Introducing MEL

Monitoring Evaluation and Learning platform for CRPs, Centers and Projects

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1. What is MEL?
2. Who benefits from MEL?
3. MEL Overview: Modules, Key features

How does MEL work?

1. Login, dashboard and MEL Guide
2. Planning overview
3. Reporting detailed presentation

Exceeding + Q&A

MEL is a modular and collaborative platform that supports results-based management of CRPs, Centers and Projects

MEL allows working with several results and indicators frameworks and helps in building nested impact pathways from SLOs to IDOs, outcomes, outputs and deliverables

MEL facilitates management processes like: planning, budgeting, monitoring, reporting and risk assessment

MEL is a tool for managing and sharing knowledge through open access repositories. It guarantees access to this information through its public website

MEL is designed for informing decision-making and for supporting project and program managers in their steering and oversight functions.

MEL enhances the transparency through timely provision of technical and financial information to partners and donors.

MEL saves time and resources for managers and scientists, reduces paperwork, and quickens communications and data sharing.

MEL provides a collaborative space with partners where they can contribute to management processes and assess the quality of their collaboration.

Modules (1/2)

Outputs, Outcomes and cross-cutting themes (gender, capacity development, partnerships) in:

1. **Planning**
2. **Monitoring and Reporting**
3. **Evaluation**

Modules (2/2)

Knowledge sharing

1) Blogs
2) Outcome stories

Data visualization and Business intelligence

1) Public overviews
2) Data analysis and open facts
3) Projects' websites

Surveys (e.g. Gender, Intellectual Property)

Key Features (1/2)

- User friendly interface
- Assisted definition of Outcomes and gathering of Indicators from interrelated results frameworks
- Compatible with open repositories (e.g. CGSpace, D-Space) and internal sharing systems (e.g. Sharepoint), internal Finance and HR management systems (e.g. One Corporate System)

Key Features (2/2)

- Online discussion forum for scientists and partners working on similar projects and research topics across other CRPs and Centers
- Technical assistance online with support staff in three hubs: Peru, Jordan, India
- Email notification system for internal communication

According to their role and position, users have specialized access rights in MEL. Key groups in the platform are:

- Scientists
- Flagship, Cluster, Project, Output Leaders and Co-Leaders
- Focal Points for: Communication, Capacity Development, Gender, Intellectual Property, Geoinformatics and Data, Finance
- CRP Admins and Directors
- Center Focal points, DDGs and DGs

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