What is EvalNet?

The contribution to sustainable development results Network on Development Evaluation is a subsidiary body of the OECD Development Assistance Committee with a mandate to improve the DAC’s by promoting strong evaluation practices and systems that support learning and hold DAC members to account for the results of their development co-operation and humanitarian assistance. EvalNet:

- Serves as a forum for the exchange of experience, good practice, and innovative evaluation approaches and methods.
- Develops norms and tools for development evaluation, in order to enhance the quality and use of DAC members’ and development partners’ evaluations.
- Analyses, synthesises, and shares evaluation evidence and insights relevant to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and emerging priorities.
- Promotes collaboration, and the building and use of partner (national) capacities for evaluation in line with ownership principles and commitments to mutual accountability and the strengthening of country systems.
- Supports transparency and mutual learning throughout all dimensions of its work.
What is our role?

- Strengthen evaluation systems and build capacity
- Improve the quality of evaluations
- Cultivate and communicate lessons and evidence to policy communities to improve impacts
Study of evaluation systems, policies and resources, including member profiles (2022 underway)

Developing evaluation methodologies and approaches for blended finance

Synthesis of early lessons and emerging evidence on the global response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Who is EvalNet?

The central and independent evaluation unit(s) of DAC countries.

Observers from regional development banks, the World Bank, the IMF, the UNDP and the UN Evaluation Group.
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EvalNet: Policy network to promote cutting-edge evaluation work among DAC members and beyond, improving the capacity, coherence and efficiency of development evaluation systems to deliver timely, high-quality evidence and insights in ways that influence decision-making:

- Study of evaluation policies, systems and resourcing (ongoing – 2022)
- Standards and guidance on:
  - evaluating blended finance (complete - 2021);
  - improving evaluation methods on gender equality and women’s empowerment (ongoing - 2022);
  - related support on communicating evaluation findings and learning (2022).
- Evaluation syntheses of evidence on priority policy topics: Ukraine refugee response, SIDS resilience, climate finance (complete - 2021)

Covid-19 Evaluation Coalition:
- shared evaluation framework (2021)
  - joint evaluation of the efficacy and impact of support to Covid-19 response in developing countries (ongoing)
    - Phase 1 (complete – 2021)
    - Phase 2 (ongoing -2022)
    - Phase 3 (2023-24)
Current work: the benefits for members

- Forum for exchange, peer learning and support
- Tailored advice and support during reforms, new policies, etc.
- Reviews of evaluation systems for benchmarking (new report in 2022)
- Norms, standards and guidance

Left: Secretariat staff facilitating a meeting with partners from WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, Canada, Ireland, and Germany.
Above: Presenting evaluation work to SDC staff during a BBL.
Current work: COVID-19 Global Evaluation Coalition

www.covid19-evaluation-coalition.org
• Strong engagement of national evaluation systems from partners countries
• Support capacity development and uptake of DAC evaluation norms and standards
• Country-led evaluations of COVID response are providing mutual accountability, while also strengthening national systems.

Top left: DAC EvalNet Chair and Secretariat leading a workshop on evaluation quality standards at the Islamic Development Bank. Left: Secretariat discussing adoption of the DAC Evaluation Criteria in the Asia Pacific Region with participants from 32 countries, including Marshall Islands, at an event hosted by JICA. Right: Senegal’s Commission for Evaluation and Monitoring of Public Policies and Programmes announce an evaluation of the national health policy and system, which is structured around the DAC evaluation criteria.
Example:
Evaluation Criteria
Urdu translation

Top right: EvalYouth Pakistan presenting the Urdu translation of the DAC Evaluation Criteria to government and development partners. Bottom: Representative of the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives in Pakistan describes plans to roll out the Urdu version of the criteria throughout the government.
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**Current work streams, deliverables and member participation (2021-22)**

- **System Study publication (November 2022)**
- **Working paper on learning and acting on evaluation**
- **Glossary, Translations, videos, ALNAP guidance**
- **Paper (2021), peer exchange (2022)**
- **Note on best practice on Gender Equality and Human Rights (2022)**
- **Focus on preparing for future work in 2023-24 TBD**
- **Thematic case study; Evidence fair; sharing (ongoing)**

**COVID-19 Global Evaluation Coalition**

- **Working Group on Climate (EvalNet/COVID)**
  - • Netherlands
  - • Denmark
  - • Finland
  - • Germany DEval
  - • Austria
  - • Switzerland (SECO)
  - • European Investment Bank (EIB)
  - • EBRD
  - • Canada
  - • Non-members: GEF, ILO, FAO
  - • Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, UNDP, WB
  - • WFP, ILO, IFAD, BCIE, Colombia

- **COVID Working Group on Equitable Access to Vaccines**
  - • Canada
  - • Norway
  - • UK
  - • USAID
  - • South Africa
  - • Gavi, CEPI, UNICEF, WHO

**Cash transfers**

- • Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, UNDP, WB
  - • WFP, ILO, IFAD, BCIE, Colombia
DEReC is a free, searchable evaluation database where OECD/DAC EvalNet members’ evaluation reports are collected and shared. It supports learning from evaluation.

DEReC is managed by the EvalNet Secretariat. 
www.oecd.org/derec
What is being evaluated?

For many years, EvalNet members have been sharing their plans to support collaboration. In 2020, we added an additional column related to COVID-19.

The EvalNet evaluation database includes evaluation plans by country, topic and member.

The COVID-19 Coalition also shares plans.
Regular, ongoing Secretariat work

- Website & DEReC
- Newsletters and communication
  Mailing lists, members list, on-boarding and off-boarding of members
- COVID-19 Coalition Meetings, including Core Group Meetings
- EvalNet Meetings, learning events and community space management
  Bureau Meetings
- Human resources (performance reviews, recruitment, development)
- Programme of Work and Budget (reporting, budget management, etc.)
  Horizontal work DCD/OECD, briefings, review and input to DAC corporate work
### Evaluation Milestones

**2022**

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**Virtual Sense making workshop (ODA data)**

**21/22 June Sense making workshop part 2?**

**Strategic joint evaluation**

**Country level evaluations – supporting facilitation and kick off (GEI + CLEAR to lead on specific evaluations)**

**Refugee rights evaluation**

**Afghanistan event TBD**

**Climate Evaluation work**

**Glossary publication**

**Gender & HR Best practice with Criteria, ALNAP criteria guidance + translations**

**Evaluation systems study (questionnaire document → interviews), TIPS contributions and DAC peer reviews**

**PW B work**

**Website**

**Communicate insights**

**COVID evaluations**

**Evaluation quality**

**Strengthen Systems (EvalNet)**

- **3-4 May GEI Paris; Nordic + Oslo 5-6 May**
- **9-10 June ECG (JF) & 8-10 June EES**
- **20-21 June EvalNet 28th Meeting**
- **9-10 June ECG (JF)**
- **Learning event: Climate**
- **EvalNet 29th Meeting**

**Major Covid event 6-7 December**

**Afghanistan JTT**

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Evaluation Team Milestones

2023

40th Anniversary of EvalNet (1983-2023)

- COVID evaluations
- Evaluation quality
- Strengthen Systems (EvalNet)
- Communicate insights

**Strengthen Systems** (EvalNet)

Country level evaluations – supporting facilitation and kick off (GEI + CLEAR to lead on specific evaluations)

Evidence fair – Vaccines

Strategic joint evaluation phase 3

Climate Evaluation work

- EvalNet 29th Meeting
- Learning event: Ethics
- November EvalNet 30th Meeting

Drop/Unscheduled/TBC:

Learning event: Criteria

Evidence fair - other

Share insights
Extra slides
Emerging ideas for 2023-24 programme of work and budget (draft)

**EvalNet**: peer learning to strengthen evaluation systems and the use of evaluative evidence in development agencies.

- **40 years of EvalNet**: Monitoring evaluation impacts and influence, drivers of success, use of evidence
- **Recommendation** on “impact driven, evidence informed, people centred development co-operation”
- **Joint agenda for evaluating climate change mitigation and adaptation** that supports members in:
  - identifying and addressing methodological challenges;
  - conducting evidence syntheses and evidence mappings;
  - providing support for tools and capacities to enable national evaluations of progress (linking SDG and NDCs etc.)
- Effective action **across the nexus with INCAF** – support on improving learning and accountability in fragile, peace, humanitarian, development settings.

Approximate level of effort on priority areas 2023-24

- EvalNet: Evaluation systems, capacities, use of evidence (30%)
- COVID (40%)
- Climate (30%)
- Nexus, conflict and fragility (30%)
OECD/DAC EvalNet

UNEG

ECG

Evaluation entities in partner countries

COVID-19 Global Evaluation Coalition

ALNAP – humanitarian only

Evaluation entities in CSOs, NGOs