

# The Performance Mapping and Improvement System (PERFORM)

Monitoring the Journey to Improved Performance of Local Organizations

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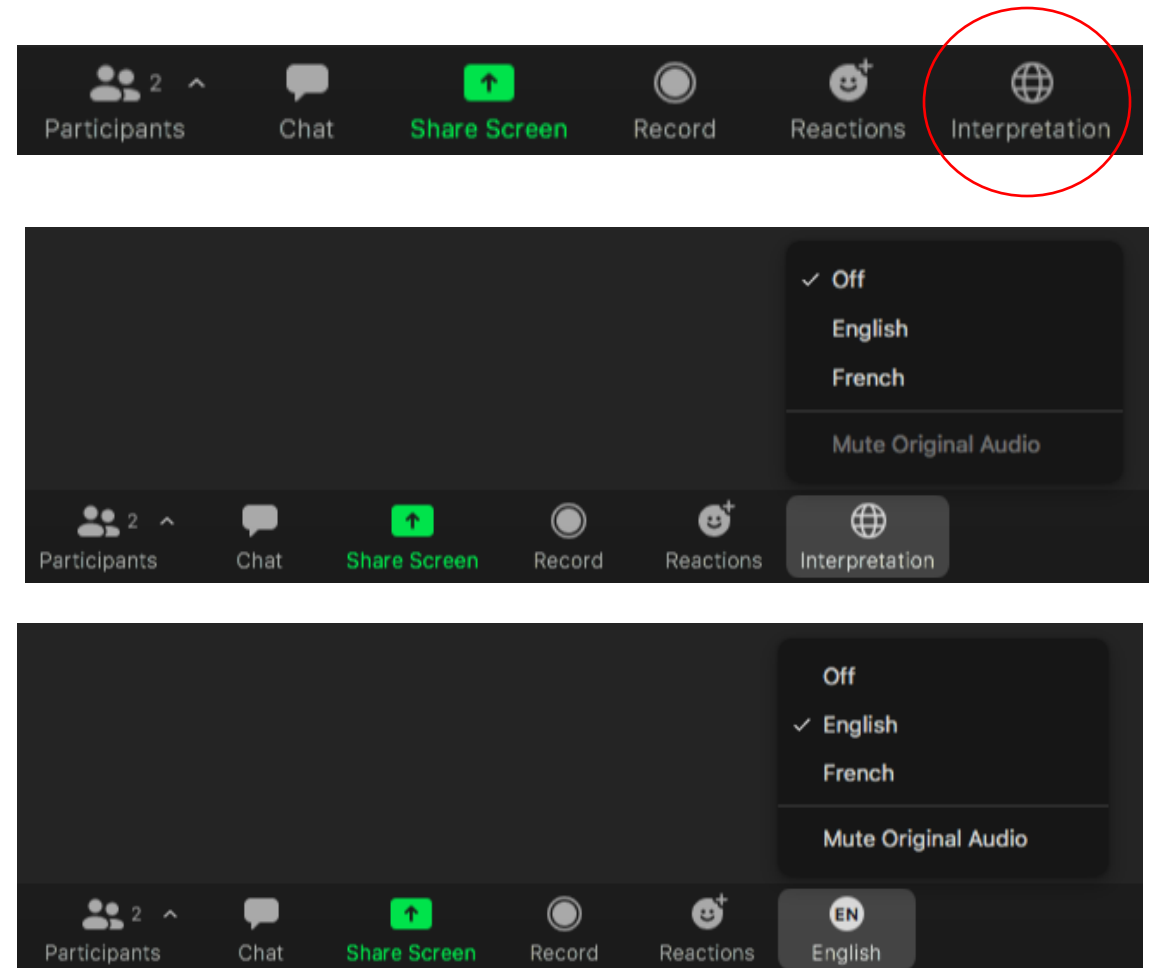
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SECTION 02

# MOMENTUM's Contribution to Localization

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SECTION 03

# An Overview of PERFORM in Supporting Local Capacity Strengthening (LCS)

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# Today's Discussion:

- What is PERFORM?
- What are its features and innovations?
- What results are generated?
- How is evidence gathered and utilized?
- What resources are available to interested users?

# What Is PERFORM?

A systems-oriented suite of tools ...

- ... based on the Enhanced Capacity Development Framework
- ... that assists NGO/CSOs and program implementers in identifying needed performance improvement course corrections in a timely manner.



# PERFORM Innovations—Beyond Assessment to Ongoing, Internally Driven, Evidence-based Monitoring!

**PERFORM stimulates critical internal, evidence-based thinking about performance.**

1. Mirrors **USAID's draft Capacity Development Policy** and criteria for **CBLD-9**.
2. Centers on the *NGO/CSO's vision* of what it is trying to become or accomplish.
3. Draws upon **systems thinking, complexity, resilience, and adaptive management**.
4. Builds **insights** about the *why* and how organizational change occurs by examining drivers that enable or hinder +/- performance.
5. Contextualizes **sources of evidence** gathered by the organization for external validation.
6. Integrates **performance measurement and performance** strengthening—100-day plans, regular monitoring, focus on drivers.

# PERFORM and USAID's LCS Principles

1. **Start with the local system.**
2. **Strengthen diverse capacities through diverse approaches.**
3. **Plan for and measure performance improvement in collaboration with partners.**
4. **Align capacity strengthening with local priorities.**
5. **Appreciate and build on existing capacities.**
6. Be mindful of and mitigate the unintended consequences of our support for local capacity strengthening.
7. Practice mutuality with local partners.

# Ongoing Debate: Capacity Strengthening, Building, Developing or...?

PERFORM addresses that question from a different perspective!

- Focuses on *performance* over standardized organizational characteristics.
- Enhances an organization's *capacity to engage in self-directed performance improvement*.
- Recognizes the role of *external actors is to support* the ambitions and efforts of the local organization, not drive them.
- Believes local organizations are the heroes in their own organizational growth stories!

# PERFORM Framework: 25 Practice Statements for the Performance Domains



## DOMAIN #1: FOSTER SELF-DETERMINATION

- *Regularly* communicates a transformative vision of an ideal future to diverse stakeholder groups.
- *Routinely* takes initiative to mobilize resources as new community needs emerge.
- *Routinely* sets aside times for staff, volunteers, and stakeholders to reflect on values and practices.
- *Consistently* demonstrates practices that build leadership capacity at all staff levels.
- *Periodically* identifies strengths and growth areas as part of an ongoing, self-directed process of performance improvement.

## DOMAIN #2: PRODUCE SUSTAINABLE RESULTS

- *Consistently* offers services that reflect user needs and preferences.
- *Routinely* works with stakeholders to create a strategy for sustaining results when external support ends.
- *Periodically* assesses current practices against quality standards.
- *Regularly* works with local communities to build upon their assets and ideas.
- *Consistently* promotes solutions that address root causes to development challenges.

## DOMAIN #3: ALIGN SYSTEMS FOR AGILITY

- *Routinely* tasks cross-functional teams to meet objectives.
- *Consistently* takes steps to recruit staff members from the local community.
- *Consistently* manages finances so stakeholders receive timely, useful, and accurate information.
- Secures *sufficient* support from different sources to ensure that funding streams are diversified.
- Maintains reserve funds to cover at least two months of operational activity.

## DOMAIN #4: LEARN & ADAPT

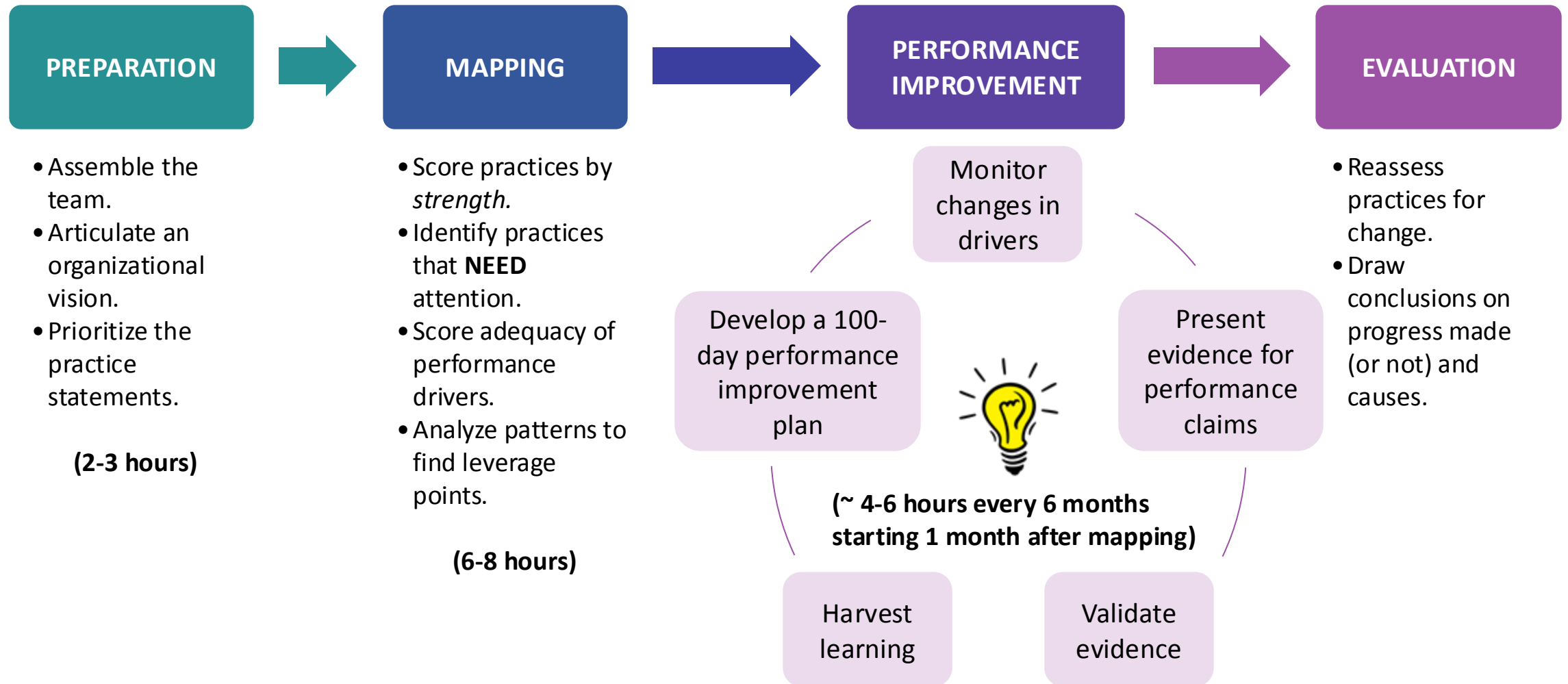
- *Routinely* solicits and uses stakeholder feedback to expand impact.
- *Regularly* scans for trends relevant to organizational mission and services.
- *Regularly* uses data to monitor project performance.
- Meets *regularly* to learn lessons from project successes and failures.
- *Routinely* fosters innovation by testing out new ideas.

## DOMAIN #5: ATTRACT & SUSTAIN SUPPORT

- *Regularly* communicates with stakeholders about organizational achievements and challenges.
- *On an ongoing basis*, provides stakeholders, with meaningful opportunities to contribute to the organization's work.
- *Actively* participates in multi-stakeholder networks.
- *Frequently* shares useful information and valuable resources with peer organizations.
- *Frequently* takes joint action with cross-sectoral actors to address issues of common concern.



# What Does the PERFORM Process Look Like?



# Key PERFORM Terms

## Performance Rating

Each practice statement is rated by the extent to which the organization demonstrates the practice.

Practices are rated using the three-point scale below.

### Performance Rating

**Strength:** This statement very accurately describes us.

**Asset:** This statement somewhat accurately describes us.

**Challenge:** This statement is far removed from what we do.

## Priority Rating

Each practice is also rated on a three-point scale describing the level of importance (priority) that practice holds for achieving the performance goal.

### Priority Rating

**High:** Critical to success *at this time*.

**Medium:** Important but not critical to success *at this time*.

**Low:** Not important to success *at this time*.

## Urgency Index

This index sorts mapping results by priority rank and performance rating to facilitate decision-making about where capacity-strengthening efforts and resources should be directed (*automatically generated*).

Urgency Index				
Priority Rating	High	URGENT	URGENT	OPTIONAL
	Med	URGENT	OPTIONAL	NOT NEEDED NOW
	Low	OPTIONAL	NOT NEEDED NOW	NOT NEEDED NOW
		Challenge	Asset	Strength
		Performance Rating		

## Performance Drivers

Performance drivers are also identified for each practice to shed light on the “whys” of organization’s performance in each area of practice to help pinpoint where resources should be directed.

### Performance Drivers

- Knowledge/skills.
- Resources.
- Supportive leadership.
- External relationships.
- Norms or culture.

# PERFORM Scoresheet

Performance Domain	Practice Statements	Priority Rating	Performance Rating	Urgency Index	Performance Drivers																				
					Res	Rel	SL	K/S	N/C																
<b>Produces Sustainable Results</b>	6. <i>Consistently</i> offers services that reflect user needs and preferences																								
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	8. <i>Periodically</i> assesses current practices against quality standards																								
	9. <i>Regularly</i> works with local communities to build upon their assets and ideas																								
	10. <i>Consistently</i> promotes solutions to address root causes for management challenges																								
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# Mapping Analysis in Excel

## Driver Scoresheet

Click here to refresh table	Practice Priority	Practice rating	Urgency	Driver: Resources	Driver: Relationships	Driver: Leadership support	Driver: Skills/ knowledge	Driver: Norms
<b>Attracts &amp; sustains support</b>								
Regularly communicates with stakeholders about organizational achievements and challenges	▼	●	🚩	↑	↑	↓	→	↓
Provides stakeholders, on an ongoing basis, with meaningful opportunities to contribute to the organization's work	→	●	🚩	→	→	↓	↓	↑
Actively participates in multi-stakeholder networks	→	●	🚩	↑	→	→	→	→
Frequently shares useful information and valuable resources with peer organizations	▲	●	🚩	→	↑	↓	→	↓
Frequently takes joint action with cross-sectoral actors to address issues of common concern	▼	●	🚩	↓	↓	→	↓	↑
<b>Aligns systems for agility</b>								
Routinely tasks cross-functional teams to meet objectives	→	●	🚩	→	→	↑	↑	↑
Consistently takes steps to recruit staff members from the local community	▲	●	🚩	↑	↑	→	↑	→
Consistently manages finances so that stakeholders receive timely, useful and accurate information.	▼	●	🚩	→	→	↓	↑	→
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Routinely sets aside times for staff, volunteers, and stakeholders to reflect on values and practices	→	●	🚩	↑				
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Periodically identifies strengths and growth areas as part of an ongoing, self-directed process of capacity development	→	●	🚩	↓				
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Regularly works with local communities to build upon their assets and ideas	→	●	🚩	→				
Consistently promotes solution that address root causes for development challenges	▼	●	🚩	↓				

### Legend

Practice Priority		Practice Rating	
▲	High (1)	●	Challenge (1)
→	Medium (2)	●	Asset (2)
▼	Low (3)	●	Strength (3)
Urgency		Driver Rating	
🚩	Urgent	↓	Inadequate (1)
🚩	Optional	→	Partially Adequate (2)
🚩	Not Needed Now	↑	Fully Adequate (3)

# Mapping Analysis in Excel (Using Filters)

Practice Priority
1
2
3

Urgency Index
Not Needed Now
Optional
Urgent

Practice rating
1
2
3

Driver: Resources
1
2
3

Driver: Relationshi...
1
2
3

Driver: Leadership ...
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2
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Driver: Skills/knowl...
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Driver: Norms
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# Using Filters to Support Analysis

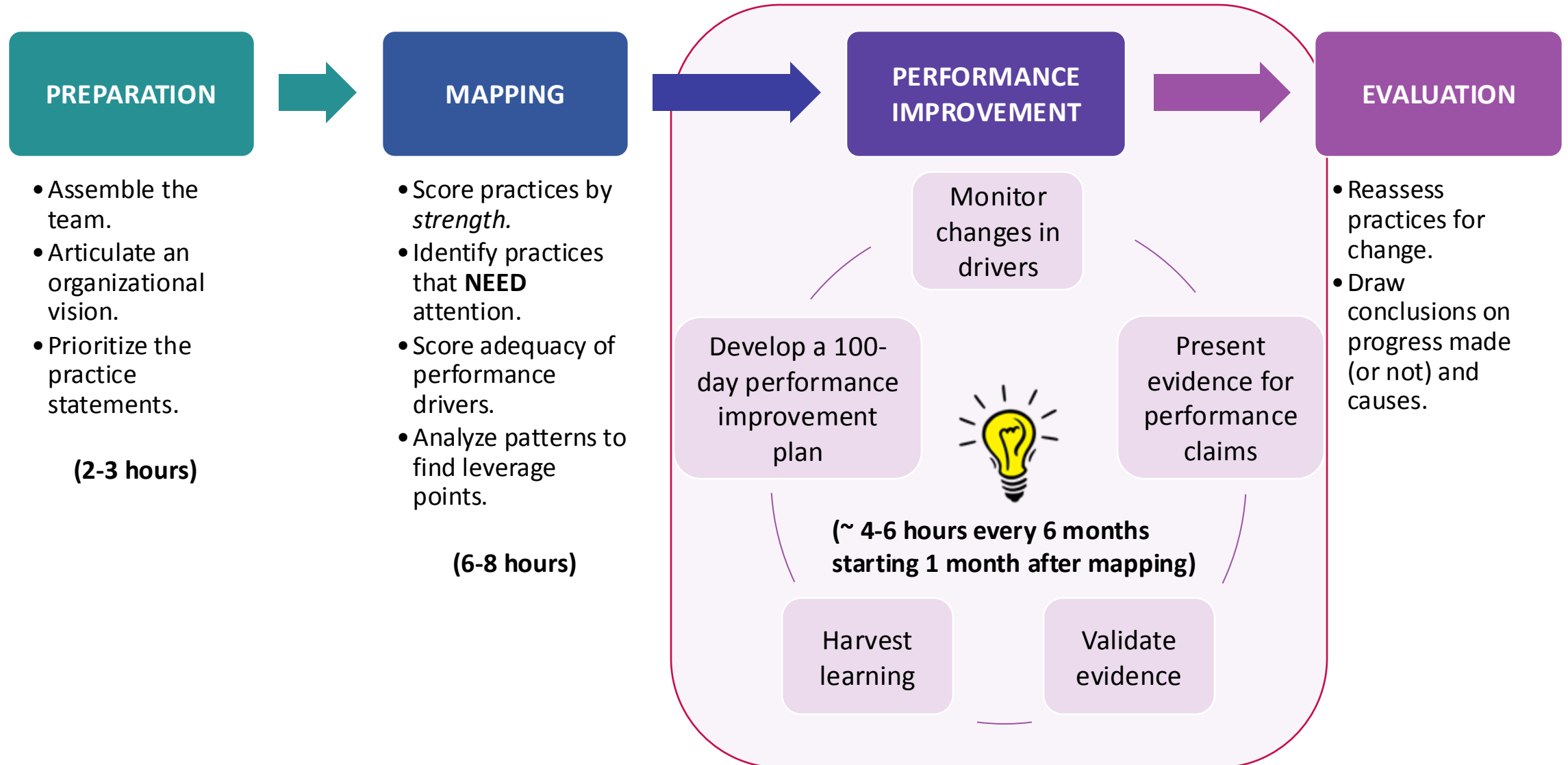
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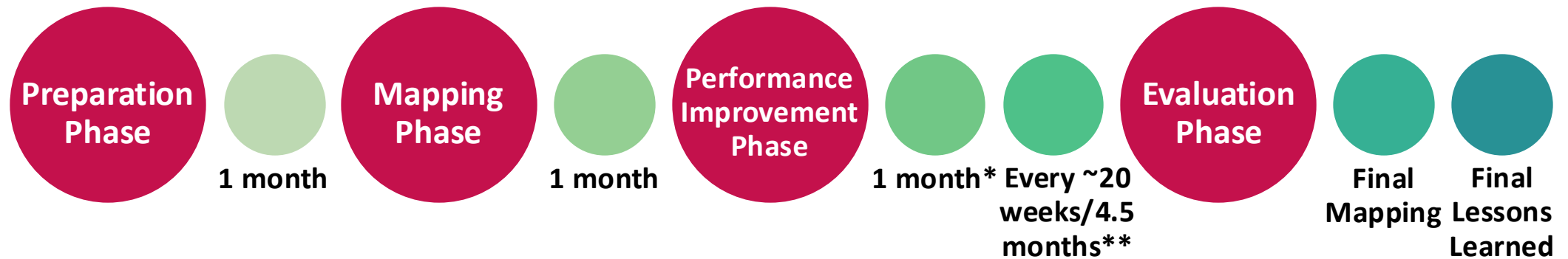
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# What Happens *After* the Mapping?



# PERFORM Improvement Monitoring Schedule



\* First monitoring (*evidence validation; 100-day plan*)

\*\* Ongoing first monitoring (*progress mapping; evidence validation; 100-day plan*)



# Evidence: Confirms We Are Doing What We Say We Are Doing

Evidence can be:

- ✓ Manuals, reports, documents.
- ✓ Stakeholder interviews and surveys.
- ✓ Photos or news clipping from an event.
- ✓ Audio files with stakeholder comments.



*Think beyond what is normally accepted as evidence to make the process realistic and productive.*

**Note:** One piece of evidence may be used to support multiple performance claims, as long as it is relevant to each claim.

# PERFORM Can Be Customized

- Changing a performance area.
- Modifying Practice Statements.
- Setting frequency of use.
- Selecting evidence to support performance claims.
- Engaging stakeholders.
- Sharing results.
- Choosing results analysis tools.
- Facilitating the PERFORM process.
- Scheduling the initial mapping.

Can be adapted to complement other assessment tools in measuring CBLD-9.

# PERFORM Resource Package

- **User Guide:** An overview of PERFORM and the steps to use it.
- **Facilitator's Guide:** Detailed information on facilitating each phase of the PERFORM process.
- **Templates:** Templates in MS Excel and MS Word for data gathering.
- **Three Recorded Presentations:** Additional guidance on specific topics for users of PERFORM.
- **Technical Brief:** *Advancing Localization through the PERFORM System.*
- **Frequently Asked Questions.**

Available on the MOMENTUM webpage  
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SECTION 04

# Using PERFORM in Timor, Indonesia

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SECTION 05

# Moderated Discussion

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