

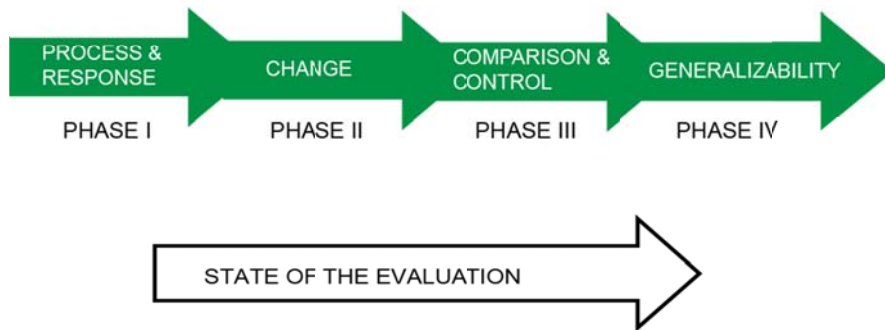
Evaluation History and Lifecycle Worksheet

Name of program: _____ Date: _____

This worksheet is designed to help you reflect on the evaluation that has been done on this program over time, on what you know about the program and how you know it, and on the factors that have shaped previous evaluation decisions.

The graphic below provides an image for evaluation lifecycle phases, analogous to the program lifecycle

CHARACTERIZING AN EVALUATION'S EVOLUTION



phases in the Program History and Lifecycle Worksheet. The “State of the Evaluation” is a synthesis of the multiple dimensions of a program evaluation. Movements from left to right in this figure correspond to potential increases in the scope and/or intensity of the evaluation effort.

The Evolution of your Evaluation

On the graphic below, **sketch the path your past evaluations have followed, and mark where the current state of evaluative knowledge on the program is at the moment.** This is *not* meant to be a formal graph or time plot, just a schematic representation!



Now, **briefly describe how your program's evaluations have evolved so far, and where the current state of evaluative knowledge on the program is at the moment.** (Bullet format is fine.)

- What types of evaluation have been done on this program, and when? (Include both formal and informal evaluations and feedback.)
- What have been the primary purposes of the evaluations that have been done?
- How have results been used? Have the results influenced decisions about the program?
- Who have the results been shared with or reported to?
- Does your funder require a certain type of evaluation?
- What have been the sources of information that have been used? (Documents, responses from individuals on surveys or in interviews, etc.)
- Have there been evaluations that are descriptive of the program (e.g. interviews with program participants or leaders)?
- Have there been formal evaluations of the program that included structured data collection (qualitative or quantitative data)?
- Have there been evaluations that used comparison groups or control groups?