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New evaluation of the IMF's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Following an informal Board seminar on February 2, and extensive consultation with IMF management and staff as well as external experts and civil society, the IEO has decided to launch a new evaluation on the IMF's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The IEO team is now starting a more detailed scoping exercise to prepare an issues paper for this evaluation. The evaluation will be the first part of a two-stage process for evaluating the IMF's response to the pandemic. The follow-up to be prepared at a later stage will provide a more comprehensive assessment of the Fund's response to the pandemic, including during the stabilization and recovery phases.

IEO evaluation pipeline

The IEO is now at work on four evaluations, consistent with our budgetary envelope. Except for the new COVID-19 pandemic response evaluation, issues papers for these evaluations are available on the IEO website ieo.imf.org. Additional evaluations will be launched as evaluations currently in train are completed, drawing on the menu of future IEO topics (also on the [website](#)).

To be completed in 2021

- Growth and Adjustment in IMF-Supported Programs
- IMF Engagement in Small Developing States

To be completed in 2022

- The IMF and Capacity Development
- IMF Emergency Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

IEO@20 conference

The IEO has started to plan a conference to mark the 20th anniversary of the opening of the IEO in 2001, tentatively scheduled for the end of this year, a successor to our 10th anniversary conference in 2011. To prepare for the conference, we have begun to work on a series of papers to draw lessons from the experience with IEO evaluation over the past ten years, and to consider the challenges to independent evaluation at the IMF going forward.