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This course has been designed for evaluation staff at World Food Programme (WFP) interested in utilizing Evaluability Assessment (EA) to recognize potential evaluation opportunities and challenges, as well as assessing the use of EA for informing evaluation design. The training is in line with the norms and standards of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) and tailored to the evaluation specifics of WFP.

Introduction

In 2022, United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) and the WFP Office of Evaluation launched a certification scheme for evaluation, targeting WFP's evaluation cadre in the form of micro-credentials. To read more please click HERE. The "Evaluability Assessment" course is a part of this new initiative and aims to enhance the abilities of evaluation managers to use and assess the use of an EA to improve evaluation quality.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Define EA, its purposes and uses
- Use EA to identify potential evaluation opportunities and challenges
- Assess the use of EA for informing an evaluation design, including strategies that support evaluation quality and use.

Course methodology

The course includes a range of synchronous and asynchronous activities. This approach ensures that participants not only gain solid knowledge and skills but also apply them.

Each module consists of:

- Selected readings, videos and discussion forums where participants consolidate and reflect on learning through the creation of micro-content (multimodal forum replies, etc.);
- Live instructor-led thematic webinars:
- Mentoring sessions;
- On-the-job guided practice where participants can apply the knowledge acquired in the micro-credential.

To view the study plan please click HERE.

Instructor-led webinars will be conducted on Zoom. Participants need a computer (or mobile device), a reliable internet connection and either a headset with a microphone to connect to the audio through a computer, or a telephone. We recommend accessing audio through your computer. No special software is required, but participants must be able to access Zoom. UNSSC will send access instructions to registered participants, and we recommend that you download the application and test your setup in advance.

The asynchronous component is designed and structured on UNKampus, one of UNSSC's online learning platforms.

Course contents

The micro-credential is composed of three thematic modules:

- Module 1: Understanding Evaluability Assessment
- Module 2: Using Evaluability Assessment to improve evaluation
- Module 3: Assessing the use of Evaluability Assessment

Target audience

Evaluation staff at WFP.

The requirements to register for this micro-credential are the following:

For M&E Officers working on decentralized evaluations

- 1. Completion of WFP Evaluation Foundations Course
- 2. Completion of the WFP How to Manage a Decentralized Evaluation or at least reached preparation phase if evaluation just started or starting in 6 months' time
- 3. Experience as evaluation manager in at least one evaluation in WFP either completed or at least in preparation phase... or another entity (or exceptionally for this micro credential a planned evaluation in the next 12 months)

For Evaluation Officers and Research Analysts

1. Experience as evaluation manager (or experience as research analyst substantively engaging in and supporting the evaluation process) in at least one evaluation in WFP or another entity

Additional requirements

No additional prior knowledge or skills are needed for this micro credential. However, having had some exposure and level of familiarity designing an evaluation may help participants get the most out of the course, as they will be able to bring their real-world work experience into the learning journey.

To apply

Applicants should have an evaluation that they will use for their on-the-job practice for the course. **Please include the title of the** evaluation you will use for the course in your motivation statement and indicate in what phase it is in – planned, preparation, inception, reporting and analysis, or dissemination and follow-up.

This course is offered to WFP staff only.

Applications will be carefully reviewed and only nominated participants will be contacted.

Cost of participation

Free