



The Uganda Country Evaluation of the Paris Declaration, Phase I (2008)

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I. Introduction

- The use of Aid Management Manual and PEAP Partnership Principles (within the context of the Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP, 2001)
 - (Govt leads, Development Partners should work within Govt structures, e.t.c.)
- Chapter on Aid Coordination and Paris Declaration Principles included in the new National Development Plan
- Joint Budget Support Framework (JBSF) replaces the Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC)
 - Joint Assessment Framework developed with a Results and Performance Matrix for key sectors; health, education, water and sanitation, works and transport and Agriculture
 - Emphasis on mainstreaming/alignment with Govt structures

2. Actors in the PDE Process

- A small reference group was established to quality check the Evaluation
 - The Group: *Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), Development Partners, the civil society, the academia and the National Planning Authority (NPA)*
- Procurement Unit and Contracts Committee of Government
- National Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Working Group approves the report
- Private Consultants contracted for the actual Evaluation
- The Austrian Development Cooperation financed the Evaluation and contracted the Consultants
- Policy makers at the level of Permanent Secretaries and Cabinet Ministers

3. Rating of the Results and Use of the Evaluation Findings

- The Focus of evidence gathering was on:
 - *Quality of the PD, clarity, relevance and coherence*
 - *Behaviour changes resulting from the PD (in Govt and Donors)*
 - *Lessons learnt from the PD implementation*

i) Strengths/Success

- Broad consultations & buy in amongst Stakeholders
- Use of Government procurement system demonstrated capacity, ownership
- National M&E Technical Working Group involvement - alignment
- The exercise generated interest and debate in the subject
- The findings have informed Development of the National Development Plan and JBSF
- Strengthens capacity on Evaluation

ii) Weaknesses

- Inadequate time for in depth analysis
- Lack of knowledge of Paris Declaration amongst many institutions
- The challenge of conducting Evaluations of the PD and the PEAP1997-2007 at ago
- The parallel evaluation of the PEAP, which included a chapter on partnerships and involved a lot more consultations. It made some of the work duplicative

4. Why Successful

- The Evaluation informed Uganda's engagement with the International Community
- Government White Paper for policy formulation / policy change on the basis of the recommendations
 - Eg, Secretariat checks new policy initiatives and Devt Partner supported programmes against the Principles of PD
- The findings and recommendations informed the new 5 year National Development Plan (NDP)
- A Joint Budget Support Framework (JBSF) – agreed on indicators for a Joint Assessment Framework (JAF) will be a major instrument for PDE

5. Measures for Improvement

- Formalising the Reference Group and using structured meetings (to generate more interest)
- Procurement of independent evaluators to be mainstreamed with the Government annual planning process (for sustainability and harmonisation)
- Wider involvement of the civil society (the press, civil society organisations, the academia, local Governments) – more debate and pressure on adherence
- Regular (6-monthly monitoring of compliance within the Govt review mechanism)
- Separate Policy paper on the findings and recommendations