



# Learning note: *The experience of IOE in conducting evaluations during COVID-19*

**Special session of the Evaluation Committee**

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# Key Items

- IOE has prepared a learning note on its experience working under COVID-19
- The note presents:
  1. Steps taken to ensuring evaluation quality and sustained delivery under COVID-19 conditions
  2. Advantages, opportunities and limitations
  3. Implications for the future: under crisis situation and beyond
- The note is available on the IOE website:  
<https://www.ifad.org/en/web/ioe/evaluation/asset/42218073>

# Opportunities for the future (selected)

- Rationalize travels and reduce the 'carbon footprint' of evaluations
- Enhance efficiency of country missions through a combination of remote and face-to-face in-country interviews; and greater emphasis on project site visits
- Exploit the potential of information technology to augment evidence and analyse secondary evidence. (e.g., remote sensing, software for qualitative analysis, machine learning)
- Recognize the challenges early on and manage the annual evaluation workplan accordingly