An Integrated Approach to Results Management in a Knowledge Organization The Experience of the World Bank Institute

# Framing Knowledge and Learning for Development Results

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# The Problem

- With finance constrained, accelerating poverty reduction globally requires better use of development resources
- Broad consensus in development community that this requires improved capacity in developing and transition countries
- More than \$30 billion a year spent on knowledge and learning programs to enhance such capacity
- But, independent evaluations conclude that results of capacity development efforts have not met expectations

# Institutions as capacity

- Strong development results depend not only on resources—financial, human, infrastructure—but on formal and informal institutions
- Belief and incentive systems, participation, perceptions of legitimacy, social norms, and other institutional factors determine societies' development priorities and policy choices, and how resources are used to achieve priorities
- Institutions evolve, sometimes abruptly, in response to a multitude of events and decisions
- Can institutional change processes be influenced systematically or predictably by how knowledge and information are applied at various levels of a society

# Capacity Development Results Framework (CDRF)

- Offers strategic integrated approach where capacity development is tied to a specific development goal and related local institutional capacities
- Emphasizes empowerment of local agents through learning, knowledge and innovation
- Highlights changes needed for collective leadership and action
- Frames analysis of institutional barriers and design of explicit change strategies targeting institutional constraints and opportunities
- Provides structure to guide local stakeholders collaboratively through the process of building their own "theory of change"
- Unpacks change process to accommodate complexity, allowing for more adaptive program design and management

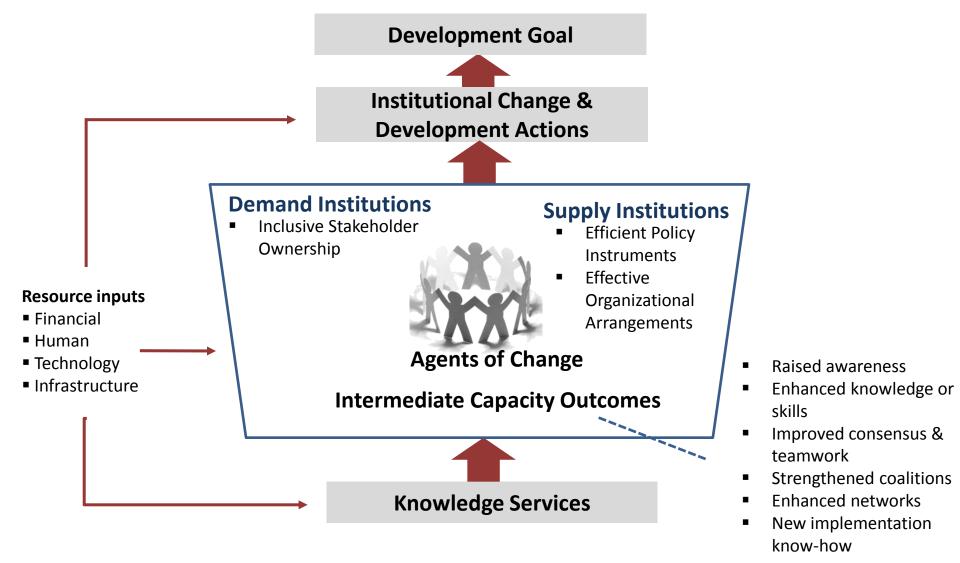
# Key operational features

- Integration of M&E at all program stages to inform adaptive management and systematic learning loops to determine what works and what does not
- Results indicators defined over changes in behavior, relationships, products and services that provide critical intermediate indicators of the change dynamic
- Goes beyond structured learning to include practitioner knowledge exchange, experiential learning, induced innovation and innovation sharing
- Open architecture and participatory process for collaborative use of diverse learning and change management tools and techniques
- Standard sets of intermediate and final outcome indicators that can be flexibly applied across sectors and countries
- Provides for adaptability—indicators focus on underlying characteristics, which can take different forms depending on the actual context; very different from standard sector indicators which assume institutional arrangements have the same meaning in different contexts

# Modeling results-focused capacity development

- CDRF envisages two inter-linked and potentially overlapping sub-processes:
  - process of transformation of leaders, groups, organizations or coalitions, which improves their ability [and disposition] to take action
  - 2. process of change in the institutional arrangements that condition both the likelihood and the impact of such action, often/possibly driven by the transformed actors themselves
- No fixed boundary or prescribed sequence to these subprocesses, but useful to identify some common guideposts
- Framework offers nine guideposts at two levels, namely three institutional capacities [covering 19 characteristics] and six intermediate capacity outcomes

## Capacity Development Results Framework



## **Examples of Change Strategies**

## **Transformative Change**

## **Normative Re-educative Strategy**

<u>Emphasis</u>: participation, cohesiveness, collaborative action, relationship, open dialogue, culture, norms, trust

#### **Key Intermediate Capacity Outcomes:**

- Improved consensus and teamwork
- Expanded networks

## Collaborative Leadership Strategy

<u>Emphasis</u>: integrity, values, inspiration, vision, common good, collaborative action, externally open, personal risk-taking

nternal Reflection

### **Key Intermediate Capacity Outcomes:**

- Raised awareness
- Improved consensus and teamwork
- Fostered coalitions

## **Power-Coercive Strategy**

<u>Emphasis</u>: compliance, behavioral psychology, authority and leverage, rewards and sanctions

#### **Key Intermediate Capacity Outcomes:**

- Fostered coalitions
- Formulated policies and strategies
- Implemented strategies and plans

## **Empirical-Rational Strategy**

<u>Emphasis</u>: expertise, argumentation, facts, analysis, logic, rational persuasion

### **Key Intermediate Capacity Outcomes:**

- Raised awareness
- Enhanced knowledge and skills

## **Incremental Change**

## Institutional change objectives

#### **Demand Institutions**

# To strengthen stakeholder ownership

- Enhance commitment of political and social leaders
- Improve compatibility of social norms and values
- Increase stakeholder participation in setting priorities
- Increase stakeholder demand for accountability
- Improve transparency of information to stakeholders

## ---- Supply Institutions -----

# To increase efficiency of policy instruments

- Improve clarity in defining rights and responsibilities
- Improve consistency
- Strengthen legitimacy
- Strengthen incentives for compliance
- Simplify administration
- Reduce risk for negative externalities
- Increase flexibility
- Strengthen resistance to corruption

# To improve effectiveness of organizational arrangements

- Improve clarity of mission
- Increase achievement of outcomes
- Increase operational efficiency
- Improve financial viability and probity
- Improve communication and stakeholder relations
- Improve adaptability

## **Intermediate Capacity Outcomes**

empower local actors, and lie at heart of change process



#### **Raised Awareness**

- Attitude
- Confidence
- Intention to act
- Motivation

# Enhanced Knowledge and Skills

- Acquisition of new knowledge
- Application of new knowledge
- Improvement in understanding

### Improved Consensus and Teamwork

- Communication
- Coordination
- Contributions
- Cohesion

# Strengthened Coalitions

- Common agenda for action
- Commitment to act
- Trust
- · Leveraging diversities

## **Enhanced Networks**

- Common interest
- Processes for collaboration
- Incentives for participation
- Generating traffic

## **New Implementation Know-How**

- Formulated policies and strategies
- Implemented strategies and plans



# Actionable institutional constraint

Learning loop

- Measurable from institutional diagnostic
- Used to review operational context and identify reform priorities

- Strength of stakeholder ownership
- Efficiency of policy instruments
- Effectiveness of organizational arrangements

Institutional and policy reforms

Capacity development

objectives

 Measurable and described in terms of reform in institutional constraint **Development goal** 

Agreed with stakeholders

Intermediate capacity outcomes

 Observable milestones to monitor plan and review progress

Project

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Envisioned change process for each objective

 In terms of changes in status, processes, products and services that are needed for local agents to achieve reform Agents of change

 Leaders, groups, and organizations that can bring about change

# General uses of CDRF

- Strategic planning
- Institutional capacity diagnostic
- Design of results-focused capacity development initiatives
- Monitoring and adaptive management of capacity development initiatives
- Evaluation and reporting on results of capacity development efforts

### **List of Resources and Tools**

Available Products at www.worldbank.org/capacity for Capacity Development Diagnostics, Design, Monitoring and Evaluation

For more information, email the WBI Capacity Development and Results team at capacity4change@worldbank.org

WBI is developing a growing suite of resources and tools that development practitioners can use to design and manage results-focused capacity development initiatives. For more information, email the WBI Capacity Development and Results team at capacity4change@worldbank.org

Diagnostics Design Monitoring Evaluation Applications Diagnostics Design Monitoring Evaluation Applications

Name	Description	Direct Web Link	Use	s			
Overview	of Results Framework and Res	sults-Focused Capacity Devel	opm	ent			
The Capacity Development Results Framework	Guide to planning, implementing and evaluating results-focused capacity development programs	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/d ocument/capacity- development-and-results- framework	Х	X	Х	X	
Overview of Capacity Development and Results Framework Flyer	Summarizes framework to guide and communicate results-focused capacity development efforts	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/d ocument/wbi-capacity- development-and-results- framework	Х	X	Х	Х	
Focus on Results animated video	3-minute video explains results-focused approach to capacity development	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/m ultimedia/focusonresultsmobil emp4	Х	Х	Х	Х	
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Institutional Capacities and their Contributing Characteristics Flyer	Three institutional capacity areas and their characteristics to guide institutional level results and diagnostics	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/d ocument/institutional- capacities-and-their- contributing-characteristics- institutional-diagnosticspr	X	×			
Intermediate Capacity Outcomes Flyer	Typology of outcomes to guide intermediate level results and monitoring	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/d ocument/intermediate- capacity-outcomes		Х	Х		
Tools fo	or Design, Management and Ev		men	it			
Steps for Designing a Results-Focused Capacity Development Strategy	Steps for working with stakeholders to design an effective strategy	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/d ocument/steps-designing- results-focused-capacity- development-strategy	Х	Х			
Guide to Evaluating Capacity Development Results	Collection of guidance notes to help assess capacity development efforts	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/document/guide-evaluating-capacity-development-results			Х	Х	
How to Demonstrate Your Initiative's Results Presentation	Explains the "what" and "how" of demonstrating results for WBI teams working on capacity development	http://intresources.worldbank. org/WBIINT/Resources/13697 4- 1289346431934/Demonstratin g_Results-2011-02- 17_ppt_with_Notes.pdf			X	X	
Overview of Results Planning, Monitoring, and Reporting	Plan, monitor, and report on results of WBI capacity development initiatives: AIS, Concept Note, AUS, ACS	http://go.worldbank.org/16GO 2AUAS0	X	Х	Х	X	
Data Collection Tools for Capacity Development Results	Customizable tools to collect data from participants, such as surveys and tests	http://go.worldbank.org/M3U8 OOTJ40			Х	Х	
Institutional Capacity Indicators Database	Lists indicators to help measure results	http://wbicdrf.worldbank.org		Х	Х	Х	

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Operational Note on Relational Intermediate Capacity Outcomes	Attributes and indicators to understand and measure outcomes involving improved relationships	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/docume nt/operational-note-relational- intermediate-capacity-outcomes		Х	Х	Х	
Reviewing Project Results Retrospectively Using the Capacity Development and Results Framework	Paper outlines the process for analyzing results of capacity development projects using the framework	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/docume nt/reviewing-project-results- retrospectively-using-results- focused-approach-capacity- developme			Х	Х	
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Importance of Stakeholder Ownership for Capacity Development Results	Paper discusses inclusive stakeholder ownership in practical terms for a deeper understanding of its concepts and relevance	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/docume nt/importance-stakeholder- ownership-capacity-development- results	X	X			
Review of Capacity Development Results Measurement in World Bank Projects	Paper offers insights into effective results measurement using the CDRF, with examples from approx 200 Bank projects	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/docume nt/review-capacity-development- results-measurement-world-bank- projects-need-systematic-approac			X	X	
Can Collaborative Capacity Generate Better Development Results in Africa?	Summary of insights from a panel of key African government and civil society leaders	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/Data/w bi/wbicms/files/drupal- acquia/wbi/Can Collaborative Capa city Generate Better Development Results in Africa.pdf					Х
	Case Studies in Capacity I						
Using Knowledge Exchange for Capacity Development: What Works in Global Practice?	Lessons from a joint study with Korea Development Institute that assessed three South- South knowledge exchange programs	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/docume nt/using-knowledge-exchange- capacity-development-what-works- global-practice		X	X	X	X
Strengthening Inclusive Ownership Through Capacity Development	Nine case studies offer lessons in collaboration, local leadership and tracking outcomes	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/docume nt/strengthening-inclusive- ownership-through-capacity- development	Х	X	X	X	Х
Consultations in Results- Focused Capacity Development: Project Experiences in East Africa	Lessons learned in design and results management from local reviews of three capacity development projects	http://wbi.worldbank.org/wbi/docume nt/consultations-results-focused- capacity-development-project- experiences-east-africa-using-ca		X			X
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Planning in Liberia	Articles describe the need for and regional/country experiences with results- focused capacity development	http://www.worldbank.org/capacity					X