

Can Outcome Harvesting be used to assess Value for Money?

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Format of the event:	30min presentation on the experience of using a readapted OH approach to assess a programme's Value for Money followed by a discussion

Programmes and organizations are increasingly required to demonstrate whether they are Value for Money (VfM) by showing if they are *maximizing the impact of each pound spent to improve poor people's lives* (DFID' Approach to Value for Money, 2011). This has been accompanied by significant (and justifiable) debate across the sector. Most organizations are demonstrating VfM by showing how they balance of the renowned 4Es (Economy, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy). However, the UK's Independent Commission of Aid Impact's (ICAI) recent [review of DFID's Approach to VfM](#) recommended revising how this VfM approach addresses adaptive management and development effectiveness principles, such as the empowerment of beneficiaries, among other things.

Could Outcome Harvesting (OH) address these points? Could OH make VfM analysis a meaningful exercise that can help organizations generate learning to adapt their programmes and, ultimately, maximize their impact? In this session, we will discuss whether the OH methodology can be used and adapted to assess VfM. We invite OH experts to debate whether the OH steps would allow to bring into the discussion programmes investments and whether this way of looking at VfM is fit for purpose.

We will present a framework, developed in ActionAid, where VfM becomes a participatory tool where women and men engaged in development projects reflect on the outcomes harvested relating them to the key investments to enable programmes to adapt and maximise impact.

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