Developmental Evaluation: Applying Systems Thinking and Complexity Concepts to Enhance Innovation and Use

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First morning:

- The niche of developmental evaluation.
- Distinguishing developmental evaluation from development evaluation.
- Exercise on the difference between development and improvement.
- How complexity concepts are the basis for developmental evaluation.
- Five types of developmental evaluation.

First afternoon:

- Defining and understanding complexity, and the implications for all aspects of evaluation.
- Exercise distinguishing simple, complicated, and complex situations.
- Developmental evaluation applications and implications for complex dynamic systems.
- Complexity as a theory of change.

Second morning:

- Systems thinking.
- Understanding and mapping systems change.
- Development applications and implications.
- Participants create systems maps for their own interventions.

Second afternoon:

- The adaptive cycle and its implications for evaluating social innovations in development.
- Designing and budgeting developmental evaluations.
- Participants apply developmental evaluation options to their own work.
- Strengths and weaknesses of developmental evaluation.
- Political and ethical issues.