

DfID's approach to Research Impact

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Context 1: Research and Evidence in DfID

- Cultural and practical embedding
- Means: RED budget will be 3% of 0.7% GNI
- Transparency and scrutiny
- Value for Money and Results
- RED Vision

*To support DFID to become world class in **using evidence to drive VFM and development impact**; to **influence other donors** to be the same, and to provide **better evidence to all decision makers** in development.*

- Impact = improvements in lives of people living in poverty

Context 2: Processes and documents

- All these will interact with our efforts to capture results:
 - Operational Plan(s)
 - Business cases
 - Theory of Change
 - Logframes
 - Annual reviews
 - Project completion reports
 - M & E Plans
 - R4D
- But the High Level Indicators exercise will not be repeated

The Results Framework

- A fresh collection of indicators:
 - Draws on Theory of Change and Operational Plan
 - Spans Inputs to Impacts
 - Initially concentrates upon ‘measurable middle’ of the results chain, especially outputs (funded deliverables) and intermediate outcomes
- Currently being simplified and piloted

Dashboard

- Key indicators, such as
 - number of publications: total and peer reviewed
 - % of publications available open access
 - number of systematic reviews / evidence papers
 - number of products / new technologies approved
 - number of visits to / downloads from R4D
 - number of business cases referred for poor use of evidence
 - % of research led by Southern institution
 - % of programmes undertaking gender analysis
 - % of programmes achieving intermediate outcomes

7 Areas or 'Statements'

- Corporate Overview and VfM
- Quality Research and Open Access
- New Technologies
- Uptake of Evidence Externally
- Use of Evidence within DfID
- Capacity Building
- Gender

Outcomes, Impacts and a few Implications

- Self-reporting: refreshed model under development
- Evaluation including attribution
 - largely to be developed but some work in progress
- Greater scrutiny and accountability of and for all
- Raising the bar on M&E: within RED and from funded organisations ... but not big bureaucratic exercises
- (Continued) commitment to online uploading of Outputs into R4D - potentially harmonised with ROS and/or data sharing for single entry