

# Policy Challenges

A word cloud of policy challenges centered around the word "DATA". The word "DATA" is the largest and most prominent, located in the center. Surrounding it are numerous other terms in various sizes and orientations, representing different policy challenges. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern around the central "DATA" word.

SCOPE CREEP  
LANGUAGE  
EMBRACE FINDINGS  
ACCESS  
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE  
INTENTIONAL BIAS  
PERSON CENTRED  
DATA STANDARDS  
AUTHORISING ENVIRONMENT  
UNINTENTIONAL BIAS  
RISK ADVERSE  
EXPERTISE  
EVALUATION  
POPULATION SIZE  
TRUST  
STATISTICAL LITERACY  
IDEA PATHWAYS  
RESILIENT  
SILOS  
UNTAPPED KNOWLEDGE  
GENERATIONAL CHANGE  
RESPECT  
CLIMATE  
ADAPTIVE  
PATIENCE  
HOLISTIC APPROACH  
PRIVACY  
FOCUS  
INFORMATION  
MAINSTREAMING  
PASSION  
CO-DESIGN  
ADVOCATES  
INNOVATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
GLOBAL COMMITMENT  
LEGAL  
VISION  
CLEAR RESPONSIBILITIES  
COMMUNICATION  
TOGETHER  
TRUSTED PARTNERS  
TRANSPARENCY  
COLLABORATION  
SHARING  
DEFINITIONS  
DONOR FUNDING  
HUMAN CAPITAL  
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER  
REALISTIC GOALS  
ENGAGEMENT  
DISTRACTIONS  
REDESIGN  
EXPERTS  
FUNDING  
MULTI DIMENSIONAL  
DATA AVAILABILITY  
COMPETITION  
POLITICAL APPETITE  
SUSTAINABILITY  
POLITICAL CYCLE

# Questions to Ask

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## What are you trying to achieve?

- Are you trying to assess the impacts and achievements of current or potential projects and/or to determine ways of improving the project? Or are you exploring for potential priority areas of youth development?

## What will change if you are successful?

- Ensure the project is designed with specified performance objectives, targets and milestones against which future monitoring and evaluation can be conducted. Consult stakeholders.

## What do I need to measure attainment, or not, of success?

- Qualitative and quantitative information add weight to arguments. When impacts can be shown over time they are strengthened further.

## How do I report on success, reached or not?

- Disseminate findings widely, allocate responsibility for implementing agreed recommendations, and, most importantly, follow up to ensure changes are effected!

# Evaluation and Re-design

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1. It doesn't need to be perfect to have positive impact!
2. Evaluation needs to be done over the right timeframe to measure impact.
3. As more and better data become available it should be fed back into policy and programme design cycle. (mainstreamed)
4. Re-design should be agile and contain not just evaluation results but stay in touch with new issues on the ground.
5. Different evaluation tools can be used in concert.

# Why Look at Sub-National Data

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1. Use of data in policy and program design, implementation and evaluation is a growing trend which allows for trust in programs from communities with added accountability and transparency.
2. Individual voices and stories matter.
3. Data at finer levels increases the lessons which can be learnt from it.
4. National averages will hide regional variations and can become distinctly more problematic in very large population or land mass countries.
5. Indexes can provide a high-level picture of a population and suggest areas to focus on but it is the targeted and specific data which is needed to design person centred services



# THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX



**Download the 2016 Australian YDI here.**

*Youth development continues to be a matter of national importance, with 6.3 million people between 10-29 years old living in Australia. This is the first national holistic measure of the status of young people in Australia and is designed to inform policy and a tool for advocacy.*



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Thank You!  
Questions?



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## Commonwealth Youth Development Index National and Regional Toolkit



### Division for Social Policy and Development Youth

#### In Focus

##### CSocD



Since the WSSD 1995, the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) has been the key United Nations body in charge of the follow up and implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action.

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##### Inter-Agency Network on Youth



The Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) is a network of UN entities, represented at the headquarters level, whose work is relevant to youth. The aim is to increase the effectiveness of UN work in youth development.

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##### International Youth Day



International Youth Day is commemorated every year on 12 August. The Focal Point on Youth selects a theme for the day with input from youth organizations and members of the UN Inter-Agency Network in Youth development.

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##### Youth Delegate Programme



Youth delegates can participate in several intergovernmental meetings at the United Nations. Most official youth delegates participate in the General Assembly, but some also attend functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council...

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##### Meetings and Events



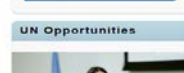
##### WPAY



##### Multimedia



##### UN Opportunities



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