

## EVALUATION PROGRAMME 2009-2010

### **I. Plans concerning new evaluations and evaluation studies (2009-2010)**

The Evaluation Programme 2009-10 contains on-going evaluations and other studies as well as new evaluations and studies planned for 2009 and 2010. However, as most evaluations and studies are carried out jointly with other donors and institutions in partner countries, the Programme is flexible, and it is envisaged that new evaluations not mentioned in the Programme can come up during 2009 and in particular 2010 and be included in the Programme.

The following consists of three sections: (II) On-going Evaluations, which will continue into 2009; (III) Planned Evaluations in the Evaluation Programme 2009-10; (IV) Evaluation Studies. An annexed table gives a summary of the Evaluation Programme 2009-2010 including a tentative timing of the individual evaluations.

### **II. On-going evaluations**

#### *Evaluation of the country programme in Bhutan*

As part of the phasing out of development cooperation with Bhutan, an evaluation will be conducted in 2009-2010 which in particular focuses on the results of Danish development assistance and on the sustainability of these results.

#### *Evaluation of the implementation of the Paris Declaration – Phase Two*

The second phase of the evaluation will seek to evaluate the end impacts and effects of the implementation of the Paris Declaration. EVAL funded the secretariat for the first phase of the evaluation. In the second phase, the responsibility for funding the secretariat will pass to IOB, Netherlands. However, EVAL will continue to be a member of the reference group for the evaluation and contribute funding to the implementation of the evaluation in line with a number of other donors.

#### *Evaluation of support for business development*

The business sector programme in Tanzania was evaluated in 2002. A new evaluation in Tanzania will partly follow up on the previous evaluation and – as a result of the business sector programme's extensive scope and complexity – partly focus on selected parts of the business sector programme. An evaluation of parts of the business sector programme in Vietnam is also envisaged in 2010. In parallel with these evaluations, a meta-evaluation will be conducted comprising a study of existing evaluations of support for business development.

#### *Public financial management*

Denmark and Sweden have been requested to lead an evaluation of the support given towards improving public financial management in recipient countries. A lit-

erature review has already been carried out by DFID, and during the first half of 2009 the focus and scope of the evaluation will be defined in more detail.

*Evaluation of environmental programmes*

In 2008, EVAL launched a preliminary study concerning the preparation of an evaluation of the experience and lessons learned from the programmatic approach to environmental sector support. The programmes (probably two) which will be subjected to evaluation are expected to be identified during the first quarter of 2009.

*Evaluation of multilateral activities*

Together with CIDA and DFID, EVAL plans to conduct a joint evaluation of the joint organisation strategy for UNHCR. The evaluation is expected to be launched during the first half of 2009.

In 2009-2010, EVAL will participate in a planned review of UNIDO's evaluation capacity. The review will be conducted by an international panel of representatives from the evaluation units in CTBTO, WB/GEF as well as Denmark's and Austria's development aid organisations.

In addition, EVAL provides assistance to the Danish Embassy in Geneva, which sits on the Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group for the large-scale, ongoing evaluation of UNAIDS.

### **III. Planned Evaluations**

*Evaluation of support for agricultural development*

The three country programme evaluations which were completed in 2008 (Ghana, Benin and Mozambique) all highlighted the need for greater knowledge about how best to support agricultural development. To follow up on these evaluations, EVAL will launch one or more thematic studies of this type of sector support.

*Evaluation of support for the transport sector in Zambia*

In 2008, the evaluation of the secondary road programme in Nicaragua was launched. This evaluation will be followed up in 2009-2010 by an evaluation of the transport sector programme in Zambia. This evaluation is expected to focus not just on the secondary roads but also on the interaction between secondary roads and main roads.

*Ferry project in Vietnam*

EVAL has been requested to conduct an evaluation of the effects of the Danish-supported ferry project in southern Vietnam. During 2009 (and possibly the beginning of 2010), EVAL will conduct a study on the feasibility of such an evaluation.

*Decentralisation*

Denmark has supported a decentralisation of the public administration in a number of programme countries. The Evaluation Department has discussed for some time how best to conduct an evaluation of this assistance. EVAL has decided to launch a

methodology study in 2009 and, subject to the outcome, to consider how best to design a future evaluation in this field.

*Human rights and democracy*

Denmark has provided substantial bilateral assistance towards strengthening human rights and democracy. In the first half of 2010, preparations will begin for an evaluation of this area. No decision regarding the focus of the evaluation has yet been taken.

*Evaluation of efforts and initiatives for gender equality*

In recent years, Denmark has stepped up its focus on gender equality efforts and initiatives, including in connection with the MDG-3 campaign. The evaluation will examine how the Danish strategy in this field is being implemented. The evaluation is likely to cover selected initiatives of relevance to, for example, the implementation of the Africa Commission's recommendations, and may also address the work of selected multilateral organisations with gender equality, including their ability to coordinate and collaborate on efforts to promote gender equality at country level.

*HIV-AIDS*

In 2010, an evaluation of the Danish efforts to fight HIV-AIDS is expected to be launched. The planning of this evaluation will probably commence during the last quarter of 2009, when, for example, the scope of the evaluation will be addressed in more detail.

*Evaluation of region-of-origin efforts*

An evaluation of the region-of-origin efforts was also on the programme for 2008, but was postponed due to an ongoing review and strategy development work. The focus and scope of this evaluation will be addressed during autumn 2009.

*Southern Sudan*

A joint evaluation, led by the Dutch, is expected to be launched in Southern Sudan. A number of donors have expressed a wish to participate in this evaluation and a start-up meeting for the evaluation is scheduled to take place in the first half of 2009.

*The Wider Middle East Initiative*

The Wider Middle East Initiative has been running for several years, and an evaluation is planned to be launched during 2010.

**IV. Evaluation studies**

Evaluation studies are launched by EVAL on an ongoing basis, based i.e. on requests from embassies and other units in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For the time being, it has been decided to launch two new evaluation studies: one focusing on the methodological challenges that are linked to evaluating support given to the decentralisation of public administration in programme countries, and one synthesising existing evaluations of the support for business development.

### Appendix 1: Evaluation Programme Schedule 2009/10

	Year/quarter			Status	
	Start		Completion		
Country programme evaluations					
	08/4	-	09/4	Ongoing	Niger
	09/2	-	10/1		Bhutan
Evaluation of aid modalities					
	07/3	-	09/2	Ongoing	Paris Declaration – Phase 1 (joint)
	09/2	-	11/2		Paris Declaration – Phase 2 (joint)
Thematic evaluations					
	07/3	-	10/1	Ongoing	Anti-corruption efforts (joint)
	08/2	-	09/3	Ongoing	Climate Fund (LDCE) (joint)
	08/4	-	09/4	Ongoing	NGO activities
	09/2	-	10/4		Region-of-origin efforts
	09/2	-	10/2		Gender equality
	09/2	-	10/4		Public financial management (joint)
	09/2	-	10/4		Southern Sudan (joint)
	10/1	-	10/4		HIV-AIDS
	10/1	-	11/2		The Wider Middle East Initiative
	10/3	-	11/4		Human Rights and Democracy
Sector evaluations					
	08/4	-	09/4	Ongoing	Secondary roads in rural districts, Nicaragua
	08/4	-	09/4	Ongoing	Education, Benin (joint)
	09/4	-	10/4		Roads, Zambia
	09/1	-	10/2		Environmental support
	09/3	-	10/4		Agriculture
	09/2	-	10/4		Business development
Impact evaluations					
	09/4	-	10/4		Ferry project, Vietnam
Evaluation of multilateral activities					
	08/2	-	09/3	Ongoing	Emergency assistance, rehabilitation and development (joint)
	09/2	-	10/2		Organisation strategy for support to UNHCR (joint)
	09/2	-	10/3		Peer review of UNIDO's evaluation function (joint)
Others					
	08/2	-	09/2	Ongoing	Decentralisation of Danida