



BACKGROUND ROOM DOCUMENT No 1 addendum

DAC WORKING PARTY ON AID EVALUATION

Recent developments in evaluation

This document contains additional responses from Members to the Secretariat's request for information on recent developments in evaluation. It has been prepared by the Secretariat for discussion at the DAC Working Party on Aid Evaluation Meeting, 27 – 28 March 2003.

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SWEDEN

1. Recent developments in the evaluation function

The Department for Evaluation and Internal Audit (UTV) has 15 staff (whereof three internal auditors and 6 evaluation officers) and two managerial positions (head of department and deputy head). The evaluation function is presently in the process of recruiting and introducing five new staff members. In addition two administrative positions will be filled during the year. As a result the human resources of the department have been under substantial strain for the past six months, a situation which is expected to continue until the end of the summer.

A new Director General, Maria Norrfalk, has been appointed for Sida and she will take up her new position on April 1. The government is presently preparing a government bill on the future direction of Sweden's global development policy of which international development aid will be but one constituting part.

2. Recent major outputs

During 2002 several large evaluations were completed and published by the Department for Evaluation and Internal Audit:

Reports published in Sida Evaluation Series:

- 02/01 Mainstreaming Gender Equality. Sida's support for the promotion of gender equality in partner countries. Britha Mikkelsen, Ted Freeman, Bonnie Keller et al.
- 02/01:1 Mainstreaming Gender Equality. Sida's support for the promotion of gender equality in partner countries. Country report Bangladesh
- 02/01:2 Mainstreaming Gender Equality. Sida's support for the promotion of gender equality in partner countries. Country report Nicaragua
- 02/01:3 Mainstreaming Gender Equality. Sida's support for the promotion of gender equality in partner countries. Country report South Africa
- 02/01:4 Integración de la Perspectiva de Igualdad de Género. Apoyo de Asdi en los países de Cooperación para el Desarrollo: Informe de país – Nicaragua Ted Freeman, Milagros Barahona, Ane Bonde, Sarah Forti, Britha Mikkelsen, Guadalupe Salinas
- 02/14 Area Development Projects, Poverty Reduction, and the New Architecture of Aid. Volume I: Synthesis Report. John Farrington, Ian Christoplos, Roger Blench, Karin Ralsgård, Stephen Gossage, Anders Rudqvist
- 02/14: 1 Area Development Projects, Poverty Reduction, and the New Architecture of Aid. Volume II - Case Studies: CAREERE/Seila, Cambodia; ANRS, Ethiopia; EEOA, Zambia Roger Blench, Karin Ralsgård, Stephen Gossage, Dessalegn Rahmato, Guy Scott

- 02/33 Supporting Ownership: A Study of Swedish Development Cooperation Programmes in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Volume I: Synthesis report David Andersson, Chris Cramer, Alemayehu Geda, Degol Hailu, Frank Muhereza, Matteo Rizzi, Eric Ronge, Howard Stein and John Weeks.
- 02/33: 1 Supporting Ownership: A Study of Swedish Development Cooperation Programmes in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Volume II: Country studies David Andersson, Chris Cramer, Alemayehu Geda, Degol Hailu, Frank Muhereza, Matteo Rizzi, Eric Ronge, Howard Stein and John Weeks
- 02/35 Implementation of the 1999-2003 Country Strategy for Swedish Development Cooperation with Vietnam. Bob Baulch, Mick Moore, Anuradha Joshi, Jan Rudengren
- 02/36 Implementation of the 1999-2003 Country Strategy for Swedish Development Cooperation with Laos. Dan Vadnjal, Tim Conway, Jan Rudengren, Marc Juville
- 02/37 Country Plans: the missing middle of Sida's country strategy process Samuel Egerö, Göran Schill

Published in the Series Sida Studies in Evaluation:

- 02/01 Aid, Incentives, and Sustainability. An Institutional Analysis of Development Cooperation Elinor Ostrom, Clark Gibson, Sujai Shivakumar, Krister Andersson

Workshops in 2002:

Nordic Evaluation Workshop, December 2002

Seminars to discuss and disseminate findings of major evaluations:

- Workshop on CDF evaluation, March 2003
- Approach and Organisation of Sida Support to Private Sector Development, March
- Mainstreaming Gender Equality, May
- Area Development Projects, May
- "Who owns development in East Africa" - seminars in East Africa and in Stockholm (May and November)
- Aid, Incentives and Sustainability, October
- Implementation of the Country Strategies for Vietnam and Laos, December
- Contract-Financed Technical Co-operation, December I

3. Key forthcoming evaluations

To be published in Sida Evaluation series:

- Evaluation of contract-financed technical co-operation (KTS)
- Evaluation of Sida's approach to PSD support for rural development.
- Evaluation of Sida support to PSD in Eastern Europe.

To be published as Sida Studies in Evaluation:

- Evaluation synthesis of ownership studies.
- Follow-up study of environment considerations in Sida evaluations
- Pre-study of the role of Swedish support in institutional development in Laos.
- Synthesis study concerning support to private sector development
- Study on evaluation methods for assessing gender equality.

Evaluations in a planning stage

- Sida support to culture and the media
- Evaluation of Sida's HIV/AIDS strategy
- Evaluation of support to Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- Sustainable urban development
- Supporting institutional development
- The Rights of the Child: Evaluation of children as a target group for Swedish assistance

SWITZERLAND

1. Recent developments in the evaluation function

No major changes to report.

2. Recent major outputs

Independent Evaluation of SECO's Budget Support Programme, May 2002

Intermediate reports on SDC's bilateral Engagement in the PRSP Process:

a) SDC wide survey, Dec. 2002

b) Case Studies Kyrgyz Republic, Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, Vietnam

SDC's Ongoing Evaluation Programme for 2003-2004, February 2003

All these outputs are accessible on www.deza.admin.ch/services/evaluation

3. Key forthcoming evaluations

- SDC's bilateral Engagement in the PRSP Process (Synthesis and Final Report)
- SDC's Interaction with UNDP
- Country Programme in Niger
- Collaboration of SDC with Swiss NGOs
- Quality and Implementation of evaluation results
- Country Programme in Bulgaria
- Poverty Focus in Small Enterprise Development Programmes of SDC