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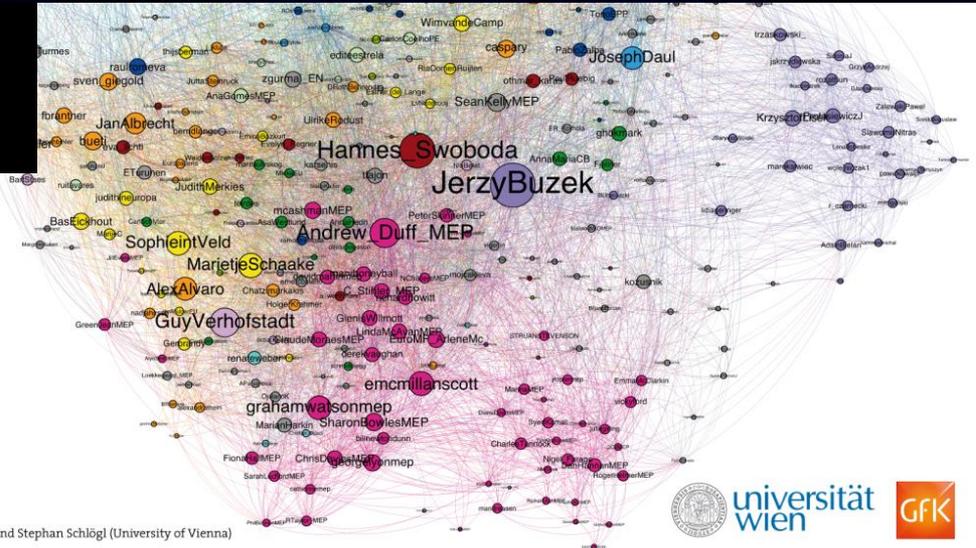
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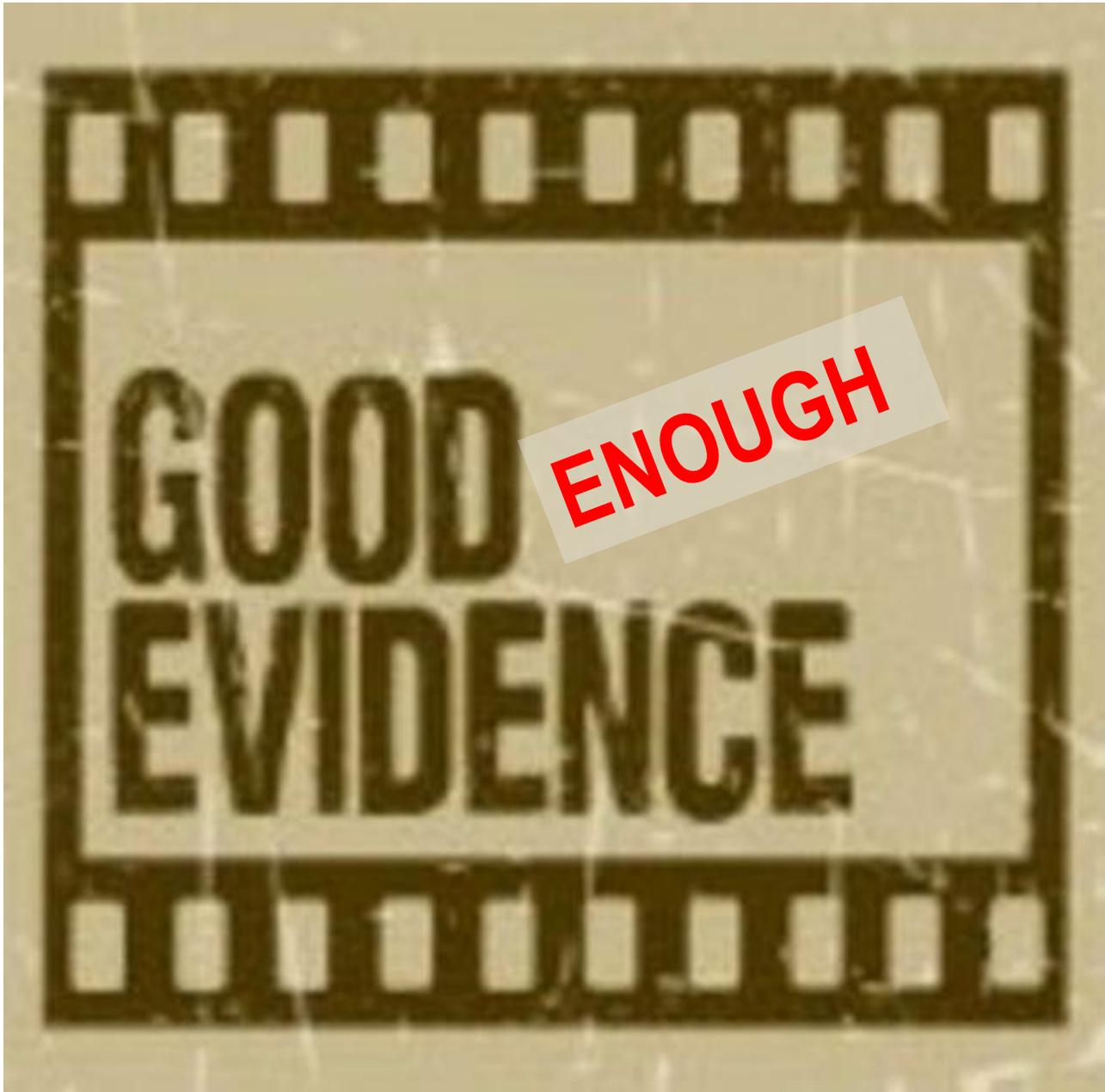


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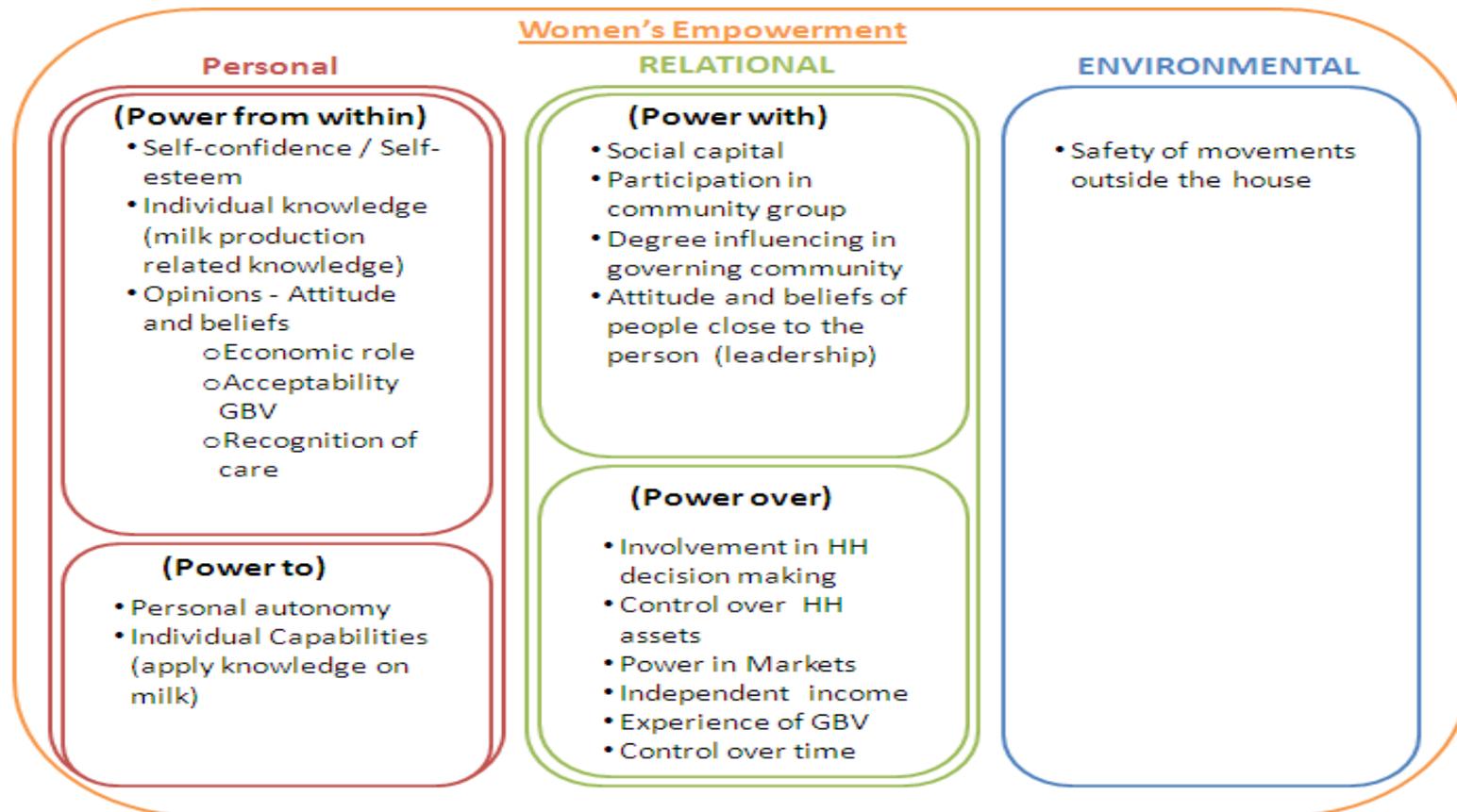






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MEASURING RESILIENCE

Lessons learned from measuring resilience in Oxfam's large-N Effectiveness Reviews



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Resilience has rapidly become one of the most prominent objectives for the development sector, so ascertaining how best to measure it is an essential task for practitioners working in monitoring and evaluation. In this discussion paper, we outline the main insights emerging from the series of large-N Effectiveness Reviews, a set of quantitative studies that aim to evaluate impact and generate learning from a random sample of Oxfam's projects. We also consider how this measurement approach may adapt as ideas about resilience change both within Oxfam and in the development sector at large.

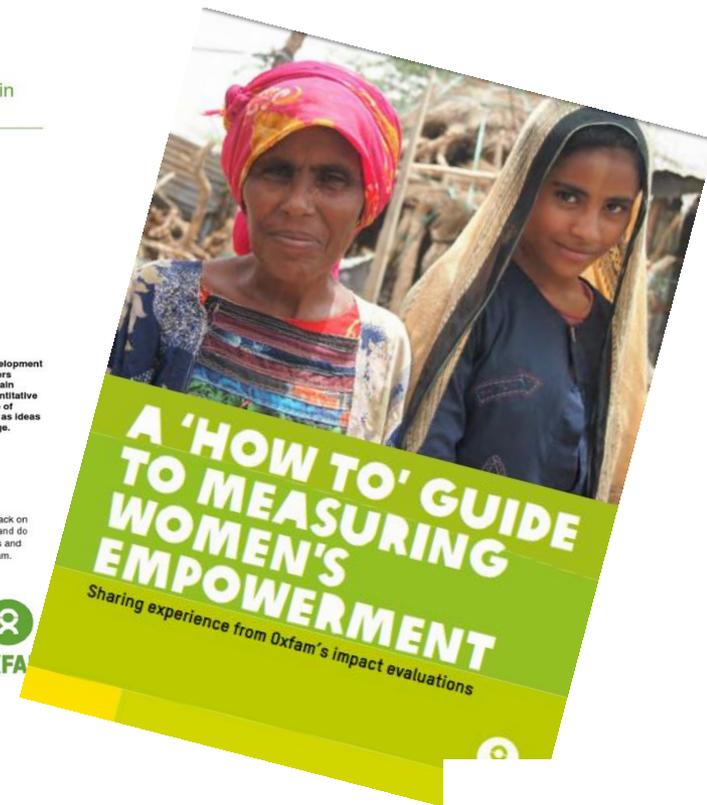
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WHAT'S STOPPING US IN THE BROADER EVALUATION PORTFOLIO?

A fragmentation of interests– This fragmentation makes it difficult to work across boundaries and challenges consistent and effective collaboration

Evidence generation discord –discord between the types of 'evidence' that different groups give primacy to.

Cost & Time

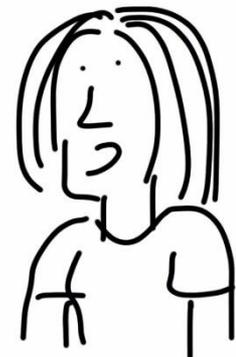
OFTEN WE HAVE THE WRONG QUESTIONS DRIVING OUR STUDIES

What kind of evaluation did you need?

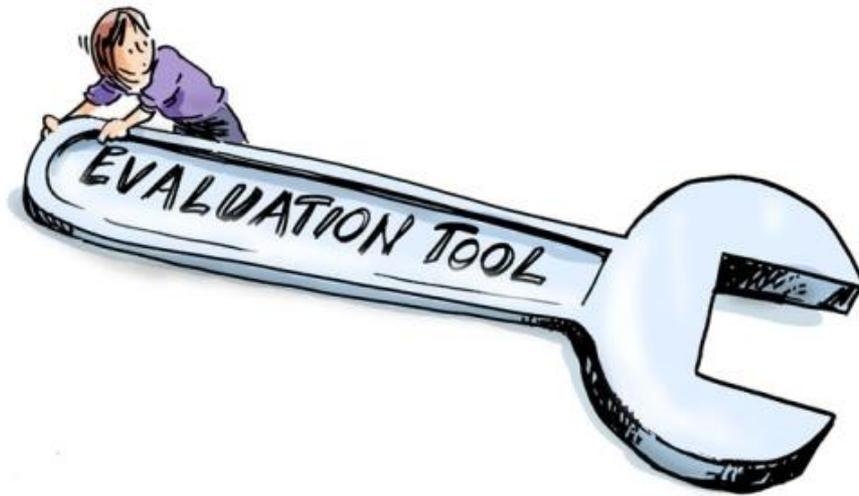


Our 3 year project is coming to an end and were told we needed an evaluation.

What kind is that?



AND HAVE BEEN TOO LED BY EVALUATION TOOLS

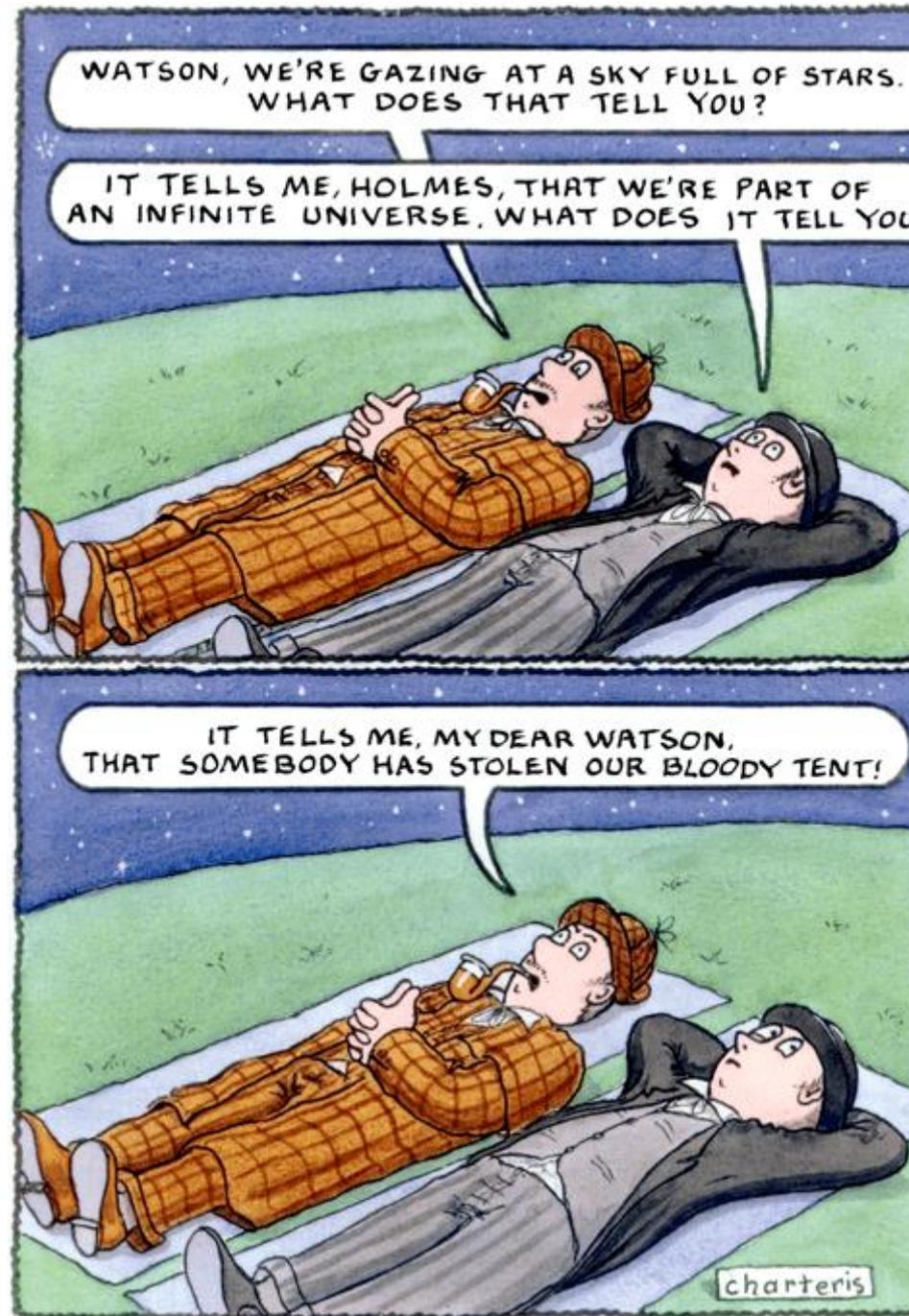


THERE'S A
PROBLEM
WITH THE
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WHICH MAKES INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE CHALLENGING



USEFUL FOR WHO? WHOSE EVALUATION IS IT?

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REFRAMING THE USERS OF EVALUATION

Development agencies struggle to be responsive project participants, especially more marginalized groups.

If we see project participants as the primary agents in their own development, it becomes critical to engage with them in the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions.

Evaluation practices that work from a social accountability perspective can leverage new opportunities in development accountability structures—offering an innovative approach to enhance evidence-based policy making and make development more responsive.



PARTICIPATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND LEARNING APPROACH



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ANALYSIS & VALIDATION - PARTICIPATORY SCORING / THINK-ALOUD INTERVIEWS, SENSEMAKING WORKSHOPS



DISSEMINATION & USE – DIFFERENT FEEDBACK PROCESSES

communities often feel that there is an abundance of data-collection taking place in their villages; however, they feel they have little information about the results and findings of these studies - 'Beneficiary Feedback in Evaluation', DFID 2015

- **using and sharing real-time data while fieldwork is still underway** - basic summary statistics generated can be used as a basis for community meetings and focus groups, which were used to gather additional information and understanding of the project
- **Returning to share and validate preliminary results** - sharing
- **Sharing findings and supporting uptake and use**



RESULTS CAN OFFER LEARNING AND INSIGHT

Bringing it Together - We have meta-analyses!

Though one study might not have the sufficient sample size to detect the impact, a combination of studies might. Value-added research.

We see:

- A sense of the overall impact of the portfolio
- important regional variations in the impact of our resilience and livelihoods programming
- Important findings that were not detected in any individual study, but were visible when they were brought together



Go back.
We messed up.

