What should be found within an M&E framework / plan?

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I was asked this question by a client some time ago. After some thinking about something that I felt I should have already known, I drafted up a one page guidance note for my client. The contents of the note also benefited from a discussion about appropriate expectations about M&E frameworks with other M&E people on the MandE NEWS email list

I have attached the one page guidance note here: What should be found in an M&E Framework / Plan?

Please feel free to post your comments on this document below. And to suggest any other documents or websites where this topic is covered.

PS: 28 October 2011: This one-pager contains a summary of the proposed contents of an M&E Framework for a DFID project, prepared this year

PS: 12 February 2014: Benedictus Dwiagus Stepantoro has sent me this link to the DFAT (was AusAID) Monitoring and Evaluation standards that were updated in 2013. He points especially to standard no.2 on Initiative M&E System there, and comments:

> â?• I use it all the time as reference in checking the quality of M&E system in program/project/initiative, as I often receive 3-5 M&E System/Plan documents every year to be assessed.
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> The main key feature for an M&E system there are:
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> â?? Should have an â??evaluability assessmentâ??, as basis for developing the M&E system.
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> â?? Have clarity on program outcome, key output, approach/modality and the logic around them
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> â?? Have Evaluation Questions, or Performance Key Questions/Indicators
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> â?? Methodology/Tools â?? including baseline
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> â?? Should have sufficient resource (people with right expertise, fund for M&E activities.etc)
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> â?? Scheduling of M&E activities
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> â?? Costing/Budget allocation for M&E
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> â?? Clear responsibility
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> â?¦.People often shows me a logframe or a matrix of indicator and proudly state that their program have an â??M&E Systemâ?•,â?¦ But,â?¦. For me, .. A logframe alone, is not an M&E System. A matrix of Indicators alone, is not an M&E systemâ?•

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