implementation of CIDPs I, Use of Evaluations by National Government (experiences from Kenya, Uganda, South Africa), and fast tracking M&E through Rapid Results Initiative (RRI)</i>. The Conference employed a mix of mechanisms to realize its objectives to meet the expectations of the diverse audience including: <i>breakaway sessions, panel discussions, paper presentations and plenary sessions</i>. The MoDP Leadership used the opportunity to formally launch the ‘Managing for Development Results Country Assessment Report’, as well as the 3rd Annual Progress Report (APR) of the MTP II. The APR 2016 showed a mixed result, with significant progress having been made in realization of the MTP II. In the official opening statement, the Cabinet Secretary reiterated the importance of M&E, noting that “...M&E empowers people, good M&E uptake is desirable and M&E opens the trajectory for reforms as it identifies the successes for scaling up, gaps</p> | | | |

and lessons to be addressed...”.

On the sidelines of the M&E Week, a technical meeting between the Monitoring and Evaluation Department, UNDP and DFID was held to discuss ongoing KDSP work, and identify more opportunities for strengthened collaboration.



Cabinet Secretary for Devolution and Planning, Permanent Secretary for State Department of Planning and Statistics and other MoDP officials launching the Management for Development Assessment Report

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| <p>Recommendations/Actions to be Taken and by Whom:</p> <p>Partners emphasized the need for improvement of capacity to utilize M&E findings for policy formulation, planning and budgeting. Emphasis should be placed on continuous improvement by ensuring there are processes for using the evidence arising from the M&E system to improve projects and processes. Role of quality data for M&E and evidence-based policy making was also echoed. M&E reduces wastage and enhances efficiency, transparency and accountability. It provides timely feedback for improving and scaling up.</p> <p>It was recommended that efforts should be enhanced to sensitize all stakeholders on SDGs and agenda 2030 from the national and county level to enable mainstreaming and tracking of relevant indicators in the planning and M&E systems respectively. M&E must continually endeavor to report on development results and not processes, institutions must be accountable for results within development landscape.</p> <p>Some of the issues noted included: limited access to M&E information including absence of systematic dissemination mechanisms, quality and timeliness of data, absence of clear indicators for tracking and reporting on, national M&E system (NIMES) is still not well linked to county M&E system (CIMES), weak inter-governmental synergies adversely affect M&E and reporting, absence of a national M&E policy (currently with Cabinet) has hampered M&E, need to build a culture of quality evaluations, need to enhance the M&E capacity for parliamentarians to enhance their oversight on development results and promote gender responsiveness, funding for M&E is still a challenge both at national and county level.</p> <p>The 7th National M&E Week will be held in the 45th week of 2018 at a place and venue to be confirmed later, Nakuru and Uasin Gishu Counties offered to host. The MODP requested for continued support from development partners and stakeholders. A detailed roadmap document on areas of strengthening DFID, UNDP and MED partnership agreed upon, starting with closer linkages between the MED Kenya and the Statistics Office from the UK, support to FCDC Counties, the final Annual Progress Report for the MTP II, the MTP III process and an M&E Policy document.</p> | <p>Distribution Copies to:</p> |
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Embu Director of Planning, Lawrence Nzioka presenting Embu M&E Policy, which was developed with UNDP support.



Technical Meeting between DFID, UNDP and the MODP's Monitoring and Evaluation Department