



Name of the workshop attended: Strengthening Evaluation Data Analysis & Visualisation capacity Using Advanced Microsoft Excel

Dates: 19 – 20th October, 2020

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Current employee:

Years of experience in evaluation: 10

Highlights: I use excel a lot in my work especially when it comes to preparing reports. The highlight for me was the visualizing data component. It was interesting to see how data can be expressed in different forms visually.

Lessons learnt: I learnt that depending on what you are trying to show and who your audience is, there are different ways to visualise you data so that it is easily understood. I always wondered how conditional formatting worked and it was great to see how it can be used to show your results.

Challenges: Had some difficulty accessing the practice dataset during the training.

Next steps: I will use the skills learnt to add more 'colourful' visualisations to my reports going forward other than the usual charts I have always used. I know the audiences of my reports will also appreciate the different ways I will visualise the data and help them to easily understand the storyline.

Thankyou SAMEA for the opportunity. Looking forward to more of such 'refresher' courses. Indeed, we learn everyday!