Strengthening the Use of Evidence in Policymaking for Development Impact

This session aims to discuss findings from a diagnostic survey conducted under the ‘Strengthening the Use of Evidence for Development Impact’ (SEDI) programme. The key objectives of SEDI are to strengthen the use of evidence in policymaking; and contribute to more efficient and effective decision-making. Use of evidence in processes, systems and the work culture (referred to as the ‘embedded use of evidence’) in governmental decision-making structures during policy design and implementation can improve service delivery.

In this regard, teams from local organisations explored how power relations and institutional dynamics impact attitudes and incentives towards the use of evidence. Tabadlab, SDPI and SPARC will share findings for three different sectors - education, planning for economic management, and child labour, respectively. A political economy approach will be used across presentations to inform how policy formulation is undertaken; and b) what is the evidence ecosystem in these sectors.

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