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Expert Group Meeting on the Social Policy Report 2

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Amman, Jordan

MEETING EVALUATION

Scale of Evaluation:

5 = Excellent; 4 = Very Good; 3 = Average; 2 = Fair; 1 = Poor

OVERALL EVALUATION

1. Rating of the following components:

	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
- Usefulness of the discussions during the meeting	58.33%	41.67%
- Preparations for the meeting	66.66%	33.34%
- Degree of participation	50%	50%
- Logistical & Administrative Support	75%	25%
- Overall presentation and organization	50%	50%

2. Comments on overall evaluation of the meeting.

- EGM needs more time to elaborate thoroughly
- Excellent environment, free flow of discussions very constructive engagement
- It is a very efficient seminar in terms of deepening the debate on social policy. It raised and improved the interest of the participants toward the process of elaborating of Social Policy.
- Meeting was perfect and conversations was very valuable
- Disappointment by some cancellations from members
- Mr. Farah played an important role to make the meeting successful
- Very good meeting, interesting brainstorming and exchange about the future of social policies
- I think it went well, it is also difficult to work at this conceptual level, I think it went as best as it could

DOCUMENTATION**3. Rating for the meeting documents:**

	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
- Comprehensiveness	33.34%	50%	16.66%
- Relevance to issues addressed	50%	50%	
- Overall quality	33.34%	66.66%	

IN-SESSION SERVICES**4. Rating for the quality and effectiveness of presentations:**

	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
- Clarity	41.66%	41.66%	16.68%
- Comprehensiveness	41.66%	50%	8.34%

IMPACT**5. Rating for the usefulness of the meeting in the areas:**

	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
- Introduction of new issues	41.66%	50%	8.34%
- Understanding of future directions	41.66%	33.34%	25%
- Exchange of ideas and experience with participants	66.67%	25%	8.33%

6. Comments on the usefulness of this meeting.

- Excellent meeting.
- The team of the project succeeded in triggering a very large debate among participants who have very different experiences and who come from very different perspectives.
- Time management to meet all outcomes could have been better.
- Focused meeting led to efficient process and targeted information-sharing thereby meeting the meeting's objectives.
- I think sometimes when people are working like this, it can be good to use flipcharts – its easier to conceptualize sometimes visually than verbally

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT**7. Comments on the meeting and suggestions for improvement.**

- It is quite excellent meeting.
- The paper should be distributed earlier.
- I hope that the presenters will take benefit of the very rich comments that have been raised by the participants in refining the report.
- More brainstorming sessions would effective to achieve the goals.
- To take the points discussed in the meeting, into consideration to be part of the report.
- It would be interesting to have more government representatives in the meeting, specially from Ministries of Social Affairs.
- Longer session to elaborate on model practices one can benchmark against.
- “Evidence” – I think there must be some experts well positioned re “evidence” qualitative or quantitative – it would be good to track them down.