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to overcome poverty

Office of Evaluation country programme and project evaluations for 2009 and 2010

Evaluation Committee — Sixty-first Session
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For: **Review**

Note to Evaluation Committee members

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1. In the course of the sixtieth session of the Evaluation Committee, members requested that the Office of Evaluation (OE) provide the Committee with a list of evaluations for consideration at its sixty-first session, in January 2010. This would permit the Committee to refine, as needed, its agenda for 2010, which the Board provisionally adopted during its session in December 2009. The Committee's provisional agenda for 2010 is presented in annex I.
2. The principles guiding the development of the Committee's provisional agenda are: (i) the need to discuss evaluation items in line with the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Evaluation Committee; and (ii) the importance of discussing all corporate-level evaluations and maintaining a regional balance in country programme and project evaluations.
3. As per the request of the Committee, annex II contains a full list of all country programme and project evaluations that have either been completed in 2009 or are expected to be finalized in 2010, over and above those evaluations already discussed by the Evaluation Committee. Annex II also excludes evaluations currently contained in the 2010 provisional agenda of the Committee.
4. The Committee is invited to finalize its provisional agenda for 2010, in light of the information provided in annex II. It is useful to recall that, as per rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Evaluation Committee, " ... The Committee retains the prerogative to revise by adding, deleting, defining or amending items on the agenda during the course of the year."

Provisional agenda of the Evaluation Committee for 2010

Sixty-first session (29 January 2010)

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| Item 1 | Peer Review of IFAD's Independent Office of Evaluation and IFAD's Evaluation Function |
| Item 2 | Review of the provisional 2010 Evaluation Committee agenda |
| Item 3 | Office of Evaluation support to evaluation capacity development in partner countries |

Sixty-second session (1 April 2010)

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| Item 1 | Corporate-level evaluation of IFAD's capacity to promote pro-poor replicable innovations |
| Item 2 | Peer Review of IFAD's Independent Office of Evaluation and IFAD's Evaluation Function, and responses by OE and Management |
| Item 3 | Country programme evaluation of India |

Sixty-third session (15 July 2010)

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| Item 1 | Interim project evaluation of the Vegetable Oil Development Project in Uganda |
| Item 2 | Preview of the Office of Evaluation's three-year rolling work programme (2011-2013) and budget for 2011 |
| Item 3 | President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA) with OE comments |
| Item 4 | Middle-income country policy with OE comments |

Sixty-fourth session (8 October 2010)

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| Item 1 | Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD's Operations (ARRI) |
| Item 2 | The Office of Evaluation's three-year rolling work programme (2011-2013) and budget for 2011 ^a |
| Item 3 | Country programme evaluation of Argentina |

Sixty-fifth session (26 November 2010)

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| Item 1 | Corporate-level evaluation on approaches and results in promoting gender equity and women's empowerment in IFAD operations |
| Item 2 | Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE) with OE comments |
| Item 3 | Completion evaluation of Raymah Area Development Project in Yemen |
| Item 4 | Provisional agenda of the Evaluation Committee for 2011 |

Other considerations

Annual country visit of the Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee will travel to Mozambique from 24 to 28 May for its annual visit. The visit will be undertaken in the context of the national round-table workshop on the country programme evaluation, subject to the Government's agreement to the proposed dates.

^a This document will include the OE Action Plan in response to the Peer Review.

List of 2009 and 2010 country programme and project evaluations

<i>Type of evaluation</i>	<i>Country and project/programme name</i>	<i>Project/programme objective and components</i>	<i>Loan information</i>	<i>Possible discussion date by the Evaluation Committee</i>
Completion evaluation	China: West Guangxi Poverty Alleviation Project	<p>The project's overall objective was to achieve a sustainable increase in productive capacity, both on- and off-farm, and to offer increased access to economic and social resources, including financial services, education, health and social networks in the project area.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Agricultural development (ii) Financial services (iii) Social development (iv) Rural Infrastructure (v) Project Management 	<p>Executive Board (EB) approval: December 2000</p> <p>Project completion: March 2008</p> <p>IFAD loan: US\$30.4 million</p> <p>Total cost: US\$106.4 million</p>	April 2010
Interim evaluation	Guatemala: Rural Development Programme for Las Verapaces	<p>The general objective of the programme is to reduce rural poverty in the fragile natural resource environment in the programme area through: on- and off farm income-generating activities, strengthened farmers' organizations, better access to rural financial services and an improved natural resource base.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Local institution strengthening (ii) Sustainable productive development (iii) Rural financial services (iv) Socio-economic investments (v) Programme administration and coordination 	<p>EB approval: December 1999</p> <p>Programme completion: September 2011</p> <p>IFAD loan: US\$15.0 million</p> <p>Total cost: US\$26.0 million</p>	April 2010

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Completion evaluation	Madagascar: Upper Mandrare Basin Development Project – Phase II	<p>The overall objective of the project is to increase the agricultural and non-agricultural incomes of the rural population in the project area by fostering local development planning and implementation capacities; supporting increased crop and animal production; diversifying income-generating sources; promoting the development of sustainable resource management systems; developing rural roads; and facilitating access to financial services.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Local capacity-building (ii) Support to local initiatives (iii) Support to financial services (iv) Opening up of the project area (rural roads) (v) Project management and coordination 	<p>EB approval: December 2000</p> <p>Project completion: September 2008</p> <p>IFAD loan: US\$12.6 million</p> <p>Total cost: US\$23.1 million</p>	April 2010
Completion evaluation	Benin: Roots and Tubers Development Programme	<p>The programme's overall development goal is to alleviate poverty through sustainable increases in the cash incomes of poor and/or vulnerable rural households by enhancing productivity at all stages of roots and tuber production, from farming to marketing.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Local capacity-building (ii) Support to local initiatives (iii) Support to financial services (iv) Opening up of the project area (infrastructure) (v) Programme management and coordination 	<p>EB approval: May 2000</p> <p>Programme completion: September 2008</p> <p>IFAD loan: US\$13.1 million</p> <p>Total cost: US\$19.3 million</p>	September 2010

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Interim evaluation	Mauritania: Poverty Reduction Project in Aftout South and Karakoro	The project aims to contribute to reducing rural poverty; ensuring generalized access to basic social services; providing improved rural infrastructure; and fostering institutional development at the local level. Components: (i) Support to organizational and managerial capabilities (ii) Basic rural infrastructure (iii) Support to income-generating activities (v) Project coordination, monitoring and evaluation	EB approval: September 2001 Project completion: December 2009 IFAD loan: US\$11.3 million Total cost: US\$22.9 million	September 2010
Interim evaluation	Ethiopia: Rural Financial Intermediation Programme	The programme aims to enhance access of the rural poor to regular and reliable rural financial services so that they may adopt improved agricultural technologies and undertake on- and off-farm income-generating activities with a view to improving their food security. Components: (i) Institutional development (ii) Improved regulation and supervision (iii) Equity and credit funds (iv) Programme coordination and management	EB approval: December 2001 Programme completion: March 2010 IFAD loan: US\$25.7 million Total cost: US\$88.7 million	October 2010
Completion evaluation	Dominican Republic: South Western Region Small Farmers Project – Phase II	The general objectives of the project were to improve living conditions, increase the incomes of rural poor people, alleviate extreme poverty and improve agricultural and microenterprise production and revenues. Components: (i) Community development (ii) Financial services (iii) Project management and monitoring	EB approval: December 1998 Project completion: December 2007 IFAD loan: US\$12.0 million Total cost: US\$17.6 million	December 2010

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Country programme evaluation	Sudan			April/September 2010
Country programme evaluation	Niger			September 2010
