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Practices of FEAD Monitoring Data Collection and Reporting - Finland

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FEAD implementation in nutshell

- Distributing only easy storable food to the most deprived people with easy, often anonymous access.
- Budget 2014-2020 about EUR 26.5 million
- 17 partner organisations
- Not direct funding for partner organisations from FEAD.
- Nature of the most partner organisations is in helping the most vulnerable groups of people in another way than by distributing food. Expertise of the combination of partner organisations is to reach most deprived people from different target groups.



Picture: FEAD products 2019

Good practices of data collection and reporting on FEAD-funded activities



- Using simple MS excel format forms in data collection: e.g. open access, easy and quick to update, and wide used programme which do not need latest hardware and are printable if necessary.
- Need for data protection is low, when data do not includes personal information (GDPR requirements).
- There is available an extra MS excel tool for partner organizations for gathering summary data from annual reports of their distribution places.
- Help available from MA in questions of data collection and reporting.
- Administrative burden for POs is lowered in data collection with roles between purchases (MA) and food distributions (PO).

Wide use of informed estimates



- Balance between budget and goals, as well as programme in the framework with other national level operations (e.g. free school lunch and materials for pupils, free maternity package for all families).
- Minimize administrative burden; kept administrative changes for partner organizations controlled from European programme for the most deprived persons (MDP) to FEAD.
- In small communities target group is well known, estimates give an opportunity build common understanding.
- Did not had special reasons not to use option for estimates in regulation.

Obstacles:

- Estimate is not absolute and exact number in nature, but in report you need to give exact number. Need of knowledge and mutual trust. Summary of different estimates is challenging.
- Not easy to utilize further. Estimates show a trend but contains inaccuracy in reliability when comparing information from other sources.

Main Expected Changes of FEAD Data Collection Systems for 2021-2027



The implementation model will change a lot for the next period and naturally this will affect also to monitoring and data collection as well as reporting from e.g. following perspectives:

- Administrative changes in national level by merging FEAD and ESF.
- ESF+ specific objective (m) is going to be carried out solely with voucher-system.
- Selected projects are funded instead of centralized purchase by authority.
- Accompanying measures gets more attention.
- Plans to use flat rate funding method.
- New IT-system for gathering data from projects and for decision making process will be available.



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