# Why do well designed **M&E systems seldom** inform decision making?

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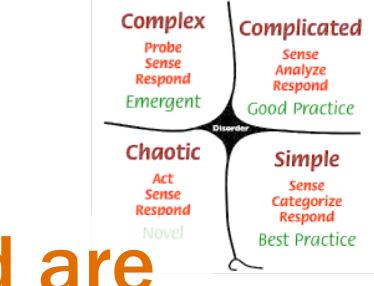




## "There are no solutions to complex problems - Only responses"

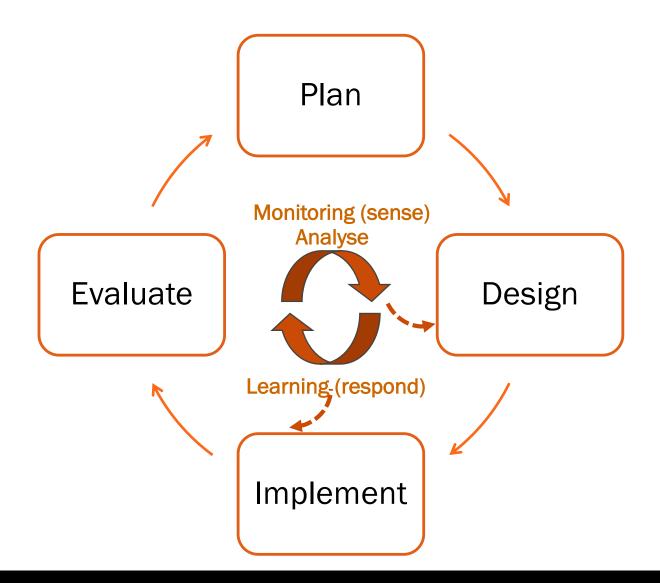
David Gurteen - http://conversational-leadership.net/solutions-to-complex-problems/

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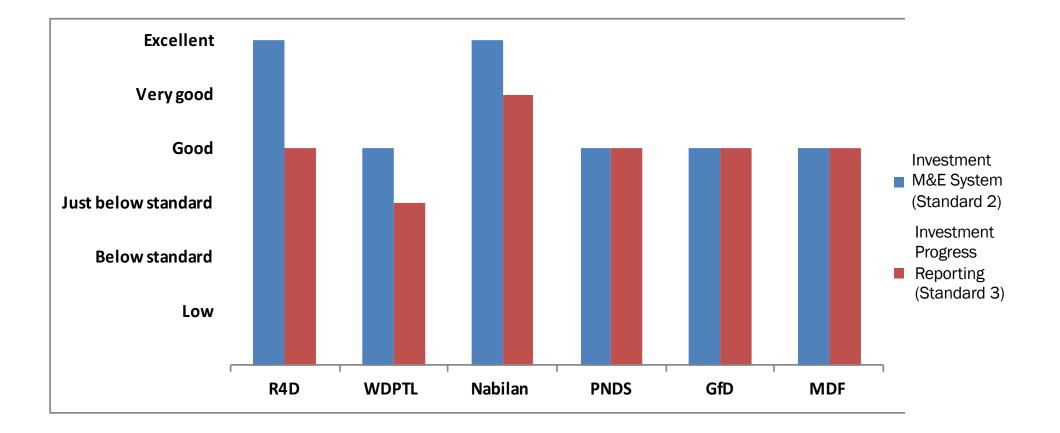
## How well placed are M&E systems to 'sense' and respond?

#### **MEL and the Project Management Cycle**

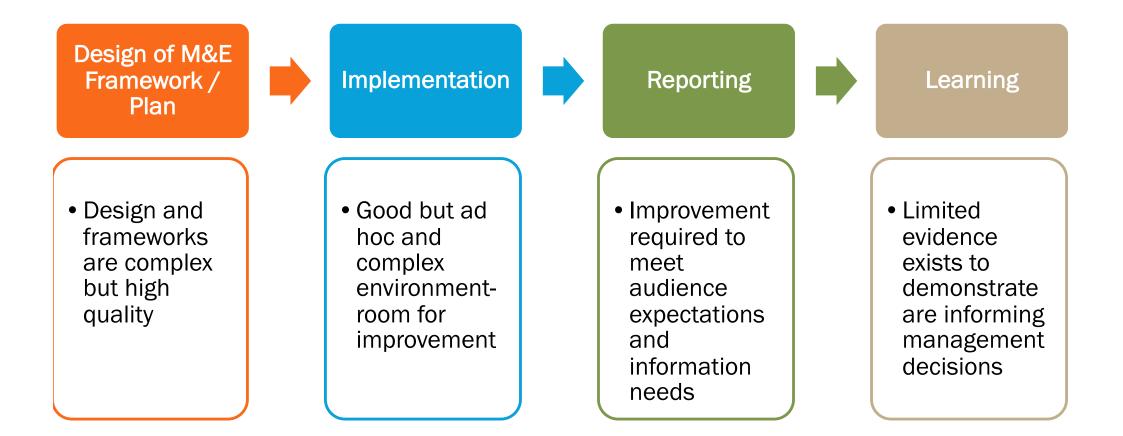


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#### Assessing investments against DFAT M&E Standards





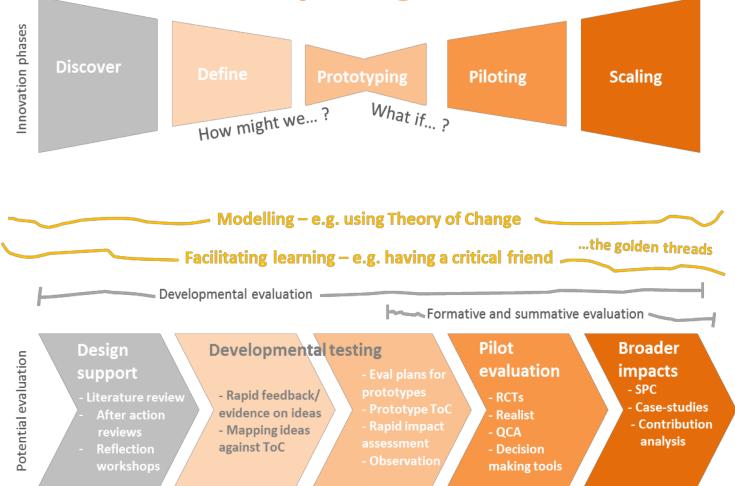


#### **The Homer!**



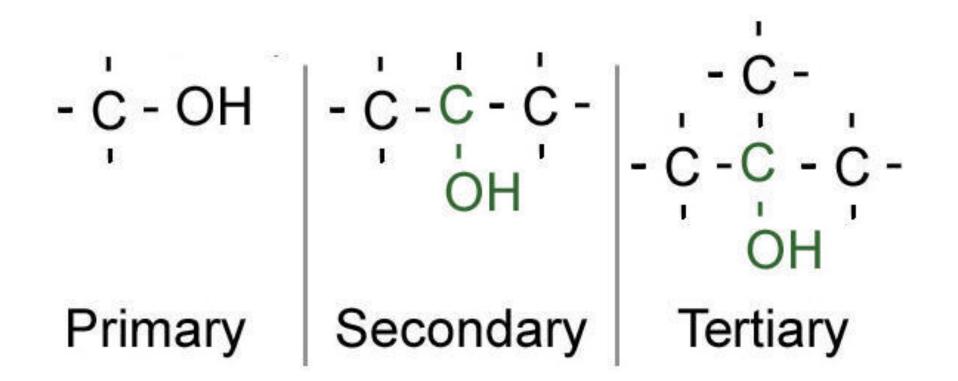


### For for Purpose – M&E for Innovation (Re: Penny Hagen, TACSI)



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#### **C** is for Communication





### **Overcoming Constraints**

Constraint	How to overcome
M&E design overly complex, not fit-for-purpose	User-centred design principles that match the purpose of the M&E Framework with the complexity of the M&E approaches
Insufficient capacity and capability to implement M&E	Developmental Evaluation and an Evaluation Capacity Building strategy that goes beyond trainings
M&E data collection and reporting focussed on outputs rather than outcomes	Collaborative approaches that foster a learning culture, and implement regular learning dialogues/reflection processes

Emerging Evaluators – What are your new ideas?

### Butterfly Evaluators – What's your tips for caterpillars?



