

# Monitoring and evaluation advisory



## Our commitment

Effective monitoring and evaluation is critical to enable continuous learning and improve aid effectiveness.

Aurecon is committed to strengthening the achievement of development results.

We advocate for practical monitoring systems that can guide strategy and project implementation in real time, alongside rigorous evaluations that inform us of the difference aid makes.

## About us

Aurecon is a long-standing AusAID delivery partner providing international development management and technical assistance. With an office network extending across 23 countries, Aurecon has been involved in projects in over 80 countries across Asia Pacific, Africa and the Middle East and employs around 7 000 people across 11 specialist service groups.

Our consortium with IBF International Consulting and Ipsos for delivery of this panel has around 60 000 registered consultants including about 3 000 specialists in monitoring and evaluation disciplines. In addition, we have domestic and international alliances, consultant networks and memberships of third party databases including DevHire and LinkedIn providing access to over 400 000 development professionals.

We offer world class capability in managing standing offer panels and accessing specialist consultants, alongside long experience and deep familiarity with AusAID requirements.

## Core competencies in monitoring and evaluation advisory

- Strategic evaluation
- Strategic monitoring and programme performance systems
- Project monitoring and performance, and evaluation
- Development of M&E frameworks including the construction of results chains/impact logics, logframe development, indicator monitoring and verification techniques
- Impact evaluation
- Value for money assessments
- Expertise in research methodology, data collection and analysis, mixed method evaluation.
- Training and capacity building support to agencies, institutions and organisations to more effectively monitor and manage for results
- Perception and awareness surveys, analysis and reporting



# Aurecon's expertise

## Our experience

### Strategic evaluation

Our consortium has designed, led and participated in large scale evaluation studies in developing countries and has extensive experience of strategic and programmatic evaluation for the major donors including: AusAID, EBRD, the European Commission, the World Bank, USAID, DFID, and numerous United Nations agencies worldwide.

Significant evaluations have been carried out for NGOs including: Save the Children, Médecins Sans Frontières, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, CARE, Christian Aid, Path, Marie Stopes International and PSI. We recently conducted a review of Oxfam's impact evaluations and have published on quantitative methodologies for effectiveness reviews.

Our international development and evaluation experience covers: governance and institutional development, crime and security, health and wellbeing, finance and economic inclusion, enterprise, industry and trade, international diplomacy and cooperation, education, energy, and humanitarian and disaster relief.

Regional inputs have been provided to AusAID through Aurecon's participation in the Independent Completion Report (ICR) - Technical Assistant to Natural Disaster Risk Management project in Vietnam (part of the World Bank Joint Final Supervision Mission) to assess AusAID's Technical Assistance (TA). This included reporting against OECD-DAC evaluation criteria (programme's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability) and three AusAID criteria (response to monitoring and evaluation, gender equality and analysis/learning). The work assisted in the assessment of the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness as well as providing lessons learnt to improve evaluation activities.

Recent examples of combined design and implementation work to evaluate strategy include: Evaluation of Social Support Program (SODES) in Turkey (GoT), a meta-evaluation of social support methodologies with 1800 interviews with social support participants, governors and project officers; ex-ante and ex-post evaluations in Kenya on the UNDP citizen education programme for enhancing communities understanding of their democratic and basic needs rights; and working with USAID in Indonesia to identify, assess and gauge understanding about childhood diarrhoea management and treatment.

### Strategic monitoring and programme performance systems

We have delivered independent technical appraisal of delivery strategies, designs, annual programme performance reviews and activity quality reporting to contribute to performance improvement. For example,



on behalf of the World Bank we provided advice on international best practice in managing for development results through an Evaluation of World Bank Projects in the Caucasus Countries. This activity included thematic meta-evaluation supporting the World Bank's dialogue with partners. The programme outputs were applied to modify theory of change and programme logic in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan in government, the private sector and international organisations and non-governmental organisations.

In India, we were commissioned to evaluate Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Work in Tsunami Affected Villages in one of the most severely damaged areas, taking into consideration organisational and financial aspects. The results have contributed to future disaster preparedness.

Outputs from these studies have assisted country, sector and thematic programmers to prepare for and hold performance dialogue with partners, including governments and multilateral organisations. Further evaluation examples are: in Sudan the Impact of Water Treatment, Hygiene and Sanitation Promotion Programs; in India the Safezone Baseline Study for Sex Workers for HLFPT (end-client USAID); and in Hungary an analysis of the Impact of Roma High School and University Graduates on the Labour Market for the Soros Foundation. In addition, we have carried out awareness and impact evaluations for campaigns in many countries, such as the Kaleidoscope KNN Impact Evaluation for UNICEF in the Philippines.

### Project evaluation and activity monitoring and performance systems

In both ACCESS II in Indonesia and RWSSP in East Timor for AusAID we designed and implemented the monitoring and evaluation frameworks and monitor performance. These frameworks measure progress towards the immediate outcomes of the programs.

We have designed and managed many other independent activity evaluations, consulting with stakeholders on purpose and approach. For example, in India, for World Vision, we have evaluated the CORE Group Polio

Project. The project uses a community based approach to social mobilisation and our work undertook a quantitative analysis of the knowledge, attitudes and practices of community mobilisation coordinators. In India, the provision of technical assistance to document the impact of measuring the nutritional status of women on behalf of Coalition for Sustainable Nutrition Security and the Ministry of Rural Development, reviewed and provided advice on designs, plans and provided independent evaluation.

### How we work

Our monitoring and evaluation principal advisor oversees team selection, methodology and quality assures outputs as required by service orders. We ensure all team members are familiar with relevant AusAID policies, strategies and guidance.

Aurecon is committed to promoting learning and supporting the development of communities of practice with AusAID. We welcome opportunities to share lessons from our AusAID work and wider experience to help improve aid effectiveness.

Our Canberra office is the point of contact for all AusAID advisory services. We respond to all queries within 18 hours, and are available to discuss specific matters with AusAID during normal business hours.

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