

PREPARING AN EVIDENCE-BASED VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW REPORT: SOME EXPERIENCES FROM NIGERIA

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WHY THE NIGERIA'S 2020 VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REPORTING?

- ▶ to review implementation of SDGs in critical areas for Nigeria, specifically, the areas of poverty (SDG-1), inclusive economy (SDG-8); health and well-being (SDG-3); education (SDG-4) and gender equality (SDG-5); enabling environment of peace and security (SDG-16); and partnerships (SDG-17).
- ▶ to help accelerate the SDG implementation progress in Nigeria through experience sharing and peer-learning with key stakeholders,
- ▶ To identify gaps and good practices, and mobilize partnerships


WE PRIORITISED THE SDGS AND THE INDICATORS WE WANTED TO FOCUS ON

Criteria Used to prioritize SDGs for Evaluation

- ▶ Critical for the **Human Development Capital** of the Government of Nigeria
- ▶ Availability of **5 years Sector Strategic Plan** that has mainstreamed SDG Targets
- ▶ Existence of **Govt Flagship Programmes** - High Contribution to the SDG Goal
- ▶ **Leadership Commitment** of Sector Line Ministry for SDG Evaluation
- ▶ Nationwide Geographic Coverage of flagship programmes : **No. of states covered**
- ▶ **Funding level** : Large Scale Public Financing + Donors investments in the SDG Goal
- ▶ Existing **Multi Partnerships** & sector development coordination group
- ▶ Existing **Base Line Survey/ Assessment**
- ▶ **Available Monitoring Trends Data**
- ▶ Existing **recent Evidence** from 2018-19 Surveys or Assessments
- ▶ **Existing Evaluations or Research**
- ▶ The **likely uptake/ USE** of the evaluation: are Government & stakeholders likely to change what they do in light of evaluation findings?

Methods Countries can Use to Generate Quick Evaluative Evidence for the VNR: The Nigeria's Experience

Matrix Scoring

SDG	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	Average Score
1 NO POVERTY 	10	7.7	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.4	5.3	3.1	3.3	2.0	4.6	49.5 3 rd
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	10	7.6	3.3	3.8	3.6	3.9	6.4	3.7	3.6	2.3	5.3	53.5 1 st
4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	10	6.2	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.6	7.7	3.3	3.4	1.6	4.6	50.1 2 nd
5 GENDER EQUALITY 	5	5.9	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.6	4.7	2.7	2.7	1.3	3.7	36.5 5 th
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	10	5.9	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.8	5.4	3.0	3.3	1.6	3.7	44.5 4 th

WE ENGAGED TWO SETS OF CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST



Developed 2 TORs for Production of the 2020 VNR:

- ▶ 1st for Subject Matter Specialists to conduct the evaluation search, articulation of the evaluation summaries for the use of the Report Writing Team
- ▶ 2nd for Report Analysis and Report Writing.
- ▶ All the TORs are explicit with clear objectives and scope of the assignment, methodology, deliverables, Workplan and Consultant qualifications.
- ▶ Central Coordination by a Technical Working Group: including Office of the Special Adviser to President on SDGs, Ministry of Budget & National Planning, National Bureau of Statistics, Representatives of Development Partners (UNICEF & UNDP), CSOs, NAE, Relevant Sector Ministries, Department and Agencies.



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METHODS USED TO GENERATE QUICK EVALUATIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE VNR – EVALUATION SYNTHESIS

In view of the short reporting calendar and the COVID 19 Pandemic, Nigeria used the **Evaluation Synthesis Method:**

- 1- Conducted an online search of all relevant evaluations related to the relevant 8 SDGs to be reported
- 2- Over 60 Evaluation Reports were harvested
- 3- Analyzed using a Summary Table Template **highlighted in the slide below** by Subject Matter Specialists
- 4- Information shared with the Report Writing Team
- 5- Report Writing Team Extracted evidence of interest for the VNR consolidation, used in particular to illustrate what was working/not, barriers, recommendations for strengthening, or where limited data.

EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORTING TEMPLATE

(REVIEW ALL EVALUATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE SELECTED SDG FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2019 AND REPORT EACH EVALUATION AS PER TEMPLATE BELOW, MAXIMUM 3 PAGES PER EVALUATION)

SDG : Specify	
A.	Name of the Evaluation:
B.	Year of the Evaluation:
C.	Evaluation Purpose:
D.	Evaluation Objectives:
E.	Evaluation Scope (<i>state thematic & geographic scope and period covered</i>)
F.	Key Evaluation Criteria Addressed: Relevance/Coherence, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact, Sustainability
G.	Methodology Used: Desk Review, Quantitative or Qualitative, Design used (Experimental or Quasi-experimental)
H.	Innovations within the evaluation (<i>state innovative approaches used in the evaluation</i>)
I.	SDG Indicators covered by the Evaluation/Review (<i>Highlight the Key SDG Indicators covered by the evaluation</i>)
J.	Key strategic Findings (of Merit or Shortfalls) of the Program or Project by Evaluation Criteria: Relevance/Coherence, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact, Sustainability, etc...
K.	Key Findings of the Evaluation on the SDGs Indicators Covered
L.	Conclusions: a) what works b) what didn't work c) and Why such shortfalls (<i>Provide a vivid description on a-c</i>)
M.	Policy implications of the evaluation (Highlight the policy implications for Nigeria from the findings and conclusions of the evaluation)
N.	Lessons learnt from the evaluation (<i>Highlight lessons learnt from the evaluation</i>)
O.	Recommendations:

METHODS USED TO GENERATE QUICK EVALUATIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE VNR – ON-LINE CONSULTATIVE & EVALUATIVE WORKSHOPS

The Use of **On-line Consultative & Evaluative Workshops** with Critical Stakeholders. This involved :

1. During formulation of the Draft Report, continuous data validation and harmonization with critical sector Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and National Bureau of Statistics.
2. On-line Consultative engagements with relevant stakeholders such as the Nigeria Association of Evaluators, Civil Society Organizations, Women Groups, Persons Living with Disabilities etc. to validate the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Draft Report.





VALUE ADDITION OF THE NIGERIA'S 2020 VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REPORTING?

- ▶ Provided an early platform for comprehensive analysis of the effect of COVID-19 on Nigeria's economy, which led the country to quickly put in place the 2020 Economic Sustainability Plan 2020.
- ▶ The Plan is to mitigate or minimize the impact of COVID-19 on the recovering economy, to prevent job losses and sustain livelihoods.
- ▶ The Plan enabled the country to exit economic recession due to the pandemic by the end of 4th Quarter of 2020.
- ▶ 2020 VNR also provided supporting evidence and statistics on sector performance for formulation of Medium Term Development Plan 2021-2025 and Nigeria's Vision 2050.

THANK YOU

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