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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, reflecting the voices of diverse groups. 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. “Leaving no one behind” is a fundamental pillar of the SDGs 2030 agenda, but as global challenges grow more complex our resources grow scarcer. As such, participatory, robust and versatile evaluation approaches are indispensable for evidence-based policymaking to be able to foster cohesion and multi-systemic resilience.  In this panel, we present The Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development’s (SeeD’s) 4-D approach[[1]](#footnote-2), bridging participatory research with program design. This holistic and evidence-based approach provides a structured, participatory, and deliberative process framework with a robust analytical toolkit. We focus on stages 1 and 3, illustrating their versatility and utility for National Evaluation Systems using case studies from Ukraine, Ethiopia, Liberia, and the Caribbean, where these were integrated into research, monitoring, evaluation, and learning frameworks.  **SeeD’s 4D approach includes 4 key stages and 5 principles:**  **Stage 1. Population research & robust evidence** **Tool:** SCORE, developed by SeeD in Cyprus in partnership with UNDP in 2012, has been deployed in nearly 20 countries. **Case studies:** Ukraine, Liberia  **Stage 2. Programme/Intervention design** **Tool:** Structured Democratic Design Process (SDDP) **Case study:** Youth visioning of democracy in Africa  **Stage 3. Piloting & impact testing programmes/interventions** **Tool:** Randomized Controlled Trials & SCORE for RMEL **Case study:** Rwanda  **Stage 4. Roll-out and scale up** **Tool:** Reflective facilitated discussions based on previous stages and lesson capture  **Key principles upheld throughout the stages:** **Research frameworks, indicators, and programs** to build ownership, impact, collective wisdom, and sustainability.**Inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary approaches** to develop a holistic understanding of domain interrelations.**Contextually sensitive and locally calibrated** methods to ensure conflict sensitivity and relevance, adhering to the do-no-harm principle.**Evidence-based and scientific approaches** that are methodologically robust and empirically validated, avoiding reliance on assumptions or habitual practices.**Human Rights-Based Approach,** prioritizing the interests and needs of the most vulnerable groups. 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://api.scoreforpeace.org/storage/pdfs/PUB_SeeD_PROD-3-Page-Infographic-on-Stage-2+3.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)