We provide technical advisory services to assist governments, NGOs, and donors strengthen their Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) policies, strategies and systems. We bring extensive knowledge on M&E strategy and practice to help partners plan, manage, and use high quality data to make evidence-informed decisions.
M&E STRATEGY
Assessing organisational Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) capacity
...a first step in developing a Monitoring and Evaluation strategy

We use a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools to conduct a diagnostic assessment to understand our partners’ current M&E needs, systems and identify gaps and make recommendations to strengthen decision-making and practices at the organisational level.
Providing systematic guidance for formative studies
...to understand the problem and context to inform the design of an effective programme and/or evaluation

We provide systematic guidance to partners interested in undertaking a formative study (i.e., needs assessment or scoping exercise), specifically as related to defining for the formative study the objective, design, and data collection plan.

Developing a Theory of Change (ToC) and Measurement Framework
...a building block to guide Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) activities

We offer in-person consultations to our partners to help design their programme theory of change to inform their M&E framework, including the selection of indicators and measurement plans.
M&E PRACTICE

Strengthening data collection practices
…to build organisational capacity to collect high quality primary data that can inform decision-making

We offer technical assistance on planning, designing, and administering survey questionnaires for primary data collection. Specifically, we review and provide in-depth feedback on questionnaires and tools designed by the organisation and field team management plan. We also offer guidance on digital data collection methods.

Guiding the Terms of Reference (ToR) for commissioning evaluations to an external agency
…to develop a comprehensive agreement when outsourcing data collection and/or evaluation

We provide systematic feedback on the ToR for organisations looking to commission data collection and/or evaluation activities. We ensure clarity in the scope of work, methodology, timeline, deliverables, budget and other necessary quality measures.
ADVISORY SERVICE PARTNERS

Previous partners include: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Central Square Foundation, Department of School Education, Government of Haryana, Education Alliance, Government of Tamil Nadu, Magic Bus, USAID.

“ We engaged with the CLEAR/J-PAL team to help refine the theory of change & measurement templates for some of our grantees. Their breadth of knowledge and diverse insights pushed us and our grantees’ thinking on a strategic & operational level. We are now doing similar engagements for our other grantees in our portfolio.” — Central Square Foundation

“ CLEAR/J-PAL’s advisory inputs and feedback were critical to our 2015 landscape study on the Impact of Government-Partnership Schools in India: ensured we were collecting data appropriately, analyzing it rigorously and generating statistically significant insights in accordance with the data. We would recommend CLEAR/J-PAL’s advisory services to any organization keen on ensuring that their research endeavours meet a higher standard.” — Education Alliance

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