

Independent Review of EvalForward Community of Practice

Annex 9. Note of validation workshop A Preliminary Findings Verification and Enrichment workshop on the Review was held with the EvalForward steering committee, facilitator and the evaluation team lead on 6 September 2022. The purpose of the workshop was to validate and enrich preliminary findings and their evidential basis.

The evaluation team lead presented preliminary findings by Evaluation Question, along with the evidence base and indication of where additional sources of evidence might be needed. Access to the underlying analytical tables was also provided to participants ahead of the presentation. The feedback provided helped to sharpen the findings by filling evidence gaps and updating language and set the stage for the subsequent co-creation of recommendations and lessons.

The main areas of feedback were that:

- i. Findings needed a strong narrative presentation including an overall finding per question.
- ii. Findings needed to be grouped thematically (e.g. by related evaluation criteria).
- iii. Conclusions should be presented in the full Review Report as well as lessons and recommendations.
- iv. The report structure and presentation for the Executive Group needed revisiting.

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