AADCP II
ASEAN - Australia Development Cooperation Program - Phase II

Supporting ASEAN in establishing
the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015

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FACT SHEET: Monitoring & Evaluation

What is M&E?

Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) is a measuring system that provides stakeholders with information on the progress and success of a program.
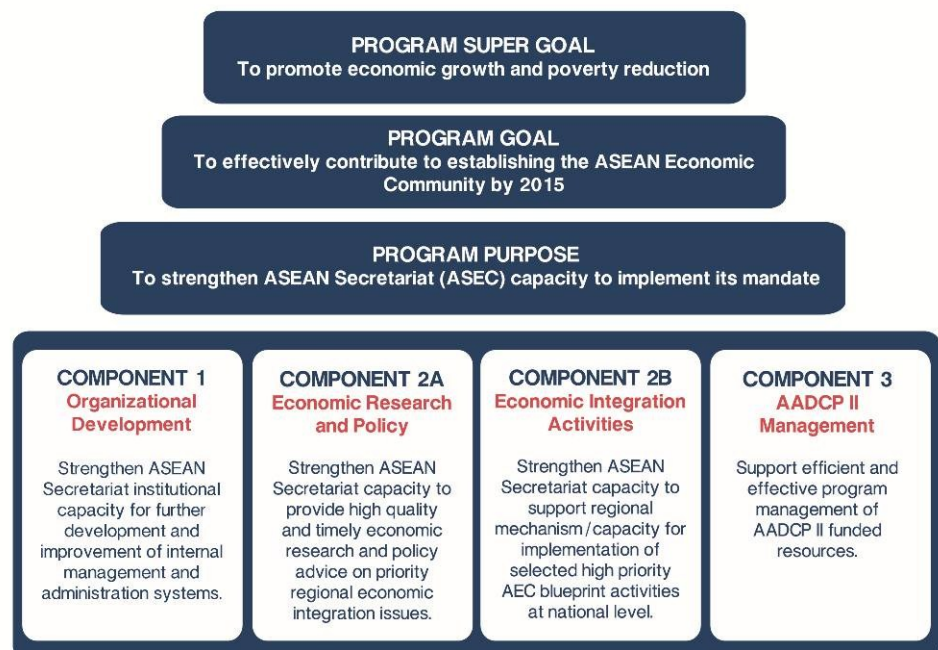
Why is it important?

At the start of the program, it ensures program quality by clarifying the results that the program aims to achieve as well as the risks, and puts in place measures to assess the achievement of these results. During program implementation, it regularly tells you what works and what doesn't, and indicates areas of improvement to ensure the program's success. After the program's completion, it shows you the changes that have happened as a result of the program, and gives recommendations on what to do next.

Everyone benefits from a good M&E system: the management team has information to improve the program's approach and methods, those working with or benefiting from the program provide feedback for improvement, and other interested groups learn from the program's results and best practices, and plan their own follow up actions.

How does AADCP II carry out M&E?

At the start of the program, AADCP II established an M&E framework that is implemented throughout the life of the program.

The framework enables AADCP II to track progress towards accomplishing this set of objectives:

PROGRAM SUPER GOAL
To promote economic growth and poverty reduction

PROGRAM GOAL
To effectively contribute to establishing the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015

PROGRAM PURPOSE
To strengthen ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) capacity to implement its mandate

COMPONENT 1
Organizational Development

Strengthen ASEAN Secretariat institutional capacity for further development and improvement of internal management and administration systems.

COMPONENT 2A
Economic Research and Policy

Strengthen ASEAN Secretariat capacity to provide high quality and timely economic research and policy advice on priority regional economic integration issues.

COMPONENT 2B
Economic Integration Activities

Strengthen ASEAN Secretariat capacity to support regional mechanism/capacity for implementation of selected high priority AEC blueprint activities at national level.

COMPONENT 3
AADCP II Management

Support efficient and effective program management of AADCP II funded resources.

The framework outlines approaches and methods to use in measuring these criteria:

- Relevance: the extent to which AADCP II program responds to ASEAN priorities and policies,

- Effectiveness: the extent to which AADCP II achieves its objectives,

- Efficiency: whether AADCP II uses the least costly resources possible to achieve desired results,

- Impact: the positive (and negative) changes produced by AADCP II in the long run, whether intended or unintended,

- Sustainability: whether the benefits of AADCP II continue after the end of the program.

In addition, it also measures the program's success in mainstreaming gender in its activities.

How is it done in practice?

AADCP II treats M&E as part of program management. It is part of the day-to-day activities of project formulation, implementation and closure.

M&E activities include:
- Annual Partnership Assessment to assess the effectiveness of the AADCP II and ASEC partnership and identify areas for improvement ;
- Capacity Assessment to measure AADCP II contribution to strengthening ASEC's capacity in managing programs and projects ;
- Case studies on selected projects to measure their contribution to the AEC ;
- Annual review, which gathers information from all the above activities, to assess the program's overall performance ;
- Meetings, reports, field visits, group discussions, etc.

Who is responsible?

M&E is a shared responsibility involving the ASEAN Member States, ASEC and AusAID. For day-to-day implementation, responsibility rests with the ASEC officers, the Program Planning and Monitoring Support Unit (PPMSU) and the PMT.

The program has a dedicated M&E Officer who provides assistance to all staff working with the program. The M&E Officer works closely with ASEC officers and those proposing projects to put M&E arrangements in place.

Who can I contact to find out more?

Contact the Strategic Planning and Coordination Division (SPCD) or the AADCP II Program Planning and Monitoring Support Unit (PPMSU).