

## SEMINAR

# Theories of Change in Rural Transformation

Critical Review and A Way Forward

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As an evaluation tool, Theory of Change has long been used by international aid agencies and public authorities investing in social interventions for inclusion, gender empowerment, and poverty cure in rural areas.

But, after project implementation, do we get a candid profile of change (impact)? What are the investigation gaps while evaluating change? Are there any convolutions in the theory of change?

Based on evaluations of rural development programmes, we argue that a refined theory of change should include the following critical constituents: process monitoring; monitoring and evaluation; transparent outcomes and impact; and human behaviour.