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IMPROVING PRACTICE

**Strengthening data quality in  
EU intervention logframes**

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**

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A Community Coffee with EUD/HQ staff  
and implementing partners, organised by  
INTPA.D4 (Quality and Results,  
Evaluation, Knowledge Management)

**Key topics:**

**INDICATORS IN LOGFRAME**

**DATA COLLECTION,  
MONITORING & REPORTING**

**SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT  
& IT SUPPORT**

**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT,  
LEARNING & COLLABORATION**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

**STRATEGIC & CLEAR  
COMMUNICATION**

## Strengthening data quality in EU intervention logframes

# INDICATORS IN LOGFRAME

**Reduce the number of indicators overall.**

*When designing logframes, keep a minimal number of indicators (corporate where possible, 1–2 per result).*

**TIP**

**FOR ALL**

**Ensure project design and indicators reflect reality on the ground while aligning with OPSYS pre-defined indicators when possible.**

*Adjust indicators when the project starts if needed, adopt a flexible approach.*

**TIP**

**FOR ALL**

**When no reliable data exists, identify a more relevant indicator or narrow the scope to collect feasible data.**

*Use proxy indicators where direct data is unavailable, especially for qualitative/human aspects, ensuring they are robust and regularly reviewed.*

**TIP**

**FOR ALL**

**Standardise indicators across projects where possible.**

*Use the list of indicators in [Capacity4dev](#) to facilitate OPSYS updates.*

**TIP**

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# DATA COLLECTION, MONITORING & REPORTING

### Develop and implement an M&E plan for reporting indicators.

*Use standardised tools and indicator definition sheets developed jointly with partners (participatory approach) and data collection templates.*

*Consider using specific software, e.g. Activity Info for monitoring.*

#### TIPS

**FOR IMPLEMENTING  
PARTNERS**

### Within projects, conduct regular data analysis and reporting using project staff, complemented by external evaluations.

*Track indicators regularly (monthly or quarterly) and digitally to limit errors.*

*Conduct focus group discussions with target groups to validate information gathered.*

*Maintain a list of evidence for deliverables.*

*Use outcome mapping/harvesting methods to monitor behavioural change.*

*Use OPSYS only for reporting, and maintain a separate monitoring tool (e.g. Excel) to aggregate results before reporting.*

*Compensate with narrative reporting to add qualitative depth to indicator data for learning and knowledge management.*

#### TIPS

**FOR IMPLEMENTING  
PARTNERS**

## Strengthening data quality in EU intervention logframes **SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT & IT SUPPORT**

Create a feature to save data immediately in OPSYS overall.

**FOR HQ/  
OPSYS**

Export feature (Excel/API) to simplify data sharing & analysis.

**FOR HQ/  
OPSYS**

Reminder email/calendar at the start of the process for impl. parties with key dates, accessible in OPSYS.

**FOR HQ/  
OPSYS**

Add a "programme with sub-interventions" option in OPSYS to enable data aggregation.

**FOR HQ/  
OPSYS**

Add a space/document/table on OPSYS to explain definitions and calculations of indicators.

**FOR HQ/  
OPSYS**

Contact OPSYS Focal Point in EUD.

*Bring in IT support early in the process.*

**TIP**

**FOR IMPL.  
PARTNERS**

## **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT, LEARNING & COLLABORATION**

Combine OPSYS logframe with Design/logframe approach training to improve the connection.

**FOR INTPA D4**

Encourage peer-to-peer learning, sharing best practices, and community/networking opportunities among impl. parties.

**FOR INTPA D4**

Provide more guidance and capacity building for partners on indicator tracking and data management, encoding customised indicators.

**FOR INTPA D4**

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# QUALITY ASSURANCE

Ensure M&E specialists with expertise are part of the team to guarantee data quality.

**FOR IMPLEMENTING  
PARTNERS**

*Conduct final quality control checks for data coherence.*

*Payments should be linked to data submission — no approval without values entered.*

**TIPS**

**FOR EUDs/HQ**

## STRATEGIC & CLEAR COMMUNICATION

Simpler, less contractual emails from service providers.

**FOR INTPA D4**

Be strategic about data use, clarify who needs it and what counts as quality data, challenge false assumptions.

**FOR IMPLEMENTING  
PARTNERS**

## RELATED RESOURCES

### Public:

- Capacity4dev **Design, Results and Reporting** Group
- **Results and Indicators for Development** resource
- **Results and Monitoring** wiki
- OPSYS - **Awareness webinar on the 2025 Results Reporting Campaign** (includes how to encode customised indicators)
- Webinars on **Encoding Logframes, Current Values and Predefined Indicators**

### EC restricted:

- OPSYS **e-Learning Videos, Tutorials and Self-Learning Exercises**
- OPSYS Results Reporting: **Interventions & Logframes in MyWorkplace course**
- INTPA D4: **Logical Framework Approach (LFA) for designing an Intervention course**