IMPRODOVA Policy Development Module

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What is Policy Development Module?

- Tool that is useful for planning the policy feedback cycle

- The idea is to improve domestic violence policy implementation and responsivity

- Combines two worlds: the policy implementation and the frontline responder's view

Why we need the tool?

- National Action Plans and other Policy Documents are important to aid States in their implementation of Human Rights Policies and other norms related to prevention of Domestic Violence and the protection of its victims.

- The planning of policies and actions should be inclusive and engage all salient stakeholders (horizontally & vertically), including the representatives of the practitioners who work at frontline and implement the policy.

→Policy Development Module aims to make the policy planning process more structured and inclusive

With the help of the tool…

- The information from the frontline practitioners and other information on different levels is gathered using organized systematic method and fed into policy planning.
- The participants will develop a common purpose and a shared view on how to tackle the multidimensional societal challenges posed by Domestic Violence.
- Relevant factors can be outlined in advance when planning and monitoring policy documents
  - E.g feedback collection, indicators, overlaps, resources, the criterion when policy is fully implemented etc.

Who is it for?

- The tool is designed for all who are responsible for planning the Policy's Feedback Cycle on both national and local levels. For example
  - policy drafters,
  - decision makers
  - and other key professionals
- One can modify and adapt it to one's own national or local needs, be it the drafting of a National Action Plan or local directions for a single profession

Policy Development Module consist of:

1) The Checklist
    – consists of eight different sections
    – each section should be noted when drafting a new policy document and planning the indicators for its follow-up

2) The Manual
    – supports the use of the Checklist
    – gives more details and practical examples of each eight sections

A glimpse of the tool

Policy Maturity Model Checklist

1. Feedback methods	Yes	In process
1.1. Check Relevant Country reports of Human Rights Convention Monitoring Mechanisms		
1.2. Include systematic feedback from grass-root level to the top		
1.3. Confirm confidential whistleblowing mechanisms, both internal and external		
1.4. Ensure systematic feedback from NGO's		
1.5. Include the victim's perspective		

2. Indicators	Yes	In process
2.1. Are there indicator(s) measuring prevalence		
2.2. Are there indicator(s) measuring the number and availability of services		
2.3. Are there indicator(s) measuring concrete resources		
2.4. Are there indicator(s) measuring Human rights-based approach		

3. Dealing with overlaps	Yes	In process
3.1. Is the approach systemic and coordinated with a combined effect with other policies		
3.2. Are the reporting cycles sufficiently open to the parties		
3.3. Are the reporting cycles frequent enough		
3.4. Is there a common database of previous reports		

4. How are boundaries crossed?	Yes	In process
4.1. Is there a multi-agency approach on the strategical level		
4.2. Is there a multi-agency approach on the practical level		

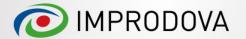| 5. Theory and Practice |
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| 5.1. Are the policies made into practical guidelines/tools |
| 5.2. Is there regular training on the guidelines/tools |
| 5.3. Are the superiors committed to the use of the guideline/tools |
| 5.4. Are the existing guidelines/tools being used on the field |

6. Specified Resources
6.1. Are specific resources allocated to the implementation

7. Maturity presentation
7.1. Is a sufficiently nuanced maturity level presentation being used
7.2. Is reporting back to grass-root level included

8. Defining 'fully implemented'
8.1. Is 'fully implemented' defined in the policy

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The Manual gives detailed and practical examples of each point

Ideal implementation

National and local examples are given

When implementing a policy, gather all information from the related Human Rights Conventions and their monitoring bodies' reports.

Ideally, the documents can be found in a national, regularly updated database.

National: See the relevant conventions obligating your country, such as the UN Convention the Rights of the Child, the UN Convention on the Elimination on all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OHCHR) and especially, if applicable, The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and Combating Violence against Women (The Istanbul Convention). Check especially the Country reporting mechanisms of each Convention.

Local: See above. Also check for national bodies' recommendations or directions given directly to the entity/entities you are addressing, such as for example National Police Board's directions to the police forces.

Finally

- It is essential that the policy and practice talk to each other
  - the practice understands what the policy demands from the practice and
  - the policy understands what resources the practice needs to achieve the policy goals in the real world of work
- This tool aims to overcome these common shortcomings of policymaking and assessment by addressing the planning with a structured checklist and a manual on its use.

Please test the Policy Development Module on the IMPRODOVA platform, and if necessary, modify the tool for your national and local needs!

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