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1. As per the IFAD Evaluation Policy (EB 2011/102/R.7/Rev.1)¹ and the Evaluation Manual, each evaluation ends with an agreement at completion point (ACP), which includes the agreement of IFAD Management and the government on the main evaluation findings and their commitment to implement the evaluation recommendations within specified time frames. The Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) acts as the facilitator in the process leading to the conclusion of the ACP.
2. The Programme Management Department (PMD) and IOE adopted a revised process and template to prepare the ACPs, which was shared with the Evaluation Committee in November 2010 (EC 2010/65/W.P.6). The new ACP was introduced starting on 1 January 2011. As in the past, the implementation of agreed evaluation recommendations are tracked by the Office of the Associate Vice President, PMD, and their status reported to the Evaluation Committee and Executive Board on a yearly basis through the President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA).
3. To keep the Evaluation Committee informed, this report on the status of ACPs will be prepared bi-yearly, henceforth, covering the periods of January to June and July to December. In addition to providing members an overview of the production of ACPs, it will serve as an instrument to seek the Committee's guidance in the finalization of ACPs where there may be a difference of opinion between PMD, the government and/or IOE on the way forward.
4. The criteria for inclusion in the report are all ACPs that have been completed and signed by both parties (Table 1), and ACPs that are under preparation of evaluations for which a learning workshop has been held and the corresponding evaluation report finalized (Table 2).

¹ www.ifad.org/gbdocs/eb/102/e/EB-2011-102-R-7-Rev-1.pdf

Table 1
ACPs completed – from January to June 2011

Type	Country/project	Date ACP signed		Signatories	
		PMD	Government	PMD	Government
Interim project evaluation	Republic of Uganda Vegetable Oil Development Project	7 December 2010	2 February 2011	Mr Ides de Willebois Director East and Southern Africa Division	Mr Vincent Rubarema Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries
Country programme evaluation	Republic of the Niger	9 February	21 February	Mr Kevin Cleaver Associate Vice President Programmes Programme Management Department	His Excellency Mr Mamane Malam Annou Minister of Economy and Finance
Interim project evaluation	Republic of Brazil Sustainable Development Project for Agrarian Reform Settlements in the Semi-Arid North-East (<i>Dom Hélder Câmara Project</i>)	17 February	24 February	Ms Josefina Stubbs Director Latin American and the Caribbean Division	Mr Carlos Augusto Vidotto Secretary Secretariat of International Affairs Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management Mr Humberto Oliveira Secretary for Territorial Development Ministry for Agrarian Development
Interim project evaluation	Islamic Republic of Mauritania Poverty Reduction Project in the Aftout South and Karakoro	24 February	8 March	Mr Mohamed Béavogui Director West and Central Africa Division	Mr Mohamed Lemine Ould Dhehby Director-General Directorate General of Projects and Investment Programmes Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development
Country programme evaluation	Republic of India	11 March	4 April	Mr Kevin Cleaver Associate Vice President, Programmes	Ms Loretta M. Vas Special Secretary Department of Economic Affairs Ministry of Finance
Completion project evaluation	Lao People's Democratic Republic Oudomxai Community Initiatives Support Project	15 March	6 May	Mr Thomas Elhaut Director Asia and the Pacific Division	Mr Somchith Inthamith Director General Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Planning and Investment
Completion project evaluation	Dominican Republic South Western Region Small Farmers Project, Phase II	26 April	21 March	Ms Josefina Stubbs Director Latin America and the Caribbean Division	Mr Nelson Toca Simó Vice Minister of Planning Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development
Country programme evaluation	Republic of Kenya	29 June	29 June	Mr Rodney Cooke Officer in Charge Director PTA <i>For Mr Kevin Cleaver</i> Associate Vice-President, Programmes	Mr Romano M. Kiome Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture

Table 2
ACPs in process - 2011

Type	Country/project	Learning workshop date	Date ACP signed		Signatories		Remarks
			PMD	Government	PMD	Government	
Interim project evaluation	Republic of Tanzania Rural Financial Services Programme	No learning workshop was held	20 June	See remarks	Mr Ides de Willebois Director East and Southern Africa Division	Mr Ramadhani Khijjah Permanent Secretary Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs	ACP with government for signature as of 20 June 2011.
Interim project evaluation	Republic of Ghana Rural Enterprises Project, Phase II	11 March	1 July	See remarks	Mr Mohamed Béavogui Director West and Central Africa Division	Her Excellency Hanna Tetteh Minister of Trade and Industry	CPM going on mission to Ghana on 2 July, will hand deliver original ACP to Government for their signature.