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## **DAC MEMBERS' EVALUATION PORTFOLIO**

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## INTRODUCTION

### 1. Content and Purpose

This document provides information about current and planned evaluations of development agencies involved in the work of the DAC WP-EV. It is more complete than earlier versions, and we are grateful for the contributions received from the vast majority of participants.

The purpose of this document is:

- To contribute to information sharing and better knowledge about evaluation programmes of WP-EV participants.
- To facilitate the planning of joint or coordinated evaluation efforts.

### 2. Evaluation programmes: some highlights

- Due to the concise nature of the information contained in the Evaluation Portfolio, it is not possible to conduct an extensive analysis, reach specific conclusions or formulate recommendations. These general observations, or highlights, are for illustrative purposes and are intended to provide an overview of Members' planned activities over the coming years.
- A number of evaluations concerned with **Poverty reduction** are planned or under implementation. These include evaluations of poverty reduction strategies and the impact of sectoral programmes or projects on poverty. Australia, Ireland, Japan (JICA), Luxembourg, Sweden, US, UNDP and the World Bank are all evaluating various aspects of poverty impacts of their aid programmes (2000). Canada, ADB and IADB are starting evaluations (2001).
- In the area of **Environment**, Ireland, Sweden, Canada and EBRD have started, or are starting, evaluations (2000), while Denmark, ADB, the World Bank and New Zealand are planning evaluations (2001).
- **Private Sector** development is another theme of frequent activity. Currently, Denmark, Ireland, Sweden, UK, ADB and AfDB are conducting evaluations (2000). New Zealand, Sweden, IADB and the World Bank are planning evaluations for 2001 and 2002.
- The **Education** sector will undergo a large number of evaluations in the near future. Australia, Austria, European Commission, Germany and New Zealand are evaluating their aid efforts in this area (2000). Denmark and IADB are planning theirs (2001), and Italy is completing a second phase of an ongoing evaluation. Netherlands is leading a major evaluation initiative on Basic Education (2000). (See multi-donor evaluations below.)

- **Decentralisation.** Canada is evaluating decentralisation in Africa (2001). Denmark is undertaking a joint evaluation of decentralisation in Uganda (2001), and France is evaluating Decentralisation and Development (2000). UNDP is evaluating its role in Decentralisation and Local Governance (2000) and IADB is evaluating Decentralisation and Effective Citizen Participation (2000).
- Aid for **Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance** is being evaluated by Ireland, Norway, UNDP and USAID (2000/2001), and by the World Bank and Ireland (2001).
- Evaluation of support for **Civil Society** initiatives is being undertaken by USAID and the Netherlands (2000).
- Various **NGO**-related activities have been evaluated by Belgium, EC, World Bank, Australia, Norway and ADB during 1999/2000. France and Australia are currently conducting evaluations in this area (2000), while Ireland and IADB have plans for 2001.
- **Gender** is an area of extensive activity. Australia, Ireland, Japan, Sweden, UK, ADB and AfDB are evaluating programmes and strategies (2000). Canada, Japan and the World Bank have plans for 2001.
- In the area of aid to **Health**, UNDP, Australia, Canada, EC and the Netherlands are conducting evaluations (2000). Germany, Ireland, New Zealand and IADB have indicated plans (2001).
- **Country programme** evaluations are being performed by a large number of Members. Approximately 35 were completed in 1999, and 54 are being initiated in 2000. There are 34 planned for 2001, and 11 so far for 2002. Following is a brief list of recipient countries where several donors are planning to evaluate their country programmes in the same period.
  - i) Vietnam: evaluations by Denmark, the EC and Switzerland (2001).
  - ii) Ghana: the EC and the World Bank (2000), and the AfDB and Denmark (2001).
  - iii) Burkina Faso: Denmark and the World Bank are currently evaluating their respective programmes (2000). The EC and France are performing a joint evaluation of their country strategies for Burkina Faso (2000).
  - iv) Vanuatu: France and New Zealand (2000).
  - v) Tanzania: country programmes are being evaluated by both the OED and the IFC of the World Bank, as well as Japan (JICA) (2000).
  - vi) Zambia: Finland and Japan (JICA) over the period 2000-2002.
  - vii) Nicaragua: IADB, Denmark and Finland (2001).
  - viii) Bolivia: Denmark and IADB (2001).
  - ix) Mexico: IADB and World Bank (2001).

- Finally, a number of **multi-donor evaluations** are being carried out, and more are being planned. Some are listed below:
  - i) Basic education: an evaluation is being led by the Netherlands, with Canada, EC, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, UNESCO, UNICEF, UK, and the World Bank (2000).
  - ii) Peacebuilding Learning Exercise: a joint Canada-Japan evaluation is taking place (2000).
  - iii) Country Strategy Evaluation: France and the EC for Burkina Faso (2000)
  - iv) SCF Palestine: by Ireland, USAID and/or DFID (2000)
  - v) Reforestation and Expansion Project in Thailand: Japan (MFA) and FAO (2000)
  - vi) Population and Health in the Philippines: Japan (JICA) and USAID (2001)
  - vii) Transport Sector in Ghana: led by Denmark, with the Netherlands, AfDB, EC, UK, World Bank, and Government of Ghana (2000)
  - viii) UNFPA/IPPF evaluation: led by BMZ, with the Netherlands (2000)
  - ix) Developing Local Capacity for Public Sector Results Assessment (2001), IADB and Caribbean Development Bank.

### **3. Presentation and Format**

Members were invited to provide comments on the previous structure. A number of these comments underlined the importance of a simple structure and it seems that the present one corresponded to their needs. The four main categories have therefore been retained. A column indicating the start of the evaluation has been added whenever possible. Finally, the matrix has been put on Excel and compressed, which further facilitates readability.

### **4. Regular updating**

The document is available on the protected part of the WP-EV website and the Secretariat regularly updates it. Twice a year, in step with WP meetings, a formal call for updating is made but many Members submit new plans throughout the year. It would be helpful, in future, if Members would provide the information in a standard format. The Secretariat will make such a form available on the website and it will also be sent out to Members.