

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON IMPACT EVALUATION (BATCH 2)

I. Background and Rationale

In 2023, the NEDA Investment Programming Group (IPG) initiated the CY 2023 Capacity Development Program on Impact Evaluation. The Program consisted of two phases. Phase 1 entails the conduct of Executive and Technical Training Courses, which were concluded on April 28, 2023. Meanwhile, Phase 2 entails knowledge/skills application or practicum wherein eight NROs were selected to implement their proposed IE study with PHP 2 million budget support under the FY 2023 M&E Fund and technical assistance¹ from the NEDA-UNDP Strategic M&E Project (SMEP). This first batch of selected NROs presented their preliminary study findings during the 10th M&E Network Forum held on November 29, 2023, and are planned for completion by first quarter of 2024.

The IPG will continue the Capacity Development Program on IE for FY 2024 with Batch 2 of NRO IE studies. A call for proposals was issued on February 20, 2024, and interested NROs are expected to submit their proposals by March 15, 2024.

Proposals received for Batch 2 of NRO IE studies will undergo deliberation and selection by the NRO IE Study Review Board (NIESRB). During the implementation of the IE studies, the NIESRB will ensure the quality of study outputs by providing feedback/comments on inception reports and evaluation reports. For 2024, a maximum of nine NROs will be selected to implement their IE studies, supported by:

- a. Transfer of PHP 2 million per study from the FY 2024 M&E Fund to each selected NRO.
- b. Provision of technical guidance from an advisor/mentor engaged under the NEDA-UNDP SMEP.
- c. Feedback and quality assurance on key study outputs from the NIESRB.
- d. Conduct of a two-week training on IE for selected NROs and their partner SUCs, aiming to refine inception reports.

This activity design is for the conduct of the CY 2024 Technical Course on Impact Evaluation (item d) as the two-week training for selected NROs and their partner SUCs.

II. Learning Outcomes

The technical course aims to build and enhance the participants' understanding of impact evaluation theories, designs, tools, and methodologies and strengthen their skills on preparing, designing, and managing impact evaluations. Specifically, at the end of the training, participants should be able to:

- Discuss impact evaluation concepts, theories, and frameworks;
- Determine the appropriate evaluation design for measuring project/program impact;

¹ A technical adviser was assigned to each NRO who conducted coaching and mentoring sessions throughout the implementation of the IE studies.

- Use the appropriate methods and tools in collecting and analyzing data and interpreting results;
- Develop/Refine the inception report for their impact evaluation studies

III. Course Design

The Technical Course is a ten-day in-house training activity tentatively scheduled from April 22 to May 3, 2024. It will consist of lectures and practical application in the form of workshops and structured learning exercises. Each workshop will be followed by a preliminary presentation/critiquing as input to the groups in firming up their outputs. The workshops are designed to contribute to the final output – a refined inception report for their impact evaluation studies.

The design of the technical course this year will largely follow the design from last year with a few refinements based on the feedback from the previous training. The course design is still being finalized by the training coordinator.

The program flow is as follows:

Time	Activity	Resource Persons/Facilitators
DAY 1 (22 APRIL 2024)		
8:00 - 8:15	Registration	NEDA-UNDP Training Team
8:15 - 8:30	Facilitator's Introduction Invocation National Anthem Acknowledgements	CEU
8:30 - 8:35	Opening Remarks - NEDA	Assistant Secretary Roderick M. Planta, NEDA-IPG
8:35 - 8:40	Opening Remarks - UNDP	Resident Representative Selva Ramachandran / Deputy Resident Representative Edwine Carrie
8:40 - 8:45	Background and Rationale of the Capacity Development Program	NEDA-MES
8:45 - 9:00	Course Overview, Expectation Setting, and Pre-Test Administration	Eva Alyssa B. Castro, CEU
Module 1: Introduction to Impact Evaluation (IE)		
9:00 – 12:00	Session 1.1 Impact Evaluation for the Public Sector (What, Why, & When)	President Anciето Orbeta, PIDS*
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-
13:00 – 17:00	Session 2.1 Theoretical Framework, Theory of Change (ToC), Formulating Evaluation Questions	Dr. Marites Tiongco, DLSU School of Economics
Module 2: Preparation for an IE		
DAY 2 (23 APRIL 2024)		
8:00 - 12:00	Workshop 2.1 Developing ToC and Research Questions	Dr. Marites Tiongco, DLSU School of Economics
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-

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14:00 - 17:00	Session 2.3 Indicators and Data	Adrian Glova, UP School of Statistics*
DAY 3 (24 APRIL 2024)		
8:00 - 12:00	Workshop 2.2 Research Hypotheses, Indicators, Data Collection Plan	Adrian Glova, UP School of Statistics*
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-
13:00 - 17:00	Session 3.1 Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Econometric Methods	Dr. Alellie B. Sobreviñas, DLSU School of Economics
DAY 4 (25 APRIL 2024)		
8:00 - 12:00	Session 3.2 Introduction to Experimental Design	Soumya Kockhhar, IPA
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-
13:00 - 17:00	Session 3.3 Introduction to Quasi-Experimental Design	Dr. Marites Tiongco, DLSU School of Economics
DAY 5 (26 APRIL 2024)		
Module 3: How to Conduct an IE		
8:00 - 12:00	Session 3.4 Instrumental Variables (IV)	Dr. Aleli Kraft, UP School of Economics*
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-
13:00 - 17:00	Session 3.5 Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD)	Dr. Aleli Kraft, UP School of Economics*
DAY 6 (29 APRIL 2024)		
8:00 - 12:00	Session 3.6 Propensity Score Matching (PSM)	Adrian Glova, UP School of Statistics*
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-
13:00 - 17:00	Session 3.8 Difference-in-Difference (DID) Session	Dr. Marites Tiongco, DLSU School of Economics
DAY 7 (30 APRIL 2024)		
8:00 - 12:00	Session 3.9 Do's and Don'ts in Designing an IE Study (D&D DIES)	Undersecretary Joseph J. Capuno, NEDA-IPG
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-
13:00 - 17:00	3.7 Synthetic Control	Dr. Karl Jandoc, UP School of Economics
DAY 8 (1 MAY 2024)		
8:00 - 12:00	Workshop 4.1 Writeshop	Dr. Marites Tiongco, DLSU School of Economics
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	-
13:00 - 17:00	Workshop 4.1 Writeshop Cont'd	Dr. Marites Tiongco, DLSU School of Economics
DAY 9 (2 May 2024)		
Module 4: Managing an IE		
8:00 - 10:30	Session 4.1 Implementing an IE	President Aniceto Orbeta, PIDS*
10:30 - 12:30	Communicating, Disseminating, and Utilizing IE Study	Criss Anne Mallari, IPA
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	-

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13:30 - 17:00	Communicating, Disseminating, and Utilizing IE Study	Criss Anne Mallari, IPA
DAY 10 (3 May 2024)		
8:00 - 15:00	Panel Presentation of the Draft IE Inception Report (12:00 - 13:00 Lunch Break)	NIESRB
15:00 - 15:10	Class Picture	CEU
15:10 - 15:25	Post-test Administration	CEU
15:25 - 15:35	Next Steps	Jesse T. David, NEDA-CEU
15:35 - 15:50	Awarding	CEU
15:50 - 15:55	Closing Remarks	Resident Representative Selva Ramachandran / Deputy Resident Representative Edwine Carrie
15:55 - 16:00	Closing Remarks	Undersecretary Carlos Bernardo O. Abad-Santos, NEDA-RDG

IV. Expected Participants

Participant Type	# of Pax
NRO Staff	14
SUC Representatives	7
BPDA Representatives	10
Central Evaluation Unit	3
NEDA CO	10
Total Pax	44
Support/Training Team	4
Resource Person/s per day	2
Total non-pax attendees per day	6
<u>Total</u>	50