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| **Developing the National Monitoring and Evaluation Operating Manual…Towards Strengthening Evidence-based Decision Making** **Stemming from the Government of Egypt (GOE) unwavering commitment to further encouraging Public Sector ongoing reforms, promoting civil servants’ performance and accountability, prioritizing digital transformation & Information Technology while fostering a culture of Openness, Transparency and Inclusion to achieving The Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS): Egypt Vision 2030 which lays the overall strategic course for Egypt towards realizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).****According to The Central Agency for Organization and Administration (CAOA), the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED) Provides the technical support to the Strategic Planning and Policies, Monitoring and Evaluation and Projects Management units and altogether constitutes the “Strategic Management” department.****Naturally, MPED represented by The Central Department of Strategic Management has developed and published; The Strategic Management Department guide, The Strategic Planning Operating Manual and The Project Management Guide as working manuals for these units. And, currently developing the Monitoring and Evaluation Operating Manual jointly with** **United Nations development Programme (UNDP) Egypt.** **The Operating Manual is quite imperative tool to institutionalize the methodology of Monitoring & Evaluation in the government, to standardize the units’ operating Language, templates &reporting to assure proper linkage between the strategic objectives and projects’ performance and to highlight the significance of Evaluation which was formerly overlooked.****The Manual is founded on the Results-Based management methodology and comprises Three main sections; Section One: “Planning phase” tackles developing Theory of Change, Results Framework, formulating KPIs, levels and types. Section Two: “Monitoring Phase” addresses the stages and types of monitoring, Data Collection Methods and Verification Techniques to assure data quality. Section three: “Evaluation Phase” highlights the Importance and method of Evaluation. As well as identifying key stakeholders participating in evaluation to ensure participation of concerned parties.****What’s remarkable about the Manual it’s built upon UNDP Body of knowledge provided by (UNDP) Independent Evaluation Office and relevant publications, considered international Experiences & Best practices and tailor it to match the Egyptian context and comprises external handbook with required templates throughout the Monitoring and Evaluation journey.****Additionally, UNDP and MPED held a workshop in December 2023 which gathered academics, practitioners, civil servants and independent evaluation NGOs to review and provide their feedback towards finalizing the final version of the Manual.****In order to enhance the Monitoring and Evaluation Governance, MPED established an Electronic System to better assess the performance of Projects& Programs, identify potential risks, track progress and facilitate data aggregation and visualization via comprehensive dashboard towards achieving the strategic objectives.** **As for the next steps, the manual will be launched in a due course and a National Training Program will take place in collaboration with UNDP Egypt upgrade government officials’ capacities in this respect.** **Eventually, it is quite imperative to participate in the conference to showcase Egypt’s efforts In Developing the manual, benefiting from contributing institutions experiences and innovative solutions in upgrading Egypt’s Monitoring and evaluation system towards more robust and evidence-based one.**  |