Better Evaluation



BetterEvaluation.org: the monitoring and evaluation platform of the Global Evaluation Initiative.

At the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), one of our key priorities is sharing knowledge to improve how evaluations are done worldwide.

We believe in working with people like you to make evaluation planning, management, and use more effective. BetterEvaluation.org, our knowledge platform, offers guidance on over 300 evaluation methods, hosts thousands of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) resources, and is free and open to everyone.

BetterEvaluation.org also **fosters collaboration**. Global M&E experts work together on blog posts, guides, and tools, ensuring a diverse range of perspectives are included on the platform. Our goal is to make M&E knowledge accessible to strengthen both individual capacities and national M&E systems.

Here are some of the highlights you can find on BetterEvaluation.org:



Global Directory of Academic Training Programs in Evaluation

We teamed up with Claremont Graduate University to create the first-ever directory of over 280 evaluation training programs. Whether you're interested in diploma, master's, or doctoral programs, you'll find valuable resources here.



GEI Training Directory

Our directory of recurring M&E training and professional development activities provided by GEI partners is meant for M&E practitioners, decision–makers, and other M&E stakeholders. The directory aims to foster knowledge sharing and collaboration among GEI partners and other peer institutions, providing a platform for continuous learning and improvement in the field of evaluation.



Footprint Evaluation Initiative

We believe environmental sustainability should be considered in all evaluations, regardless of the project's goals. The Footprint Evaluation Initiative provides tools and guidance to help evaluators integrate sustainability into their work.



The Rainbow Framework

With so many evaluation methods out there, it can be overwhelming to choose the right one. That's where our Rainbow Framework comes in. We've organized over 300 methods into easy-to-understand tasks, making it simple for you to find what you need.



The Manager's Guide to Evaluation

Created in partnership with the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC), this guide is tailored specifically for those commissioning evaluations. It includes an interactive tool called *GeneraTOR* to help improve the quality of evaluation terms of reference documents.



National M&E Systems Resources

We're consolidating a wealth of information to help strengthen national M&E systems. From conceptual frameworks to competency frameworks, you'll find everything you need to support effective evaluation practices.

New to Better Evaluation

We're excited to announce two new content areas:

Building a Career in Evaluation: This portal empowers people who are at the beginning of their M&E journey by providing them with resources and knowledge to successfully navigate different career pathways. Insights from experienced professionals enable YEEs to gain valuable perspectives on how M&E works in practice.

M&E in Fragile, Conflict, and Violence (FCV) Contexts: Evaluating in FCV contexts carries unique challenges. This new content area has been developed in partnership with ALNAP and provides resources and advice to help navigate these complexities and contribute to positive change in these contexts.

What our users say

"I'm looking for a resource on [participatory evaluation], but I don't want to wade through all the junk. BetterEvaluation can point me to the recommended resources."

"I'm not an evaluator but I've been asked to manage an evaluation and write a Terms of Reference – Luckily, I can follow the Manager's Guide." "When I see a term in a proposal that I am unfamiliar with, I can jump on to BetterEvaluation to look it up – and to make sure that the person proposing this method really understands it!"

"When I want a colleague to learn about a particular methodology, I print out the BetterEvaluation method page and share it with them."



