

SMALL GROUP SESSION

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Overview of evaluation work on Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment

This note has been prepared by the Secretariat for information during the small group discussion on gender equity and evaluation at the 12th Evaluation Network Meeting, 23 June 2011. It provides highlights from recently completed evaluations and an overview of member evaluation plans in these areas.

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Forthcoming evaluations: overview of member plans

The following evaluation plans have been received by the Secretariat. Members report 10 ongoing or upcoming evaluations in the areas of gender and women's empowerment.

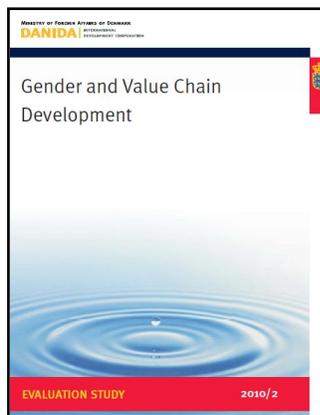
Agency	Topic	When
Asian Development Bank	Real Time Evaluation: Regional Gender Projects in the Pacific	2013
African Development Bank	Gender Strategy & Mainstreaming Activities	2009-2011
Austria	Evaluation of the Gender Policy	2011-2012
Belgium	Evaluation of the Gender-Equality Commission (Women and Development)	2010-2011 (being finalised)
Danida	Women in Africa (special DK initiative)	2010-2011
Danida	Sexual and reproductive rights Note: Possible joint evaluation	2012-2013
IOB MoFA Netherlands	Dutch National Action Plan on Resolution 1325: Taking a stand for women, peace and security	2010-2011
IOB MoFA Netherlands	MDG3 Fund	2010-2011
IOB MoFA Netherlands	Bilateral action plans on combating violence against women (two countries)	2010-2011
IOB MoFA Netherlands	Review of gender policy	2011-2012

Recently completed evaluations

Synthesis of gender mainstreaming

(2011) African Development Bank

The African Development Bank's Evaluation Department has just completed an evaluation synthesis of 26 evaluations on gender mainstreaming in bilateral and multilateral development organizations. The synthesis focuses on understanding the reasons for the poor record in successfully mainstreaming gender in these organisations. The synthesis reveals a consistent story: gender mainstreaming is a complex and all-embracing theory that has not been widely practiced in the development field. Key organisational constraints identified across the board include poor leadership, absence of accountability, insufficient human and financial resources, insufficient or non-existent incentive systems and an inconsistent approach to M&E.



Gender and Value Chain Development

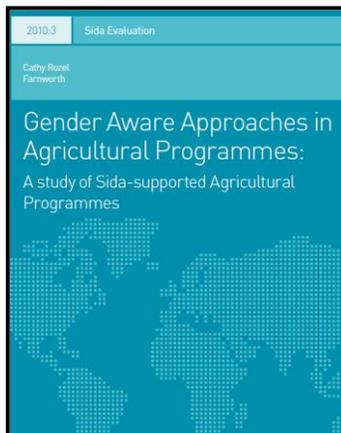
(29-Jun-2010) Published by the Evaluation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Danida, Denmark

This study examines which gender issues are important when and where in value chains. Ensuring that gender issues are taken into consideration in value chain-related interventions is vital for facilitating the development of inclusive value chains that benefit both women and men.

Asian Development Bank's Support to Gender and Development

(03-Dec-2010) Published by Asian Development Bank

This study looks at ADB support to Gender and Development, including its Strategy 2020. It reports on country-specific experiences with gender-related activities, and suggests ways for ADB to improve the gender focus of its assistance. The study consists of a set of six country case studies of gender mainstreaming in selected projects, and a main paper summarizing the overall findings. The countries are Bangladesh, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea (PNG).



Gender Aware Approaches in Agricultural Programmes

(08-Mar-2010) Published by Sida Evaluation Department

Concern about the ability of the world's ecosystems to continue supporting human life on earth is resulting in a renewed attentiveness to agriculture and its multi functional character. One finding of all three reports, supported by decades of research, is that gender in agriculture matters, from both an efficiency and equality point of view. The study finds that whilst all programmes initiated activities directed to involving women, in no programme was gender mainstreamed across all components.

DFID Global Social Exclusions Stock take Report

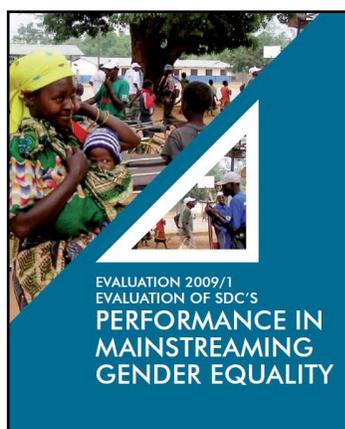
(09-Feb-2010) Published by DFID

This report represents an interim stock take of the corporate commitments set out in DFID's 2005 Social Exclusion Policy, including work on gender equality.

Gender and Development: World Bank Support, 2002-2008

(03-May-2010) Published by the IEG

Gender integration into Bank support increased in the first half of the evaluation period, both in quantity and in scope, and more than half of relevant projects integrated gender concerns. The absence of a results framework and the replacement of a more generalized mainstreaming approach likely diminished the Bank's gender policy relevance in the second half of the evaluation phase.



Evaluation of SDC's Performance in Mainstreaming Gender Equality

(26-Mar-2009) Published by SDC

This evaluation provides an independent assessment of the program results, organisational dimensions and strategic intent of SDC's gender equality work.

Gender equality in thematic priorities

(26-Oct-2010) Published by the Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation
The Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation (SADEV) has therefore conducted an evaluation with the overall purpose to assess how the thematic priority gender equality and women's role in development is integrated in the other two thematic priorities.

Project UN Resolution 1325

(20-Dec-2010) Published by the Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation

The aim is to assess whether the academy's courses for gender equality within the framework of Project UN Resolution 1325 have contributed to the implementation of the National Action Plan.

Economic Empowerment of Women

(25-Sep-2008) Published by Evaluation Department, Danida

This study synthesizes knowledge about how and when projects or policy interventions work to increase gender equality and to foster economic development through increased empowerment of women.