Recommendations to Improve Performance against the MTS and Improve Final Review Methodology

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What We need to Consider

1. The results of the MTR conducted by PAC
   - Are we satisfied with the results?
   - What recommendations do we make to the NRs to fix areas of poor performance?

2. Challenges associated with the MTR
   - What worked well and what did not?
   - Do we need to change the methodology?

PI 1.1 – GP Commitment to RCA Governance

Criteria 1 – GP Deposit of Acceptance Criteria

- Result: Very Good
- Possible recommendations:
  - RCA Chair call / declaration asking for completion deposit of IOA
- Recommendations to change of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 1.1 – GP Commitment to RCA Governance

Criteria 2 – No GPs absent for 2 subsequent NR meetings

Result: Good

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Assess if any change in FR given virtual formats being used due to COVID-19
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Assess quality of engagement in NR meetings?

PI 1.2 – GP Commitment to RCA Projects

Criteria 1 – Completion of planned activities

Result: Very Good (WS, EM) to Excellent (RTCs)

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Nil
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 1.2 – GP Commitment to RCA Projects

Criteria 2 – Project reports submitted by deadline

Result: Adequate

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Advanced reminders for reports to be sent to NRs and NPCs as well as LCC
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 1.2 – GP Commitment to RCA Projects

Criteria 3 – NPCs and ANPCs attending project meetings

Result: Very Good

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Nil
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 1.2 – GP Commitment to RCA Projects

Criteria 4 – Nominations for RTCs from NPTs

Result: Insufficient Data

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - RCA Chair call reminding NRs to only nominate NPT members for RTCs
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Secretariat to start collating data
  - Secretariat to consider implementing an ITR solution whereby only NPT members can be nominated for RTCs

PI 1.3 – GP Support through EB and IK Contributions

Criteria 1 – GPs making EB contributions

Result: Inadequate

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Unsure. RCA Chair call for EB contributions has already been made in 2017.
  - Approach industry partners?
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 1.3 – GP Support through EB and IK Contributions

Criteria 2 – GPs making IK contributions

Result: Adequate

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Suspect his may be due to inaccurate reporting by GPs. RCA Chair call to NRs to ensure that IK contributions are reported accurately.
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 2.1 – Programme Alignment with MTS

Criteria 1 – Projects are aligned with MTS Strategic Priorities

Result: Excellent

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Nil
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 2.1 – Programme Alignment with MTS

Criteria 2 – Resources allotted across sectors based on optimum proportions

Result: Insufficient Data

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Need clear expectations from NRs if this is to be assessed in FR
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Review following provision of expectations from NRs

PI 2.2 – Alignment of Projects to National Programmes

Criteria 1 – Correlation between RCA projects and CPFs (Recipient GPs)

Result: Very Good

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Nil
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 2.2 – Alignment of Projects to National Programmes

Criteria 1 – Correlation between RCA projects national priorities (Donor GPs)

Result: Very Good

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Nil
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 2.3 – Defined Project Outcomes

Criteria 1 – Project designs of high quality

Result: Good

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - NRs to cut more project proposals early in process to enable greater focus / effort on proposals with greatest value
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 2.4 – Defined Next and End-Users

Criteria 1 – Next / end user identified for projects

Result: Good

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Identification of next / end users be included as an explicit criteria for approval of project proposals in the 2024-2025 biennium
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 3.1 – Financial Resources Available for Implementation of RCA Activities

Criteria 1 – Projects identify 25% of components / activities as EB

Result: Inadequate

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Remove this requirement as it runs contrary to good project design
  - Replace with a new criteria?
    - *Biennium budget allocated to RCA from all sources grows year-on year*
    - *Project have clearly identified potential EB contributors*
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Remove / replace subject to NR approval
  - Change PI?
    - *Financial resources available for implementation of RCA <u>needs</u>?*

PI 3.2 – Human Resources Available for Implementation of RCA Activities

Criteria 1 – Recipient GPs identify workforce requirements

Result: Insufficient Data

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Participation in projects not endorsed unless GPs clearly identify NPC, ANPC, and NPT on RCARO database
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Review RCARO database for FR

PI 3.2 – Human Resources Available for Implementation of RCA Activities

Criteria 2 – RTC participants are from NPTs

Result: Insufficient Data

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - See PI 1.2 Criteria 4
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - See PI 1.2 Criteria 4

PI 3.2 – Human Resources Available for Implementation of RCA Activities

Criteria 3 – Knowledge is shared with NPT after RTCs

Result: Insufficient Data

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Very hard to measure. Suggest removing.
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Remove subject to NR endorsement.

PI 3.3 – Physical Resources Available for Implementation of RCA Activities

Criteria 3 – RRUs or in country facilities available

Result: Adequate

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - RRUs required to be defined for all participating GPs before detailed design approval granted
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Nil

PI 4.1 – Projects Contribute to Sustainable Development in the Region

Criteria 1 – Baseline known to measure any improvements over time

Result: Insufficient Data

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Authorise the Secretariat to continue thematic outcome monitoring assessments
  - Replace three new criteria:
    - *Number of thematic reviews undertaken by Secretariat*
    - *Approved projects have clearly defined SMART outcomes at commencement*
    - *Completed projects report against SMART outcomes in each PPAR*
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Replace subject to NR endorsement

PI 4.2 – RCA Recognised as an Effective Partner

Criteria 1 – Baseline known to measure any improvements over time

Result: Insufficient Data

- Possible recommendations to NRs:
  - Replace with a new criteria:
    - *Projects conduct surveys of effectiveness with next and end user organisations*
- Possible changes of methodology for FR:
  - Replace subject to NR endorsement

Other Considerations

Establish timeframe for:

- Updated FR guidance for PAC, including endorsement by NRs
- PAC to undertake FR and report to MTSC WG and NRs