

Study on Collaborative Partner-Donor Evaluation Work

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Background

1. The Study on Collaborative Partner-Donor Evaluation (CPDE) work was mandated and commissioned by EvalNet in November 2012 as a follow-up to the 2011 Evaluation of the Paris Declaration (PDE) on aid effectiveness. Since then, 18 partner countries and 16 national and multilateral donor institutions have been involved in the present Study. The Study was launched at a workshop held in Kampala (Uganda) on 24-25 March 2014. It was hosted by the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda. A Synthesis Workshop was held on 02-04 December in Manila, co-hosted by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) of the Republic of the Philippines and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
2. Fourteen partner countries participated in the Study- Benin, Bolivia, Cameroon, Colombia, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Samoa, Senegal, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Uganda, Vietnam and Zambia- produced a Country Study. Four Thematic Papers were produced on the basis of the Synthesis Workshop and Country Studies. All documents were reviewed by external quality assessors.
3. A four volume CPDE Study report has been reviewed by the Reference Group in a draft version. It identifies emerging conclusions, makes proposals on how to take the CPDE Initiative forward, and raises questions to donor institutions and partner countries in this regard. For more details about implementation status see the CPDE initiative webpage on EvalNet web:
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/collaborativepartnerdonorevaluation.htm>
4. This note provides an update since the last note presented at June 2015 EvalNet meeting in Paris (Annex 1).

1. Since June 2015 Update

5. **The four volume CPDE study report has been completed and reviewed by the Reference group.** The CPDE Study report consists of 4 volumes. Volume 1 or the main report includes: (1) an introduction on the context and history of the CPDE Initiative and the related CPDE Study; (2) a section on the CPDE Study design; (3) a review of the CPDE Study implementation including in terms of process both at partner country and global levels; (4) the 4 Thematic Papers as stand-alone documents; and (5) Proposals for taking the CPDE Initiative forward.
6. Volume 2 includes the 14 Country Study reports, Volume 3, the intermediary reports including the launching and synthesis workshop reports and the update notes, and Volume 4, all the conceptual and methodological tools developed for the CPDE Study, including Concept Note, and terms of reference for Country Studies, Country Papers, and Thematic Papers.
7. **A Survey on the way forward has been completed.** That survey targeted all Members of the Evaluation Network of the OECD–DAC (EvalNet) plus CPDE partner country coordinators (72 institutions in total - see questionnaire Annex 2). The response rate was 50% for donor institutions and 60% for partner countries. Particip has prepared a note providing and analyzing the results of the survey. This note is being reviewed by

the Management Group (See Survey results note Annex 3; these are preliminary results under review, **please do not quote at this stage**).

8. ***Most responding donor institutions (81%) would be ready to engage in collaborative evaluations using country systems***, but preferably through a few pilot collaborations rather than on a frequent basis. A majority of responding donor institutions (54%) would be even prepared to do so if the country evaluation system was weak, although in a prudent manner. Most responding institutions (87%) are ready to participate in a follow up of the CPDE Study through a working group of development assistance evaluation functions from donor agencies and partner countries. A wide share of respondents (69%) would agree to set a formal working group hosted by an existing international institution. There would be a sufficient number of candidate institutions for joining a light structured group in charge of managing such a follow up of the CPDE Study, including five donor institutions: AsDB, Canada, Denmark, Netherlands, and UNDP.

2. Next

9. ***Integrate survey results and complete the CPDE Study report.*** Integrate Survey results in the final draft of the CPDE study report to inform discussions on the future directions of the initiative and collaborative partner-donor evaluation work.
10. ***Present the CPDE Study report and organize a discussion on the future directions of the initiative.*** The Management Group proposes to make a presentation of the CPDE main report and proposals going forward at the next EvalNet meeting and hold discussions on the future directions of the initiatives. It is proposed that at least Uganda coordinator and member of the Management Group takes part to the presentation meeting. Budget permitting, Philippines would also be invited to participate in this meeting.
11. ***Publishing and dissemination.*** At a minimum, the main report will be translated into French and Spanish and published under EvalNet Logo and the logos of financial contributors. A dissemination plan will be submitted to CPDE sponsors by Expertise France.
12. Depending on the decisions made on the future directions of the CPDE initiative, ***set-up practical arrangements*** accordingly.
13. Updated timetable and financial tables will be sent as possible.

Annexes

Annex 1: June 2015 Update Note

Annex 2: Survey questionnaire

Annex 3: Survey results