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Abstract

Monitoring and evaluation is a key feature in contracting relationships between government, donors, private sector, NGOs and the wider civil society in law and justice service provision. However, less effort are placed on evaluating the impacts of NGO-Government collaborative projects funded with contestable grants to create safer, more peaceful communities. This research explores the role of monitoring and evaluation of projects funded with contestable grants focusing on issues and challenges raised by the lack of evaluation and identifies ways in which local communities define a successful collaborative NGO-Government project. The research proposes a potential evaluation pathway as a culturally appropriate monitoring and evaluation tool.
Acronyms

AUSAID Australian Aid for International Development
CJLU Community Justice Liaison Unit
CS Correctional Services
CSO Civil Society Organisation
DIFID Department for International Development
GOA Government of Australia
GOPNG Government of Papua New Guinea
JAG Justice Advisory Group
LJS Law and Justice Sector
LJSP Law and Justice Sector Programme
MBCSA Milne Bay Counselling Services Association Inc
M&E Monitoring and Evaluation
MEF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
NGO Non-Government Organisation
NLJP National Law and Justice Policy
PMF Performance Monitoring Framework
PNG Papua New Guinea
RBM Results-Based Management
SSF Sector Strategic Framework
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