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Ethiopia committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda, mainstreamed in the national ten years development plan. Three important objectives of the ten-year (2020/21-2029/30) plan are: Creating an enabling environment where every citizen would become the owners and beneficiaries of the development endeavor by ensuring the quality and accessibility of basic social services and the provision of infrastructure; Ensuring a competent, independent, and quality civil service system through building the capacity of the government and establishing good governance; and building strong and inclusive institutions that would realize a peaceful society, access to justice, and upholding the rule of law and human rights. economic, social including governance. Hence evidence generation and decision making have been geared towards economic, social and political governance system. In Africa, it is hardly possible to detach political governance and socio-economic governance as one works for the other. Evidence-based decision making helps people make well informed decisions about policies, programs, and projects by putting the best available evidence from research and evaluations. It ensures that decision-making is based on fact, and it creates a stronger body of knowledge. Therefore, evidence-based decision making can't be waived in ensuring accountability and transparency in all landscape of governance in a given country.

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Planning and Development (MoPD), a diagnostic of the national monitoring and evaluation capacity has been conducted with a focus on the need to strengthen people's capacity, strengthen organizations and build monitoring and evaluation systems to embark for strengthening national monitoring and evaluation system. Key assessment findings emphasize the importance of establishing ultimately strong and inclusive institutions that are supported by capable human resources and modernized systems. These institutions should be able to consistently generate evidence for economic, social, and political governance. Utilizing evidence-based decision-making is essential for ensuring accountability and transparency within these institutions.

The Ministry of Planning and Development works closely with the UN Agencies and other development partners in the processes of initiating, developing, and implementing the National Monitoring and Evaluation System to ensure credible evidence generation and use so that it works for all-inclusive socio economic and political governance.

Development partners are supporting the strengthening of national monitoring and evaluation systems that can contribute to evidence-based decision making by crafting the working mechanisms of the government institutions policies, systems and procedures , which in turn are conducive to improve the evidence generation and use the evidence for informed decision making economic, social and political governance, and stakeholders participation so that the system ensures the effort of leaving no-one behind.

If selected, the **Ministry of Planning and Development, and United Nations Development Program** would be honored to share with other countries how the evidence-informed decision-making works, the ongoing efforts to strengthen the system, and challenges with recommendations in Ethiopia and to learn from colleagues working for the same objective of strengthening evidence-based decision making in economic, social and political governance systems.