

## MOPAN Methodology Revisions Plan

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### Short-term actions (application of methodology revisions in 2019)

Task / Action
<b>External Stakeholder Feedback</b>
<p><b>1. Prepare clearer guidelines for collection of survey respondents.</b> A clearer typology of external stakeholders required for inclusion in the survey and possibly interviews will be defined. What constitutes an external stakeholder will also be clarified. This will serve as starting point for discussion with MOs and Members during the inception phase of the assessment to define a more relevant range of respondents.</p>
<p><b>2. Refine the generic survey questionnaire and implementation process.</b> The generic questionnaire for the survey will be reviewed. The questionnaire will further be customized during the inception phase. A working assumption remains that the survey data feeds into the assessment of organisational performance (KPIs 1-8), and not the assessment of results (KPIs 9-12).</p>
<b>Reviewing the results assessment</b>
<p><b>3. Refine the list of acceptable documents for inclusion in the assessment of results.</b> The updated list would clarify that country level secondary data can be included as relevant, with the understanding that the documentary review will still only include a manageable sample as per resources available; and would mention the DAC Evaluation Resource Center (DEReC) as resource for collecting evaluation information, in particular country level evaluations.</p>
<p><b>4. Establish criteria for defining the level of confidence related to the assessment of results.</b> The approach for setting the level of confidence will be clarified and may combine different influencing factors including: (i) the coverage of the documents included in the review against the objectives of the institution; (ii) the quality of documents included in the review as judged by the assessment team; (iii) the proportion of self-reported versus independently reported results data used; and (iv) the ratings related to the results systems (KPIs 7 and 8).</p>
<b>Improving the assessment process</b>
<p><b>5. Define an enhanced inception phase.</b> The objective of the enhanced inception phase is to define all requirements (methodology / tools) needed for the assessment to be implemented swiftly as the implementation cycle has been reduced from 24 to 12 months starting 2019. The underlying assumption for this enhanced phase is the implementation of a preliminary document review and preliminary analysis allowing to build a good understanding of the institution ahead of the inception mission.</p>

**Medium-term actions (possible application of methodology revisions starting 2020)**

<b>Task / Action</b>
<b>Reviewing sources of country level data</b>
<b>6. Define options for piloting different methods of country data collection</b> (e.g. field visits). The objective is undertaking a comparison to garner insight on to what methods are most appropriate for gathering credible feedback from external stakeholders (at various levels/locations) to feed into the assessment of organisational performance (KPIs 1-8).
<b>7. Explore options for integrating data from the AidData “Listening to Leaders” global survey into MOPAN assessments through a pilot product.</b> The pilot study aims at delivering a knowledge product combining external stakeholders’ perception data about one organisation from three sources (own client survey, AidData survey 2018 and MOPAN survey). Background work will map questionnaires and typology of respondents from the AidData and MOPAN surveys.
<b>Updating the methodology for alignment to the 2030 Agenda</b>
<b>8. Implement a case study around the preparedness to the Agenda 2030 in organisations assessed throughout all three MOPAN 3.0 assessment cycles (2015-2019).</b> The objectives of the study are: (i) generating knowledge about preparedness of selected key organisations to the SDGs, and (ii) gathering lessons about indicators / methods that can be used to integrate the preparedness to the 2030 Agenda into MOPAN assessments, and related resources requirements. The case study may test different options such as additional KPI/MIs or additional MIs under existing KPIs.
<b>Updating the methodology for integration of safeguarding</b>
<b>9. Implement a case study around the integration of safeguards against SEA/SH in organisations assessed throughout all three MOPAN 3.0 assessment cycles (2015-2019).</b> The objectives of the study are: (i) generating knowledge about the implementation of safeguards against SEA/SH in a group of selected organisations, and (ii) further defining the additional MIs that would be used to integrate safeguards against SEA/SH into MOPAN assessments, as well as related data collection methods and resources requirements.
<b>Differentiating the methodology</b>
<b>10. Test adaptations to the assessment framework during inception using a pilot cluster of institutions in 2019.</b> This action implements the proposal for piloting adaptations of elements of the assessment framework for higher relevance for a specific cluster of organisations.