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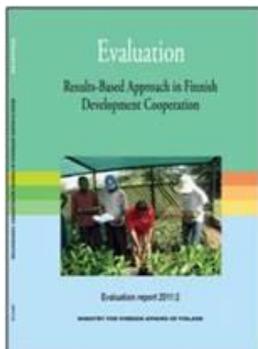


EVALUTION INSIGHTS #3: GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Over the years, many commitments have been made to put gender equality at the core of development work. And yet, a recent review of experiences shows that gender equality is not yet integrated into the operations and organisational cultures of development organisations. [Read the brief on mainstreaming gender equality](#) synthesising 26 evaluations of mainstreaming gender equality, and makes recommendations on six areas requiring further action.

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RECENT EVALUATIONS ON DERE



Results-Based Approach in Finnish Development Cooperation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Finland

Managing for results depends not only on technical methodology, but also on the way the development cooperation programme is organised and managed. The absence of a strategic results framework means that the unit of analysis for performance remains at the level of individual projects and programmes. A low priority appears to have been given by managers to monitoring, reporting and evaluation, weakening the quality of accountability of the MFA for the development programme.



Municipal Development Projects in the Palestinian Territories

Agence Française de Développement

The evaluation noted that the choice of sectors was strategically consistent with beneficiaries' needs. Actions targeted municipalities where the scarcity of infrastructure, or its poor condition, was a major impediment to economic development. The accountability and reporting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Call for papers: Danida is organising an international workshop in Copenhagen in May 2012 on "Case studies in Development Evaluation: Validity, Generalisation, and Learning". Deadline for submitting papers is 15 December. [Learn more](#)

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Also out! [Evaluation Insights #2: Assessing the impacts of budget support](#). The note provides an overview of the main findings and

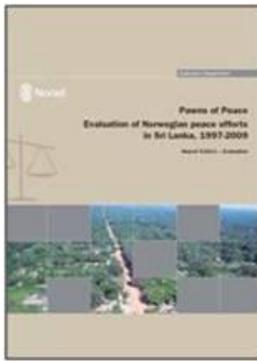
function of the Municipal Development and Lending Fund should however be strengthened to meet donors' requirements.



[Investing in Transport in the Pacific](#)

Asian Development Bank

Designing projects with ambitious scope that exceeds government staff capacity can lead to a focus on outputs rather than outcomes and a stretching of work across too many subsectors and topics. The report recommended that it might be more effective to concentrate on a few key objectives and stay with this plan.



[Pawns of Peace: Peace Efforts in Sri Lanka](#)

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

Norway was not, as a soft power mediator, in a position to counteract or change the many political factors that led to the conflict. The evaluation nevertheless states that Norway as facilitator should have made a greater effort to avoid being used as a pawn in a political game. For instance, Norway should have placed stronger conditions on its involvement, such as the right to engage with all parties deemed relevant.

conclusions from three recent joint evaluations in Mali, Tunisia and Zambia, testing a jointly developed methodology for evaluating budget support. [Read it here](#)

COMING SOON

The DAC Quality Standards for Development Evaluation soon available in Arabic!

The African Evaluation Association will be holding its 6th annual conference, 9-13 January 2012, in Accra, Ghana. The theme will be Rights & Responsibilities in Development Evaluation. [Learn more.](#)

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