**Evaluations use specific evaluation questions to address each of the standard evaluation criteria**

Organizations uses the evaluation criteria developed by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 1991 as part of general evaluation principles.

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| **Criteria** | **Examples of Evaluation Questions** |
| Relevance | * Did the initial needs assessments identify priority community needs? Did the assessment differentiate between needs for men and women and for more vulnerable and less vulnerable households? If so, how? If not, why not? * Is the project design appropriate for meeting the community priority needs? Consider the project‘s objectives, activities and timing. Why or why not? * Did the targeting strategy allow the project to meet the greatest need in the community (i.e., the most vulnerable households or individuals)? Why or why not? * Was community participation sufficient throughout the needs assessment, design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of the project? Why or why not? If not, how can participation be increased during the remainder of the project (for midterm evaluations) or in a future project (for final evaluations)? * Has the project met the specific needs and priorities of women? Why or why not? |
| Effectiveness | * Did the project achieve its planned outputs (as per the detailed implementation plan) on the planned timeline? Why or why not? * Did the M&E system provide the right information at the right time to allow for timely project management and decision-making? Why or why not? * Has working in partnership increased the effectiveness and quality of the project? Why or why not? * Has the project been effective in building partner capacity? If so, how has partner capacity been built? If not, why not? If not, how can this be improved for next time? |
| Efficiency | * Are the project‘s staffing and management structures efficient? Why or why not? * Did the project staff have the right capacity to implement a high-quality project? Why or why not? * What was the cost per project participant? Is this reasonable given project impact? Why or why not? |
| Impact | * Has the project achieved its planned impact*?* Why or why not? * Did impact vary for different targeted areas, households or individuals (e.g., men and women)? If so, how and why? * Was there any unintended impact from the project, either positive or negative? * What impact was most valuable to participating communities? Why? |
| Sustainability | * What is the likelihood that the community will be able to sustain the impact of the project? How do you know? * What has the project done to support community structures or groups to be able to continue to address community needs and sustain project impact? Is this sufficient? |