

M&E PLANS

Bringing it all together-it in an orderly and less daunting way

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RECAP

COP 1-Trends in M&E and finding out what you are interested in

COP 2-Theory of change described, explained and two examples provided along with resources

COP 3-Measurement (defining and developing indicators)

COP 4-Developing your M&E Plan

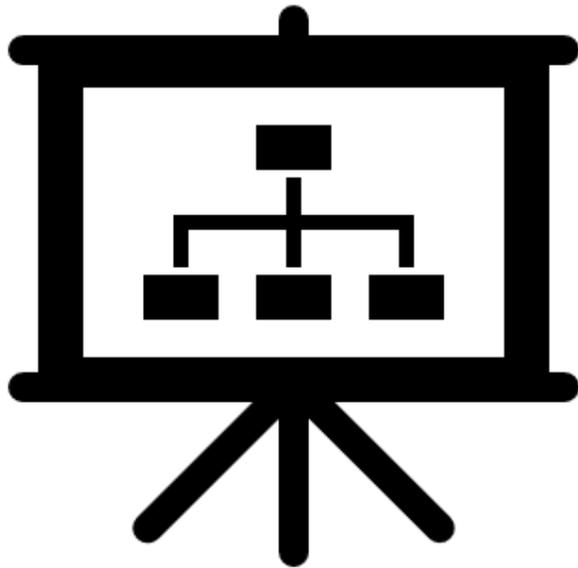
COP 5-Collecting data for your M&E Plan

COP 6-Evaluating your programme

COP 7-Developing your M&E organization's M&E Capacity



M&E PLAN



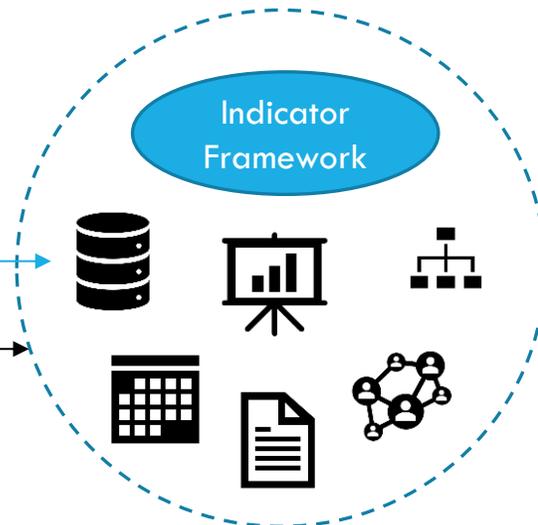
1. A document that **consolidates and operationalises** how you go about carrying out your M&E
2. It focuses on the: **why, what, how, when and who** of data collection for monitoring, and evaluation
3. It also factors in **planning, reporting and evaluation cycles**
4. It is a **blue-print for developing your M&E capacity** as you may find that some of the things you want to do requires people, processes, systems and structures
5. **Helps with strategic planning**

WHY IT GETS CONFUSING

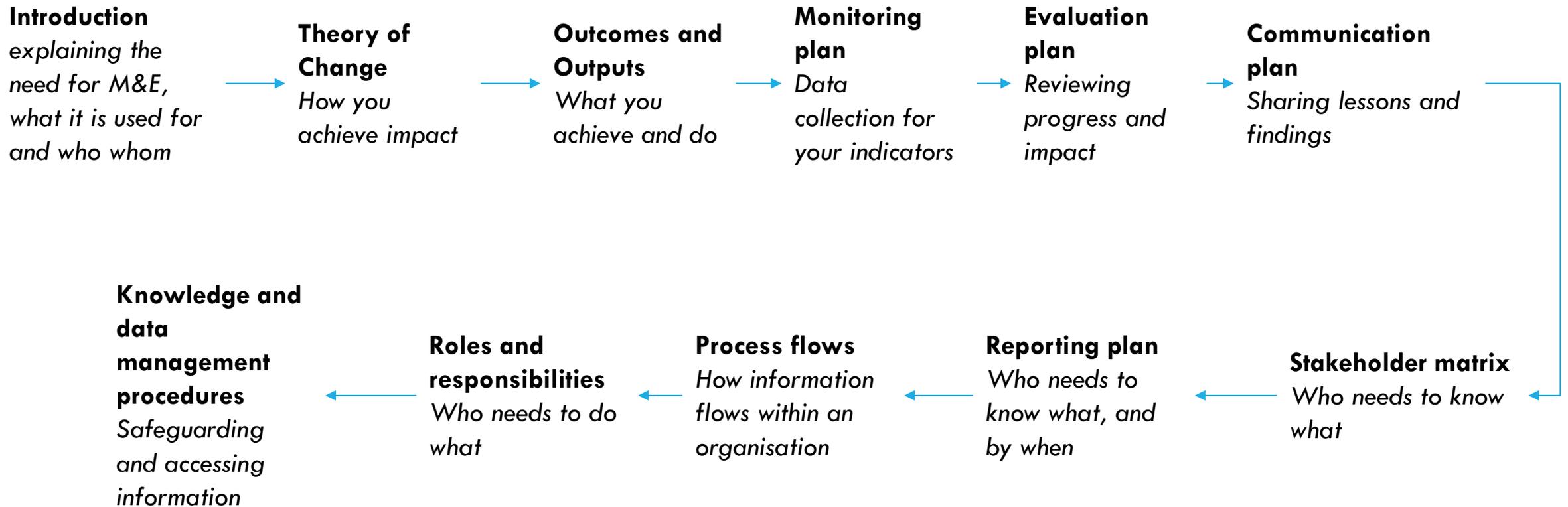
1. Terms are used interchangeably
2. M&E/Indicator Frameworks are called M&E Plans
3. M&E Plans are called M&E Systems
4. M&E Systems refer to Information Systems

More often than not, they are components of an M&E system

Advice: stick to M&E Plan



WHAT GOES INTO AN M&E PLAN



SIMPLIFIED VERSION TO BUILD AN M&E PLAN



Theory of change



Outcomes and outputs



Indicator framework



Evaluation plan



Communication plan



A note on how you will assure data quality



Roles and responsibilities

ACTIVITY

1. What does your organization have in place to collect data?
2. How often does it report it?
3. Who does it?
4. How is it used to make decisions?

Questions for True North

What will you take forward/share with your colleagues from today's COP?

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