

The background of the slide is a photograph of a desk. In the foreground, there is a blue spiral-bound notebook with a white page on top. On the page, there are some handwritten notes and a small diagram. A white Sharpie marker is lying on the notebook. To the left of the notebook, there is a blue pen and an orange pen. In the background, there are several colorful sticky notes (yellow, pink, blue) and a white eraser. The overall scene is a workspace or a meeting area.

# **Integrating Intercultural Considerations in Evaluation**

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**Clear Horizon**

# What do we mean by 'Intercultural'?

Evaluation/research approaches in which there is a deep understanding and respect for all cultures.

It focuses on mutual exchange of ideas and cultural norms and the development of deep relationships.

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# Why: Beneficiaries

- Pre-condition for positive changes.
- Ensuring sustainability and impacts of the evaluation.

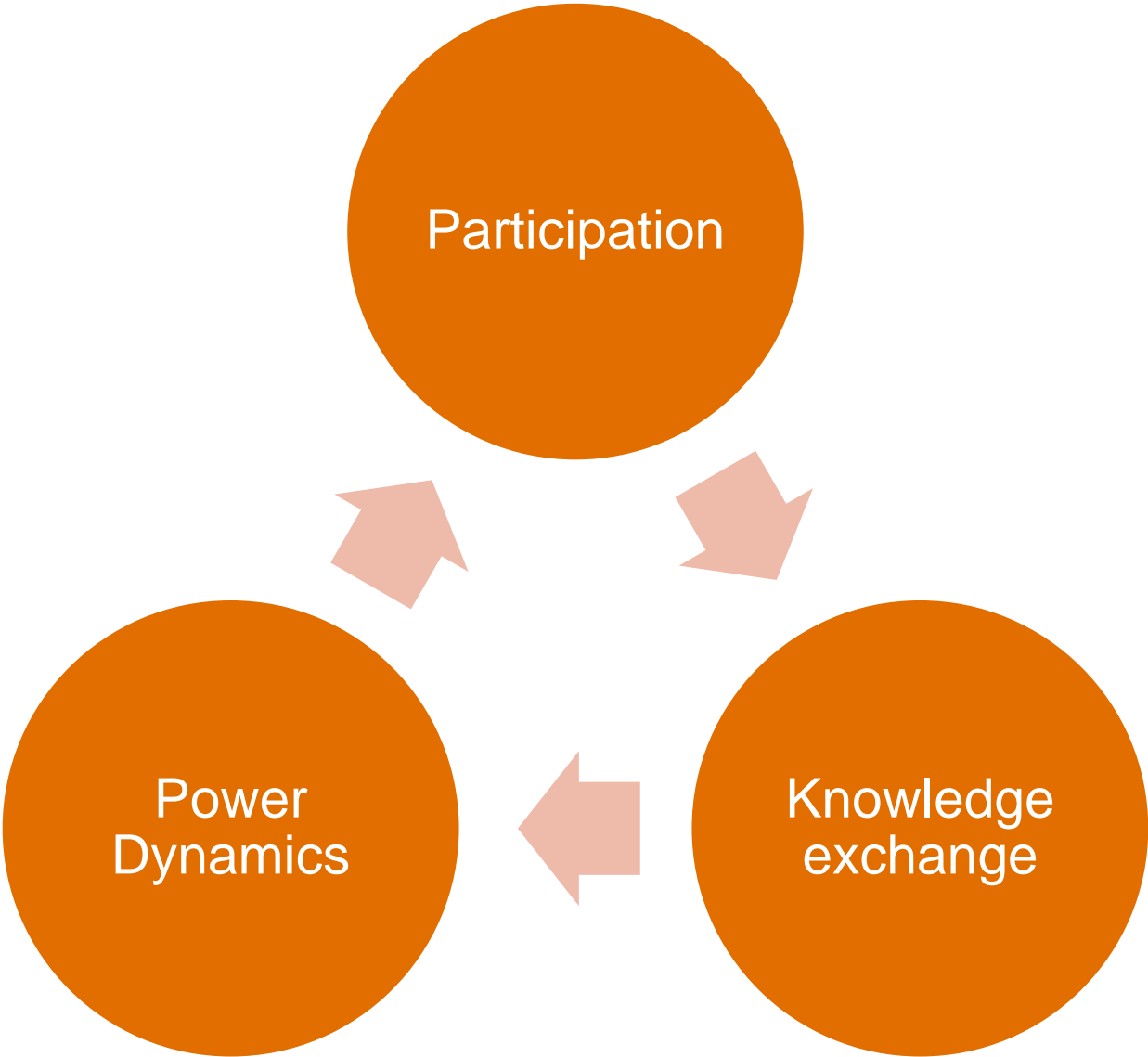
*Evaluation context should be treated as being at the very heart of social development, and impact assessment must take full account of the bigger picture in arriving at the conclusion about the success or failure of social development programs (Oakley, Pratt and Clayton, 1998).*



# Why: implementers & donors

Critical for the accuracy and appropriateness of evaluation findings.

# **How to integrate intercultural aspects in evaluation?**



# What are the barriers?

- Resources-
  - Time
  - Human resources
  - Money
- Attitudes and beliefs
  - Not seeing this way of working as valuable
  - Ceding power is challenging and scary





# Where to from here?

- Advocates for good practice
- Working to develop good practice guides and practical instructions on approaches to doing this better
- Trialing approaches and refining our practice
- Broadening our networks and building partnerships with new evaluation and research groups
- A scoping exercise should always be done
- We aim to be an inclusive team

**Share experiences:**  
*Other wisdom/experience to  
contribute?*