

Enhancing Local Capacities on Monitoring and Evaluation of SDGs at the Local Level- A Results-Based Management Approach

EFFECTIVE NATIONAL TO LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION



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BACKGROUND

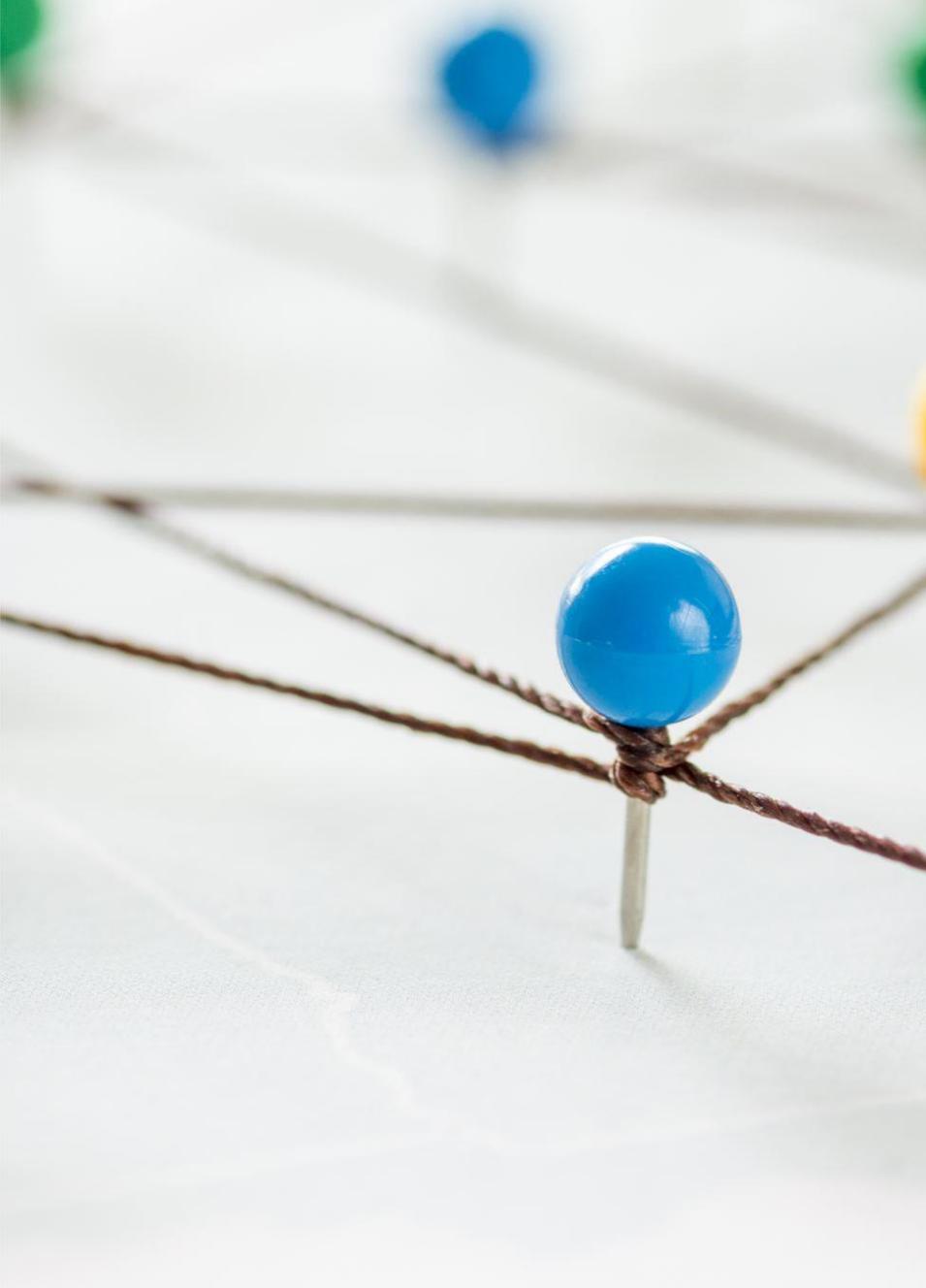
Rwanda is committed to the enhanced delivery and realization of the SDGs of which it is honored to have actively been involved in their formulation including being selected to pilot one of the Goals, Goal 16 on building effective and capable institutions

The Sustainable Development Goals are a global call to action to end poverty, protect the earth's environment and climate, and ensure that people everywhere can enjoy peace and prosperity. These are the goals the UN is working on in Rwanda

The UN and its partners in Rwanda are working towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: 17 interconnected and ambitious Goals which address the major development challenges faced by people in Rwanda and around the world.

The SDGs are integrated in the national Vision 2050 and are tracked and measured through the implementation of the National Strategy for Transformation

The SDG Center for Africa (SDGC/A) Opened in July of 2016; an international organization that provides support to governments, civil society, businesses and academic institutions to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa



Role of Local Governments and Communities in Tracking Progress

Policy Implementation: local government entities are instrumental in operationalizing national policies and SDG framework. They integrate the SDG indicators into local development plans and strategies.

They bridge the gap between the national targets and local realities-LNOB

Data collection and reporting : Oversight on the collection of disaggregated data(by age, gender, location) that feeds into national SDG progress reports.

Service delivery: ensuring equitable access to education, health services, clean water,

Coordination and collaboration: The Joint Action Forums at decentralized level plays a role to bring together all stakeholders to strengthen synergies

By working together,

By working together, local governments and communities ensures that SDG monitoring is **inclusive, accurate and sustainable**

RBM tools and approaches in the local government context



Establishing the baseline: local government and communities jointly establish the baseline to effectively measure progress



Setting SMART measurements/indicators



Capacity building for RBM: Capacity development both local governments and community representatives on RBM principles ensures shared understanding and effective application.



Result-Oriented Budgeting: Budgets are tied to specific results, optimizing resource use for maximum impact



RBM for local SDG progress enhances **accountability** (clarifies roles and responsibilities), increases **efficiency** and improve **adaptability** (continuous monitoring and feedback)



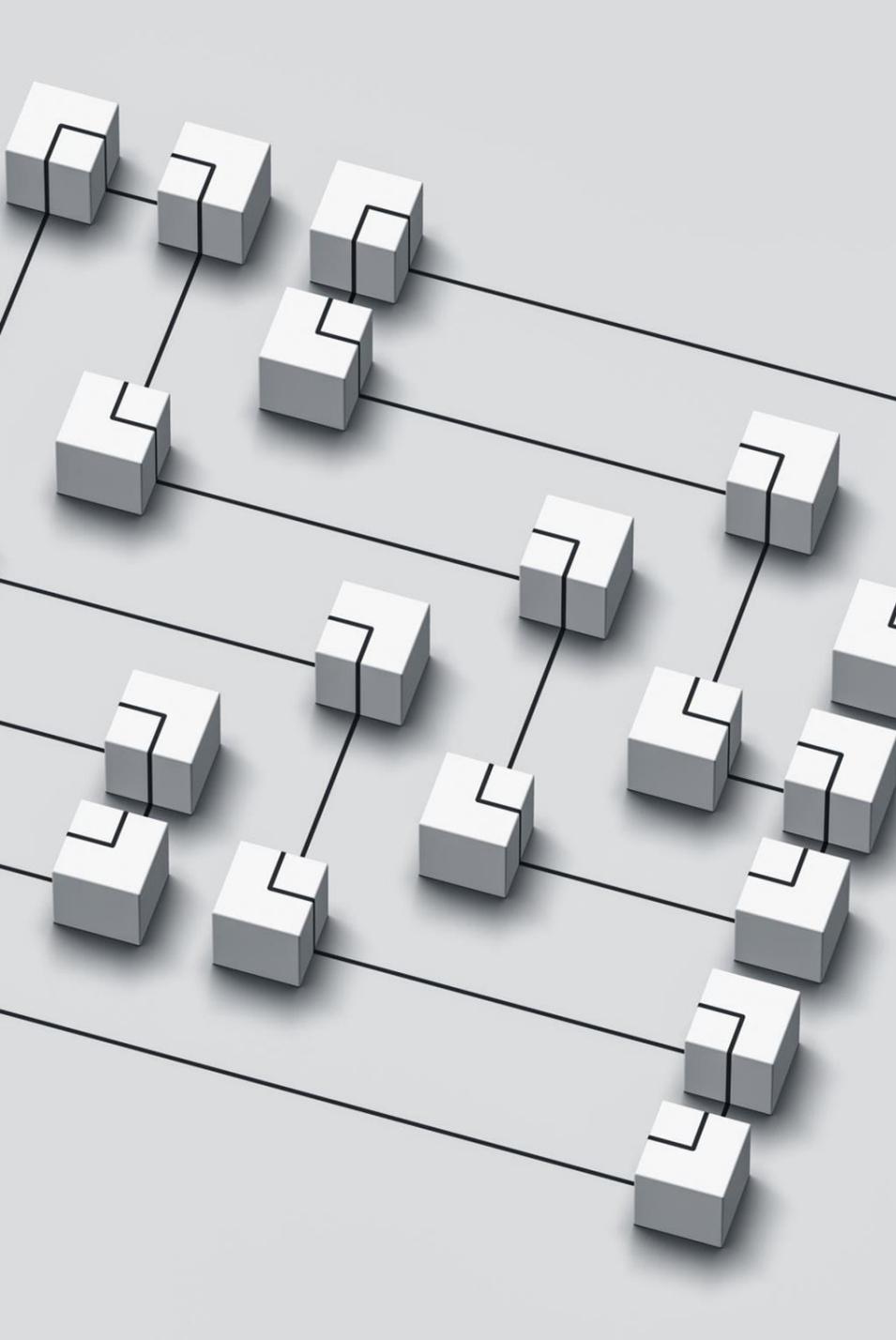
Incorporating RBM principles enables local governments and communities to track SDG progress systematically, drive evidence-based decisions, and ensure accountability and inclusivity in achieving sustainable development

How does the UN enhances local capacities in Monitoring-Evaluation of the SDGs

Knowledge is a valuable core asset of the United Nations system organizations -technical expertise in the areas of Monitoring, Evaluation Learning , including RBM

Fostering data-driven decision-making: this refers to equipping stakeholders with tools, skills and systems required to collect, analyze and use data. This is done through:

- Capacity building: data collection, analysis and interpretation including the use of advanced tools like GIS and data visualization platforms
- Strengthening data systems: integrating SDG indicators into existing monitoring systems to align local efforts with national reporting frameworks
- Promoting evidence based Planning: using data in designing targeted intervention(LNOB)using trend analysis and forecasting to anticipate challenges and opportunities.
- Encouraging participatory data use: citizen feedback mechanisms promote inclusivity and transparency
- Leveraging technology and innovation: Availability of digital tools and platforms such as dashboards, mobile apps and real time data collection systems enhance data availability and actionability.
- Promoting accountability and transparency; Sharing data with stakeholders, including the public, to ensure accountability and foster trust in decision-making processes



Impact of Data-Driven Decision-Making in the context of SDGs

By fostering a culture of data-driven decision-making, the UN in Rwanda empowers local governments and communities to:

- Design interventions that address real challenges and opportunities.
- Optimize resource use for maximum development impact.
- Build resilience through evidence-based adaptation to emerging needs.



Thank you