

EVALUATION



Developing Evaluation Questions

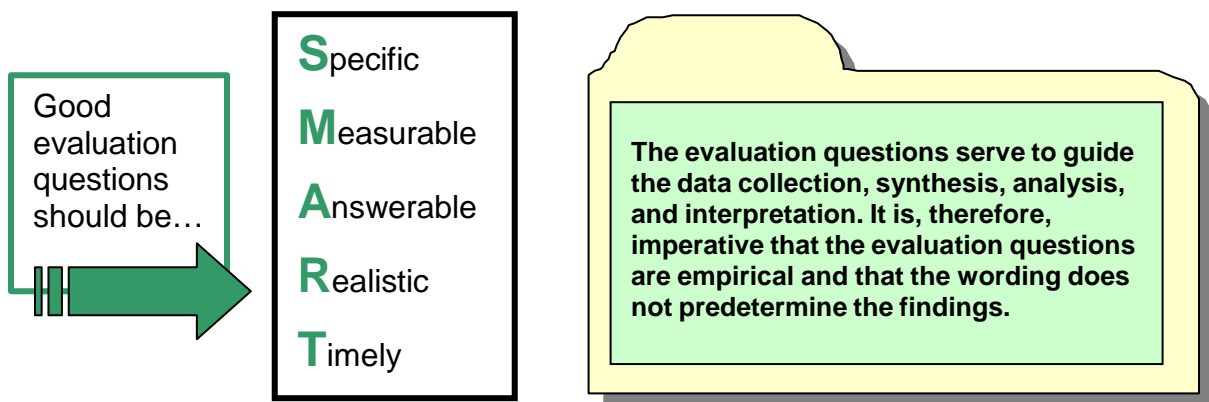
Tip Sheet

The success of the evaluation rests on the quality of the questions.

Evaluation questions should be specific and reflect the purpose of the policy or program.

High quality evaluation questions establish the parameters of the evaluation.

This ensures the ministry receives the evidence it needs to inform its decisions.



Depending on the purpose of the evaluation and the stage of a policy or program, evaluation questions will vary in nature. They could be fundamentally broad questions that guide the overall evaluation. They could be the questions used to evaluate the status of the implementation of an initiative or program. They could also be developed from the objectives that an initiative or program was aimed to achieve.

Fundamental evaluation questions can be developed from the Theory of Action or Logic Model.

When developing evaluation questions, bear in mind the five key domains of program evaluation in the OPS:

