Independent Evaluation
Why Evaluate?

**Accountability**
Whether ADB is doing the right things, resources are properly allocated and used, and intended outcomes realized

**Learning lessons**
Identification of lessons for improving development impact of future policies, strategies, programs and projects

**Development effectiveness**
Maximizing development effectiveness of ADB operations through evaluation feedback
Evaluation Feedback Loop

ADB Operations Departments
(monitoring and evaluation, results agenda, applied learning)

ADB Management
(use of evaluations, acting on recommendations, and influence on ADB directions)

ADB Board of Directors
Development Effectiveness Committee
(oversight)

Independent Evaluation Department
(independent evaluation, and capacity development for self evaluation)

International Evaluation Community
(harmonization and joint evaluations, Evaluation Cooperation Group, OECD-DAC)

 Developing Member Countries & Stakeholders
(use of evaluations, evaluation capacity development, joint evaluations)
# Accountability and Learning Lessons for Development Effectiveness

## Development Evaluation
Completed & ongoing operations, country strategy and assistance programs, thematic issues, and effectiveness of ADB policies, practices & procedures and validation of completion reports

## Evaluation Capacity Development
Self evaluation capacity of ADB developing member countries and assistance in measuring, monitoring & managing for development results, and evaluation capacity building

## Evaluation Information Services
Review and commenting of proposals (project, program, strategy, policy) and monitoring actions taken on evaluation recommendations and knowledge management

## Lessons Outreach
Disseminates lessons from evaluation through the Evaluation Information System (EVIS), Learning Lessons, Learning Curves, Evaluation Alerts, Success Rates and other knowledge products.

## Collaborations and Networks
IED participates in knowledge platforms - Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG), Monitoring and Evaluation Community of Practice and other evaluation units (OECD-Development Assistance Committee [DAC] Evaluation Network)

## Evaluation Webpages and Multimedia
Evaluation reports and studies since 1995 are public documents and are available at IED website. IED’s knowledge products are also available online.
Major Evaluation Products

- Annual Reports
- Sector Assistance Program Evaluations
- Country Assistance Program Evaluations
- Impact Evaluation Study
- Special Evaluation Studies
- Project/Program Performance Evaluations
- Technical Assistance Program Evaluations
- Evaluation Knowledge Briefs
- Project Validation Reports
- Other Evaluation Reports
Learning from Evaluation
Knowledge Management for Independent Evaluation

• Evaluation findings only add value when they are used (accountability and learning)
• To be used, evaluation findings must be available when needed by decision makers, in a user-friendly format
• Dissemination of evaluation findings through various modes within and outside ADB
• Other media channels that would enhance visibility and learning include multimedia, podcasts, videos and social networking sites
Evaluation Information System (EVIS)

• A database of evaluation lessons, recommendations and actions, and management’s responses.
• Provides users with an easily accessible source of searchable evaluation information, employing various parameters to refine a search.
• Provides statistics on the number of lessons by sector, theme, topic or country; as well as the status of actions taken on evaluation recommendations.
• EVIS is the first system of its kind among the members of the Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG).
• Accessible through http://evis.adb.org
Evaluation Information System (EVIS)

Search the IED Database

One of IED's main objectives is to help ADB become a learning organization that continuously improves its development effectiveness. This is effected by feeding lessons, findings, and recommendations of past evaluations into ongoing and future ADB operations.

This database aims to assist IED's clients in easily acquiring the evaluation information relevant to their work.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND?

Lessons
Management Action Record System (MARS)

• IED tracks actions taken by ADB Management on evaluation recommendations, and reports to the Board
• System fully computerized and can be accessed by intranet
• Regional and central departments update progress on actions
• Accessing MARS
Inreach
Outreach
and Dissemination
Matching Feedback Vehicles to Accountability and Learning
Evaluation Website

Independent Evaluation at ADB

IEG independently and systematically evaluates ADB policies, strategies, operations, and special concerns that relate to organizational and operational effectiveness. By doing so, it contributes to achieving development effectiveness of ADB operations by providing evaluation feedback on performance, and generating and disseminating evaluation lessons.

Download the brochure.

Spotlight

Learning Lessons: Urban Water Supply Sector

This edition of Learning Lessons illustrates how lessons from evaluation can augment ongoing efforts for mitigating risks in the urban water supply sector at the institutional, organizational, operational, and project levels. It also aims to enhance development effectiveness of ADB assistance in the sector.

Previous features

Recent Postings


This special evaluation study aims to provide real-time feedback on the relevance of ADB assistance during the global economic crisis, responsiveness in terms of how ADB formulated and delivered the support, and results and their sustainability.

Tajikistan: Power Rehabilitation Project [PDF]

Validates the project completion report’s assessment of the project which aimed at improving the availability, reliability, and quality of electric supply to consumers in Tajikistan. IED overall assessment: Partially Successful.

Uzbekistan: Education Sector Development Program [PDF]

Validates the program completion report’s assessment of the program which aims to modernize structure, content and process of education, improve sector sustainability and efficiency, and reform governance of education in Uzbekistan. IED overall assessment: Successful.

Financing Partnership Facilities [PDF]

This special evaluation study presents an independent evaluation of the implementation of ADB’s three financing partnership facilities (FPF) in the areas of water, regional cooperation and integration, and clean energy. The main objective of the study is to draw lessons from the implementation of the three FPFs.

ADB Support for Gender and Development: Results from Country Case Studies [PDF]

This special evaluation study brings country perspective and information on gender issues, gender results from ADB-supported projects, and stakeholders’ view on the challenges for implementing gender mainstreaming. It reports on country-specific experiences with ADB’s gender-related activities, and suggests ways for ADB to improve further the gender focus of its assistance.

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Social Media and Gateways
Dissemination Channels – Evaluation Videos

**ADB Assistance for Public-Private Partnerships in Infrastructure Development**

Henrike Feig of ADB's Independent Evaluation Department discusses the findings of an evaluation report on ADB's assistance for public-private partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure development.

**Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport Projects**

Narendra Singru of ADB's Independent Evaluation Department discusses how carbon emissions could be quantified for transport sector projects in future as a step towards low carbon growth path.
Dissemination Channels – Podcasts

**Packing the Sustainability Punch: Making Projects That Last!** "Is this project sustainable—will it survive after we've packed our bags and moved on?“ It's a question that's becoming increasingly important in evaluating projects.
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