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“Support to enhance livelihoods per people dependent on informal economy and improve social inclusion of marginalised and vulnerable persons”

Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Matrix



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Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Matrix

The research and monitoring and evaluation matrix is a supplement to the Research Network Support Facility (RNSF) Logical Framework as included in the ARS Progetti Organisation and Methodology document. It does not replace the Logical Framework.

For each research question, and as relevant, the RNSF project will analyse:

- Key strategies from global, regional, and (sub)national strategies to micro level (in the case of entrepreneurs their business approaches)
- Identify what works (GP)
- What does not work or only works somewhat
- Challenges faced and if/how they are overcome
- New trends and how they are being implemented.

Also see Inception Report for details on analysis using a systems approach.

Research Question 1) Enabling environment

What are the key ways to successfully support the enabling environment at national and sub-national level for enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion? This includes legal and policy framework development, institution and capacity strengthening as well as coordination.

Research Question 2) Decent work and enterprise growth

What key elements have been proven to contribute to successful formalisation of growth oriented informal economy enterprises and that help ensure informal economy decent work conditions?

Research Question 3) Direct actions

What are the key proven direct actions at local level that contribute to the successful enhancement of livelihoods and working conditions for those working in informal economy enterprises with special attention to social inclusion?

Research Question 4) What innovative approaches do national and international entities use to enhance livelihoods, equity and inclusion of people dependent on the informal economy?

In addition: what are the new strategies adopted by people relying on informal economy activities themselves?

Note: This can include the identification of new practices and dynamics that DEVCO or other main organisations operating in (inter)national cooperation for development are currently supporting (or may support during the RNSF project implementation period).

Research Question 5) Organisation and implementation of the knowledge sharing platform

What are the best ways to organise and implement a knowledge sharing platform for enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy with respect to both enabling environment and successful direct actions to support informal economy enterprises?

Sub-research questions under Research Question 5 are:

- 1) What if anything from the Knowledge Sharing platform (KSP) and/or Management Information Tool (MIT) did implementing partners use?
- 2) How useful is what the Support Facility shared as compared to what implementing partners develop(ed)/shared before and after establishment of the KSP/MIT?
- 3) Why did implementing partners use these particular tools or other information, i.e. Good Practices (GP), Lessons Learned (LL), innovative ideas, action-research, experience with evidence based policy making?
- 4) How useful were the tools and other information they used?
- 5) What was the impact of the tools and information that was used?
- 6) What was the impact of the tools and information on developing the informal economy?
- 7) What was the impact of the tools and information on reducing social exclusion?

Data is mostly based on analysis of literature, interviews with key informants, analysis of the 17 new projects in 13 countries, analysis of at least 33 completed EC funded projects.

For each sub-question that requires identification of GP and LL, at least 5 GP and/or LL will be identified. Each of these GP and/or LL must meet the following criteria as follows.

Good practice criteria to be met and description:

Criteria	DESCRIPTION
1. Effective and successful	A “good practice” has proven its strategic relevance as the most effective way in achieving a specific objective; it has been successfully adopted and has had a positive impact on individuals and/or communities.
2. Innovative and creative	That it is innovative and/or creative in its design and implementation
3. Environmentally, economically and socially sustainable	A “good practice” meets current needs, in particular the essential needs of IE entrepreneurs/workers or potential entrepreneurs/workers, without compromising the ability to address future needs.
4. Gender sensitive	A description of the practice must show how actors, men and women, involved in the process, were able to improve their livelihoods.
5. Technically feasible	Technical feasibility is the basis of a “good practice”. It is easy to learn and to implement
6. Inherently participatory	The good practice involves project stakeholders through meaningful participation and ownership. Participatory approaches are essential as they support a joint sense of ownership of decisions and actions.
7. Replicable and adaptable	A “good practice” should have the potential for replication and should therefore be adaptable to similar objectives in varying situations.

Lesson learned criteria

The lesson learned must be a description of what was learned from past experience(s) that can be used to inform new planning of strategies and actions. That is, it must be a lesson that can be used to improve information / knowledge for better decision-making and thus contribute to improved program or project performance, outcome, or impact.

Note: The lesson learned can be positive or negative. It can be negative in terms of identifying (an) element(s) that should not be repeated in future planning. It can also include identification of specific issues which need to be taken into account when engaging in planning. These can include contextual issues such as economic, policy, socio-cultural, and/or on equity.

Data collection and analysis will be continuous throughout the implementation of the RNSF project implementation. Specific reports and other written materials and/or presentation of results will be prepared as important findings are identified and analysed.

Brief Overview of Data Analysis Methods Described in Research Matrix

Data analysis methods will include the identification of key good practices, lessons learned and challenges identified during implementation of approaches. Means used to overcome challenges will also be analysed to further determine key elements that contribute to the success of initiatives.

Qualitative data analysis will be the key means used to interpret the collected data. Quantitative data, particularly relevant statistics, will be interpreted as useful and as indicated in the Research Matrix below. All relevant information will be gathered and organised into basic categories as applicable to the specific subject being analysed.

General Literature Analysis

Standard thematic analysis methods will be used to extract key information from the literature. Recurring themes and important findings will be identified and analysed to extract the essential information that is needed to inform decision makers and implementers of strategies and actions. The manner in which data fits together to inform a well integrated systems approach to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy will be analysed.

Analysis of Projects, Other Relevant Documentation and Information

Findings from current and completed projects, interviews and results from meetings and conferences as well as additional relevant documentary data will also be analysed in a more structured manner.

Grounded theory will be combined with other analysis methodologies, particularly systems analysis. In the case of the RNSF, grounded theory will be adapted and applied by analysing information to identify recurring ideas and/or concepts, tagging them with codes, then grouping the codes into concepts and eventually into categories. Systems analysis will be used to define the inter-relationships between the categories of information to draw out the overall findings in each area. The systems analysis will, further, identify the key institutional actors, their roles and means of coordination to achieve the goal of enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion.

A first step to identifying codes to be used has already been undertaken through an initial literature analysis and the previous experience of team members. Codes will thus be based on the information structures developed and described in the Inception Report and in the Research Matrix below. The collected information will be transferred to the Atlasti qualitative data analysis software, coded in and interpreted to ensure the answering of the research questions in the most effective manner.

Research and Monitoring Questions (1-5) and Sub-topics	Indicators	Data Sources	Data Analysis Methods
1) Enabling environment What are the key ways to successfully support the enabling environment at national and sub-national level for enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion? This includes legal and policy framework development, institution and capacity strengthening as well as coordination.			
1.1. Global and regional strategies for enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion.	<p>a) Key global and regional economic and social strategies for enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion identified.</p> <p>b) Effectiveness of global and regional strategies for implementation at country level assessed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International literature review documents: International agencies' reviews of strategies. Research reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, and situation analyses. National reports on implementation of strategies (if any) - Communications with key informants at all levels (global, regional, national) - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of criteria for selection of strategies - Thematic and comparative analysis of effectiveness of global and regional strategies of extent to which strategies have been implemented and useful.
1.2. Advocacy Methods on IE legal and policy framework development.	a) Effective advocacy methods on IE legal and policy framework development identified with primary focus on national level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, review of case studies. - Collected data on use of advocacy among 17 new projects in the 13 countries over their implementation span. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of advocacy methods in project countries. - Identification of criteria for determining effectiveness. - Thematic analysis of advocacy methods effectiveness using a systems analysis approach (how advocacy has contributed to improving the enabling environment)
1.3. Supportive legal frameworks development, adoption and implementation.	a) Legal frameworks pertinent to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of pertinent legal frameworks on IE - Establishment of criteria to select

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	<p>with special attention to social inclusion identified in selected project countries.</p> <p>b) Key elements in legal frameworks contributing to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion identified in selected project countries.</p> <p>c) Extent to which projects have found legal frameworks in countries to have a supportive impact on their beneficiaries. Reasons for extent to which frameworks have had positive and/or negative impact identified.</p> <p>d) Extent to which enforcement challenges of legal frameworks exist</p>	<p>completed EC funded projects, review of case studies</p> <p>Overviews of legal frameworks pertinent to strengthening the enabling environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communications with key informants in 13 project countries and other experts as relevant over period of project implementation. - Website review - Impact surveys 	<p>key elements of legal frameworks that contribute to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of positive and/or negative impact. - Systems analysis approach to determine contextual elements influencing effectiveness.
1.4. Supportive policy frameworks development, adoption and implementation.	<p>a) Policy frameworks pertinent to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion identified in selected project countries.</p> <p>b) Key elements in policy frameworks contributing to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion identified in selected project countries.</p> <p>c) Extent to which projects have found policy frameworks in countries to have a supportive impact on their beneficiaries. Reasons for extent to which frameworks have had positive and/or negative impact identified.</p>	<p>- Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies.</p> <p>Policy frameworks pertinent to strengthening the enabling environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communications with key informants in 13 project countries and other experts as relevant over period of project implementation. - Website review - Impact surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of pertinent policy frameworks on IE - Establishment of criteria to select key elements of policy frameworks that contribute to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion. - Identification of positive and/or negative impact and related reasons. - Systems analysis approach to determine contextual elements influencing effectiveness.

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1.5. Macro-economic approaches identified to stimulate IE and formalisation as appropriate.	<p>a) Macro-economic approaches pertinent to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion identified in selected project countries.</p> <p>b) Extent to which projects have found macro-economic approaches in countries to have a supportive impact on their beneficiaries. Details analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations, case studies and analyses of macro-economic approaches pertinent to strengthening the enabling environment. - Summaries of macro-economic approaches in project countries. - Communications with key informants in the 13 on-going project countries and other experts as relevant. - Website review - Impact surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of pertinent Macro-economic approaches on IE - Establishment of criteria to select key elements of macro-economic approaches that contribute to enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion. - Identification of positive and/or negative impact and related reasons. - Systems analysis of any macro-economic approaches.
1.6. IE statistics and use to inform enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion.	<p>a) The key ways in which IE statistics have been used to inform enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion in project countries identified.</p> <p>b) Extent to which IE statistics have been used to support enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations, case studies and analyses of IE statistics and its use - Collected data on use of IE statistics among 17 new projects over their implementation span, if applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of ways in which IE statistics have been used to strengthen approaches to livelihoods enhancement. - Identification of challenges in using IE statistics and possible ways in which these may be overcome.

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1.7. Labour market statistics to inform enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion strategies.	<p>a) The key ways in which labour market statistics have been used to inform enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion in project countries identified.</p> <p><i>Includes attention to identifying if and how labour market statistics are used to inform decision making on types of vocational and skills training to be provided.</i></p> <p>b) Extent to which labour market statistics have been used to support IE identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations, case studies and analyses of labour market statistics and its use. - Collected data on use of labour market statistics among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of ways in which labour market statistics have been used to strengthen approaches to livelihoods enhancement. - Identification of challenges in using labour market statistics and possible ways in which these may be overcome. - Thematic analysis to determine if and how labour market statistics are used to inform decision making on types of vocational and skills training to be provided.
1.8. Education/vocational/skills statistics to inform enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion.	<p>a) The key ways in which education/vocational/skills statistics have been used to inform enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion in project countries identified. Includes attention to identifying if and how labour such statistics are used to inform vocational and skills training.</p> <p>b) Extent to which education/vocational/skills statistics have been used to support IE identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations, case studies and analyses on education/vocational/skills statistics and their use to inform enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion. - Collected data on education/vocational/skills statistics use of among 17 new projects over their implementation span if applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of ways in which education/vocational/ skills statistics have been used to strengthen approaches to livelihoods enhancement. - Identification of challenges in using education/vocational/skills statistics and possible ways in which these may be overcome. - Thematic analysis to determine if and how labour market statistics are used to inform decision making on types of vocational and skills training to be provided.
1.9. Institution and capacity strengthening on IE.	a) GP and LL on institutions and capacity strengthening on IE identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: - National level reports, evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of on institutions and capacity strengthening

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	<p>b) Challenges on institutions and capacity strengthening on IE identified and possible means to overcome identified and analysed.</p> <p>c) GP and LL on organising informal economy groups</p>	<p>and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of capacity strengthening tools, and analyses of their use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collected data on institution and capacity strengthening on the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<p>methods/tools implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Systems analysis to identify the key institutional actors, their roles and means of coordination. - Identification of GP and LL on institutions and capacity strengthening. - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during institution and capacity strengthening and determine if/how these were overcome.
1.10. Linkages between formal and informal economy.	<p>a) GP and LL on how to improve linkages between formal and informal economy identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on improving linkages between formal and informal economy identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p> <p>c) GP and LL on value chains</p> <p>d) Challenges on GP and LL on value chains</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations, case studies and analyses of methods used to establish linkages between formal and informal economy. Includes attention to value chains, corporate social responsibility actions of formal to informal economy, linkages between formal employers and workers organisations and people dependent on the informal economy - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of types of linkages between formal and informal economy implemented in different settings. (including through systems analysis) - Identification of GP and LL on linkages between formal and informal economy - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during strengthening of linkages between formal and informal economy and determine if/how these were overcome.

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1.11. Coordination and sustainability planning	a) GP and LL on coordination and sustainability planning identified b) Challenges on coordination and sustainability planning identified and a	-	-
2) Decent work and enterprise growth			
What key elements have been proven to contribute to successful formalisation of growth oriented informal economy enterprises and that help ensure informal economy decent work conditions?			
(Cross linkages with other research questions)			
2.1. Promotion and implementation of decent work, including through implementation of international labour standards, national labour laws in IE.	a) GP and LL on promotion of decent work in IE identified. b) Challenges on promotion of decent work in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed. c) GP and LL on implementation of International Labour Standards and national labour laws in IE identified. d) Challenges on implementation of International Labour Standards IE and national labour laws identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of tools on strengthening decent work, and analyses of their use. - Collected data on promotion of decent work in the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on promotion and implementation of decent work. - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of decent work in the IE and determine if/how these were overcome.
2.2. Formalising work in IE	a) GP and LL on formalising in IE identified. b) Challenges to formalisation identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General literature review documents. - Collected data on project steps undertaken towards formalising the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. (note that several projects indicated contributing to formalising and/or promoting employment in the formal economy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on formalising the IE - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during formalising in the IE and determine if/how these were overcome.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	
2.3. Occupational safety and health (OSH) implementation in IE.	c) GP and LL on OSH in IE identified. d) Challenges on OSH in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of OSH training tools and analyses of their use. - Collected data on OSH actions among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on training OSH tools and other OSH relevant initiatives. - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of OSH in the IE and determine if/how these were overcome.
2.4. Environment and sustainable management & IE.	a) GP and LL on environment and sustainable management in IE identified. b) Challenges on environment and sustainable management in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of environment and sustainable management issues - Collected data on environment and sustainable management among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on environment and sustainable management issues. - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of environment and sustainable management issues and determine if/how these were overcome.
3) Direct actions in communities What are the key proven direct actions at local level that contribute to the successful enhancement of livelihoods and working conditions for those working in informal economy enterprises with special attention to social inclusion?			
3.1. Social and behaviour change communications	a) GP and LL on using SBCC in IE identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations 	Identification of GP and LL on SBCC/Communications for

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Subject areas: SBCC on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Human rights (including equity) of IE entrepreneurs and workers including right to work. – Right to access decent work including implementation of labour laws. – Promotion of social norms supportive of enhancing opportunities for those dependent on the informal economy. 	b) Challenges on using in SBCC in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of SBCC tools and analyses of their use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collected data on SBCC on the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	Development (C4D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during SBCC and C4D development and implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.
3.2. Entrepreneurship: Capacity strengthening on starting, improving, growing economic activities.	a) GP and LL on entrepreneurship strengthening in IE identified. b) Challenges on entrepreneurship in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	- Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of entrepreneurship capacity strengthening tools, and analyses of their use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collected data on entrepreneurship capacity strengthening on the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	- Identification of GP and LL on capacity strengthening for starting, improving, growing economic activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of capacity strengthening on starting, improving, growing economic activities and determine if/how these were overcome.

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3.3. Information Technology (IT) and enhancing of livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion.	<p>a) GP and LL on using IT to enhance the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges (if any) on using IT to enhance the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of IT use to strengthen capacities of people dependent on the IE. - Collected data on of IT use to strengthen capacities of people dependent on the IE among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on how IT was used to enhance of livelihoods - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of IT to enhance livelihoods and determine if/how these were overcome.
3.4. Leadership, life skills, empowerment training, literacy/numeracy	<p>a) GP and LL on leadership, life skills, empowerment training in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges (if any) on leadership, life skills, empowerment training in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review of leadership, life skills, empowerment capacity strengthening tools, and analyses of their use. - Collected data on leadership, life skills, empowerment training on the IE among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on leadership, life skills, empowerment training - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.

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3.5. Micro finance	a) Key GP and LL on micro finance in IE identified. b) Challenges on micro finance in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, review micro finance strengthening tools and approaches. - Collected data on micro finance approaches and strengthening tools among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on micro finance - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation on micro finance and determine if/how these were overcome.
3.6. Vocational education/skills training	a) GP and LL on vocational/skills training in IE identified. b) Challenges on Vocational/skills training in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed. c) Appropriateness of <i>types</i> of vocational/skills training with regard to enhancing livelihoods analysed. (i.e., are the types of training in line with local needs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, vocational/skills training methods and tools. - Collected data on the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on vocational/skills training - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation on vocational/skills training and determine if/how these were overcome.
4) What innovative approaches do national and international entities use to enhance livelihoods, equity and inclusion of people dependent on the informal economy?			
In addition: what are the new strategies adopted by people relying on informal economy activities themselves? Note: This can include the identification of new practices and dynamics that DEVCO or other main organisations operating in (inter)national cooperation for			

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development are currently supporting (or may support during the RBNSF project implementation period).			
4.1. Social dialogue and IE	<p>a) GP and LL on Social dialogue in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on Social dialogue in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, reviews of social dialogue methods. - Collected data social dialogue as related to the IE among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on social dialogue and IE - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of social dialogue and IE and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.2. Statistics on vulnerable groups and use to enhance the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social inclusion strategies.	<p>a) GP and LL on use of statistics on vulnerable groups in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on use of statistics on vulnerable groups in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, reviews of statistics on vulnerable groups and their use. - Collected data on the use of statistics on vulnerable groups among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on use of statistics on vulnerable groups to enhance livelihoods - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.

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4.3. Social inclusion promotion (awareness raising on social inclusion in IE)	<p>a) GP and LL on social inclusion promotion in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on social inclusion promotion in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, reviews of social inclusion promotion. - Collected data on social inclusion promotion in the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on social inclusion promotion, - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion of social inclusion and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.4. Social protection	<p>a) GP and LL on social protection in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on social protection in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: - National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, reviews of social protection and its use as linked to the IE. - Collected data on social protection in the IE among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on social protection - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of social protection and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.5. Improving food security through enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy, with special attention to social	<p>a) GP and LL on improving food security in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on improving food security in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, reviews of food security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on improving food security through enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy

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inclusion.	and analysed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issues as related to the IE. - Collected data on food security and the IE among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. Pay particular attention to projects measuring household livelihoods levels at baseline and endline e.g., Cote d'Ivoire AVSI project and others) - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Impact surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of methods to improve the food security of people dependent on the informal economy and determine if/how these were overcome.
<p>4.6. Strengthening IE with attention to gender issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women - Role of men to support women in IE 	<p>a) GP and LL on addressing gender issues in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on addressing gender issues in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, reviews of strengthening the IE with attention to gender issues. - Collected data on gender issues among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on gender and IE - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation of actions on gender and IE and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.7. Strengthening IE with attention to youth and children.	<p>a) GP and LL on strengthening livelihoods of youth and children in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on strengthening livelihoods of youth and children in IE identified and possible means to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, on youth and children. - Collected data on youth and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on youth and children and IE - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and

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	overcome challenges identified and analysed.	<p>children among the 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.8. Strengthening IE with attention to people affected by HIV.	<p>a) GP and LL on strengthening livelihoods of people affected by HIV in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on people affected by HIV in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<p>- Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies on the IE with attention to people affected by HIV.</p> <p>Collected data on how projects included (as relevant) people affected by HIV among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on the IE with attention to people affected by HIV - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.9. Strengthening IE with attention to people with disabilities.	<p>a) GP and LL on strengthening livelihoods of people with disabilities in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on strengthening livelihoods for people with disabilities in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<p>- Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, on the IE with attention to people with disabilities.</p> <p>Collected data on inclusion of and support to people with disabilities among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communications with key 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of GP and LL on the IE with attention to people with disabilities - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.

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		informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys	
4.10. Strengthening IE with attention to the elderly	a) GP and LL on strengthening livelihoods of the elderly in IE identified. b) Challenges on the elderly in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	- Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, on the IE with attention to the elderly. - Collected data on support to the elderly among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. - Website review - Baseline and endline surveys	- Identification of GP and LL on strengthening IE with attention to the elderly - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.11. Strengthening IE with attention to: - Migrants - Refugees - Trafficked persons	a) GP and LL on strengthening livelihoods of migrants, refugees, trafficked persons in IE identified. b) Challenges on strengthening livelihoods of migrants, refugees, trafficked persons in IE identified in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.	- Literature review documents: National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, on the IE with attention to other vulnerable groups. Collected data on support to other vulnerable groups among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. Website review - Baseline and endline surveys	- Identification of GP and LL on strengthening IE with attention to migrants, refugees, trafficked persons - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation and determine if/how these were overcome.
4.12. Strengthening IE with	a) GP and LL on strengthening	- Literature review documents:	- Identification of GP and LL on

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attention to other vulnerable people	<p>livelihoods of other vulnerable people in IE identified.</p> <p>b) Challenges on strengthening livelihoods of other vulnerable people in IE identified and possible means to overcome challenges identified and analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National level reports, evaluations and other information on selected completed EC funded projects, case studies, on the IE with attention to other vulnerable groups. - Collected data on support to other vulnerable groups among 17 new projects over their implementation span as applicable. - Communications with key informants in project countries. Website review - Baseline and endline surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (other) vulnerable groups and IE - Analysis of GP and LL to determine adaptability and scalability. - Identification of challenges identified during promotion and implementation on other vulnerable groups and IE and determine if/how these were overcome.
5) Organisation and implementation of the informal economy support facility (IESF)			
What are the best ways to organise and implement a knowledge sharing platform for enhancing the livelihoods of those dependent on the informal economy with respect to both enabling environment and successful direct actions to support informal economy enterprises?			
5.1. What if anything from the KSP and/or MIT did implementing partners use?	<p>a) Use of IESF (including KSP and MIT) usage analysed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring information on use of KSP/MIT 	Qualitative analysis using content analysis, system analysis, grounded theory and logical analysis in combination.

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5.2. 5.2.1 How useful is the Support Facility? 5.2.2 How effective were the tools and information that was used?	a) Usefulness of the IESF (including KSP and MIT) analysed. b) IESF has contributed to improved implementing partner capacities and quality of project implementation c) Tools and information has contributed to increasing livelihoods for project beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring information on interaction of RNSF with the 17 projects through IESF and direct contact (email, Skype, in meetings/seminars, etc.) - Project monitoring reports, progress reports, final reports, endline and evaluation reports - Annual surveys with the implementing partners including with attention to specific forms of support and tools. - Ex-post survey of the implementing partners including with attention specific forms of support and tools. 	Qualitative analysis using content analysis, system analysis, grounded theory and logical analysis in combination. Identify tools and their use. Analysis of survey data
5.3. Why did implementing partners use particular tools or other information (GP, LL, innovative ideas, action-research, experience with evidence based policy making, personal inputs the RNSF team provides)?	a) Elements of the IESF of particular usefulness as perceived by implementing partners identified and reasons analysed. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support provided through provision of information from secondary sources (literature) - support the RNSF team provides in direct two-way interaction with implementing partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring information on use of KSP/MIT - Monitoring information on interaction of RNSF with the 17 projects through IESF and direct contact 	Qualitative analysis using content analysis, system analysis, grounded theory and logical analysis in combination.
5.4. How effective were the tools and information that was used?	a) The exchanges of best practices and discussions on the IE and social conditions among the implementing partners are increased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comparative data between the initial number of docs uploaded on the SKP/MIT by each implementing partner and the final number of shared docs and held chats/discussions - Monitoring information on 	Qualitative analysis using content analysis, system analysis, grounded theory and logical analysis in combination.

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		<p>interaction of RNSF with the 17 projects through IESF and direct contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project monitoring reports, progress reports, final reports, endline and evaluation reports 	