Number of approaches developed, adapted, and/or adopted to facilitate adaptive management of a project, program, or initiative, by type

Indicator Number:
51

Logic Model Component:
Inputs

Data Type(s):
Count

Short Definition:
Refers to the number and variety of approaches that have been developed, adapted, and/or adopted to facilitate iterative approaches to learning and adapting while implementing a project, program, or initiative

Definition and Explanation (Long):
This indicator refers to the number and type of approaches that have been developed, adapted, and/or adopted to facilitate iterative approaches to learning and adapting while implementing a project, program, or initiative to meet performance objectives. This may include the development of new and/or revision, adaptation, or adoption of existing approaches to help foster adaptive management.

Data Requirements:
Quantitative or qualitative data from programmatic records

Data Sources:
Administrative/programmatic records

Frequency of Data Collection:
Annually, after work planning

Purpose:
This indicator reflects the planning a project, program, or initiative may take to prepare for and foster adaptive management. Using, adapting, or developing a wide range of approaches can signify a commitment by management to the importance of programmatic flexibility and
change that best works for a specific team, project, program, or initiative. Projects, programs, and initiatives must determine the appropriate mix and number of approaches; more approaches is not necessarily better. Although this indicator measures the number of approaches, this should not suggest that it is better to use more approaches. The intent is to measure that there are intentionally selected approaches to facilitate adaptive management.

Issues and Challenges:

Although a project, program, or initiative may include adaptive management approaches in its work plan, it does not necessarily reflect the use of those sessions in decision making. Indicators in the Reflect subcategory address this common issue and challenge with apply adaptive practices.

Related Indicators:

The number of outputs updated or modified, by type (indicator 7) may be considered a behavior indicative of adaptive management. Number of KM approaches/methods/tools used, by type (indicator 13)

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