



EVAL NEWS

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EVAL NEWS presents information about recently concluded as well as on-going and up-coming evaluations and evaluation studies on development cooperation issues commissioned by the Evaluation Department (EVAL) – in many cases jointly with other agencies. The newsletter also presents information regarding events organised by EVAL either alone or in cooperation with Danish and/or international partners. The evaluation programme for 2011-12, all evaluations, evaluation studies, and Danish summaries including a brief management response to each evaluation can be downloaded from www.evaluating.dk or www.evaluation.dk

Since the last number of EVAL NEWS was issued, four major evaluations commissioned jointly with other donors/developing agencies and with varying degrees of involvement of partner countries have been published. The evaluations include the joint evaluation of the development cooperation with Niger, the joint evaluation of donor support to conflict prevention and peacebuilding activities in Southern Sudan (*Aiding the Peace*), the joint evaluation of the implementation of the Paris declaration and the joint evaluation of anti-corruption initiatives (see below for further details). In addition, EVAL has published an evaluation of programmatic support to the environment in African partner countries and a joint evaluation with the UNHCR evaluation office of the support to solve the protracted refugee situation for Burundian refugees in Tanzania. All evaluations have been presented at seminars or public meetings in the relevant countries or organisations and are being used in the preparation of new phases of development cooperation. In addition to these evaluations, an evaluation study

entitled “Evaluation Study of CCPA’S Open Fun Football Schools Programme” has been published.

Several public events have been held including a public meeting on “Case-studies, Networks and Planned Evaluations” (organised jointly with the Danish Institute for International Studies, DIIS), a seminar on the use of randomized controlled trials in evaluation with Michael Quinn Patton as guest speaker (organised jointly with DIIS and the Danish Society for International Development) and a meeting on the evaluation of the Paris Declaration (organised jointly with the DIIS and the Danish Society for International Development).

A public hearing on the evaluation programme for 2012-2013 will be launched in November 2011 – please consult our websites for further information on how to contribute to the hearing process. Finally, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched a new website in June 2011, and in this connection

the EVAL website has been substantially modified. The new site can be found at www.evaluation.dk (English version) and at www.evaluering.dk (Danish version).

RECENTLY CONCLUDED EVALUATIONS

Joint Donor Evaluation of Development Cooperation with Niger, 2000-2008

EVAL-responsible: Margrethe Holm Andersen
Evaluation Team: SEE (Luxembourg), Baastel, Iram and Dnet Consult

The overall aim of the evaluation was to provide information to support donors in increasing the effectiveness of development cooperation with Niger. The donors involved were Belgium (lead), Denmark, France, Luxembourg and the European Commission. The evaluation is based on an analysis of macro-economic support and of support to a limited number of interventions within seven sectors and within four cross-cutting themes. The evaluation used the Paris Declaration principles and the OECD/DAC evaluation criteria to evaluate the overall impact of aid on poverty reduction and to examine issues of donor coordination, complementarities and synergies. Published in December 2010.

Evaluation of Programmatic Approaches to Support for the Environment in Africa

EVAL-responsible: Margrethe Holm Andersen
Evaluation Team: Orbicon and ITAD
The main purpose of this evaluation was to analyse achievements (results and where possible also impact) and challenges linked to the use of programmatic approaches in the field of the environment in Danish partner countries in Africa, during 1996-2009. The evaluation focuses on Egypt, Tanzania and Zambia, where field work was conducted, but also includes lessons learned from Kenya, Mozambique and South Africa. The evaluation aimed at promoting lessons learned for future strategies on, and implementation of, environmental support and will feed into the development of a new Danish strategy for environment and climate change. Published in February 2011.

Evaluation of the Protracted Refugee Situation (PRS) for Burundians in Tanzania

EVAL-responsible: Gitte Robinson
Evaluation Team: Nordic Consulting Group A/S

This evaluation is one of four evaluations being undertaken of the Special Initiative on Protracted Refugee Situations (PRS) initiated in 2008 by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR). The aim of the evaluation was to assess the role UNHCR has played in finding durable solutions for the 160.000 Burundians who fled to Tanzania in 1972 – a group which has since grown to 220.000 people. The report also uncovers the political motivation behind the unusual offer from the government of Tanzania of granting this big group of refugees citizenship as well as the role of UNHCR in facilitating the process. Published in February 2011.

Multi-donor Evaluation of Support to Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Activities in Southern Sudan 2005-2010

EVAL-responsible: Ole Winckler Andersen and Gitte Robinson
Evaluation Team: ITAD in association with Channel Research

The overall aim of this multi-donor evaluation, supported by 15 bilateral and multilateral donors and development agencies as well as the government of Southern Sudan, was to assess donor support to conflict prevention and peacebuilding activities in Southern Sudan since the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in January 2005. The evaluation is based on an analysis of the key drivers of conflict, donor policies and strategies, as well as an assessment of a broad spectrum of activities covered under the four themes of socio-economic development, good governance, reform of justice and security institutions and local peacebuilding. The report is based on a comprehensive documentation review, supplemented by data collection in Juba, Khartoum and in seven of the ten states of Southern Sudan. The evaluation was man-

aged by the Netherlands (lead), Denmark and WFP. Published in April 2011.

Evaluation of the Implementation of the Paris-declaration, Phase 2

EVAL-responsible: Margrethe Holm Andersen
Evaluation Team: IOD PARC

The second phase of the joint evaluation of the implementation of the Paris Declaration focused on assessing the Declaration's contribution to aid effectiveness and development results. The synthesis report is based on case studies in 22 partner countries, 18 studies of multilateral and bilateral agencies and a number of thematic studies. The evaluation was managed by a management group comprising Malawi, Vietnam and Colombia as well as Sweden, the Netherlands and the US with support from a secretariat hosted by the Danish Institute for International Studies and overall guidance from an international reference group. The evaluation was published in July 2011 in order to feed into the preparations for the up-coming high level meeting on aid effectiveness in Busan in November/December 2011.

Joint Evaluation of Anti-Corruption Efforts

EVAL-responsible: Eva Broegaard
Evaluation Team: ITAD

The main purpose of this joint evaluation was to assess anti-corruption interventions in 5 countries (Bangladesh, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Vietnam and Zambia) in order to identify lessons learned concerning what works in what contexts. The evaluation was commissioned by ADB, Danida, DFID, Norad (lead) and Sida together with Swedish Sadev. Efforts supported by all five donors mentioned above were assessed. The evaluation was published by the lead donor (Norway) in October 2011.

RECENTLY CONCLUDED STUDIES

Evaluation Study of CCPA'S Open Fun Football Schools Programme

The study is a joint assessment with Sida of support to football schools and constitutes a follow-up to an evaluation carried out in

2004 by Norway and Denmark. Published in May 2011.

Evaluation Study of Agricultural input subsidies in Sub-Saharan Africa

The purpose of the study is to assess the experiences of recent applications of recent applications of agricultural input subsidies in Sub-Saharan Africa. Published in November 2011.

EVALUATIONS IN THE FINALISATION PROCESS

The evaluations listed below are in the finalisation process and will be published later in 2011 or early 2012. For more information, please consult www.evaluation.dk.

Evaluation of Danish support to Women in Africa

EVAL-responsible: Eva Broegaard

Evaluation Team: Nordic Consulting Group and Orbicon

The overall objective of the evaluation is to contribute to the continued improvement of the support to gender equality in Africa, by assessing results and identifying lessons learned from the overall approach and the specific experiences of the activities funded under the "Women in Africa" – grant. The evaluation assesses the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the portfolio of activities at the overall level as well as in more depth for selected activities.

Mid-term Evaluation of Benin's Education Sector Plan (2006-2015)

EVAL-responsible: Gitte Robinson

Evaluation Team: COWI A/S

The aim of this joint mid-term evaluation is to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the ten year education policy (2006-2015) in Benin. The findings and recommendations of the evaluation, which is commissioned by Benin (represented by the 'Observatoire du Changement Sociale'), France and Denmark (lead), are informing the preparation and

formulation of the third phase of the education strategy in Benin.

Evaluation of Danish engagement in and around Somalia, 2006-2010

EVAL-responsible: Margrethe Holm Andersen

Evaluation Team: ITAD and LDP with local consultants from Ethiopia and Somalia

The overall objective of the evaluation is to assess the relevance and effectiveness of the combined range of activities supported, in view of the policy paper on the Danish engagement with Somalia, and in view of other relevant strategies, including the Strategic Framework for the Regions of Origin Initiative (ROI) and the Strategy for Danish Humanitarian Action 2010-15. The evaluation aims to contribute to the continued improvement of the Danish support to peace and development in Somalia.

ONGOING AND NEW EVALUATIONS

Full TOR for on-going evaluations can be found at www.evaluation.dk. In addition to the evaluations mentioned below a joint evaluation of General Budget Support in Tanzania is in process. Evaluations on *inter alia* the peace process in Nepal, the Partnership for Dialogue and Reform in the Middle East and support to Danida's Fellowship Centre (DFC) are currently under preparation. The evaluation of DFC will be announced in November 2011. All new assignments above 500,000 DKK are announced at www.danidacontracts.um.dk.

Evaluation of the Danish Neighbourhood Programme

EVAL-responsible: Eva Broegaard

Evaluation Team: Orbicon

The objective of the evaluation is to assess and document the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency, and to the degree possible the impact and sustainability, of the Danish Neighbourhood Programme, both at the level of the programme as a whole, the individual projects and the individual activities. Focus will be on the programme's efforts to promote growth and employment

through support to private sector development. The evaluation will identify lessons learned and best practices to inform the future of the programme.

Evaluation of the Farmer Field School Approach in ASPs II, Bangladesh

EVAL-responsible: Margrethe Holm Andersen

Evaluation Team: Orbicon

The main purpose of the evaluation is to analyse and to document – in a gender perspective – the results and the lessons learned from using the Farmer Field School (FFS) approach in the Agriculture Sector Programme Support in Bangladesh. The evaluation analyses effects of the FFS approach within the following areas: Training mode for improved production, possible effects on access to production inputs and services including credit and marketing, intra-household relationship, other generating activities, improved livelihoods and institutional arrangements. The evaluation will provide lessons learned and recommendations for the future Danish support to Bangladesh in the field of agriculture and economic development.

Evaluation of Civil Society Engagement in Policy Dialogue

EVAL-responsible: Gitte Robinson

Evaluation Team: ITAD/COWI

The evaluation has two overall purposes. Firstly, to gain a better understanding of how CSOs engage in policy dialogue – the strategies they use, the relevance and effectiveness of their policy work; and the constraining and enabling factors which affect CSO ability and willingness to play an effective role in policy dialogue. Secondly, to analyse different development partner support strategies – both in terms of their efficiency (transaction costs involved) as well as in terms of their effectiveness (ability to support effective CSO policy dialogue), in order to get a better understanding of how best to provide effective support to this area. The evaluation will include case-studies in Uganda, Mozambique and Bangladesh. The evaluation is

commissioned by the Austrian Development Agency, Danida (lead) and Sida – but also actively supported by Cida, Finida and the Swiss Development Cooperation.

Evaluation of Danish supported activities in Afghanistan

EVAL-responsible: Eva Broegaard and Margrethe Holm Andersen

Evaluation teams: Particip/Niras (education activities), GHK/TANA (ROI) and OPM (statebuilding and livelihoods).

In early 2011, EVAL initiated an evaluation of the Danish supported activities in Afghanistan. The evaluation is comprised of an in-depth evaluation of the Danish support to the education sector; an in-depth evaluation of activities funded by the Regions of Origin (ROI) initiative as well as an evaluation study based on existing evaluations and studies of support to state-building and livelihoods. The evaluation aims at assessing the relevance, effectiveness and emerging impacts (where possible) of the Danish support with a view towards providing lessons for the future Danish engagement in Afghanistan. The evaluation is also expected – albeit to a more limited degree – to contribute to the continued learning in relation to development cooperation and support in “fragile” situations more generally.

Evaluation of Public Financial Management Reform in Burkina Faso, Ghana and Malawi 2001-2010

EVAL-responsible: Ole Winckler Andersen
Evaluation team: Fiscus and Mokoro

The evaluation has two main objectives. Firstly, to understand where and why PFM reforms deliver results, in terms of improvements in the quality of budget systems, and second, to assess where and how donor support to PFM reform efforts contribute most effectively to creating results. It is also a purpose of the evaluation to provide lessons for future design and management of PFM reforms. The evaluation is a joint evaluation. The management group for the evaluation consists of African Development Bank (lead), Sida and Danida.

Evaluation of the Danish strategy for support to civil society in developing countries

EVAL-responsible: Margrethe Holm Andersen and Gitte Liebst Robinson

Evaluation team: IOD PARC (pre-study only)
The Danish strategy for support to civil society in developing countries launched in 2008 will be evaluated in 2012. As part of the preparation of the evaluation, a pre-study has been commissioned. The pre-study will include mapping of Danish support to civil society since 2008, a synthesis of experience with support to civil society based on existing evaluations and relevant studies as well as an option paper outlining the possible focus and approach of the full evaluation. ToR for the full evaluation will be developed based on the Pre-study.

OTHER ONGOING STUDIES

Evaluation Studies on the following topics are currently being prepared: quantitative

impact evaluation methods, support to economic development in fragile situations, support to livelihoods and state-building in fragile states and impact assessment of HIV/AIDS interventions in Tanzania. All completed evaluation studies can be found at www.evaluation.dk and www.evaluering.dk.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

EVAL participates on a regular basis in meetings organised by various international evaluation networks and aims at contributing to international evaluation work through the organisation of meetings and workshops with participation from the international evaluation community. The most recent meeting in the DAC evaluation network focuses, *inter alia*, on efforts and means to improve communication of evaluation results (positive and negative).

UPCOMING EVENTS

In spring 2012, EVAL is organising an international seminar on the use of case-studies in evaluation work. The seminar is organised jointly with the Centre for Social Science Development Research at Institute of Food and Resource Economics at the University of Copenhagen and the international journal *Evaluation*. Other upcoming events will be published at www.evaluering.dk and/or www.evaluation.dk.

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