

**Reflections on the Key Elements and Challenges of a Summative Programme Evaluation: A Case of a Social Project Rendered to a Disadvantaged Community in South Africa**

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**ABSTRACT** Social projects are implemented by many communities to meet the increasing demand for community support and development. The present study highlights the significance of efficient and effective summative evaluation of social projects. It discusses specific procedural challenges that may be faced by project evaluators and provides recommendations. Interviews, focus groups and reflective journals were used to collect data during the evaluation process. Results indicated there can be no text book prescription for conducting a successful summative evaluation, as it evolves within the process of interaction between all stakeholders. Constant reflection on the procedural challenges during the evaluation process is important as compared to only focusing on the outcomes of the evaluation.