



The Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD

Corporate Induction Seminar, 21 April 2015

Evaluation

- An accepted and integral part of “doing business”
- A systematic method for collecting, analyzing, and using information to answer questions about projects, policies and programs, particularly about their effectiveness and efficiency
- Accountability
- Learning
- Independence

Evaluation at IFAD over time

1978

Monitoring and Evaluation Unit

1982

Monitoring and Evaluation Division

1994

Office of Evaluation and Studies

2003

Office of Evaluation
(*Evaluation Policy: independent evaluation function*)

2011

Independent Office of Evaluation
(*Revised Evaluation Policy*)

IFAD: UN organization and IFI

- IOE as an active player in evaluation networks: UNEG, ECG
- Exchange of experiences and good practices
- Formulation of norms and standards
- Peer reviews

Evaluation Policy: key elements

- **Independence** of IOE, its work programme, budget and staffing
- **Accountability** of performance and results
- **Evidence-based** analysis
- **Learning** to ensure usefulness of evaluation recommendations
- **Partnership** for a transparent and informed process

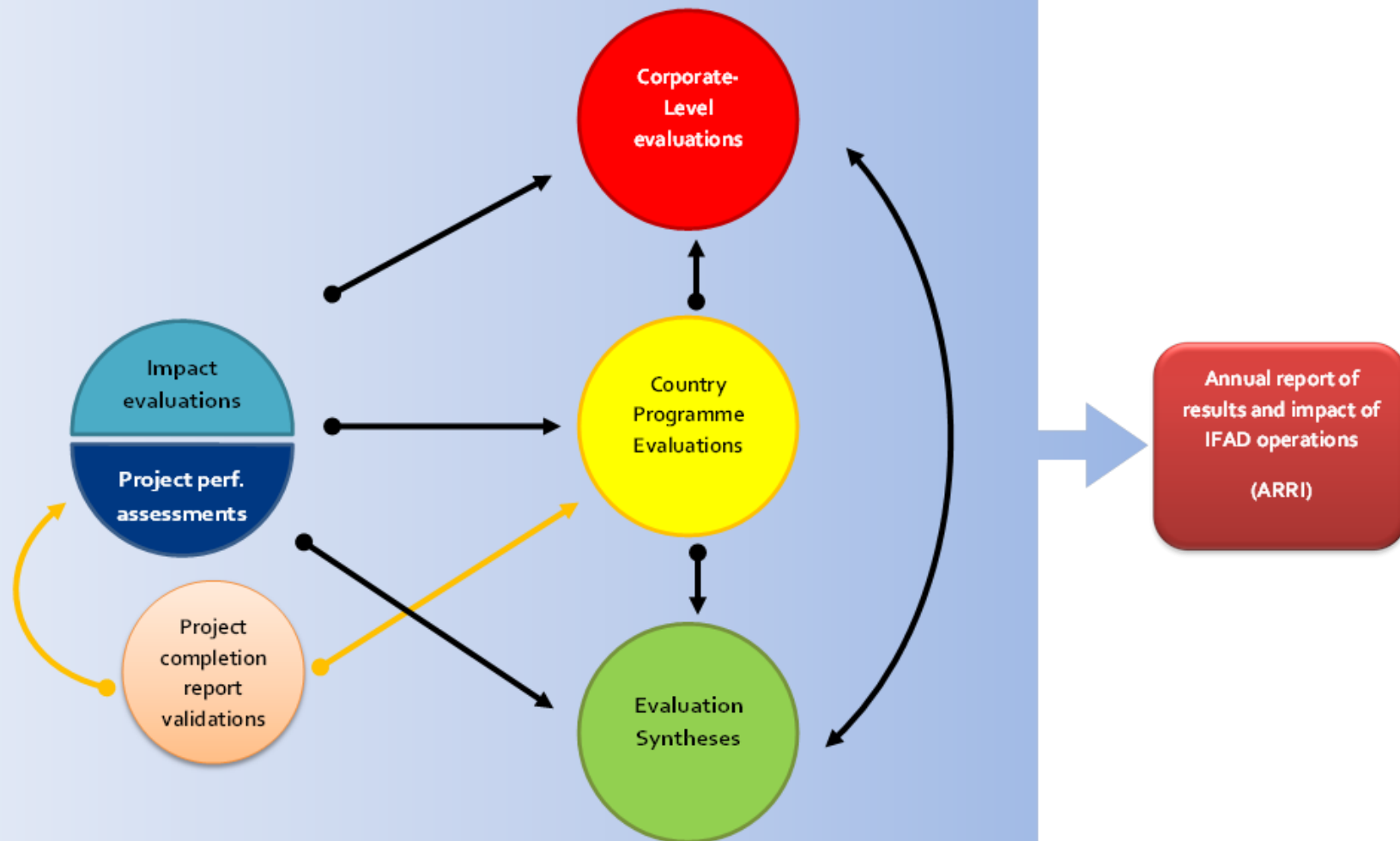
Executive Board

- Directly supervises IOE
- Approves IOE's annual work programme and budget
- Selects, appoints and dismisses IOE Director
- Assesses overall impact of IFAD's operations as documented in evaluation reports

Evaluation Committee

- A sub-committee of the Board (Angola, Finland, France, India, Indonesia [Chair], Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria and Norway)
- Meets four times/year and may hold informal meetings
- Ensures full implementation of, and compliance with, IFAD Evaluation Policy
- In-depth reviews of selected evaluation reports and IOE's annual work programme and budget

Key independent evaluation products



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Work programme 2015-16 highlights

- **ARRI 2015** and **CLEs in 2015**: on IFAD's Performance-Based Allocation System (PBAS). **In 2016, to be selected among**: decentralization model and experience; Management efforts on impact evaluations; knowledge management; additional resource mobilization.
- **Evaluation syntheses In 2015**: on natural resources management and environment; on South-South cooperation in the context of non-lending activities; on access to markets: a sub-regional perspective.
- **CPEs In 2015**: in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, The Gambia, Turkey. **In 2016**: the Philippines, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Egypt.

Work programme 2015-16 highlights (cont'd)

- **Methodology development:** second edition of the Evaluation Manual
- Strengthened **partnerships** with the Rome-based agencies (FAO, CGIAR, WFP) and other evaluation outfits
- **Enhanced communications and outreach** of lessons and good practices: in-house learning events, in-country learning workshops, more media coverage, social media, videos and other visual tools.

2015 International Year of Evaluation

- **Purpose: to strengthen national evaluation capacities**
- **UN General Assembly resolution (Autumn 2014)**



The IOE website

www.ifad.org/evaluation