

EVALUATION APPROACHES

Contribution Analysis	
Workshop title	Contribution analysis: The coming-of-age story continues
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Target level	Intermediate
Workshop content	<p>The workshop starts with a collection of needs and expectations, before the training participants are introduced to the concept of complexity and complex evaluations. Additional inputs are provided to introduce the understanding of theory-based approaches, the main characteristics of a ToCs and the steps of CA. A practical example is introduced and a group work approach is used to build a 'useful ToC' based on some practical training materials, including the identification of assumptions, risks and rival explanations. After the trainers provide more in-depth theoretical inputs the groups continue to work on the practical case study: the participants assess a contribution claim and develop a contribution story on the basis of the practical example before they critically discuss their experiences in the panel. Finally, the participants are encouraged to reflect what CA means for evaluation management and quality assurance.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know why and in what situations contribution analysis is appropriate in development evaluations, including understanding complex interventions and the kinds of impact questions that can be addressed with contribution analysis. • Know the main concepts and understand practical implications, including concepts of theory of change (ToC), causality and complexity. • Understand how contribution analysis is conducted introducing the methodology. • Start to develop thinking and applications of the concepts and methodology from the point of view of their own role and responsibilities. • Understand what would change in their current evaluation systems with a contribution analysis approach, both in commissioning and using evaluations (demand and use) and conducting evaluations (supply).