



2018 AID EVALUATION PLAN OUTCOME

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The Office of Development Effectiveness is pleased to report the results of the 2018 DFAT Aid Evaluation Plan. The original plan, published in February 2018 included 56 evaluations. This was revised down to 48 evaluations in September 2018 due largely to operational delays in program areas.

At the end of 2018, 45 (94%) planned evaluations were published, of which 91% had a management response. This continues the high level of publication and management response rate from 2017 (95% of planned evaluations published, 95% of which had a management response) and demonstrates improved accountability and transparency of the aid program since the introduction of an updated aid evaluation policy in 2016. Prior to the 2016 aid evaluation policy, 38% of completed evaluations were published and only half of these included a management response.

Performance against the 2018 Plan is reported in the table below, including links to all published evaluations.

Aid evaluations published in 2018

ODE Strategic Evaluations: 5 evaluations planned			
Office of Development Effectiveness – Strategic Evaluations	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Climate Change Assistance	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/strategic-evaluations/Pages/climate-change-evaluation.aspx
Disability-inclusive development	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/strategic-evaluations/Pages/development-for-all-evaluation.aspx
Economic partnerships in Asia	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/strategic-evaluations/Pages/investing-in-regional-partnerships.aspx
Quality review of 2017 program evaluations	Yes	N/A	https://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/strategic-evaluations/Pages/review-of-2017-program-evaluations.aspx
Review of DFAT's approach to investment-level monitoring	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/strategic-evaluations/Pages/evaluation-of-investment-level-monitoring-systems.aspx
Total published for ODE	5	4	
Pacific Division: 22 evaluations planned			
Papua New Guinea	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
PNG Transport Sector Support Program* The evaluation aims to improve performance of this \$400m investment, which focusses on building a safe, reliable transport system. This evaluation has been carried over from last year and is being led by ODE.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/strategic-evaluations/Pages/road-management-in-papua-new-guinea.aspx
Election Support Program Evaluation The evaluation aims to assess results and inform future Australian support for elections in PNG and regionally.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/evaluation-of-australias-electoral-assistance-to-papua-new-guinea-2015-2017.aspx
PNG Buk bilong Pikinini Literacy Program Evaluation Report¹ The evaluation will review how likely it is that the Buk bilong Pikinini programs are effective in improving children's learning and development outcomes.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/papua-new-guinea-buk-bilong-pikinini-literacy-program-evaluation-report.aspx

¹ This evaluation replaces the PNG Governance and Leadership Precinct Evaluation which has been deferred to 2019.

Oro Bridges Project Evaluation This independent evaluation will undertake an economic and social impact assessment of the Oro Bridges project.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/papua-new-guinea-oro-bridges-reconstruction-project-evaluation-study.aspx
Youth with a Mission Grant Evaluation The evaluation will assess the results and value for money to inform feasibility of continuing support for the Youth With a Mission medical ships which address health care and related training needs in PNG.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/papua-new-guinea-youth-with-a-mission-independent-evaluation-and-management-responses.aspx
Education Direct Finance Support program Evaluation Australia is investing \$429m over nine years to support basic, secondary education, TVET and higher education in PNG. The evaluation will assess results and value for money to inform new programs under direct finance support.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/papua-new-guinea-direct-finance-support-mechanism-review.aspx
Justices Services and Stability for Development Mid-Term Review This investment of \$100m over four years is strengthening the capacity of core law and justice agencies to deliver essential services. The evaluation will assess progress and inform ongoing support to the law and justice sector in PNG.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/papua-new-guinea-justice-services-stability-for-development-program-mtr.aspx
Total published for PNG	7	7	
Pacific Regional	Report Published	Mgmt Response	Weblink
Markets for Change Evaluation* This 18m investment implemented in Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Fiji is building more inclusive and safe markets to promote women's economic empowerment. The evaluation will assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, monitoring and evaluation, and impact of the program.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/markets-for-change-independent-mid-term-review-2018.aspx
Private Sector Development Initiative Mid-Term Review The evaluation will assess progress and highlight issues to inform future implementation of this \$23m	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/pacific-private-sector-development-initiative-midterm-review-and-management-response.aspx

investment which is promoting private sector economic growth across the Pacific.			
Total published for Pacific Regional	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
Solomon Islands	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Education Sector Program 2 Mid-Term Review * An independent team will examine the long-term performance of the above investment.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/solomon-islands-education-sector-program-2-basic-education-component-independent-mtr.aspx
Joint Annual Performance Review of the Health Sector Support Program The annual assessment will measure progress against mutually agreed performance linked funding indicators of this 66m investment, which supports the Solomon Islands government to provide health services to its citizens.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/solomon-islands-health-sector-support-program-independent-performance-assessment-and-management-response-2018.aspx
Solomon Islands Growth Program Mid-Term Review The evaluation will assess implementation and performance of Australia's \$50m support to the economic growth portfolio.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/solomon-islands-growth-program-mid-term-review.aspx
Total published for Solomon Islands	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	
Fiji	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
End of Program Evaluation – Access to Quality Education Program This \$64m investment aims to reduce the barriers for children to accessing education in Fiji. The evaluation will assess program effectiveness, value for money, sustainability and relevance and inform DFAT's future engagement with the Fiji Government through the Ministry of Education.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/access-to-quality-education-program-end-of-program-evaluation-report-and-management-response.aspx
DFAT-International Finance Corporation (IFC) Partnership Mid-term Review The evaluation will assess program performance of this IFC partnership which supports private sector development and economic growth in Fiji.	No	N/a	N/a
Total published for Fiji	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	

Vanuatu	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Tropical Cyclone Pam Recovery program Evaluation * Following Tropical Cyclone Pam in 2015, Australia committed \$35m for long-term recovery projects. The evaluation will examine the progress against End of Program Outcomes and consider the program's modality and governance arrangements to inform future DFAT-funded recovery programs.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/tropical-cyclone-pam-recovery-program-evaluation.aspx
Total published for Vanuatu	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	

Tonga	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Skills Program Mid-Term Review The evaluation will assess progress and implementation of the Skills Program which addresses the lack of access across the country to quality skills development services linked to economic development priorities, particularly for young people.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/tonga-skills-for-inclusive-economic-growth-mid-term-review.aspx
Review of Economic, Governance and Budget Support Programs The evaluation assesses the impact of Australia's economic and governance programs, which are supporting reforms to strengthen revenue, effectively manage government expenditure, reduce debt and promote private sector growth.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/tonga-economic-public-sector-reform-program-independent-evaluation.aspx
Total published for Tonga	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	

Kiribati	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Kiribati Disability Inclusive Development Program Review This investment supports a range of activities that aim to better deliver health and education services to the most vulnerable and excluded, including people with disabilities. The review will assess progress against intended outcomes and provide recommendations for continuing investment in this area.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/kiribati-disability-inclusiveness-program-eval-report-man-resp.aspx

Total published for Kiribati	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Nauru	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Nauru Improved Health Review the health sector context and performance of Australia's health support between 2014 and 2017, and make recommendations for refocus/improvement within a new investment from 2018-2020.	No	n/a	n/a
Nauru Improved Education Assess progress between 2014 and 2017 against intended outcomes and provide recommendations for continuing investment in improved education.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/nauru-improved-education-partnership-investment-review-and-management-response.aspx</u>
Public Sector Reform This evaluation will assess progress between 2014 and 2017 against intended outcomes and provide recommendations for continuing investment in public sector reform.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/nauru-public-sector-reform-partnership-investment-review.aspx</u>
Nauru Infrastructure and Services Assess progress between 2014 and 2017 against intended outcomes and provide recommendations for continuing investment in infrastructure and services.	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/nauru-investment-and-services-partnership-investment-review.aspx</u>
Total published for Nauru	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
Total published for Pacific Division	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	

South East Asia Division: 13 evaluations planned			
Indonesia	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Multilateral Development Bank Infrastructure Assistance Program Evaluation This \$50m investment delivers infrastructure technical assistance to the Government of Indonesia through the World Bank and ADB. The evaluation will assess results and identify ways to improve the existing investment.	Yes	Yes	<u>https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/multilateral-development-bank-infrastructure-assistance-program-independent-evaluation.aspx</u>
Water and Sanitation Hibah Phase 2 Evaluation	Yes	Yes	<u>https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/indonesia-water-sanitation-hibah-independent-review.aspx</u>

The evaluation will assess results and identify ways to improve the existing \$120m investment (over 10 years), which provides incentives for local governments to increase their investment in water and sanitation services.			
KOMPAK Governance for Growth Evaluation This \$80m facility's goal is to ensure poor and vulnerable Indonesians benefit from improved delivery of basic services and greater economic opportunities. The evaluation will assess results, which will inform DFAT's decision whether to proceed with a second phase.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/kompak-independent-progress-review-and-management-response.aspx
Generasi Sehat dan Cerdas (Healthy and Smart Generation) Wave IV Impact Evaluation This \$226m over 11 years investment provides analytic and advisory support to help the Government of Indonesia reduce poverty and inequality through improvements to basic service delivery. The evaluation will assess impact on health and education outcomes.	Yes	No	http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/481161529900287499/Indonesia-Long-term-impact-evaluation-of-Generasi
Total published for Indonesia	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	
Timor-Leste	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Workforce Development Program Evaluation This initiative is a five-year program of Australia Awards and in-country scholarships for Timor-Leste. The evaluation will assess results and inform design of the next phase of the strategy.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/timor-leste-workforce-development-strategic-review.aspx
Evaluation of Australia's Contribution to Private Sector Development in Timor Leste This multisector evaluation will assess the effectiveness of Australia's approach to private sector development in Timor Leste to inform future activities.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/timor-leste-review-of-australias-contribution-private-sector-development.aspx
Total published for Timor-Leste	2	2	
Philippines	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>

Basic Education Transformation mid-term review* The evaluation will assess performance and identify ways to improve this \$157m nine year investment, which aims to improve learning achievement and access to basic education in the Philippines.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/philippines-basic-education-sector-transformation-program-independent-program-review-report-and-management-response.aspx
Coalitions for Change Independent Completion Evaluation Australia is investing \$45m over seven years in a partnership with Asia Foundation in the Philippines to influence policy reforms. The evaluation will assess results of this centrepiece activity, which establishes and supports formal and informal networks to contribute to transformative change.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/philippines-coalitions-for-change-independent-completion-report.aspx
Australia-World Bank Philippines Trust Fund Evaluation The evaluation will assess the effectiveness and inform future structure and functions of this \$47m over 10 years investment, which supports a range of programs that contribute to long-term inclusive growth in the Philippines.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-world-bank-philippines-development-trust-fund-evaluation-report.aspx
Total published for Philippines	3	3	

Cambodia	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Rural Roads Improvement Program Phase II – Mid Term Review Australia is contributing \$22.6 million to this program managed by the Asian Development Bank and Cambodian Ministry of Rural Development.	Yes	No	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/cambodia-rural-roads-improvement-program-phase-ii-mid-term-review.pdf
Total published for Cambodia	1	0	

Myanmar	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Myanmar School Grants and Stipends Mid-Term Evaluation* This \$84m investment is a contribution to a World Bank Trust Fund for the Government of Myanmar-led Decentralising Funding to Schools Project. The evaluation	No	n/a	n/a

will assess performance, including innovative financing and monitoring approaches, to inform future programming.		
Total published for Myanmar	0	n/a

Laos	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Basic Education Quality & Access in Laos Mid-Term Evaluation Australia is contributing \$60.7m over five years to improve basic education outcomes in Laos. The purpose of the evaluation is to improve existing investments, verify performance and examine value for money.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/laos-basic-educaton-quality-and-access-bequal-mtr.aspx
Total published for Laos	1	1	

South East Asia Regional	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
ASEAN Shaping Inclusive Finance Transformations Mid-Term Evaluation The evaluation will assess progress against objectives of this investment, which aims to develop and expand pro-poor financial markets in the ASEAN region.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/shaping-inclusive-finance-transformations-shift-mid-term-evaluation.aspx
Total published for South East Asia Regional	1	1	
Total published for South East Asia Division	12	10	

South and West Asia Division: 7 evaluations planned			
Afghanistan	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Review of Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund* Australia is contributing \$452m to this World Bank-led investment, which is the primary multi-donor mechanism for supporting programs in education, health, rural development and microfinance in Afghanistan. The partner-led evaluation will assess the trust fund's performance and fitness for purpose, as part of a 'package' of reviews including DFAT and external reviews.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/afghanistan-reconstruction-trust-fund-review.aspx
Final evaluation: ACIAR Afghanistan Agricultural Research Portfolio A partner-led, final program review.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-afghanistan-community-resilience-scheme-mid-term-review-report-and-management-response.aspx
Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan Review Australia is contributing to this UNDP Trust Fund to support the Afghan national police, including police professionalisation and institutional reform. The review will analyse the performance of the fund and scope to address delivery performance.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/afghanistan-law-and-order-trust-fund-review.aspx
Total published for Afghanistan	3	3	
Bangladesh	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Support to Vulnerable Communities in Cox's Bazar * The evaluation will assess outcomes, examine value for money and inform new programming for this investment, which aims to enhance food security and nutrition for the most vulnerable in the Cox's Bazar District.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/ie-of-dfats-investment-to-the-world-food-programme-for-supporting-vulnerable-communities-in-coxs-bazar.aspx
Total published for Bangladesh	1	1	
Pakistan	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Evaluation of Australia's aid to support Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and Employment in Pakistan	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/pakistan-economic-growth-portfolio-evaluation-and-management-response.aspx

The evaluation will assess the performance of a number of investments in the economic growth portfolio to inform Australia's next Aid Investment Plan for Pakistan (2019-24).			
Total published for Pakistan	1	1	
Sri Lanka	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
North and East Local Services Improvement Project Independent Completion Report This investment co-financed with the World Bank and Government of Sri Lanka is supporting reconstruction of essential public infrastructure in the conflict-affected Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka. The partner-led evaluation will verify performance, examine value for money and inform new programming.	Yes	No	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/sri-lanka-north-east-local-services-improvement-project-implementation-completion-and-results-report-world-bank.aspx
Total published for Sri Lanka	1	0	
South Asia Regional	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
South Asia Regional Connectivity Evaluation The Trade Facilitation and Infrastructure initiative aims to reduce poverty by increasing intra-regional trade and connectivity to achieve accelerated and sustainable economic growth. The evaluation will verify performance, review effectiveness and efficiency and inform next phase of support for regional connectivity.	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/independent-eval-infrastructure-for-growth-south-asia-regional-trade-facilitation-programs.aspx
Total published for South Asia Regional	1	1	
Total published for South and West Asia Division	7	6	
Humanitarian Division: 1 evaluation planned			
Humanitarian (including Emergency Fund)	<u>Report Published</u>	<u>Mgmt Response</u>	<u>Weblink</u>
Evaluation of Australian Red Cross Humanitarian Partnership The evaluation will assess the outcomes of DFAT funding for Australian Red Cross (ARC) humanitarian response and preparedness activities since 2015-16. This will inform a	Yes	Yes	https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/evaluation-of-australian-red-cross-humanitarian-partnership-2015-19.aspx

new and improved partnership design, recognising ARC's ability to deliver against DFAT's Humanitarian Strategy.

Total published for Humanitarian	1	1
Total published for DFAT	45	41

*Evaluations that were deferred from the 2017 Aid Evaluation Plan