WISER & CR4D

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- CR4D and WISER

- General lessons emerging from WISER*

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LESSONS FROM WISER – workshop 29 April 2021

INCEPTION AND START UP

- An initial inception phase is critical and should be 'ring-fenced' or protected
  - ➢ Ensure appropriate co-production – process takes time, need to ensure involving the right people at the right time and maintain participation, build relationships and trust;
  - ➢ Prioritise user engagement – understand different needs and tailor work accordingly;
  - ➢ Connect to existing work – national strategies and plans etc;
  - ➢ Build in sustainability / legacy work from the outset – ensure relevant parties are involved;
  - ➢ Invest in robust MEL at all levels – co-develop systems with stakeholders.

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GENDER AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Follow a co-production approach to address Gender, Equity and inclusion
  - ➢ Go beyond 'integrating' Gender and social inclusion - make it a core objective to ensure effective uptake;
  - ➢ Have a robust gender and inclusion action plan;
  - ➢ Ensure your theory of change has pathways to address gender and social inclusion;
  - ➢ Link to your logframe or results framework;
  - ➢ Champion Gender and social inclusion at institutional level – learn from local best practice;
  - ➢ Where possible try and widen stakeholder participation to support inclusion.

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CAPACITY

- Ensure you enable capacity to be built across a range of skill areas and end-to-end along the delivery or 'value' chain.
  - ➢ 'technical' as well as communications and stakeholder engagement, project management etc – these wider skills are critical to achieve uptake and use;
  - ➢ Important to support intermediaries in the delivery chain – they need tailored support;
  - ➢ Build on institutional and partnership knowledge – recognise and strengthen roles, skills and capabilities;
  - ➢ Ensure clear roles and responsibilities to implement co-production.

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COLLABORATE AND NETWORK BETTER – ENHANCE SYNERGIES

- Invest in collaboration and relationship building between projects.
  - ➢ Ensure budgets are allocated to allow collaboration and joint working;
  - ➢ Allow for emergent ideas and opportunities – do not allocate all resources at start;
  - ➢ Ensure budgets are available at both programme and project level;
  - ➢ Identify and support regional and national focal points (or equivalents);
  - ➢ Facilitate adaptive learning between projects and with other programmes;
  - ➢ Provide central support to allow projects to evolve.

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND DIALOGUE

➢ Strengthen communication and feedback for all partners / stakeholders and users;
➢ Encourage collaboration with intermediaries at all levels;
➢ Ensure project reporting is useful and not disproportionate;
➢ Important to have effective feedback loops into programme management ;
➢ Ensure programmes are sufficiently resourced (people) to utilise reporting and feedback.

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SUSTAINABILITY / LEGACY

- Demonstrate socio-economic benefits and present in compelling way to decision makers.
  - Secure senior management / political buy-in – helpful as 'champions' to embed in national / local policy, plans and budgets;
  - Ensure funding cycles and implementation phases reflect realistic timeframes;
  - Look to build on existing investments – eg matching national / local investments.