Indicators on the go...

Monitoring progress towards durable solutions for displacement: Lessons learnt from Colombia

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1. Problem statement

*Monitoring progress towards durable solutions in an internal displacement context?*

- Conceptual challenge – complex phenomena
- Multiple actors inherently involved
- Potentially slow changes over time

*How to develop indicators and implement M&E of durable solutions?*

- A closer look at the experience of Colombia
What is the TSI? – Joint UNHCR and UNDP programme

2. TSI in Colombia and JIPS support

Community solutions
Participatory approach to identify and implement roadmap to durable solutions for select IDP communities

Informing policy
Conduct evidence-based advocacy to influence national, municipal and local policy initiatives to support durable solutions for IDPs

Transitional solutions on the way to durable solutions
2. TSI in Colombia and JIPS support

Overview

- JIPS request from UNHCR/UNDP to support design of M&E system
  - Indicator harmonization and baseline
  - M&E implementation process

Initial challenges

- Inherent difficulty in monitoring ‘progress towards solutions’: Cross-cutting and multi-sectoral
- Transitional solutions v/s durable solutions
- Interagency project: different reporting requirements, language, approaches etc.
- TSI ‘logic’: Comparability v/s specificity and community shaped solutions to inform policy
3. TSI M&E: Key features and lessons learnt

**The process**

- **General**
  - Core Indicators for all TSI locations

- **Objectives**
  - Indicators

- **Location Specific**
  - Flexibility (with guidance) for each TSI location

- **Baseline/Targets**
  - Systematise existing/Collect missing baselines

- **Implementation**
  - M&E

- **Reporting**

**Benefits:**
- Comparable across sites
- Adaptable to specific locations
3. TSI M&E: Key features and lessons learnt

The indicators

- Multi-level thematic approach
  - Community level: TSI objectives and plans of action as basis
  - National level: Gvt. Returns & Relocation plans
  - International level: IASC framework for Durable Solutions for IDPs
- Multi-level monitoring approach: complementary indicator types for better analysis:
  - Activities implementation (performance)
  - Institutional / policy impact (outcome)
  - Community / household / individual impact
3. TSI M&E: Key features and lessons learnt

**The indicators**

- Agreed upon core set of indicators
  - Review of existing sources: UNDP and UNHCR results framework; Donors reporting indicators; Government indicators for IDPs; IASC Framework for Durable Solutions; others
  - Workshops to facilitate agreement on indicator ‘battery’

- Manageable disaggregation
  - Age and gender ONLY where relevant, possible and realistic

- Timing and methods
  - Impact level needed for comprehensive evaluation, but programs effects can be limited due to timeframes
  - Multiple data collection methods determined
3. TSI M&E: Key features and lessons learnt

**Example**

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<th>TSI obj</th>
<th>TSI output</th>
<th>IASC Fram for DS</th>
<th>Type</th>
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<td>Improve quality of life</td>
<td>Land</td>
<td>Effective and Accessible Mechan to Restore HLP</td>
<td>Output / Performance</td>
<td>Adequate study on land ownership and use (Ret/Reloc) or study on legalization/regularization modalities for the neighbourhood (Local Integ) conducted (Yes/No)</td>
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<td>Outcome / Impact (Inst Level)</td>
<td>Legal recognition for individual/collective land ownership (Ret/Reloc) or formal institutional agreement to undertake legalization/regularization of the neighbourhood (Local Integ) (Yes/No)</td>
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<td>Households living in conditions of legal security of tenure (Ret/Reloc) or live in a legalized site (Local Integ) (%)</td>
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4. Future areas of work

**Tools and guidance**

- Internationally-agreed comprehensive tools for solutions assessment?
  - *Project conceptualization led by Special Rapporteur, UNHCR, DRC, JIPS and others*
  - *IASC Framework for Durable Solutions as starting point*

- Guidance on data collection methodologies for monitoring durable solutions?
  - *Baseline vs impact / progress*
  - *Panel surveys?*
Thank you!

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