

Briefing Note

Summary of impact evaluation process

A paper for the first RIU Impact Evaluation Steering Group – July 2010

Overview

The evaluation of the RIU has been divided into three phases. Each phase will consist of a number of key activities these will include the following:

Phase One

Evaluation team will become familiar with the history and trajectory of RIU.

The team will undertake a comprehensive literature review of evaluations that have had a similar focus and objectives. Analysis of the literature review should be used to inform the design of the evaluation and selection of evaluation questions.

A set of summary tables outlining theories of change for RIU, and indicators for success for each RIU entity and network will be developed. The Evaluation Team will analyse these tables and use them to inform the methodology, and selection of evaluation questions, with particular reference to enterprise development and institutional/policy impact.

A review of RIU monitoring databases will be undertaken. This review will assess the quality and availability of data currently within RIU.

The key output from this first phase will be an evaluation approach paper. The paper will include sections on evaluation background, methodology, scope and sample of RIU projects to be reviewed, and key evaluation questions.

Second Phase

The precise details of the location, survey design and methodology cannot be determined until the evaluation approach paper has been agreed and finalised. However, the evaluation team will undertake the following:

- design survey modules and methodologies to address evaluation questions agreed in the approach paper
- design and agree a process for analyzing data and the format for reporting evidence
- design training modules and participate in the evaluation training session for the evaluation teams
- assist in the selection of national consultant(s) required to support the evaluation process
- the evaluation process will include consultation with key stakeholders including NGOs, National Government officials, Private sector actors, etc.

The key output from this phase will be an initial survey report.

Third Phase

The structure of the final report will follow standard evaluation report templates required by DFID Evaluation Department.

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