

Final Aid Quality Check for

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Instructions

AQC reporting is **mandatory** for all aid investments valued **\$3 million** and above, except for core contributions to multilateral organisations (covered by the AMPR process) and investments of a purely administrative nature eg. salaries, rent, leases etc. Data from FAQCs are used to report to the public and Government on the performance of the aid program. Use this Final Aid Quality Check (FAQC) template if you expect this to be the last performance assessment for the investment; if the investment has ended since the last AQC reporting period; or if the investment will end before 1 August. For investments ending after 1 August, submit an AQC in the current round and in the following reporting round complete an FAQC. Note, Humanitarian response interventions always use the (HAQC) template, including for finals. FAQCs should be completed by investment managers and reflect the performance of an investment over its lifetime (not just the preceding 12 months). Moderation meetings are required for all FAQCs. Completed FAQC should be approved by a relevant EL2 or above and uploaded to AidWorks by **1 May**. The aid Investment Quality Reporting ([IQR](#)) [Good Practice Note](#) contains essential reading for completing FAQCs. Additional information is in the Aid Programming Guide ([APG](#)) [Chapter 4](#), and AidWorks support materials page. Please direct any questions on AQC reporting to the quality reports mailbox qualityreports@dfat.gov.au

Summary

Investment name			
Investment number			
Investments within cluster			
Country or program			
Theme	<i>[pre-populated by AidWorks]</i>		
Investment allocation \$AUD		Report drafted by	
Investment start date		Report approved by	
Investment end date		Date approved	
Was this an Investment Requiring Improvement (IRI) in the previous AQC round?		Yes	No

Description

What did we do?

Briefly describe the investment, assuming the reader has no prior knowledge. State the aid delivery arrangements and approach including the type of delivery partner, the form of aid, and the expected end-of-investment outcomes, as well as, any intermediate outcomes (where appropriate). Did progress occur as expected or where there changes to the strategy, approach or timeline of the investment over its lifetime?
(no more than 500 words)

What did we achieve?

Were the intended outcomes envisaged in the investment design achieved? Describe the outputs produced (as a result of Australia's assistance) and how the production of these outputs contributed to the outcomes achieved. Overall, did the investment achieve its intended outcomes on time and within budget? Draw on information from any relevant reviews and evaluations.
(no more than 500 words)

<p>Summarise the lessons learnt from this investment and key recommendations for future investments.</p> <p>(no more than 500 words)</p>

List the reviews and evaluations undertaken for this investment

Name of review or evaluation	Date finalised	Date uploaded in AidWorks	Date management response uploaded in AidWorks	Published on website?

For each criterion, use the focus areas in the [FAQC Ratings Matrix](#) to inform analysis and to determine ratings

<p><i>Using evidence and analysis provide an overall assessment of the effectiveness of this investment over its lifetime. Discuss the extent to which the investment achieved its end-of-investment outcomes. Describe the outputs produced and their contribution towards achieving end-of-investment outcomes. Use the focus areas in the AQC Ratings Matrix to inform analysis and to determine an overall rating.</i></p> <p><i>(no more than 750 words)</i></p>						
Overall rating						<div>1</div> <div>2</div> <div>3</div> <div>4</div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div>

<p>Using evidence and analysis provide an overall assessment of the use of time and resources allocated to this investment for achieving its end-of-investment outcomes. Use the focus areas in the AQC Ratings Matrix to inform analysis and to determine an overall rating.</p> <p>(no more than 750 words)</p>						
Overall rating	1	2	3	4	5	6

3. Relevance - Was this the right thing to do?

Using evidence and analysis provide an overall assessment of the investments relevance to Australian Government priorities, the partner government and beneficiaries. Discuss any factors that may have impacted on the relevance of this investment over its lifetime and any actions taken. Use the focus areas in the AQC Ratings Matrix to inform analysis and to determine an overall rating. (no more than 300 words)

Overall rating	1	2	3	4	5	6
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4. Gender Equality – Did the investment make a difference to gender equality and empowering women and girls?

(This field is pre-populated using data from the Gender theme question in AidWorks) Promoting equality between men and women was..

☐ a principal objective of this investment
 ☐ a significant objective of this investment
 ☐ not an objective of this investment

Rate each statement below using the six-point scale.

Analysis of gender equality gaps and opportunities substantially informed the investment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Risks to gender equality were identified and appropriately managed.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The investment made progress as expected in effectively implementing strategies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
The M&E system collected sex-disaggregated data and includes indicators to measure gender equality outcomes.	1	2	3	4	5	6
There was sufficient expertise and budget allocation to achieve gender equality related outputs of the investment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
As a result of the investment, partners increasingly treat gender equality as a priority through their own policies and processes.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Using evidence and analysis provide an overall assessment of how well the investment addressed gender equality issues? Describe any actions that were taken to improve gender equality during the lifetime of the investment? For supplementary guidance please refer to the Aid Programming Guide (APG) Chapter 4: Key resources /Guidance (no more than 600 words)

Overall rating	1	2	3	4	5	6
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5. Monitoring and Evaluation - Did the M&E system generate credible information that was used for management decision-making, learning and accountability purposes?

Using evidence and analysis provide an overall assessment of the M&E arrangements for this investment. Did the M&E system generate adequate, credible information to measure progress and performance and to support accountability, decision-making and learning? Describe any actions taken or enhancements made to improve the performance of the M&E system over the lifetime of this investment.

(no more than 300 words)

Overall rating	1	2	3	4	5	6
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6. Sustainability - Will the benefits last?

<i>Using evidence and analysis provide an overall assessment of how the benefits of this investment will be sustained after Australian funding ceases? Discuss any actions taken over the lifetime of the investment to improve or contribute to sustainability. (no more than 300 words)</i>						
Overall rating	1	2	3	4	5	6

7. Risk

<i>Briefly describe how risk, including diversion risk (fraud and terrorism resourcing), was managed during the life of the investment. Are there any legacy risks that need to be managed after completion and how will these be managed? Use the focus areas in the AQC Ratings Matrix to inform analysis and to determine an overall rating. (no more than 300 words)</i>						
Overall rating	1	2	3	4	5	6

8. Other comments, information and next steps

<i>Use this text box to record any other information, if required. This may include, for example, follow-up actions, descriptions of other relevant investments which may continue the work of this investment, exit strategy or arrangements for handover. Are there any legal or contractual obligations to be met beyond the completion date for this investment? What plans have been made for project closure? If there is insufficient space, a separate pdf can be uploaded to AidWorks. Advise here where additional information can be found (e.g. EDRMS file number). (no more than 600 words)</i>						

Key Policy Priorities

Disability							
Rate each statement below							
The investment actively involves people with disabilities and /or disabled person's organisations in planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation.	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
The investment identifies and addresses barriers to inclusion and opportunities for participation for people with disabilities to enable them to benefit equally from the aid investment.	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Briefly describe how this investment makes a difference for people with disabilities. For supplementary guidance please refer to the Aid Programming Guide (APG) Chapter 4: Key resources /Guidance.</i> <i>(no more than 300 words)</i>							

Safeguards							
Rate statement below							
Investment safeguard risks and impacts are actively managed, including regular monitoring and reporting	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<i>Briefly describe key negative environmental and /or social safeguard risks associated with this investment and describe actions taken to ensure safeguard risks and impacts are managed in accordance with DFAT's Environmental and Social Safeguard Policy and Safeguard Operational Procedures. Investment safeguard risks and impacts include: environmental protection; children, vulnerable and disadvantaged groups; Indigenous peoples and /or ethnic minorities; resettlement and displacement; health and safety. For supplementary guidance please refer to the Aid Programming Guide (APG) Chapter 4: Key resources /Guidance.</i> <i>(no more than 300 words)</i>							

Climate Change and Disasters ('Building Resilience') – this information will be used to gauge the level of risk management and action on climate change and disasters.							
Rate each statement below							
Climate change and disaster risks associated with the investment are identified, included in the risk register, and effectively managed.	NA	1	2	3	4	5	6
The M&E system (M&E frameworks, progress reports and evaluations) collect data on climate change and disaster risk reduction actions.	NA	1	2	3	4	5	6
The investment is delivering results on climate change (adaptation to climate impacts and/or mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions) and disaster risk reduction.	NA	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Briefly describe how this investment is addressing climate change and disaster risk reduction. Provide evidence and analysis to support the overall assessment and where appropriate, discuss alignment with partner country climate and disaster priorities.</i> <i>For supplementary guidance; including an explanation of climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction, please refer to the Aid Programming Guide (APG) Chapter 4: Key resources /Guidance</i> <i>(no more than 300 words)</i>							

Private sector – this information will be used to gauge the level and nature of engagement with the private sector across aid investments.	
Refer to the AQC Good Practice note to determine eligibility and to calculate the value of private sector investment leveraged. To demonstrate how results were derived, please use the calculation worksheet which should be uploaded to AidWorks as an attachment.	
How often has DFAT directly engaged with the private sector in this investment in the past year?	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a year 3 = Every 6 months 4 = Quarterly 5 = Monthly 6 = Weekly
Has this investment contributed to private sector growth in the past year?	YES NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
What is the value of resources leveraged from the private sector during the life of the investment and in the final year? (apportioned to DFAT's contribution, if there are other ODA co-contributors)	Total AUD\$
	Final year AUD\$
What is the value of resourced leveraged from other partners, excluding donor government contributions? (includes NGOs, philanthropic organisations, State Owned Enterprises)	AUD\$
Describe how the investment is promoting private sector growth and engaging the private sector in achieving development outcomes. (no more than 300 words)	

Innovation - this information will be used to gauge the level and nature of innovation across aid investments.	
Answer each question below	
Did the investment apply innovative programming? - "the what"	[select]
Did the investment apply innovative partnerships and collaboration? - "the who"	[select]
Did the investment apply innovative processes? - "the how"	[select]
Briefly describe innovations in this investment and where available include any web references or hyperlinks. (no more than 300 words)	