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**ABSTRACT**

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| Needs-based and multi-stakeholder approaches are crucial to effectively address the complex nature of crises and challenges worldwide. Proper evaluation systems must be inclusive, responsive, and timely. National Evaluation Systems need to not only monitor and evaluate but also fine-tune and direct interventions where they are most needed, targeting those who need them the most and tailoring them to maximize return on investment in terms of impact. Monitoring and Evaluation frameworks have been expanded to include Research, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, and thus need to diversify and improve their toolkits to deliver effectively, efficiently with better evidence. As such, we need approaches that are robust and granular enough to direct resources tactically where the likelihood of impact is greatest. A weak evidence base, siloed approaches, and lack of meaningful participation in creating and utilizing evidence undermine policy effectiveness, hindering impactful responses for achieving the SDGs globally.  We would like to share the experiences of The Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development’s (SeeD’s) implementation of the Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Index (SCORE) [[1]](#footnote-2)as a tool to inform National Evaluation Systems. SCORE is a participatory, multi-disciplinary, and scientific methodology. Developed through a partnership between UNDP-ACT and SeeD with USAID funding in 2012, SCORE has since been deployed in nearly 20 countries. More specifically, SCORE has been used by UNDP, UNICEF, UNWomen, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM and UN PDAs in numerous contexts such as Ukraine, Moldova, Liberia and the Caribbean. Notably, SCORE was also integrated into strategic monitoring and evaluation frameworks of national and sub-national stakeholders in Ukraine and Liberia, such as the Liberia Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity Development.  SCORE combines a participatory research process with advanced data analysis to identify the drivers of social change. It can be applied to diagnose and investigate various outcomes, from violent tendencies to support for reform, confidence in institutions to constructive citizenship, and food insecurity to resilience against radicalization. It is flexible enough to incorporate new research findings, global policy guidelines, and the realities of each local and regional context. The methodology recommends solutions with the greatest likelihood of impact to prioritize and tailor policies and interventions. It suggests a large indicator library, made up of over 300 indicators, which ensures SCORE’s applicability in different contexts. The participatory research principles adopted in the methodology ensure local ownership of project results. SCORE encompasses an analytical toolkit, that combines different advanced statistical methods for scientifically robust investigation of SCORE datasets to produce diagnostic and predictive outputs.  SeeD is an alliance of peacebuilders and development architects from conflict-affected societies, creating innovative solutions for multi-systemic recovery and resilience. Collaborating with international development organizations, governments, and civil society leaders, we design and implement people-centered, evidence-based strategies to promote peaceful, inclusive, and resilient societies. Our methods and evidence have been adopted by national governments and institutions, such as Liberia’s Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development and Ukraine’s State Strategy for Regional Development for Donetsk and Luhansk. |

1. <https://app.scoreforpeace.org/en/methodology> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)