A Process to Build Capacity in CVE Evaluation

1. A project co-director in the participating country identifies local organizations that are interested in receiving CVE evaluation support.

2. A diplomatic liaison from the Harvard team is dedicated to studying the partner country’s local context, CVE related policies and policymakers’ and practitioners’ evaluation needs.

3. A group of people, referred to as Local Evaluation Units, are created by the identified organizations.

4. Local Evaluation Units receive training in evaluation by the Harvard Training Core.

5. The Harvard team supports data analysis and interpretation of results.

Goal of the Project

This project aims to create long-term capacity in CVE evaluation and contribute to the overall effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of CVE programmes. Many organizations that implement programmes aimed at countering violent extremism (CVE) lack the capacity to evaluate the success of their programmes. The Harvard Chan School team works collaboratively with CVE practitioners from NATO member and partner countries to design and implement programme evaluations tailored to their local context and needs. The overall goal of the project is to facilitate the integration of scientifically derived knowledge into security policies.

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Project Activities

We provide training and technical assistance to local organizations by supporting them with the scientific knowledge and methods that can be applied to assess the effectiveness of their CVE projects. By doing so, the design of the evaluation plans goes hand in hand with the design of the activities being implemented. Academic expertise in program evaluation is integrated in local CVE activities.

What evaluation methods are used?
- We use developmental evaluation approaches.
- We build study designs with control groups when feasible.
- We create flexible logic models and validated evaluation measures based on local context.

How will evaluation results be shared?
- Results are shared using a password-protected Online Collaborative Network.

Who collects and analyzes the data?
- The in-country co-director in collaboration with the Harvard team creates Local Evaluation Units in the organizations participating in the project.
- The Local Evaluation Units receive training in evaluation methods and given the tools to gather data on the organizations’ CVE activities.
- Data are shared with the Harvard team who analyzes the data and produces reports for the organization.

Network of End Users

A network of end-users is created in NATO member and partner countries to:
- Provide feedback
- Participate in trainings
- Join Collaborative Networks

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