



Harmonization Agreement

Part I: Evaluation criteria

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Common criteria used by IOE and IFAD Management at the project level

Evaluation criteria at the project level

Relevance

Effectiveness

Efficiency

Sustainability of benefits

Impact

Gender equality and women's empowerment

Innovation

Scaling-up

Environment and Natural Resource Management

Adaptation to climate change

Overall Project Achievements

Performance of partners

Internationally recognized
evaluation criteria
(OECD/DAC)

IFAD specific evaluation
criteria

Revisions made in the definition of criteria at the project level

Evaluation criteria	Independent evaluation	Self-evaluation
<u>Relevance</u>		Relevance of targeting strategies assessed under relevance
<u>Impact sub-domains</u>	Impact sub-domains are not rated individually	Impact sub-domains are not rated individually
<u>Human and social capital empowerment</u>	Added reference to vulnerable groups and clarification on “collective action”	Added reference to vulnerable groups
<u>Gender equality and women’s empowerment</u>		Gender “equality” instead of gender “equity”
<u>Innovation and scaling-up</u>	Rated separately	
<u>Scaling-up</u>		Removed “potential for” from scaling up criterion
<u>Food security and agricultural productivity</u>		Definition now include reference to nutrition

Revisions made at the country programme level

- IOE CSPEs will continue to report on:
 - (i) Portfolio performance
 - (ii) Performance of non-lending activities (Knowledge Management, Partnership Building, Country-level Policy Engagement)
 - (iii) COSOP Performance (Relevance and Effectiveness)
 - Increased emphasis on (ii) and (iii), as per 2015 Manual
- COSOP Completion Review Reports by Management will focus on COSOP Performance
- COSOP Completion Reviews, if available, substitute for PMD self-assessment (efficiency gain)

Final Remarks

- Implementation of the agreement: immediate
- When project or COSOP targets / logical frameworks change during implementation, evaluations will refer to the revised logframe / targets, provided they are documented and justified.
- Part II of the Agreement: planned for 2nd half 2018. It will take stock from the implementation of the Development Effectiveness Framework