



Evaluation programme 2013-2015



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EVALUATION PROGRAMME 2013-2015

The work of the Evaluation Department is governed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' instructions for the evaluation activity in Norwegian aid management' of 29 May 2006. The department is responsible for initiating and organising independent evaluations of Norwegian development assistance. The programme is a three-year plan that is revised once a year. The programme is decided with attention to the criteria of significance, uniqueness and risk given by the Regulations on Financial Management in Central Government. The Evaluation department is responsible for the management and quality of the evaluation process and products. The evaluations are conducted by independent researchers and consultants selected in accordance with Norwegian rules for public procurement, i.e. normally through international tenders.

The Evaluation Department aims to evaluate the main parts of the development cooperation budget over a period of four to five years. Furthermore we aim to achieve a good balance between thematic evaluations, programme and policy evaluations, and evaluations of development aid systems and channels. In the 2013-2015 programme we aim to pursue a strong focus on evaluations seeking to provide answers when it comes to the results and impact of Norwegian supported interventions and initiatives, and to critically assess the structures in place to achieve results.

The programme is tentative and may be changed if and when new needs arise.

The programme and a more detailed overview of planned and on-going evaluation projects is available on www.norad.no/evaluation.

1. Aid under the Microscope

In progress 31 December 2012	In charge
A study of aid from the local population's point of view	Eirik Jansen
A study of the follow-up and use of evaluations in the Norwegian aid administration	Beate Bull
Start-up 2013	
An assessment of the systems and practices in place to ensure evaluability of Norwegian grants	Vibecke Dixon
Evaluation of support to disarmament in Norwegian development cooperation	Hans Peter Melby
Start-up 2014	
The incentive structure in aid work	N/A
Start-up 2015	
Evaluation of Norwegian efforts to prioritize equitable development	N/A

2. Health and Education

Start-up 2013	In charge
Process evaluation of NIPI phase I, maternal/child health programme in India	Siv Lillestøl
Impact evaluation of NIPI Phase II, maternal/child health programme in India	Siv Lillestøl
Evaluation of aid for education through multilateral channels	Vibecke Dixon
Real time evaluation and tracer study of NORHED	Ida Lindkvist
Start-up 2014	
Evaluation of the Norwegian role in the work to achieve support for reducing child mortality and improving maternal health (MDGs 4 and 5)	Siv Lillestøl
Evaluation of education interventions through the major NGOs	Vibecke Dixon

3. Climate, Forestry, Energy and Agriculture

In progress 31 December 2012	In charge
Evaluation of aid to agriculture and food security	Hans P. Melby
Start-up 2013	
Real time evaluation of the Government of Norway's International Climate and Forestry Initiative (multiannual): Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems	Ida Hellmark
Real time evaluation of the Government of Norway's International Climate and Forestry Initiative (multiannual): country cases (to be confirmed)	Ida Hellmark
Start-up 2014	
Real time evaluation of the Government's Energy+ initiative (multiannual): To be decided	Balbir Singh
Real time evaluation of the Government of Norway's International Climate and Forestry Initiative (multiannual): To be decided	Ida Hellmark

4. Aid Channels

In progress 31 December 2012	In charge
An assessment of the evaluation function in the major Norwegian NGOs	Anette Haug
Start-up 2013	
Evaluation of Norwegian support to umbrella organisations and other networks/associations in civil society	Anette Haug
Start-up 2014	
The flow of funds in the World Health Organization – a study based on open sources	Balbir Singh
Evaluation of the control function and handling of economic fraud in the UN system	Balbir Singh
Evaluation of the Norwegian system for information on aid and development	N/A

5. Fragile States and Vulnerable Groups

In progress 31 December 2012	In charge
Evaluation of the Norwegian Refugee Council's humanitarian programmes	Sigurd Endresen
Start-up 2013	
Evaluation of Norwegian support to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake	Beate Bull
Evaluation of the Training for Peace programme	Beate Bull
Start-up 2014	
Impact of aid in the field of women, peace and security	Beate Bull
Start-up 2015	
Evaluation in the field of peace and security: Colombia (tentative)	N/A

6. Other Economic and Social Development

In progress 31 December 2012	In charge
Evaluation of the Oil for Development Programme	Balbir Singh
Mapping study of Norwegian funds to women and gender equality	Vibecke Dixon
Start-up 2013	
Evaluation of results achieved concerning equal opportunity and women's rights	Siv Lillestøl
Evaluation of Norfund's work and contribution to development	Balbir Singh
Start-up 2014	
Evaluation of Tax for Development	N/A
Country program evaluation: India (tentative)	N/A

Start-up 2015	
Evaluation of the contribution of Norway's development cooperation with middle-income countries to poverty reduction	N/A
An Evaluation of Norwegian Development Cooperation support to and use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	N/A

7. Partnership and Membership Agreements

<u>On-going activities under our partnership agreement with Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), the World Bank</u>	In charge: Balbir Singh
The Evaluation Department is currently supporting the following IEG evaluations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health systems evaluation • Global program reviews: GAVI and GEF • Fragile and conflict-affected states • Assessing the impact and influence of IEF evaluations • World Bank Group targeted support for SMEs • Dissemination of youth employment evaluation in Africa 	
<u>Ongoing activities under our partnership agreement with the Evaluation Department, UNDP</u>	In charge: Beate Bull
The Evaluation Department is currently supporting the following UNDP evaluations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the Global Programme • Evaluation of UNDPs support to Gender Mainstreaming in UNDP • Environment Impact Evaluation (Biodiversity) • Assessment of Development Results (ADR) Afghanistan • Assessment of Development Results (ADR) Timor-Leste • Meta review of all ADRs 	
<u>Ongoing activities under our partnership agreement with the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie):</u>	In charge: Vibecke Dixon
<p>Norad, represented by the Evaluation Department, is a member of 3ie and attends the 3ie board meetings as an observer. Through its membership, Norad supports all 3ie's ongoing activities which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more than 80 impact evaluations in over 30 countries in all development-related sectors, as well as • nearly 50 systematic reviews of knowledge status for selected development initiatives. • launching the first systematic review database in international development to provide user-friendly access for decision-makers • quality assurance services to other agencies contracting or conducting their own studies. 3ie has received more than 95 requests for quality assurance services from 59 different organisations in 22 different countries. <p>In addition to supporting 3ie's on-going activities through its membership, the Evaluation Department is part of the working group for the annual member's meetings (general assembly). In addition to selecting 3ie's board members, the annual meeting provides an opportunity for member representatives to learn from each other's evaluation work.</p>	

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