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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

#### Mentimeter results...



#### 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**