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Implications for the evaluation profession

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To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

The evaluations that I was involved in were heavily affected by Covid-19

The overall quality of the evaluations done during covid-19 were much lower than before

Strongly disagree

Some of the changes to the evaluation practice and profession are likely to be permanent after Covid 19

Strongly agree



Main changes in evaluation practice due to Covid-19

- Less evaluations: some cancellations
- Less field work, especially for international consultants
- More online interactions: interviews, focus group discussions, workshops

We are losing...

- Coaching the programme team on operational issues related to the evaluation
- Less interactions with final beneficiaries & large groups
- Access to evaluation team depending on access to internet
- Observing programme activities
- Participating to events with project partners
- Limited informal time: "the in-between moments"
- Limitations to data-collection techniques: some workshop activities are more difficult

Also discovered some wins

No signs (yet) that evaluation practice has been heavily compromised

- Evaluations with a smaller carbon footprint
- Empowerment of local evaluators
- Less transaction costs/time: travel time, organising meeting events, hotel costs, ...
- New blended forms of data-collection and sensemaking
- Online interviewing can create a quite and focused zone for an in-depth conver

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What after covid-19?

Covid-19 is probably accelerating existing trends:

- more central role of local consultants
- field work by international consultants: only if critical-to-have
- a call to redefine the added value of international consultants
- A new wave of blended data-collection and sensemaking instruments
- implement evaluation as an adaptive process





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Questions & answers