

Monitoring & Evaluation Methods for Trainings

Case study – to be read in advance of the workshop

This note outlines a case study which we will refer to and work on during the workshop. Please read this case study in advance and think about ways in which you could monitor this activity in order to learn about how well it is achieving its objectives. What would you seek to monitor and how might you do this?

Case study

Background

- Human Rights Justice Network (HRJN) is a well-established UK association of lawyers and barristers who are committed to the advocacy and the litigation of human rights. HRJN run a capacity building and training projects that aim towards the development of the Rule of Law and human rights outside of the UK using pro bono expertise within the membership.
- The Bartovia Law Society (BLS) is an association of lawyers in Bartovia, a country in West Africa. They have partnered with HRJN run trainings on trial observation monitoring and report writing in Bartovia.
- The partners aim to deliver the very highest standard of quality education and plan to undertake monitoring and evaluation activities towards continuously improving the impact of their education and training activities as they progress. They agree to uphold principles of anti-discrimination and equality of opportunity across the lines of gender, ethnicity and religion across all their activities.

The Training Activity Plan

- One senior male barrister and one senior female barrister from HRJN will travel to the capital city of Bartovia for six days to deliver the training, supported by the staff of BLS. The training will take place over four days with one day either side for preparations and debriefing.
- 50-60 practising lawyer participants will attend the training, including those in the Secretariat of the BLS, encouraging women lawyers and lawyers working outside of the capital city to attend.
- The learning objectives will be for participants to understand: the six primary objectives of trial observations and how to put these into practice, practical competencies of writing observations and evaluating these, problematising how observations can be implemented in Bartovia and strategies to overcome the identified challenges.
- Educational methods to be employed in the training include: presentations and working group exercises, mock trial observations by observing video content of different trials in various jurisdictions and an in-country court visit in which participants will undertake real court observations.
- The budget for the activity is £9,000 to be spent in accordance with an agreed budget allocation.

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The Theory of Change

If we provide high quality training to practising lawyers in Bartovia on conducting trial observation monitoring and report writing...

...then we will see improved and regular trial observation monitoring and reporting in Bartovia **which will then lead to...** improvements in the right to fair trials and access to justice in Bartovia.

This is because (the assumptions):

- Trial observation monitoring and reporting will become a widespread practice in the courts of Bartovia.
- Trial observation reports drafted by lawyers are accepted as relevant evidence of just court process and conduct by the courts of Bartovia.
- The increased practice of trial observation monitoring and reporting will motivate judges, state prosecutors and other lawyers to adhere to just court processes and the associated regulatory standards in the courts of Bartovia.