

Capitalization of experience and innovations

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Objectives of the presentation

- ▶ Demonstrate linkages between capitalisation and innovations.
- ▶ Propose key elements of a capitalisation programme for development projects and programmes

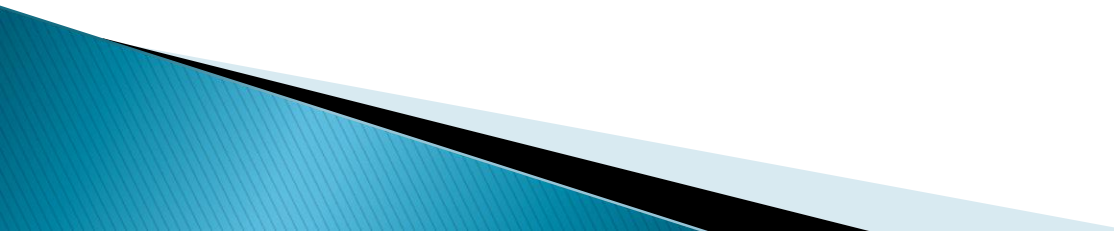
Outline of the presentation

- ▶ Key concepts
 - Capitalisation of experience
 - Institutional innovations
 - ▶ Linkages between capitalisation of experience and innovations
 - ▶ Challenges and perspectives
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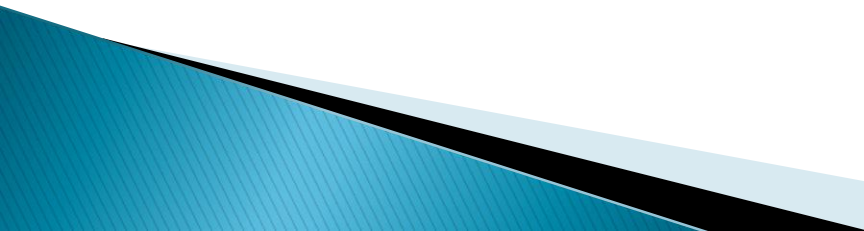
Key Concepts

Capitalisation of experience

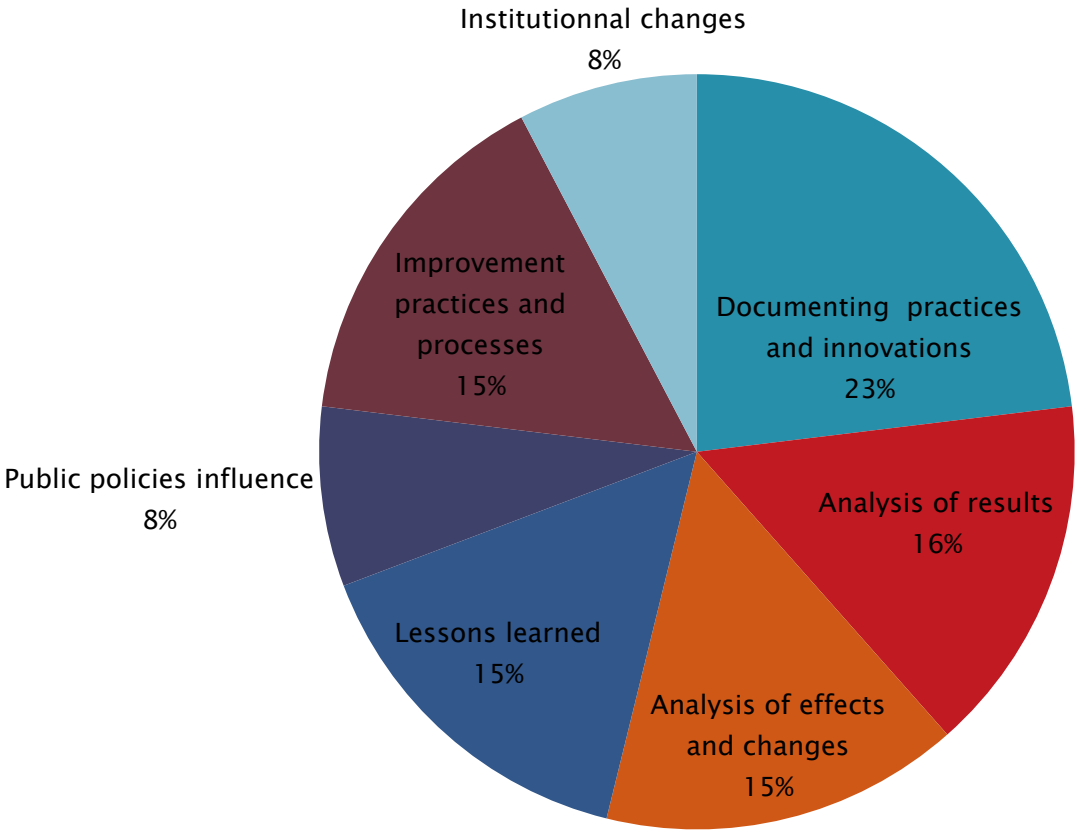
The capitalisation of experience is a participatory process of identifying themes for the collection, analysis and validation of information relative to a given experience.



Added value of capitalisation of experiences

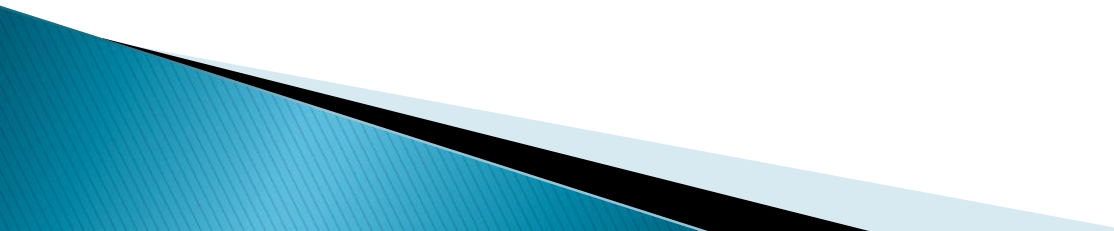
- ▶ Construction of an idea of the organization
 - ▶ Traceability of initiatives and projects
 - ▶ Legibility and visibility of experience
 - ▶ Improvement of practices and quality
 - ▶ Inspiration/development of new policies
 - ▶ Support of advocacy for partnership and resource mobilization
 - ▶ Promotion of effectiveness within organisations (economy and time)
 - ▶ Reinforcement of competences and team work
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Objectives of capitalization of experience



Key concepts

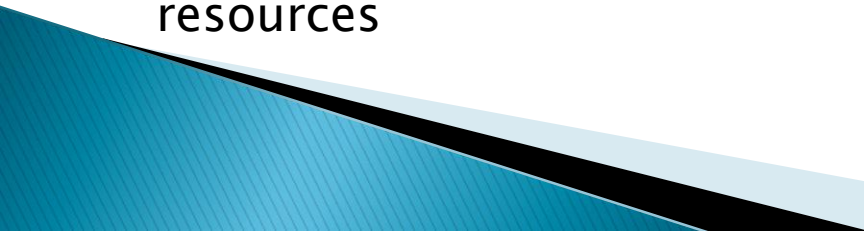
Innovation

- ▶ IFAD defines innovation as a process which adds value or provides solution to a problem in a new way.
 - ▶ To be innovative, an idea, product or approach must be new in the context to which it is applied, and useful with respect to the defined goal or solution of a specific problem, lasting beyond a test period
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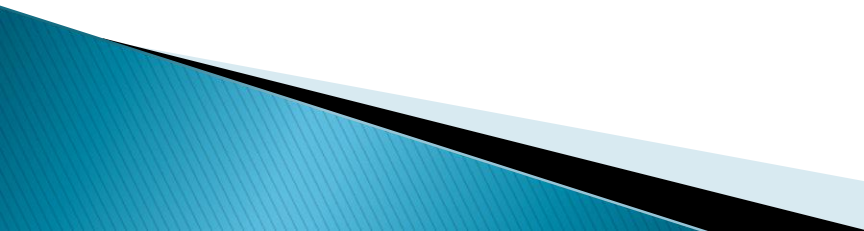
Fields of innovation

Institutional innovations	Nb. Cited	Freq.
Development of resources	16	72,7%
Reinforcement of inter-institutional linkages	14	63,6%
Organisational development	10	45,5%
Methodological innovation	9	40,9%
Reinforcement of leadership	9	40,9%
TOTAL OBS.	22	

Observed changes

- ▶ Change of social role: from producer to trainer
 - ▶ Change of scale: widening the zone of intervention, increase in productivity
 - ▶ Development of inter-institutional linkages: partnership, networking, community of practitioners
 - ▶ Resource development: mutual learning system
 - ▶ Reinforcement of leadership: institutional recognition, strategic and organizational positioning, institutional credibility, access to resources
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Challenges of capitalisation of experience

- ▶ Recognition of the importance of documentation and capitalisation
 - ▶ Control/understanding of the process of capitalisation
 - ▶ Simplification of messages and lesson drawn from the capitalisation of experience
 - ▶ Institutionalisation of policies on capitalisation of experience
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Perspectives

- ▶ Transfer competences and capacities in capitalisation of experience to projects and programs :
 - Sensitize decision makers
 - Create critical mass of animators of the process
 - Train development actors
 - ▶ Advocate for policies of capitalisation of experience
 - ▶ Reinforcement of the community of practitioners of capitalisation of experience
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