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Program Evaluation Learning Resources

http://mymande.org/elearning/

http://www.cdc.gov/eval/ resources/

http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods/

http://www.idrc.ca/EN/Programs/Evaluation/Pages/PublicationsList.aspx

http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=98

http://www.3ieimpact.org/evaluation/resources/impact-evaluation-resources/

https://www.pep-net.org/pieri-recommended-readings

https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/2550

https://usaidjordankmportal.com/system/resources/attachments/000/000/139/original/Performance Monitoring Workshop Training Materials.zip?1431585041

http://trasi.foundationcenter.org/

Upcoming Events

September 30

EES Joint Conference

October 28

The First Regional Conference of Evaluators

Useful Sites

http://www.mymande.org/ www.europski-fondovi-eu

Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts

Angus Deaton's Nobel prize is "a triumph for evidence-based economics"

Econometric debate on randomized controlled trials (RCTs)

Analysis: Sustainable development goals: all you need to know

Improving accountability takes more than 'good ideas'

New frontiers for evaluation: challenges to effective evaluation of market-oriented development initiatives

Examples of Evaluation Projects

Disaster and Climate Risks: Building Resilience in Mexico

Breaking Down Work Barriers for Jordanian Women

Impact Evaluation of a Preschool Enrollment Campaign in the Czech Republic

Mid-Term Performance Evaluation of Civil Society Forward Project

Relevant Publications

Tiba, Zoltan (2015) In Focus: Evaluating Agricultural Projects, OPM Working paper

Conducting effective agricultural evaluations means addressing a range of sector-specific challenges — from seasonality to crop price fluctuations — that can affect project outcomes and seriously undermine the clarity and accuracy of conclusions. Our work implementing and evaluating agriculture, food security and rural development programmes across Asia, Africa and Latin America has given us the deep contextual understanding and expertise necessary to develop effective, tailored solutions to these challenges.

Jennifer Leavy (2015) <u>How Useful are RCTs in Evaluating Transparency & Accountability?</u>

The paper sheds light on existing evidence about the Random Controlled Trials (RCTs) in the evaluation of social accountability tools in service delivery. Where and under what conditions might RCTs be the most appropriate approach? What other evaluation approaches would be more effective, more robust, given the particular characteristics of T&A programmes? The paper attempts to address the overarching question: How and in what ways might RCTs and other experimental methods be appropriate in the context of evaluating T4T&A programmes?



Recommended Reading

Book: Morra Imas, Linda G.; Rist, Ray C.. 2009. The Road to Results: Designing and Conducting Effective Development Evaluations. World Bank

As the development community shifts its focus away from projects in order to comprehensively address country challenges, development evaluators are seeking methods with which to assess results at the country, sector, theme, policy, and even global levels. As the development community recognizes the importance of not only a comprehensive but also a coordinated approach to developing challenges country and emphasizes partnerships, development evaluators are increasingly engaged in joint evaluations. These joint evaluations, while advantageous in many respects, add to the complexity of development evaluation (OECD 2006). Additionally, development evaluators increasingly face the measurement challenge of determining the performance of an individual development organization in this broader context and of identifying its contribution. This text is intended as a tool for use in building development evaluation capacity. It aims to help development evaluators think about and explore the new evaluation architecture and especially to design and conduct evaluations that focus on results in meeting the challenges of development.

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