Evaluation Torch at 18th EvalNet Meeting

The 2015 Evaluation Torch was lit at the 18th DAC Evaluation Network meeting held on 15-16 June in Paris.

The meeting brought together over 80 evaluation managers and specialists from development agencies, ministries and international institutions. Main topics included: capacity development, joint-light evaluation approaches and multilateral evaluation issues.

Recent evaluations on DEReC

Evaluation of the Australia-Vietnam country strategy 2010-2015
Published by: DFAT, Australia
Among other findings, the evaluation shows that the scholarship programme has been effectively and efficiently run and has contributed to improving the quality of Vietnam’s human resources. The evaluation also finds that the strategy is delivering on its objectives in transport infrastructure through direct investments in large construction projects, as well as technical assistance and support to capacity building and finance models.

Evaluation of Norway's support to women's rights and gender equality in development co-operation
Published by: Norad, Norway
Norway’s development co-operation efforts to promote women’s rights and gender equality have produced mixed results. Norway has been an important advocate of gender-focused aid internationally, and strong support to civil society organisations working in this area is among its core strengths. Nevertheless, compared to peer donors, the evaluation found that Norway’s efforts to promote women’s rights and gender equality are limited in terms of the proportion of gender-marked aid it allocates.

Navigating a sea of interests: policy evaluation of Dutch foreign human rights policy 2008-2013
Published by: IOB, the Netherlands
The report zooms in on five themes in the Dutch human rights policy: human rights defenders, women, LGBT, freedom of expression, and business and human rights. The findings show that over time the Dutch human rights policy has been consistent which has allowed it to successfully contribute to the promotion of human rights. The overall conclusion of the evaluation is positive, though the role of the Netherlands varies at country level.

Chad: Evaluation of the Bank Group country strategy and programme in Chad (2002–2012)
Published by: the African Development Bank
On the whole, the evaluation shows that the Bank Group’s assistance performance in Chad over 2002-2012 has been “moderately satisfactory”. Investments in the area of infrastructure have helped create conditions for the sustained and inclusive growth of the entire economy. However, the Bank’s intervention in economic governance and public sector management has been less successful, thereby limiting its positive role in the country’s overall economic growth.

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3ie has launched a scoping paper that reviews the supply of and demand for evidence from impact evaluations and systematic reviews on peacebuilding interventions. An evidence gap map provides access to evidence on the outcomes of peacebuilding interventions in conflict-affected settings. Check it out!

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015 was launched in Oslo, Norway on 6 July.

Response to Nepal's Earthquake: Ten Lessons from Evaluations. The Asian Development Bank shares some quick findings of a general nature from previous work.

The OECD Multilateral Aid 2015 report is hot off the press! Read and share.