Quarter 4 2020: CSOs and NGOs in evaluation

For this edition, we invite authors to share their experiences, reflections and observations on the role of civil society in evaluation. The editors welcome topical articles, blogs, briefing notes, op-eds, and other forms of original work for the identified theme.

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Civil Society actors (CSOs, NGOs) play a significant role in national and international development, but their involvement in the evaluation field is not much discussed or recognized. From grassroots community-based organizations to international NGOs, Civil Society actors have already performed a number of vital functions in monitoring and evaluation, ranging from being providers to users of evaluative knowledge. However, they are not always involved to their full potential.

For this edition of Evaluation Matters, we will be looking at the different ways in which civil society can contribute to and benefit from evaluation. The suggested areas of discourse could cover:

- What have been the most prominent types and roles of Civil Society actors in evaluation?
- What types of evaluation approaches and methods have the greatest potential or show promising results to meaningfully involve CSOs and NGOs in evaluation?
- What are the challenges with inclusion of CSOs and NGOs in evaluation across the spectrum of activities?
- How can civil society better partner in evaluations, including in dissemination to enhance using evaluative evidence for advocacy in line with the SDG principle of leaving no one behind?

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