Capturing Change in Womenâ??s Realities A Critical Overview of Current M&E Frameworks and Approaches

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â??The two part document begins with a broad overview of common challenges with monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and identifies feminist practices for engaging in M&E to strengthen organizational learning and more readily capture the complex changes that womenâ??s empowerment and gender equality work seek. The document concludes with an overview and in-depth analysis of some of the most widely used and recognized M&E frameworks, approaches, and tools.â?•

[**RD Comment:** A bit of text that interested meâ?¦â?•*Some womenâ??s rights activists and their allies consequently propose that* ***we need to develop a â??theory of constraintsâ?• to accompany our â??theory of changeâ?• in any given context,*** *in order to create tools for tracking the way that power structures are responding to the challenges posed by womenâ??s rights interventions*â??. â?¦.[and before then, also on page 12] *â?¦ most tools do not allow for tracking negative change, reversals, backlash, unexpected change, and other processes that push back or shift the direction of a positive change trajectory. How do we create tools that can capture this â??two steps forward, one step backâ?• phenomenon that many activists and organizations acknowledge as a reality and in which large amounts of learning lay hidden? In womenâ??s rights work, this is vital because as soon as advances seriously challenge patriarchal or other social power structures, there are often significant reactions and setbacks. These are not, ironically, always indicative of failure or lack of effectiveness, but exactly the oppositeâ?? this is evidence that the process was working and was creating resistance from the status quo as a result* .â?•

This useful proposal could apply to other contexts where change is expected to be difficult]

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