Constraints and Challenges in Determining what to measure

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Background – Structure of Parliament Offices

**Myanmar Parliament (Hluttaw)**

- **Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House)**
  - 4 Departments
    - Legislative
    - Admin & Finance
    - ICT, IR, HR, Research
    - Speaker Office

- **Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House)**
  - 4 Departments
    - Legislative
    - Admin & Finance
    - ICT, IR, HR, Research
    - Speaker Office

- **Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**
  - 3 Departments
    - Legislative
    - Admin & Finance
    - ICT, IR, HR, Research
Why M&E?

M&E is essential to measure the progress constantly

To improve recording and data collection system

To measure the improvement against the Strategic Plan objectives

To provide measurable data and improve significantly in reporting

To provide reports to Leadership Team for their decision making
How we do it?

1. IPU/UNDP team introduced M&E concept and encourage to develop parliamentary M&E system
2. With the support of IPU/UNDP parliament (Hluttaw) has started taking action in 2019
3. Received recommendations and consultations from local and international M&E experts
4. Use bottom-up approach: started with offices and small groups (unit level) to departmental level
5. Developed matrix for each unit to developmental level and developed indicators together with M&E experts
Implementation Process of M&E

1. Introductory M&E workshops
2. M&E training for mid-level officers
3. Reviewed existing documents in developing indicators and M&E matrix
4. Group works with each unit in developing indicators and M&E matrix
5. Development of M&E matrix and detail monitoring templates for all units under each department
6. Development of Departmental Level M&E matrix
7. Evaluation of Hluttaw Strategic Objectives

Review existing departmental M&E system and search actions and plans which enable Hluttaw to evaluate overall strategic objectives.

Review existing M&E system to install a M&E system at departmental level with can link strategic objectives logically and strategically.
M&E Development Stage and Implementors

Each Indicator installed in summary M&E matrix has their own detail monitoring template. Detail monitoring templates are useful for recording data systematically and designed for calculating the respective indicator. (But if the existing recording system is able to track enough and validly the M&E indicators, we don’t need to use additional detail templates.)

In addition to M&E indicators, a detail monitoring template produces other important and useful indicators which help evaluate the performance of services under each unit.

M&E matrix with summary indicators

Detail Monitoring Templates

Additional Indicators

All indicators from every units installed in M&E matrix template.
Constraints and Challenges at Department level

- Some Managers have little knowledge on M&E and know
- Difficult to measure the intangible services and to identify indicators
- Need to develop the specific matrix and templates
- Recording system (need to develop)
- Strategic Plan and work plan development
- Some managers do not know the benefit of M&E and lack of motivation
What Myanmar Strategic Objectives currently Covers

4 Departments
- Units Or Sub-dpt

Pyithu Hlutataw Office

Myanmar Parliament (Hluttaw)

3 Departments
- Units Or Sub-dpt

Amyotha Hluttaw Office

Overall Strategic Objectives

Since Myanmar parliament is only 10 years old, 2nd term, the strategic plan is yet to improve.

1) In need of the development of Result Frameworks in the Strategic Plan

2) Some of the objectives still need to be specific enough to be measurable in line with SMART

3) Current scope of M&E can still be extended beyond the scope of internal reporting to strategic level evaluation

4) In need of continuous Capacity and knowledge building on M&E
Thank you very much for your kind attention!