

Jargon Buster Answer Sheet

Jargons	Definitions
Accountability	Responsibility for the use of resources and the decisions made, as well as the obligation to demonstrate that work has been done in compliance with agreed upon rules and to report fairly and accurately.
Activity	Actions taken or work performed through which inputs such as funds and human resources are converted into outputs.
Baseline	The status of services and outcome related measures such as knowledge, attitude, norms, behavior and conditions.
Evaluation	The systematic and objective assessment of an ongoing or completed activity policy or program, its relevance and fulfillment of objectives, development efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability.
Efficiency	A measure of how economically inputs are converted into results.
Effectiveness	The extent to which an intervention has achieved its objectives.
Goal	A broad statement of a desire, long-term outcomes of the program.
Indicator	A variable, whose purpose is to measure change in a phenomena or process.
Impact	Third level results of a project. They are long term changes in peoples lives e.g. number of beneficiaries moved above the poverty line, or long term changes in peoples conditions.
Monitoring	Continuous functions that use the systematic collection of data on specified indicators to provide management and the main stakeholders of an ongoing development intervention with indicators of the extent of progress and achievement of objectives and progress in the use of allocated funds.
Output	First level results of a project's achievements that will lead to outcomes e.g. number of applications registered.
Outcomes	Second level results outside the control of the programme managers e.g. number of beneficiaries attending school.
Objectives	Goal statement of desired, specific, realistic and measurable programme results.
Programme	Consists of more than one project within a sector, subsector or region through a clearly defined concept.