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| **National Evaluation Systems – Building strong evaluation systems ensuring use**  Liberia officially launched the SDGs on January 25, 2016 and various stakeholders and evaluation champions including the Liberia National Legislature, Judiciary, civil society organizations, international partners, business communities, local government and citizens have since been contributing to the government of Liberia’s effort in the realization of its goals and objectives of the SDGs at various levels. Evaluation which measures change is one useful tool that must be employed in tracking that change. Evaluation findings or results must be disseminated along with accompanying lessons learned from interventions in the wider society and with stakeholders at national and subnational levels.  Evaluating the SDGs and related interventions periodically which are aligned with other planning instruments remains essential in the measurement of changes made in the implementation of SDGs and the ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID) which will support changes made in the outcome of the government of Liberia upcoming Development Plan.  Strengthening national evaluation systems in the learning environment in is essential for managing interventions for future investment, considering these overriding influences:  National ownership and participation supporting high level political will and commitment and Creating enabling environment for the evaluation system to function and be responsive with findings usable and the culture of learning maintained.  Liberia is designing its current national NDP considering mid-term and end-line evaluations. Liberia SDGs implementation like many other developing countries will be assessed through the performance evaluation of the country’s National Development Plan (NDP) interventions with lots of foreseeable political will and commitments for third word or developing countries to achieve middle income status a contribution but we think is it likely given prevailing eminent threats and anomalies that abound examples pandemics, disasters, the effect of climate change and the associated the risks worldwide, armed conflicts predominantly in developing countries and their corresponding impact on the performances of the global economies including their resources.  Notwithstanding, amidst the troubles of the world, life has to go on anyway with its associated activities. People and institutions as well as governments will keep on planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating interventions. These aspects of life are just inevitable and must go on but at varying scales in different spheres of the world during different time and conditions of the world. These are the aspirations and philosophies of life the writers of this excerpt strive to promote or restore hope in time of despair and dejection.  In Conclusion, we urge people of the world including governments, philanthropists, societies and supporters who share a stake or business in measuring change (why we evaluate and learn) to persevere and adapt evaluation for the purpose of undertaking and informing future endeavors.  This paper presents the views of Evaluation champions of Liberia’s Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Division of Development Planning: Jerry D. Zangar, National Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Alvin N. Quiqui, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst, Annette C. Watson, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst. |