



# Considerations for evaluating the impact of PEPFAR

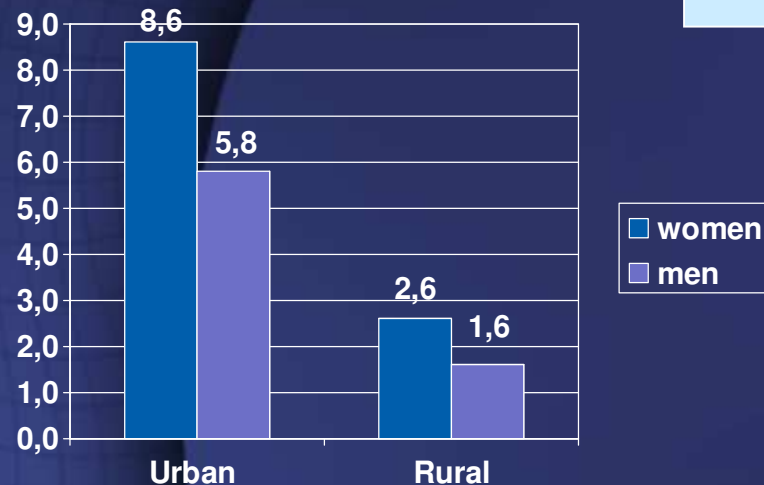
Rwandan perspective

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# Rwanda Profile

**Genocide in 1994 1 million killed  
(Former leadership based on exclusion)**



Current governance structures demonstrated better leadership with principles of equity

**maternal & infant mortality**

**Illiteracy**

**poverty**

GDP per capita

Primary school enrollment

Access to clean water

	2000	2006
GDP per capita	220	300
Primary school enrollment	72%	92%
Access to clean water	52%	70%



# Key questions about PEPFAR impact

- How has PEPFAR support to the Rwanda AIDS response contributed to the general national development?
- Has the PEFAR / Rwanda management mechanism provided effective and demonstrable results?
- How aligned to the national development plan should PEPFAR be?
- How has the US taxpayer benefited through the PEPFAR initiative?



# **Designing an impact evaluation for maximally useful results for the country**

- Provide results that help to improve our performance
- Provide results that help continuation and expansion of good initiatives
- Provide results that help better planning, monitoring and evaluation
- Provide examples of implementation practices where available opportunities and resources have been optimally used



# Participation in the planning and implementation of a high-stakes evaluation

- Agree on the key questions
- Agree on evaluation methodology
- Review the analysis before final publication of results
- Facilitate with interpretation of findings based on cultural / linguistic barriers



# Coordinating and harmonising a high-stakes evaluation

- Timetable must take into account important national events
  - [e.g. Rwanda Genocide Memorial week, “period of silence” for government planning compare to working on a national event in the US over Thanksgiving holidays]



# **Conduct a high-stakes evaluation and build national evaluation capacity**

- Recruit independent national consultants through inter-agency selection committee
- Make presentations at each key stage of the evaluation process in-country
- Validate the findings at the country level



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