Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation in Going-to-Scale

SASHA

Sweetpotato Action for Security and Health in Africa

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# **Presentation outline**



Historical perspective

Lessons from past interventions

What we need to learn going forward BIGGER

What system of MLE will facilitate the learning?

# SASHA Interventions – the vines

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# SASHA intervention contd...

- Nutrition...
  - Information on the benefits of consuming OFSP
  - Nutrition information via CHWs in Mama SASHA
- Agronomy...
  - Sensitization in Marando Bora
- Value Chain

-- Linking farmers to markets

#### The result....



 More farmers planting OFSP

More land under OFSP?



# The result...

- Information on the benefits of consuming OFSP
  - Nutrition information via CHWs in Mama SASHA
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## What else?



- More OFSP in local markets
  - Roadside
  - Wet/retail market outlets
- ... And in the commercial value chains



# So what do we know....



- # 1: It is possible to increase adoption of OFSP given the right mix of factors (RAC)
- # 2: SP (and hence OFSP) is not just a woman's crop – Okello, Sindi et al, 2014; RAC (David)
- # 3: Consumption of OFSP contribute to reduction of VAD
- # 4: Kids actually like the orange color of OFSP
- # 5: There is commercial sector interest in

# How did we learn these?



- Proof of concept studies
   CIP, HarvestPlus, ....
- Monitoring what we are doing
  - Rwanda, Mozambique, Malawi, ...., RAC designed and used tools for monitoring
  - Going-to-scale Mozambique, Ethiopia
- Evaluation studies.....
  - Early adoption --- in Tanzania

# So CIP has been doing M&E, BUT.....

There are many things we still don't know yet...



...and many others we need to better understand.

# Here are the things we need to learn

- # 1: Vine delivery system
  - Multiplier characteristics & supply
  - Targeting vulnerable households.
  - Capturing indirect beneficiaries
  - Quality assurance
- # 2: OFSP production
  - Who is planting our vines?
  - Is there planting in season 3, 4, ... season?
     How best do we capture production, yield?





# Things to learn contd....



- # 3. Markets
  - 1. Producers:
    - Share sold; where sold; # supplying processor
    - Prices by market type
- 2. Consumers
  - Frequency and vol of purchase of roots; products
  - Price of roots by market type
  - # and price of products

# Things to learn contd....



- # 4. Key household welfare indicators
- 1. Dietary indicators
  - Gendered nutrition knowledge; diet diversity; freq of Vit A consumption (incl OFSP); min acceptable diet; IYCF practices; ...

Food security indicators

 Copying strategy, World Bank index; HIAS



# Things to learn contd...



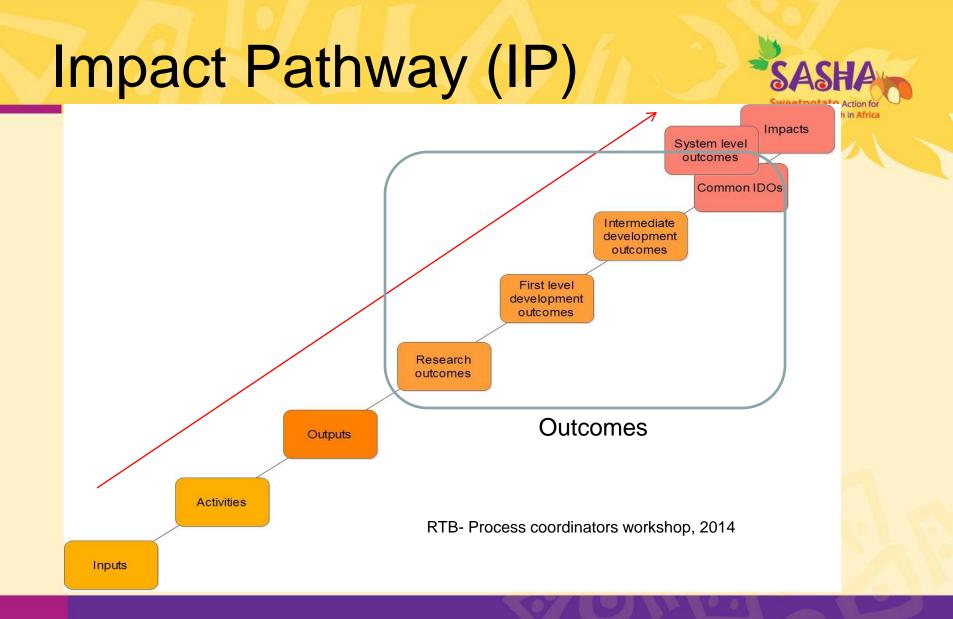
- # 5. Gender
  - Min. vs desirable gender disaggregation of data
  - Measurement of empowerment
- # 6. Gross margins
  - Capturing returns to family labor roots and vines
- #7. Agro-processor
  - # products

- akarabo biscuits
- Vol and value of sales by store and trader

### Hence in going-to-scale....



#### ..... the emphasis will be on Monitoring Learning Evaluation



# BIG



- # 1. How do we the MLE to...
  - Generate credible data
  - Enhance learning
  - At the lowest possible time and



- Without exasperating field staff/partners

• # 2. What system of MLE do we adopt?

# M&E Systems (some)...



Utilization-Focused M&E – SUSTAIN?

Results-Based M&E – RTB?

# What is Utilization-Focused Evaluation?

- Focuses on intended use and users.
- Key users (stakeholders) decide
  - Purpose and criteria
  - Content, theory of change,...
  - >> evaluator is a negotiator of consensuses
- It is highly personal and situational
   Focuses on users rather than audience
- Data collected & used for decision-making.
  - "No report to gather dust on the bookshelves" (Patton M. Quinn, 2009)

# UFE contd...



- UFE recognizes need to collect credible data
- Evaluator:
  - Is scientist must collect "technically impeccable data while staying above ... project politics and utilization relationships" Quinn (2009)
  - Consultative seek to hear and adjust according to the situation >>>Be Active-Reactive-Adaptive
  - Surveillance and compliance keep an eye on expenses

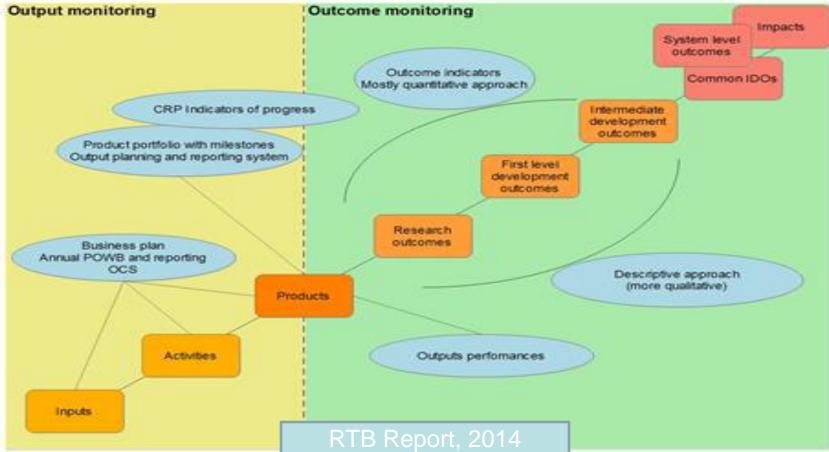
# **Result Based M&E**

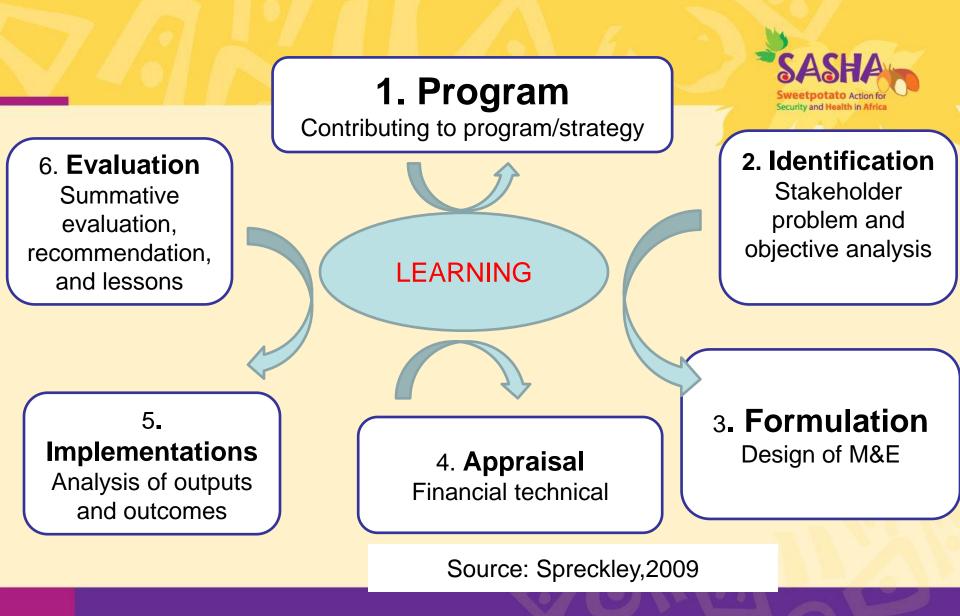


 In RBE, the focus of the monitoring is on the outcomes of a project
 >> Result = Outcome

# M&E as conceptualized by RTB

#### Structured in 2 blocks





# Way forward....

- Which system of MLE?
   Hybrid?
- How do we collect this data – Paper or Smart phone?
- Monitoring projects
  - "Rent or buy"?
- Regularity of monitoring
  - Lesson from RAC





#### Thanks!!!