

Policy Evaluation Guidelines in Japan



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There are 4 main guidelines in Japanese government

1. Основные рекомендации по проведению оценки политики (пересмотренные)
2. Руководство по реализации оценки политики
3. Руководство по внедрению оценки политики на основе измерения производительности
4. Руководство по публикации информации об оценке политики

These guidelines are revised 3-5 years through the meeting among the ministries initiated by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications(MIAC)

Basic guideline for implementing policy evaluation

- 1. This is created in 2005, 4 years after the “Policy Evaluations Act” was enacted.**
- 2. It explains the contents of the Act in detail .The main contents are;**
 - (1) Objectives of policy evaluation--providing information to policy planning, accountability to the public**
 - (2) Schemes of policy evaluation--Project evaluation, performance measurement, and comprehensive evaluation**
 - (3) Standpoints of policy evaluation--necessity, efficiency, effectiveness, equality and priority**
 - (4) Implementation of Ex-ante evaluation and ex-post evaluation**
 - (5) Utilization of academicians and experts, Utilization of evaluation results to policymaking and publicity**
 - (7) Organizational framework of implementation**
 - (8) R/D, HRD of policy evaluation, information sharing by IT system**
 - (9) Development and review of guidelines through inter-ministerial meetings, division of roles between MIAC and line ministries**

Policy evaluation implementation guideline

- 1. This guideline is created in 2005. Last revision was 2017**
- 2. It explains the act in more easy-to-understand format for the persons in charge.**
- 3. Main contents are;**
 - (1) Classifications of policies--Policy, Program, Project**
 - (2) Linkage with budget**
 - (3) Evaluation schemes--Project evaluation, performance measurement, and comprehensive evaluation**
 - (4) Quantitative/qualitative evaluation, cost saving evaluation**
 - (5) Utilization of knowledge of academicians and experts**
 - (6) Utilization of Evaluation Results into Policy Planning**
 - (7) Development of research, training, guidelines and publicity**

GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT POLICY EVALUATIONS

- 1. This was created in 2013. 70% of the policy evaluation is being done by Performance Measuring method in Japan.**
- 2. It explains the standards of the method to the implementer.**
- 3. The contents are:**
 - (1) Target policy of Performance measurement, Importance of unification of the format,**
 - (2)Preparation of pre-analysis table**
 - (3)Unification of the evaluation table (attached) and 1-5 grade evaluation**
 - (4) Submission of evaluation report to MIAC on August**
 - (5) Review of program by the interim evaluation considering of changes of external conditions, budget, logic model, KPI, etc.)**
 - (6) Attached evaluation table and instruction of filling the table.**

Guideline for publication on information of policy evaluation

- 1. This is created in 2010 for the M&E persons in charge to show the importance of the publicity of the evaluation results and how to remake the evaluation result in easy-to-understand way to the public.**
- 2. The contents are;**
 - (1) How to make the summary and evaluation in a easy word, showing more graphics and tables and their data sources.**
 - (2) In case of opening the academicians and experts meeting on the evaluation, agenda and MoM are disclose the to the public.**

