

OVERARCHING TOPICS – SITUATIONS, FUNCTIONS

Monitoring & Evaluation	
Workshop title	Monitoring and evaluation for development in peace-precarious situations
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Target level	Intermediate
Workshop content	<p>In the context of initiatives that absorb disproportionate resources with unmeasured impact, we urgently need to assess how sustainably, on what timeline, and depending on what factors we can expect development in peace-precarious situations to succeed. The workshop uses theory and field examples along with participatory group work on case studies. We will cover key differentiating features of development in peace-precarious situations, and work with models that help us analyse and strengthen M&E/evaluation design and implementation. We will explore the varying usefulness for different cases of six dimensions of potential stress, to practice analysing peace-precarious development situations in ways that strengthen their M&E/evaluation. We will incorporate additional methods and approaches as appropriate to timely cases in current events.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and analyse critical dimensions in order to strengthen strategic planning and M&E/evaluation systems for peace-precarious situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compare and contrast evaluation studies and project M&E as currently practiced in the field of international development. ○ Compare and contrast the nature and significance of development challenges in normal circumstances and in peace-precarious situations. ○ Understand special concerns and approaches regarding stakeholder relationships and efforts to strengthen M&E capacity in peace-precarious situations. • Apply useful strategies to maintain or strengthen M&E for projects operating in peace-precarious situations. • Apply useful strategies to manage expectations and deliver useful findings and recommendations in evaluations of interventions operating in peace-precarious situations.