

## July 17, 2026 Participatory Methods CoP Meeting Notes

During the third Participatory Methods CoP session Heather Esper of the William Davidson Institute (WDI) at the University of Michigan provided a high-level overview of the Outcome Harvesting methodology and shared an example of its application [WRI's Circular Food Systems for Rwanda project](#).

The presentation was followed by a participant-led discussion on practical strategies for making Outcome Harvesting less resource-intensive while maintaining its value as a learning and evaluation approach.

The session slides can be found [here](#).

Key resources shared during the session include:

- **Learn more about outcome harvesting** [here](#)
- **Outcome harvesting example report and methodology (WDI)**: See page 9 of the [report](#) for an example of how WDI presented their outcome harvesting analysis to answer Research Question 1 of a larger developmental evaluation. For a detailed description of the outcome harvesting methodology used in the project, see page 2 of the [annex](#).
- [M.O.R.E Playbook](#)