

General Comments on Philippines M&E Plan

1. Very well-thought out M&E Plan, we can tell a lot of work went into it. Lots of good models, “Cocoa Pod Model” great and the flow of logic is excellent.
2. Data collection is well articulated and focused on participatory methods and using diversified methods for data collection
3. We like the column with the Questions on PMP. This helps in reading and the flow of the document. Perhaps revise the format of the PMP template?
4. Key information is missing or unclear from your PMP. For example,

the targets and baseline are not clearly disaggregated by each indicator.

5. Indicators are repeated, this makes the document confusing. Should they be repeated or not?
6. Some indicators are not SMART, for example: “New small business development and new opportunities resulting”
7. The classification of indicators is unclear. Outcome indicator in the space of a Impact Indicator, for example: “Increased number of cacao growers adopting sustainable farming systems”
8. We like simple log frame – moving upwards to complexity of PMP (w/ additional data)

9. Goal statement doesn't need to include the rest of Asia
10. The Who/What/When/Who part is good
11. Climate report for project area should be put database
12. CO3 – these are assumptions that lead to the project performance, interesting choice to include in the PMP in this format. Wonder if this is typical.

Challenges for Philippines Team in Implementing M&E Plan

1. Participation – although use lots of participatory methods, there is still low involvement in M&E from program beneficiaries, local govt, etc.
2. Capacity of staff to implement M&E properly and time required to do so
3. Geographic area
4. Baseline is not 100% completed, so how are measuring change?
5. Commitment
6. Technology
7. Resources

8. Monitor and contain risks
9. Donor Requirements (Huh?)