Should you adapt your evaluation questions and scope?

Is your target audience likely to listen and act on the findings?
- Yes
- No

Are the intervention's objectives and activities coherent enough to allow for evaluation?
- Yes
- No

What do you need to change in order to meet their needs?

Can you improve what remains feasible?

Can you enrich your portfolio analysis with other sources?
- Yes
- No

Can you strengthen your content analysis with Theory-based principles?
- Yes
- No

Do you have a sizable portfolio to experiment with artificial intelligence?
- Yes
- No

Could a different evaluation angle bring more value at this time?
- Yes
- No

Would the costs of learning or hiring an expert justify the gains?
- Yes
- No

Make sure your standard portfolio analysis is rigorous

What practical and ethical constraints are weighing on your capacity to collect information? How can you improve?
- Consider a pilot

Can you find ways around what is infeasible?

Would you be able to interview remotely the right key informants?
- Yes
- No

Would it be ethical to do so?
- Yes
- No

Can you tap into the expertise of local researchers?
- Yes
- No

Will you be able to work around biases inherent in remote interviewing?
- Yes
- No

Can you make sure they also apply ethical considerations when reaching out to others?
- Yes
- No

Consider postponing

Consider training them

Can you strengthen your content analysis with Theory-based principles?
- Yes
- No

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Can you tap into alternative sources of evidence?

Are there new sources of (big) data available to answer particular evaluation questions?
- Yes
- No

Can you access them?
- Yes
- No

Can they be used ethically?
- Yes
- No

Think long term and consider other opportunities for experimentation

Can you tap into the expertise of local researchers?
- Yes
- No

Can you make sure they also apply ethical considerations when reaching out to others?
- Yes
- No

Think long term and consider other opportunities for experimentation

Is it worthwhile investing resources and expertise to conduct big data analytics?
- Yes
- No

Can you follow procedures to anonymize or protect privacy?
- Yes
- No

Think long term and consider other opportunities for experimentation

Consider whether data agreements can be reached to access them
- Yes
- No

Consider options for other data analysis