



EVALUATION THEORY, APPROACHES AND PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES

1ST M&E NETWORK FORUM 2011

Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines

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INTRODUCTION

The **National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)**, in partnership with **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**, is pleased to announce the holding of the **1st M&E NETWORK FORUM** in the Philippines. The Forum will be held at **Ortigas Center, Pasig City** (venue to be announced later) on **November 7** (Monday) and **8** (Tuesday), **2011**.

The Forum will focus on the **EVALUATION THEORY, APPROACHES AND PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES**. The Forum specifically aims to: (1) increase understanding among various sectors of the importance of M&E in Managing for Development Results (MfDR); (2) advocate the value of measuring performance and success in development intervention programs, policies and projects of the government and private sectors; (3) raise awareness on building M&E capacity in organizations; and (4) formally launch the M&E Network in a forum.

A target of 170 participants from various sectors, such as development practitioners and professionals, government agencies, civil society, NGOs, academia, LGUs, and international development agencies will be invited. We welcome attendance from various sectors to be acquainted with the latest developments on M&E and its role on socio-economic development of the country.

Expected beneficiaries are government and policymaking bodies, donor agencies, the private sector, media, the civil society and non-government organizations, the academe, as well as financial institutions that are involved in development and economic empowerment programs. Ultimately, this will redound to the less-privileged members of the society in their quest for a much improved quality of life through a viable and sustained socio-economic development.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Paper for ORAL Presentations

The **1st M&E NETWORK FORUM** welcomes papers with substance and that deal with arguments on evaluation theory, approaches and practices in the Philippine context. Preferred, as well, are reports that critically present a completed evaluation, aim to clarify issues in evaluation, and demonstrate the nature of evaluation contexts in the Philippines. Specifically, papers must revolve around, but not limited to, the following types of evaluation: (1) Sector Program Evaluation; (2) Country Program Evaluation/Country Assistance Evaluation; (3) Process Evaluation; (4) Equity-based Program Evaluation; and (5) Thematic Evaluation.

*Sector Program Evaluation*¹ is an evaluation of a cluster of development interventions in a sector in the country, all of which contribute to the achievement of a specific development goal.

*Country Program Evaluation/ Country Assistance Evaluation*² is an evaluation of one or more donor's or agency's portfolio of development interventions in the country and the assistance strategy behind them.

*Process Evaluation*³ is an evaluation of the internal dynamics of implementing organizations in the country, their policy instruments, their service delivery mechanisms, their management practices, and the linkages among these.

*Equity-based Program Evaluation*⁴ is an evaluation that examines the successes and challenges in working with priority populations and the ability to find ways to provide accessible and meaningful interventions. To this end, evaluations need to answer questions such as: Who are being reached and who are not being reached by the program? Are the actions and interventions accessible and meaningful? How can populations at risk be reached?

Thematic Evaluation is an evaluation of selected aspects of different types of development aid (poverty, environment, choice of technology, gender aspects, sustainability, etc.)

Accepted papers will be utilized for the Session III of the Forum.

¹ OECD Publication on the Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation and Results Based Management (<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/29/21/2754804.pdf>)

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Executive Summary of the "First Steps to Health Equity" Your Guide to Equity-based Program Planning (http://www.opha.on.ca/resources/docs/First_Steps_to_Health_Equity-ExecSummary.pdf)

Guidelines:

1. Abstracts must be no longer than 300 words (Microsoft Word document format).
2. Abstracts must include:
 - a. Title of the paper; in parenthesis below the title indicate clearly that it is a (Paper Presentation);
 - b. Name, title/s and institutional affiliation of author/s;
 - c. Name and title/s of presenting author;
 - d. E-mail and telephone contact details of presenting author.
3. Abstracts must include coherent information on the context, an overview of the content of the presentation and summary of the results/conclusions of the work presented.
4. Abstracts that are accepted will be included in the conference program and authors are required to ensure that they are adequately proof-read before submission.
5. Authors need to submit with the Abstracts a statement (written on the 2nd page) indicating whether s/he would be interested in presenting the work as a Poster if not accepted as Paper presentation. Due to the limited slots allowed by time, the program can only accommodate a certain number of oral presentations.
6. Authors need to submit, in addition, a statement (written on the 2nd page) stating that the paper has not been presented before (e.g. at another conference).
7. Full paper (Microsoft Word document format) must not be more than 12 pages (including references, bibliography, or annexes) of standard A4 sized paper.
8. Tables, figures and other graphical illustrations must not number more than 7 instances.
9. Actual presentation materials (e.g. powerpoint presentation) must be submitted in an e-file document.

Selection Criteria:

Submissions will be reviewed and selected based on relevance, originality of ideas, accuracy, methodological approach and analysis, clarity and significance of results in terms of policy implications and recommendations.

Deadlines:

The deadlines for submissions are as follows:

Abstract:	September 15 (Thursday), 2011
Full Paper:	October 14 (Friday), 2011
Presentation materials:	October 21 (Friday), 2011

CALL FOR POSTERS

Poster presentations must be poster-size featuring images with texts. Posters usually depict evaluation works that involve; theoretical innovation, innovative evaluation approach or methodology, or unique inquiry/rigorous data collection. Poster presenters must be available to respond to questions asked about the posters on display.

Guidelines:

1. Abstracts for Posters must be no longer than 300 words (Microsoft Word document format).
2. Abstracts must include:
 - a. Title of the Poster; in parenthesis below the title indicate clearly that it is a (Poster Presentation);
 - b. Name, title/s, institutional affiliation, e-mail and telephone contact details of author/s.
3. Abstracts must include coherent information on the context, an overview of the content of the presentation and summary of the results/conclusions of the work presented.
4. Poster abstracts that are accepted will be included in the conference program and authors are required to ensure that they are adequately proof-read before submission.
5. Hardcopy of Posters must be submitted ready for posting and display can be done by presenters with the guidance of the Secretariat.

Selection Criteria:

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Deadline:

The deadline for submissions is on **September 30 (Friday), 2011**

FORUM DETAILS

ENQUIRIES:

Submissions and inquiries should be coursed through the Secretariat:

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