Routes to Resilience: Lessons Learnt from Monitoring BRACED

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Africa: 13 projects in 11 countries

Asia: 2 projects in 2 countries

Implementing Partners
Knowledge Manager (KM) & Fund Manager (FM)

The FM is responsible for overseeing the delivery of the BRACED projects. It comprises 2 organisations which together form an integrated team:

The KM comprises 6 organisations with complementary expertise in different disciplines and geographies working together to generate and share evidence based knowledge...
BRACED M&E ‘Infrastructure’

Activity

Quarterly & Monthly Reporting
Direct engagement with IPs
Project results reporting (Outcome)
Project to programme evidence & learning
EA 1: BRACED Programme ToC
EA 2: BRACED Interventions
EA 3: BRACED Projects
Adaptive Social Protection
EA 5: PHASE

Method

Quarterly Performance Reporting
Monitoring visit reports
3As (Absorptive, Anticipatory, Adaptive)
Areas of Change (Outcome Mapping)
Evaluative Monitoring
Annual Reporting Synthesis
Contribution Analysis (Country Case Studies)
Realist Evaluation
Quasi-Experimental Impact Evaluation
Contribution Analysis
Case based analysis

How is BRACED performing?

How effectively are activities being delivered?

What results has BRACED delivered?

Does the BRACED model work? For whom?

What does this mean for future resilience programming?

What does this mean for resilience strengthening more broadly?

What have we learned about monitoring and measurement of resilience programming?
KM Monitoring & Results Reporting (MRR)

How are BRACED projects building resilience and what can we learn from MRR efforts?
Building the evidence base via robust monitoring and results reporting

- Co-development of the BRACED foundational documents from the **bottom-up: theory of change and logframe**
- Development of **3 qualitative frameworks** for monitoring and measuring resilience
- Light touch **M&E support** through guidance notes & M&E 1:1 clinics, webinars & workshops
- Aggregation & synthesis: from projects to programme
KM BRACED MRR Framework
Enabling data collection and evidence generation to track and understand the processes of change that lead to climate and disaster resilience

Key questions

What is the long term change and development impact the project is seeking to support?

How will change happen? Who are the key actors?

What are the contextual drivers that may enable or constrain change?

What are the underlying assumptions about how this change would happen and did they hold?

How we monitor & assess change?

‘3A’s (Anticipatory, Absorptive & Adaptive) Transformation

Areas of Change (knowledge, capacity, decision-making, partnerships)

Evaluative Monitoring (climatic and non-climatic context)

Reflection and learning- Testing theory of change

2 Mandatory programme-wide indicators:

- KPI 4 (outcome): The number of people whose resilience has improved as a result of BRACED support
- KPI 1 (output): The number of people supported by BRACED to cope with the effects of climate change
Lessons learnt from year 1
Quantitative indicators of resilience need to be complemented with qualitative and explanatory frameworks.

There is a need to shift mindsets from logframe-driven data collection exercises to learning-oriented M&E.

There are different options for rolling out, but each comes with its own trade-offs.

Aggregation and synthesis at scale takes time and resources, challenging real time learning and course correction.
Implications for Practice

When designing, implementing and reporting against resilience M&E frameworks:

1. Be clear about what counts and why from the beginning
2. Go beyond business as usual, but know your limits (or improve them!)
3. Pick your framework but be aware of its implications (and resource for them)
4. Resource for reporting at scale (and be cautious of time)

Question for further reflection

➢ In this context, how complex does M&E need to be?
THANK YOU!

For further insights visit:

Routes to Resilience: insights from BRACED year 1

Routes to Resilience: lessons from monitoring BRACED

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