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What is performance management?

Process of creating a work environment or setting in which people are enabled to perform to the best of their abilities.

A whole work system that begins when a job is defined and ends when the employee leaves the organization.

Objectives of performance management system

- Provide a formal process of planning and reviewing
- Establish standards of performance required for the following year
- Encourage two-way communication between staff and their immediate supervisors regarding expectations, measurements and feedback on performance
- Review performance based on clearly defined performance standards set during work planning
- Track progress in performance by identifying training and development needs

What is performance appraisal?

- Assessment of an employee's effectiveness, usually undertaken at regular intervals
- Face-to-face discussion in which the work of one employee is discussed, reviewed and appraised by another, usually using an agreed and understood framework
- Performance appraisal is only one component of performance management

Elements of performance appraisal

Key Objectives and Measures.
Functional Competencies.
Leadership Competencies.
Organization Values.
Career & Personnel Development.

Science and art

- Fundamentally, performance management is both a science and art designed to maximize an employees' fullest potential and enable the person to contribute substantially to the organization.
- There is no perfect performance appraisal/review system
- Alignment of employees & managers expectations about the performance review is essential
- Performance reviews will never be totally objective or unbiased because it is about people, not numbers or machines
- The one-to-one discussion counts

What influences performance?

POLITICS, BUDGET PROCEDURE

LEADERSHIP, DIVISION OF TASKS

AMBITION, COMPETENCIES

Questions: Individual & organizational performance

- To what extent is the performance of an organization the result of the performance of the staff?
- To what extent is the performance of a unit the result of the performance of an individual?
- Can the impact of an individual be fairly measured?

Organizational performance

If the performance of international organizations has not been regularly evaluated, how can the performance of individual staff be assessed?
 Results-based management may

strengthen the links between organizational and individual performance

Good performance management systems

- Will connect competency profiles, job profiles, business objectives, performance and compensation
- Will differentiate among individuals

Will realize what it takes to be a successful performer in the future and reaches agreement on this within the organization

System needs

- System needs to be transparent and integrated
- System should foster communication on all levels of the organization
- It needs to create Win-Win Situations for the organization & the staff
- Training and re-training for HR and managers to conduct performance appraisals effectively is essential

Difficulties in performance assessment

Lack of quantifiable indicators
Objectives too numerous, unchallenging, unrealistic and not updated
Difficult to differentiate average performance
Problems w/ detailed and highly formalized ratings

Solutions

- Well-identified job objectives (small number, both realistic and challenging)
- Establish a link between individual and organizational objectives
- Simple rating framework
- Based on dialogue with manager
- Transparent and rely on procedural justice mechanisms
- Feedback on appraisal well-reported and explained

Lack of rewards

In most international organizations, the promotion opportunities are limited
 Thus rewards for good performance are limited:

- Step increase
- Non-monetary award
- More challenging work without commensurate pay or promotion

What FICSA advocates

- Effective performance management linked to career development & opportunities
- Objective and transparent performance appraisal
- Training for managers and HR people
- Ongoing dialogue between staff and manager
- An annual appraisal process

Thank you

