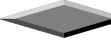


ROOM DOCUMENT 6

GUIDANCE ON EVALUATING CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACE BUILDING

- APPLYING THE WORKING DRAFT-

This update has been prepared by the Secretariat for information at the 8th meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation, 18-19 November 2008.



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Guidance on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building – applying the working draft

Sri Lanka

The joint evaluation is financed by a multi donor peace support trust fund managed by the World Bank.

The overall objective will be to assess donor strategies in Sri Lanka over the past seven years. In particular, the evaluation will assess the relevance, effectiveness, impact, sustainability, efficiency, coherence and coverage of donor activities, and try to identify and demonstrate results and impact (positive or negative) of these activities. Furthermore, it will aim to identify specific constraints and possible recommendations for how donors can improve their approaches to provide more targeted and resource-effective assistance in conflict contexts. The scope needs to be broad enough to satisfy both the need to collect evidence on the applicability of the guidance and to reach a wide range of international actors. As such, the evaluation would assess three main areas: selected published donor strategies that reflect approaches for working both in and on conflict, a meta evaluation of selected evaluations that sought to assess how well specific interventions delivered these strategies, and finally selected coordination mechanisms and efforts to build donor coherence.

Agencies involved locally include SDC, Sida, ADB, WB, EC, Netherlands, Australia, UN, USAID.

The evaluation team is composed of Nick Chapman, Debi Duncan, David Timberman and Kanaka Abeygunawardana.

Indicative timetable

Activity	Date
Inception mission	12-18 October 2008
Draft inception report	27 October 2008
Main field work	Begin either 10 or 17 November 2008
Draft report	22 December 2008

Haiti

This is a single donor evaluation by Norway. Consultations were held with members about a joint effort. However, due to different planning cycles and evaluation needs it was found that a joint effort would not be feasible. Nevertheless, discussions have taken place regarding the possibility of synthesising findings made from evaluations conducted by France, Canada, OIOS and Norway of conflict prevention and peacebuilding activities in Haiti.

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess whether Norway has, with its transitional assistance, contributed to increased security and stability in Haiti, and whether gains achieved are likely to be sustainable.

The evaluation will be of a formative nature as the knowledge generated by the evaluation will be used to inform the future strategy for support to Haiti, especially in terms of:

- where and how sustainable progress in the security situation can be made,
- how to capitalise on existing gains in future support.

The evaluation criteria covered will be effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, sustainability, and coordination.

Indicative timetable

Activity	Date
Contract signed	7 November 2008
Inception report	10 December 2008
Draft report	20 March 2009
Final report	11 May 2009
Presentation seminar	10 June 2009

DRC

Joint evaluation with Belgium in the lead. IOB, DFID, BMZ, UNDP, UNIFEM and UNFPA DCR, OHCHR DCR and UNICEF DRC are also involved.

The steering committee has met twice and the tendering process begun. However, this evaluation has been postponed until further notice due to the escalating conflict in the DRC. It will open for re-tender at a later stage when conditions have improved.

South Sudan

Led by Netherlands.

This evaluation is under development. The preparation of an issues paper is commissioned by the Policy and Operations Evaluation Department of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Conflict Research Unit of Institute Clingendael. This paper will be used as an input for a meeting of evaluation departments of interested donors and agencies. The meeting, envisaged in December 2008 or January 2009, aims to create an 'evaluation coalition' and to discuss the evaluation management structure and the ways in which the Sudanese Government could be involved in the exercise. Based on the discussion of the issues paper a ToR will be drafted and other next steps will be planned (e.g. long listing of consultants through international notifications for expressions of interest etc.). The final ToR will be used to tender the actual evaluation work. It is expected that the ToR may be finalised by March 2009, with tendering and contracting in March/April. The evaluation should be finalised in December 2009.

Other use of the draft Guidance

- The European Commission is preparing for a thematic evaluation of their conflict prevention and peacebuilding work and will use the draft guidance.
- The draft was used by Sweden in an evaluation of their support to five Africa-based organisations working on peace and security activities.
- The conflict unit within USAID will be using the guidance in a possible evaluation of the Niger delta.

Dissemination

- The working draft has been available to download from the website since January 2008.
- 660 hard copy drafts have been distributed in English and 90 in French.
- No submissions of the online feedback form yet.

Next steps

- Suggested informal meeting of those agencies that are applying the guidance to encourage cross-fertilisation and to discuss progress and issues in applying the guidance. This meeting would feed back into the finalisation process of the guidance.
- Continue distribution of the draft guidance. Members wishing to receive additional copies should contact the Secretariat.
- Encourage members and other who are using the guidance to provide feedback.