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Evaluation news

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FEATURED STORY

Corporate-level evaluation on IFAD's Performance-based Allocation System (PBAS)



The Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) has completed a **corporate-level evaluation on IFAD's Performance-based allocation system (PBAS)**, which is the rules-based and transparent system that the Fund uses to allocate financial resources to its developing Member States.

Introduced by IFAD's Executive Board in 2003 and used in all replenishment cycles, starting from IFAD's Sixth replenishment period (2005-2006), the PBAS has enhanced the Fund's credibility, transparency and predictability of financial resource allocations.

Nonetheless, the design and implementation of the PBAS have had some limitations, in terms of the system's management and governance as well as in the formula used to calculate allocations. The evaluation, conducted in 2015, aims to provide findings and recommendations to inform the further refinement of the system.

Among the several recommendations made, the need to enhance the PBAS design, by sharpening its objectives; strengthening the rural poverty focus of country needs; refining the rural sector performance variable in the formula; and reassessing the balance between country needs and country performance components of the formula.

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Just released! [Overview of the Joint evaluation synthesis on FAO's and IFAD's engagement in pastoral development](#)

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IOE has just released an overview of the recently-released joint evaluation synthesis report on the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' (FAO's) and IFAD's engagement in pastoral development. The overview is available in English, French and Spanish.

FAO and IFAD have a long history of engagement in pastoral development, which is likely to continue. In the 2003-2013 decade – the period reviewed by the joint evaluation synthesis – a total of 194 projects related to pastoral development were formulated and US\$1.2 billion were allocated.

The evaluation finds that FAO's and IFAD's engagement in pastoral development has been significant, but lacks a coherent conceptual framework and systematic direction. The recommendations focus on the need for FAO and IFAD to create policies of engagement in pastoral development and build capacity for systemic engagement in pastoral systems through, for example, developing a better understanding of pastoral systems and their relation to dryland economies.

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IOE is evaluating IFAD's country strategy and programme in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Egypt, Mozambique, Nicaragua and The Philippines.

The main objectives of the evaluations are to assess the performance and impact of IFAD-supported operations in the respective countries; generate a series of findings and recommendations to enhance the country programme's overall development effectiveness; and to provide information and insights to inform the formulation of the next country strategic opportunities programme, proposed by IFAD and the concerned government.

The evaluations will be completed in 2016. As a conclusive step in the process, a national round-table workshop will be organized in each country to discuss the key issues emerging from the evaluations.

In April and May, IOE will also present the findings and recommendations of the country programme evaluations of Nigeria and India, conducted in 2015.

National round-table workshops:

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Brief note on country programme evaluations at IFAD:

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Mr Ashwani Muthoo, Deputy Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) has been selected as Director of IFAD's Global Engagement and Research Division. He will therefore leave IOE after having served in the division for just over 25 years and take up his new position on 15 April 2016. IOE would like to thank Ashwani for his immense and tireless contribution to the work of the division and the evaluation community in general, and wishes him all the very best for his future role.

OTHER STORIES

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- **New approach paper: Corporate-level evaluation of IFAD's decentralization experience**

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- **People's Republic of China: Environmental Conservation and Poverty-Reduction Programme in Ningxia and Shanxi (2016)**
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- **2015 Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI)**
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